

**How the COVID-19  
pandemic will  
accelerate digital  
financial services.**

# Why you should read this report

## **Business as usual is over**

We are living through the worst public health crisis in a century. The travel bans, physical distancing and lockdown measures necessary to control the COVID-19 pandemic have shut down normal life and, with it, entire sectors of the world's economies. That has triggered massive economic consequences and a deep global recession that threatens to overwhelm many companies and households. Beyond East Asia, there is no end to the crisis yet in sight.

1

The short-, medium- and long-term consequences for the financial services industry are severe. Revenues will drop across most business lines and capital will be precious.

2

The pandemic will accelerate the shift to digital, accelerate the shift from commodity products to intelligent services, and permanently reshape the financial services industry.

3

Survival depends on evolution. Rapid change creates opportunity for fast-moving digital businesses.



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The short-, medium- and long-term consequences of the economic shock from the COVID-19 pandemic

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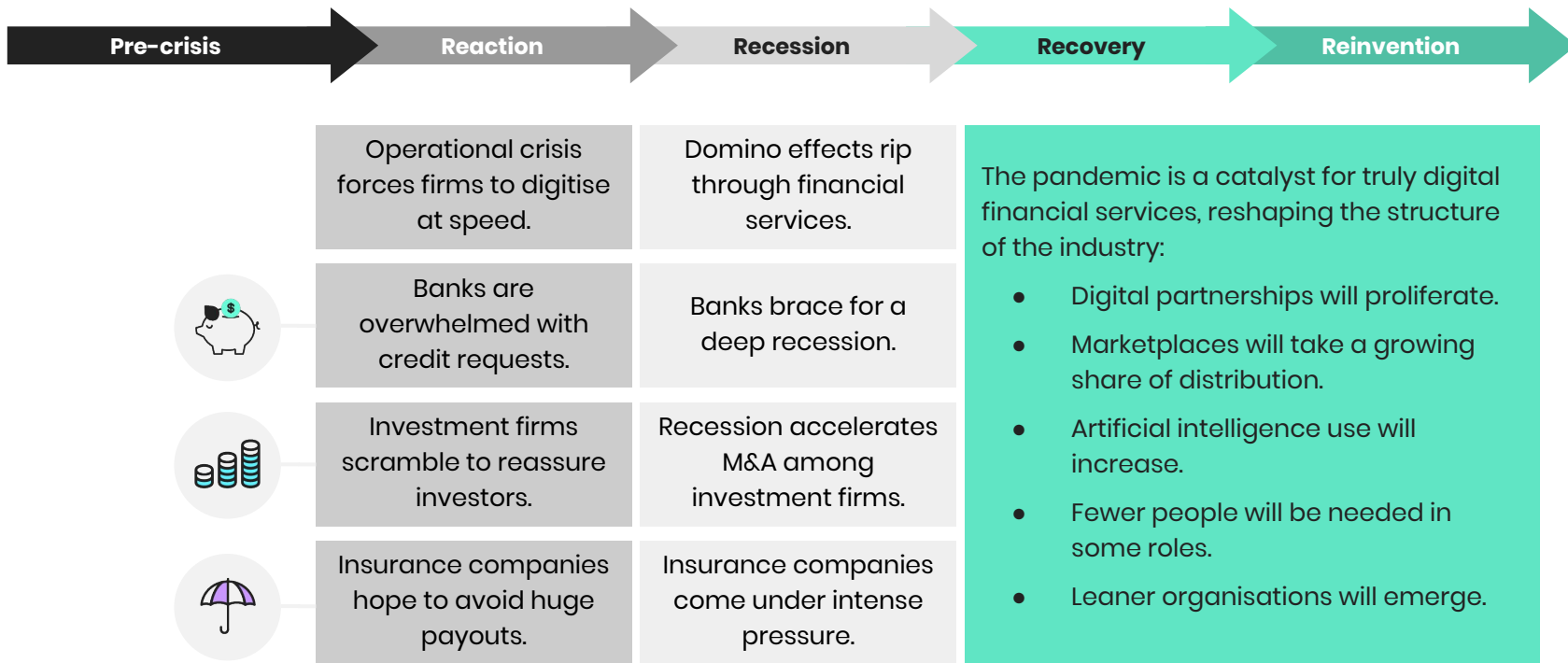
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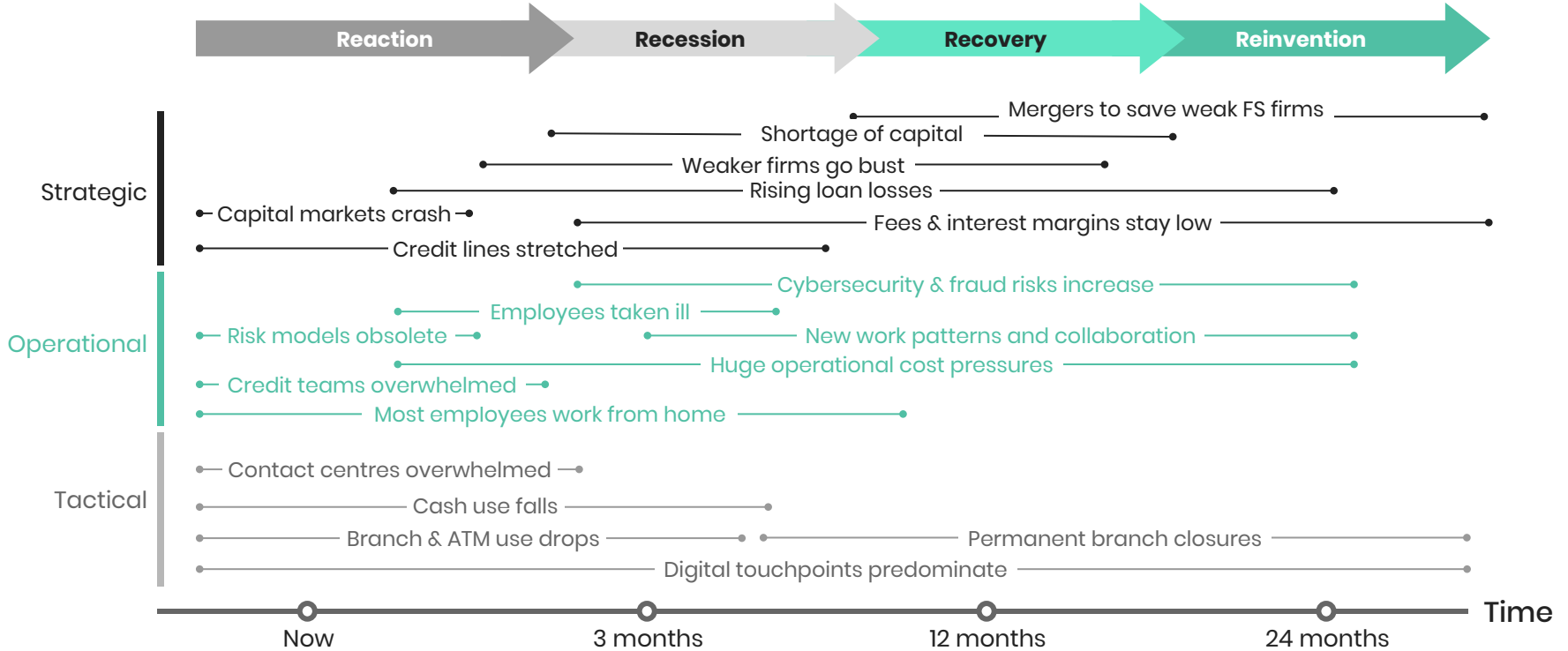
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How can financial services firms stay afloat through the economic storm

