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Aluminum Market Update
Industry Trends Survey

Survey results:

Market sentiment and trends analysis

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ALUMINUM *market trends*

At Aluminum Market Update, we aim to deliver valuable, data-driven insights for the aluminum industry. Our exclusive survey gathers input from key players in **manufacturing, distribution and related sectors**, providing a real-time snapshot of market trends.

Participation is invitation only, ensuring high-quality responses from industry professionals.

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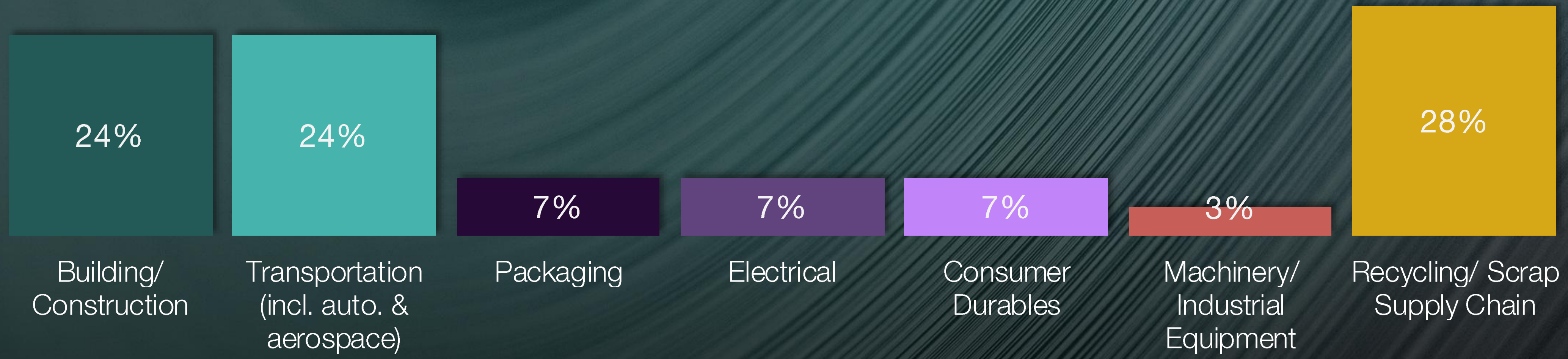
Survey participants

Our survey is by invitation only. Over 1,000 companies are asked to contribute. Here are participation rates by market sector:

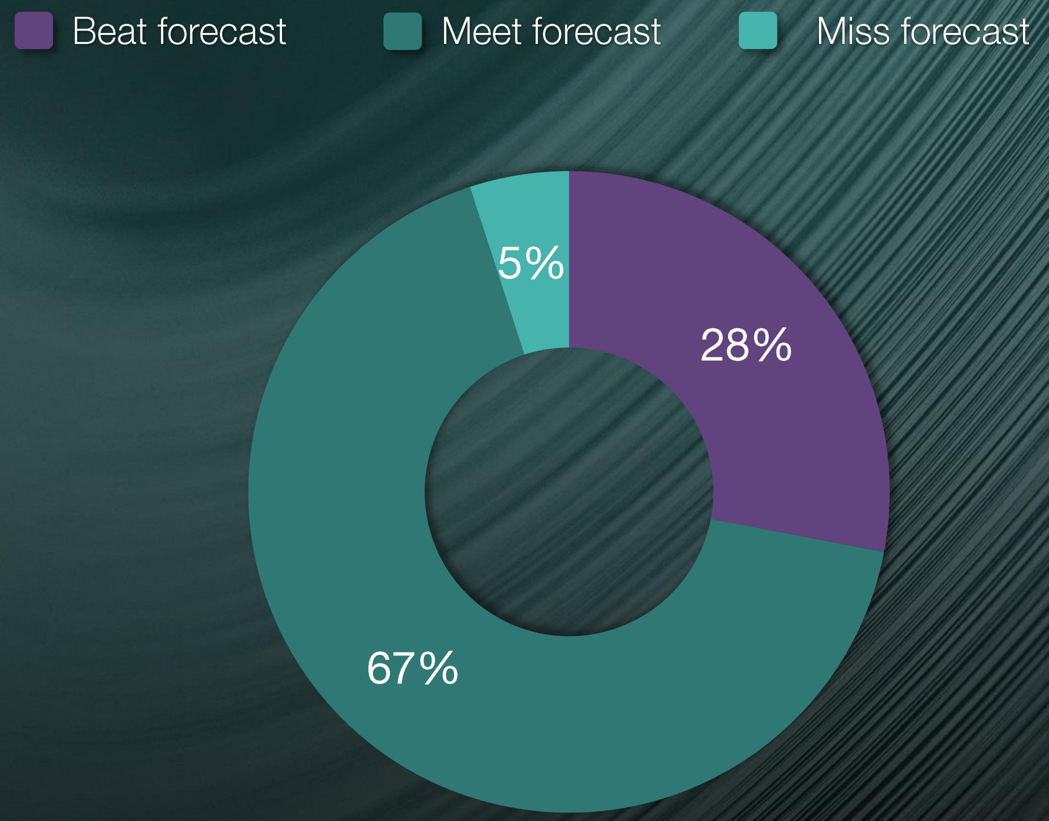
End markets served

Which end market(s) best represents the majority of your company's aluminum sales or production output?