# The pandemic is a catalyst for digital financial services



# The impact of the pandemic on financial services



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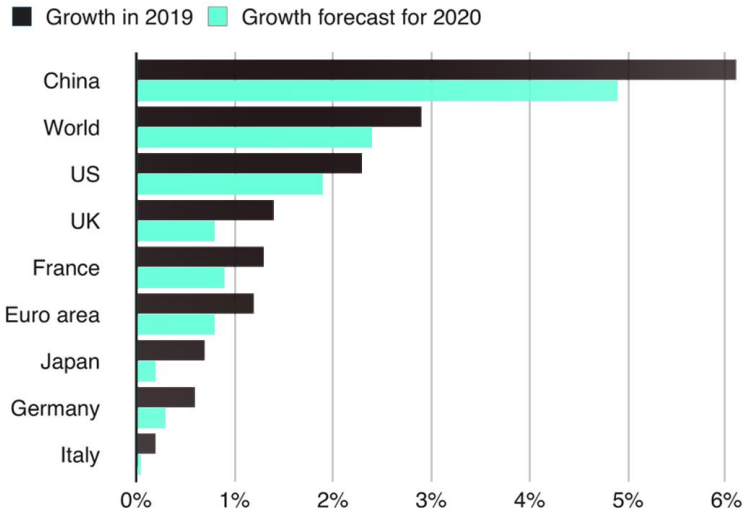
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# Whole sectors of the economy have shut down

## OECD downgrades growth forecasts

Economic growth (GDP) expected to slow down in 2020



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Airlines, hotels, restaurants, bars, cinemas, gyms, sports clubs, and other businesses have been forced to shut down in many countries.

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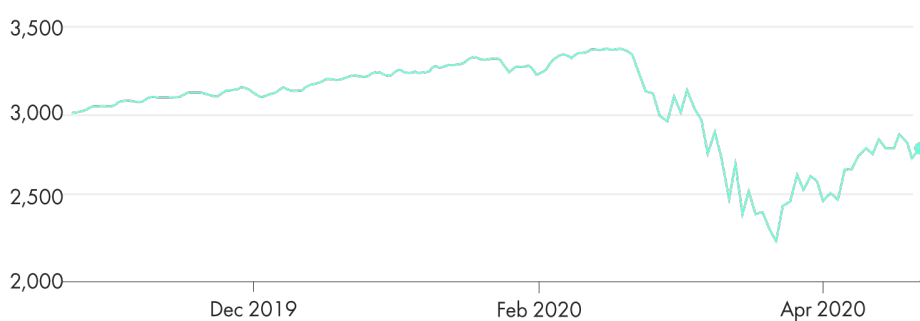
Retailing, apart from groceries and online sales, is almost as hard hit. Most countries have also closed schools.

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Each business that closes has a knock-on effect on its suppliers and employees.

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# Stock prices have crumbled



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The pandemic has caused sharply increased volatility and substantial overall losses in the world's stock markets.

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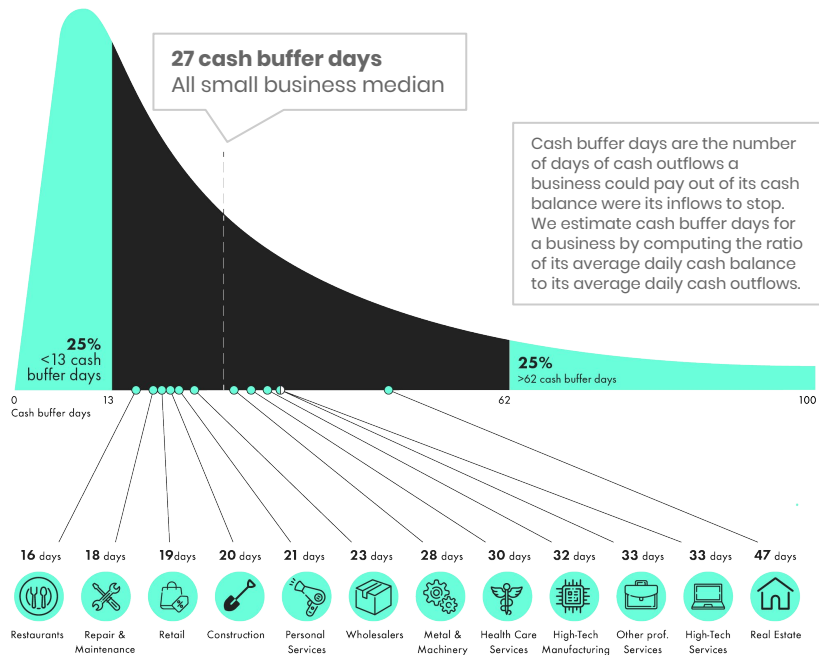
Corporate bonds have fallen sharply too, as investors fear that some indebted big companies will go bust.

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Investors have sought safety in cash and government bonds, driving 10-year US Treasury interest rates to record lows.

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# Businesses face bankruptcy



01

JPMorgan Chase estimates that half of US small businesses have a cash buffer of less than one month.

02

In the UK, digital bank Tide expects small business revenues to be down nearly 60% in April 2020.

03

At least 21,000 more UK companies failed in March 2020 compared with the year before.