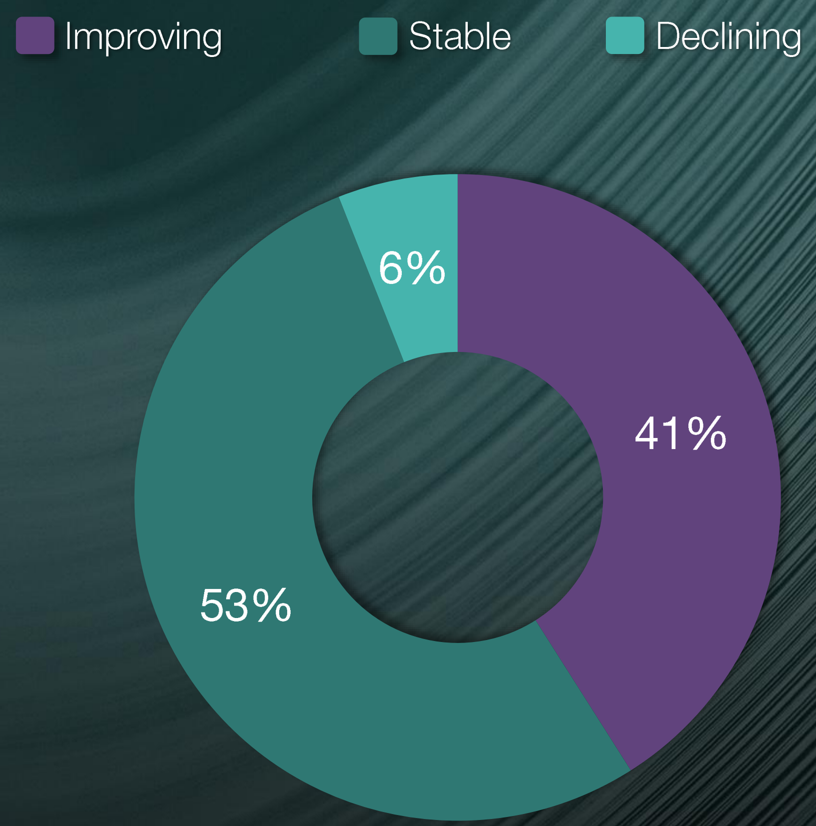
Business forecasts

How will your company perform this month vs. forecast?



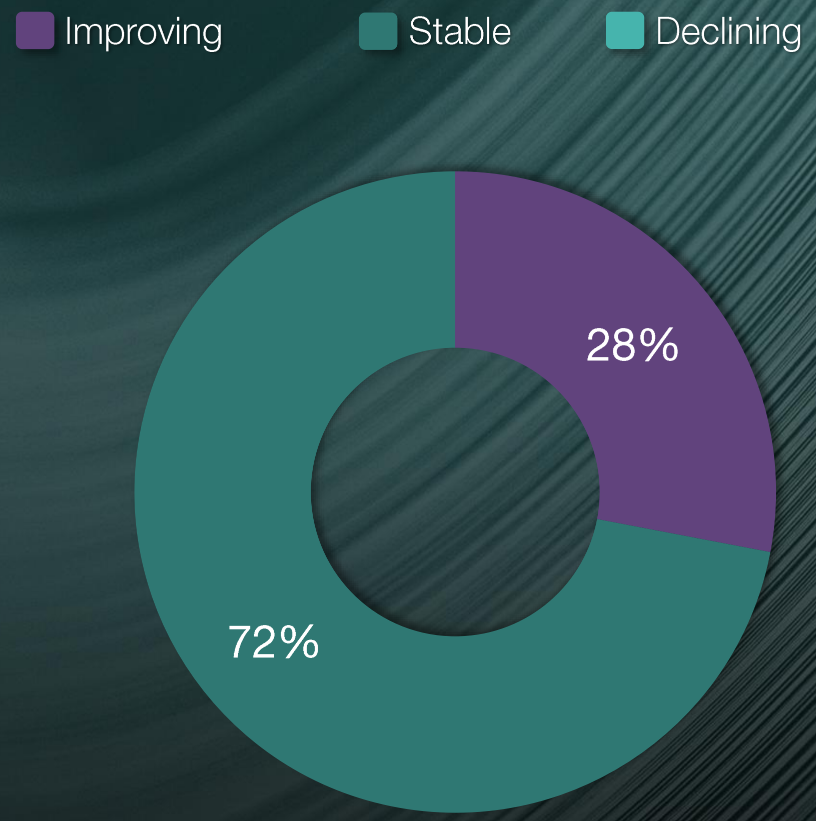
Overall demand

How would you describe current demand for your products or services?



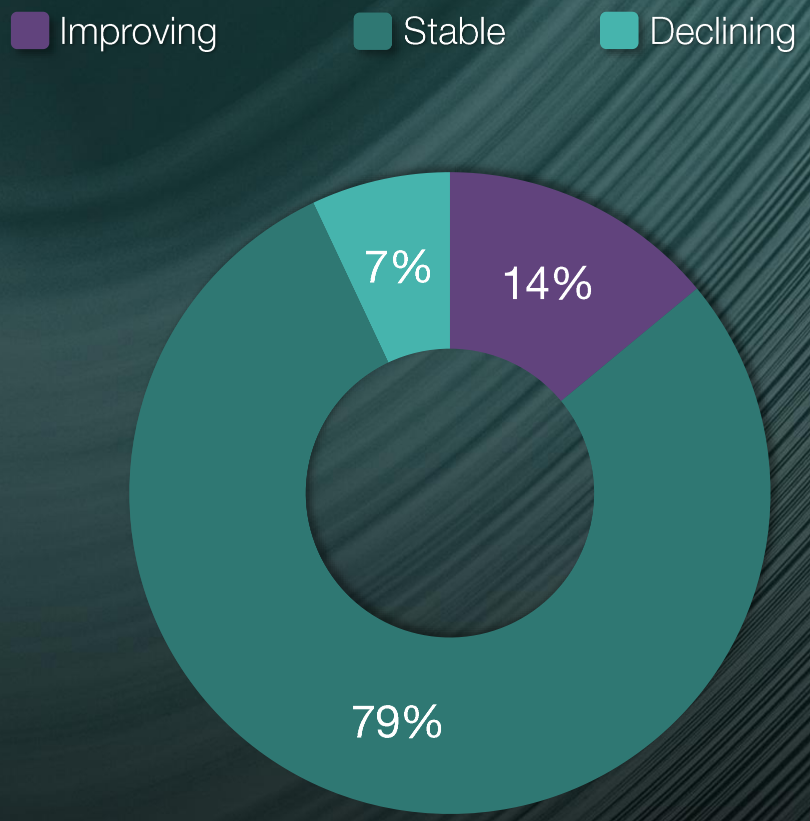
Domestic demand

What is your outlook for US demand in your part of the aluminum market over the next month?



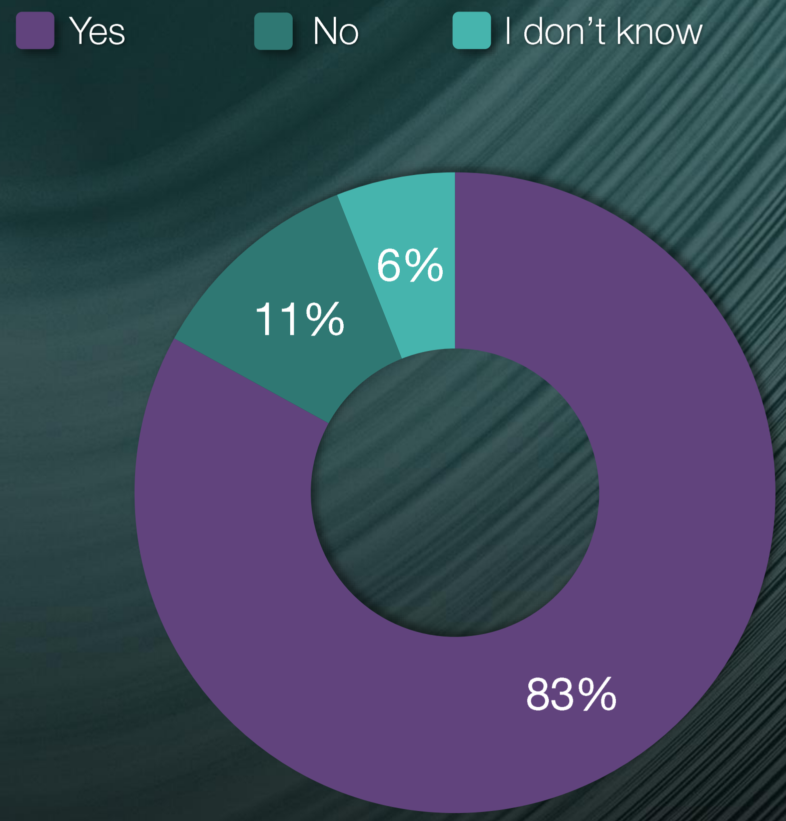
Export demand

How is demand shaping up in export markets relevant to your business?