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**We shouldn't lose sight of the psychological element of all of this. If you've been working for 10 or 20 years to build up a business and literally overnight it's destroyed, it's really hard for people to pick themselves up again and say, 'Well, I'll do the next 10 years just to get back to where I've just come from'”**



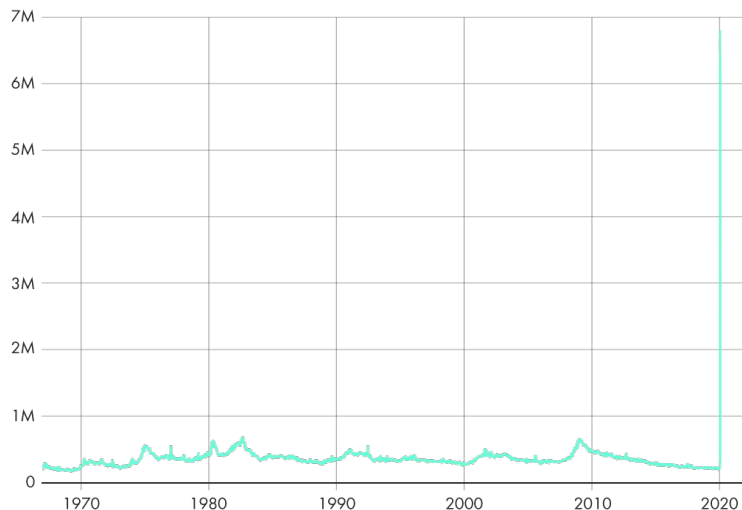
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# Workers are being laid off in shocking numbers

Weekly US unemployment claims, to week ending April 11



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In the US, a shocking 22 million people filed for unemployment benefits in just four weeks.

02

With workers laid off, or worried about being so, consumer demand in most economies is collapsing.

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# Millions will struggle to repay their debts

**70%**

of Americans live  
paycheck to paycheck



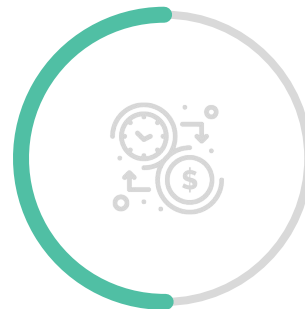
**3 in 10**

have no emergency  
savings at all



**50%**

of people with a budget exceed  
their budgets due to monthly  
living expenses alone



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**Given the nature of the crisis, all hands should be on deck, all available tools should be used.”**



Christine Lagarde  
President, European Central Bank

# Governments can't act fast enough

1

Traditional government intervention won't work

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Governments need to support workers and businesses directly

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# Traditional government intervention won't work



Lower interest rates won't help.



Loans won't help (much) either.

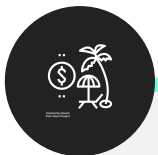


People and businesses need rent and mortgage relief.



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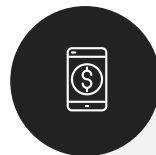
# **Governments need to support workers and businesses directly, but lack the tools**



Mandating loan holidays.



Lending to businesses.



Paying furloughed workers.

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## Pandemic crisis

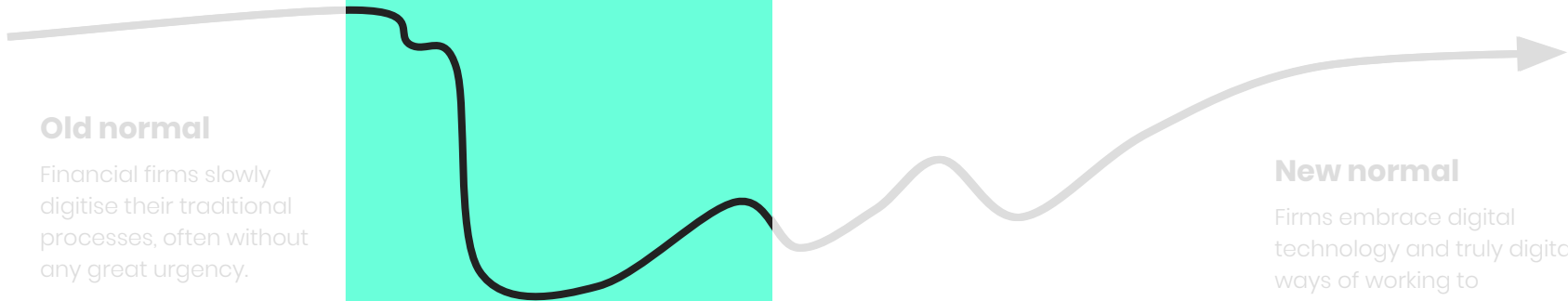
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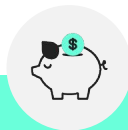
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# The crisis is forcing services to digitise at speed