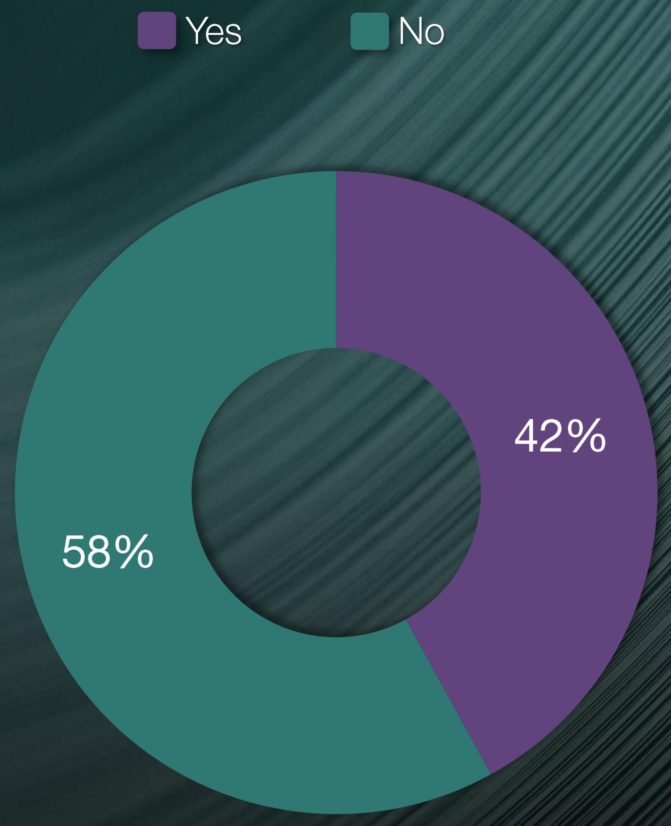
War impact

Is the Iran war having an impact on your business? Why or why not?



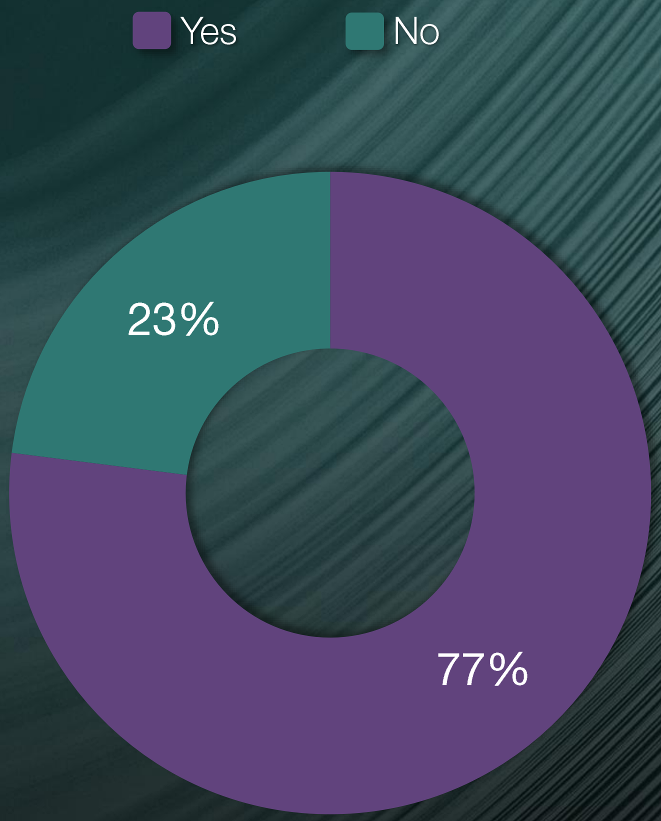
Aluminum supply vs. demand

Is new US supply (primary/semi) keeping up with demand?