Banks are  
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credit requests



Investment firms  
are scrambling to  
reassure investors



Insurance companies  
are hoping to avoid  
huge payouts

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# **The short-term impact across financial services**



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**The number one thing is to focus on employees and customers. Keep people well, keep them employed and keep them mentally healthy.”**



Brian Moynihan  
CEO of Bank of America

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# Millions of employees are working from home

- Corporate teleconferences and virtual private networks (VPNs) are struggling to cope with large numbers of simultaneous users.
- Some employees don't have suitable devices, home WiFi or an appropriate workspace.
- BlackRock has had up to 90% of people working from home, a situation described by CEO Larry Fink as "no small task".

Source: ITFS, Reuters, BlackRock



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## Contact centres are overwhelmed with calls



Closed down call centres and branches over evenings and weekends.

JPMORGAN  
CHASE & CO.

Offered call centre staff a \$1000 incentive to keep working.



Paying frontline staff triple overtime to ensure call centres are fully staffed.

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# Digital businesses have often responded faster than established firms



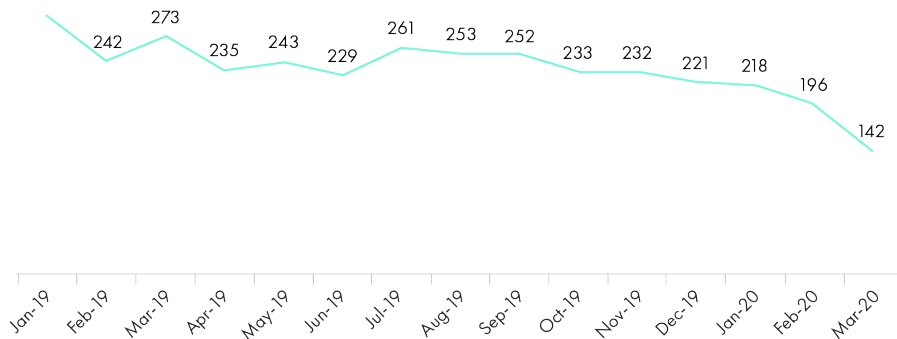
- Digital lenders offer application processes for government loans that take minutes, not days.
- Digital payments providers are helping to deliver government credit.
- Digital insurers are offering COVID-19 specific products and services while incumbents take products off the market.

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# The hot air has been let out of the fintech bubble

## Fintech deals have fallen for 8 straight months

Global deals to fintech companies, January 2019 - March 2020



01

The sudden onset of recession has closed some of the exit options for venture capital investors.

02

Euphoric valuations based on unrealistic growth expectations will crash back to earth.



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# The short-term impact for banking

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**We're making additional loans. We're adults. We know that if the economy gets worse, we'll bear additional loss, but we do forecast all of that so we know we can handle really, really adverse consequences.”**



Jamie Dimon  
CEO JPMorgan Chase



# Banks are overwhelmed with credit requests

**1** Credit lines are stretched

**2** Credit teams are stressed

**3** Credit ratings have become obsolete

**4** Branch use has fallen sharply

**5** Cash and ATM use has plummeted

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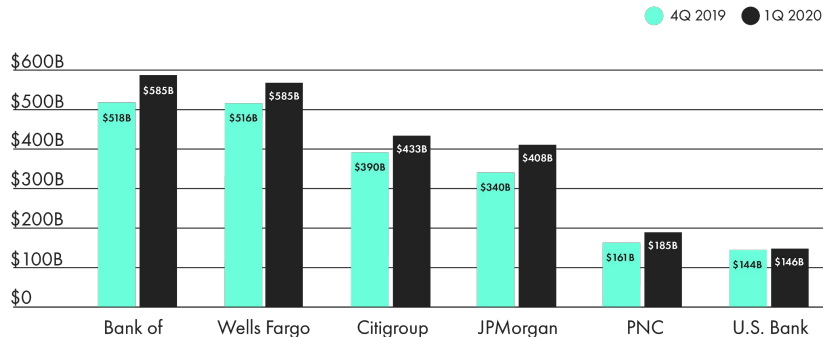


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# Credit lines are stretched

## Demand for drawdowns

Five of these six large banks reported double-digit increases in commercial and corporate loans in the first quarter as clients aggressively tapped credit lines to weather the coronavirus outbreak.