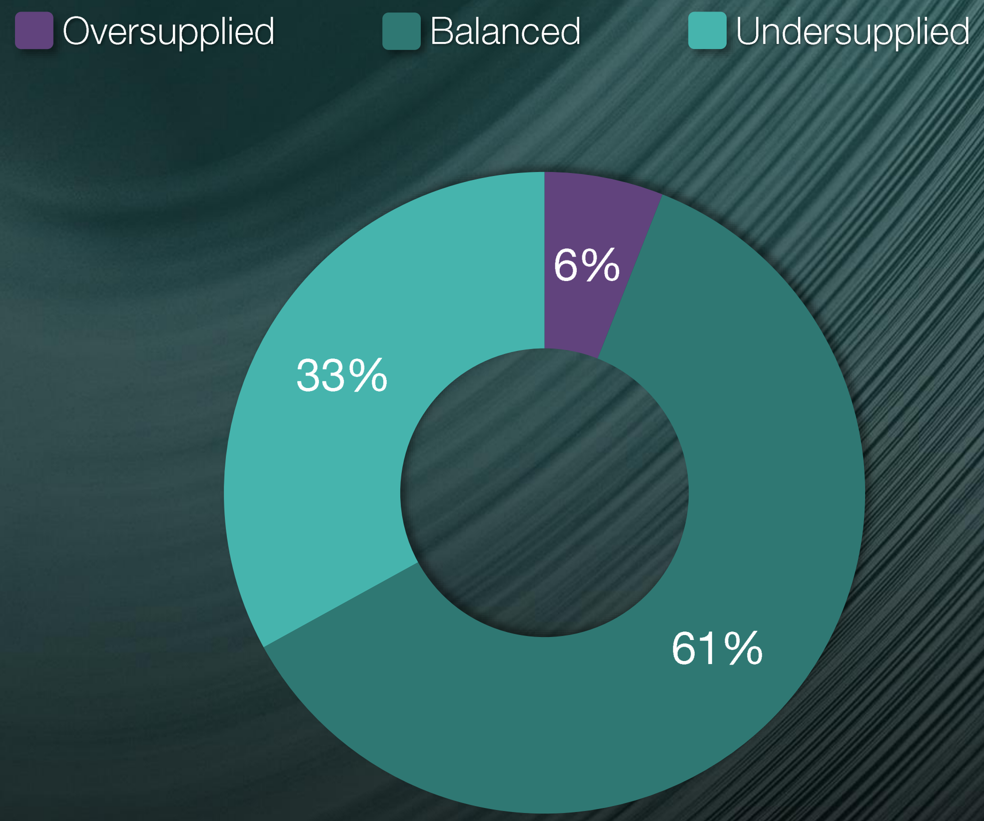
Obsolete scrap demand

Is there enough obsolete scrap out there to meet demand?



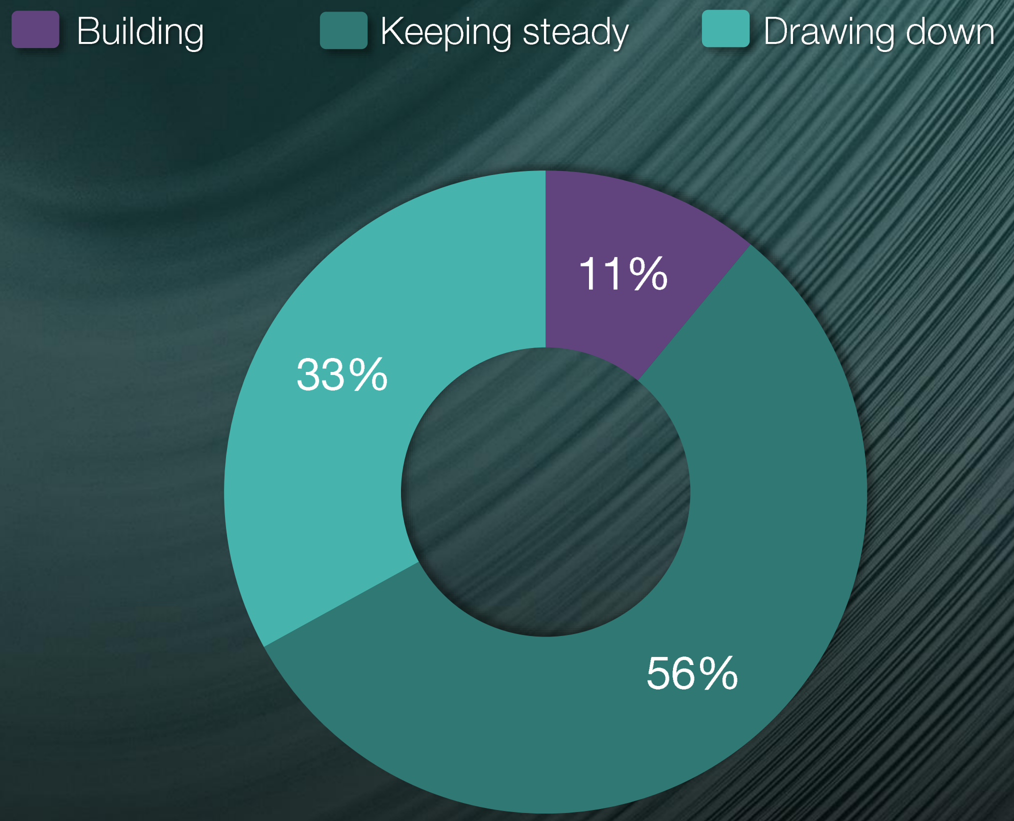
Future market supply balance

Three months from now, how do you see the balance of the market?



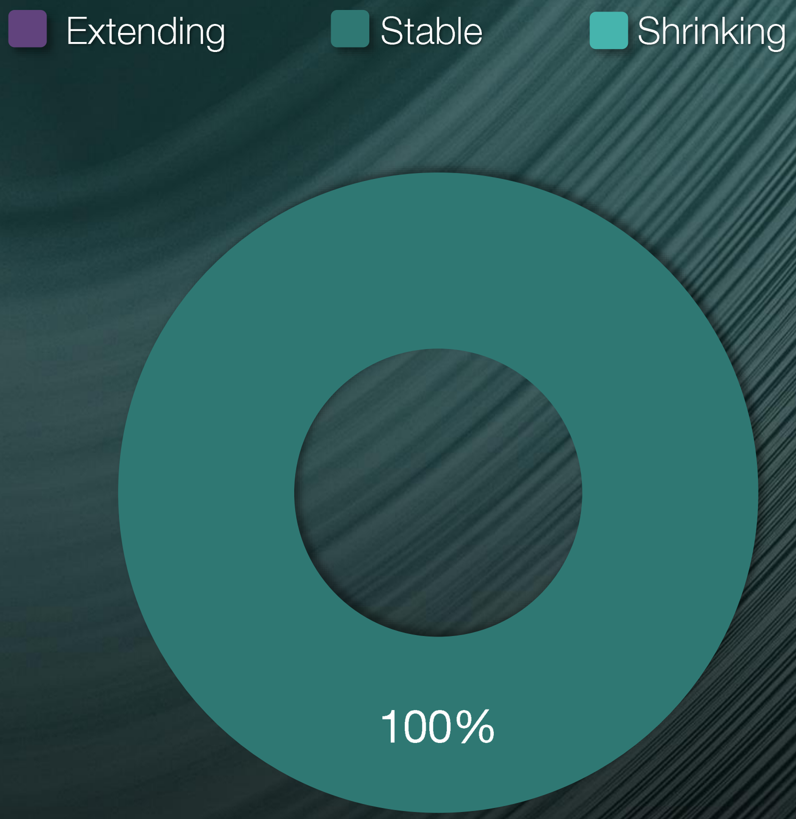
Inventory

How are you managing your aluminum inventory right now?



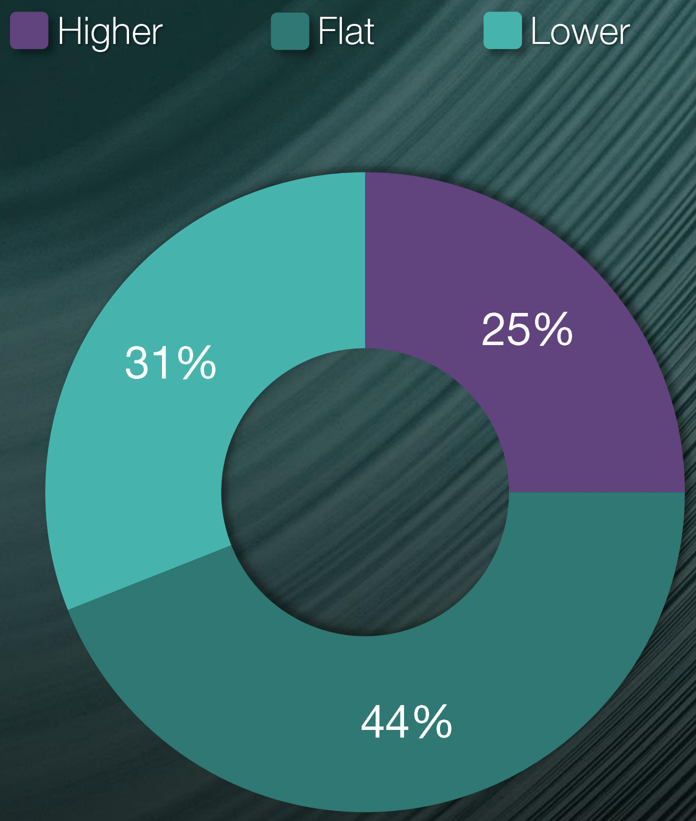
Lead times

How would you describe aluminum lead times right now?



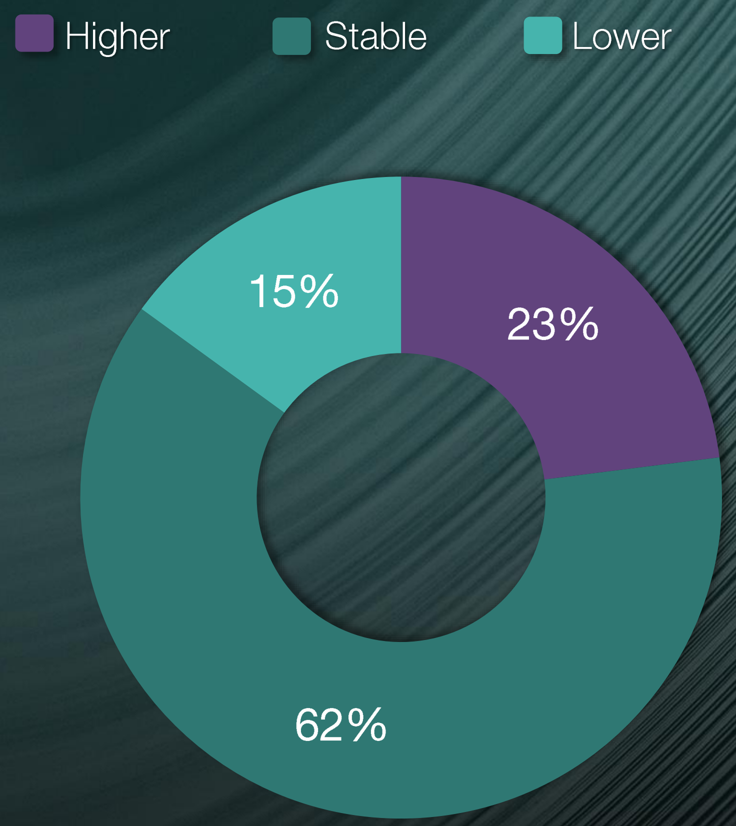
Near-term direction of Midwest Premium

Where do you see the Midwest Premium trending next month?



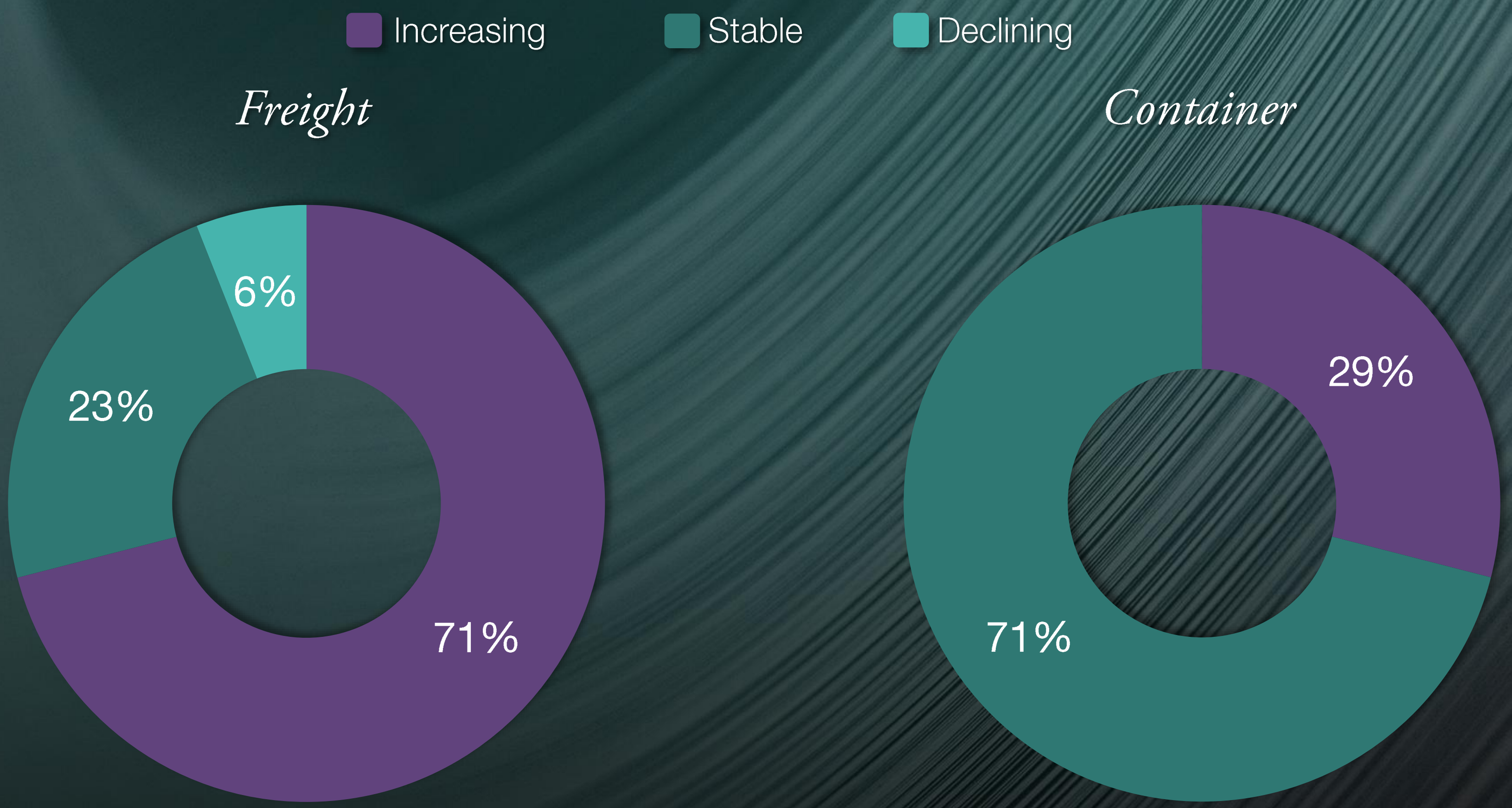
Near-term direction of UBC prices

Where do you see the UBC prices trending next month?



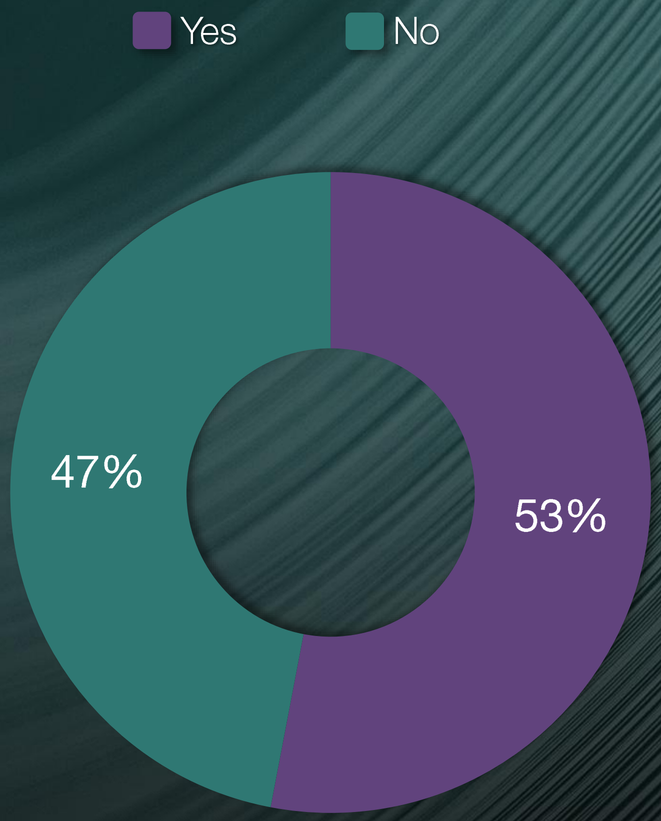
Logistics trends

How do you see overall logistics costs?



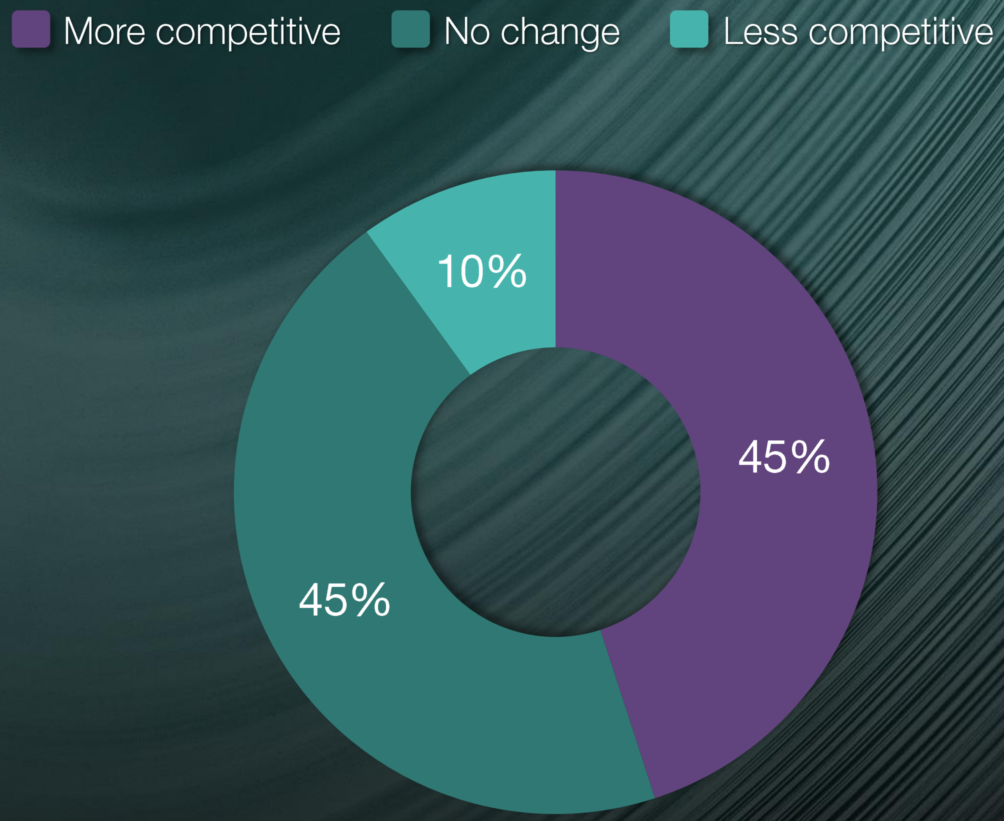
Price pushback

Are OEMs pushing back on higher prices (e.g. canceling orders or seeking substitutes)?



Import competitiveness

Are imported semis or primary products becoming more competitive?



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When you need answers…

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