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Businesses and households will quickly use existing credit lines and credit-card maximums.

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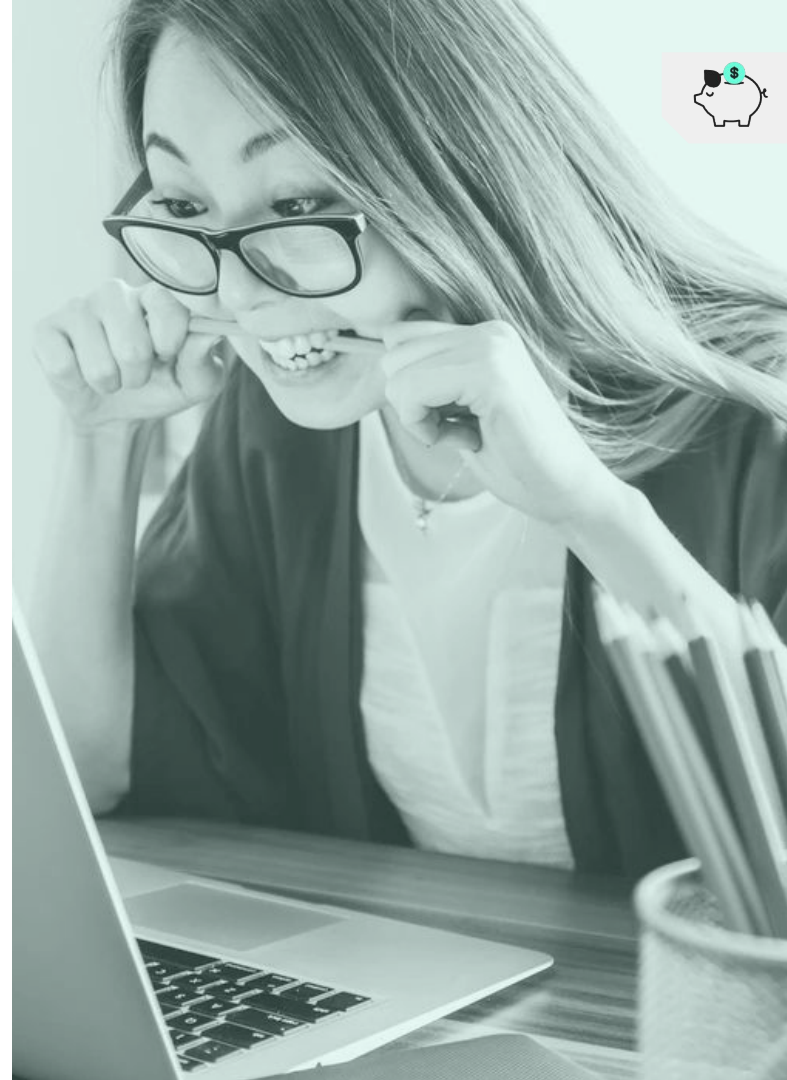
According to Goldman Sachs, public companies have drawn \$231 billion from bank revolving credit lines in a month in the US alone.

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# Credit teams are stressed

- Banks are being inundated with requests for credit from businesses of all sizes.
- Credit teams must make hundreds of urgent credit decisions when the normal rules don't apply.

Source: IIF:FS



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# Credit ratings have become obsolete

- Normally robust businesses and households suddenly have little or no income.
- Historic credit patterns are no use for predicting current creditworthiness.

Source: IIF:FS



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**This crisis will speed up certain changes that were happening. Before you know it, paper money will largely disappear as people are not taking cash out of the ATM. I don't think there's any going back now to branches.”**



Anne Boden  
CEO Starling Bank



# Branch use has fallen sharply

## Europe



- Reduced hours and temporary closures across most major banks.
- Germany: Hundreds of Commerzbank's branches closed.
- Italy: 50% of Intesa Sanpaolo's branches with reduced hours.

## North America



- US: 20% of JPMorgan Chase's c.5000 branches closed.
- Some US banks switching to drive-through and ATM operations only.
- Canada: 6 biggest banks closing branches and reducing hours.

## Asia-Pacific



- Hong Kong: Quarter of Standard Chartered branches closed.
- Australia: NAB, Westpac and Commonwealth temporarily closing some branches.

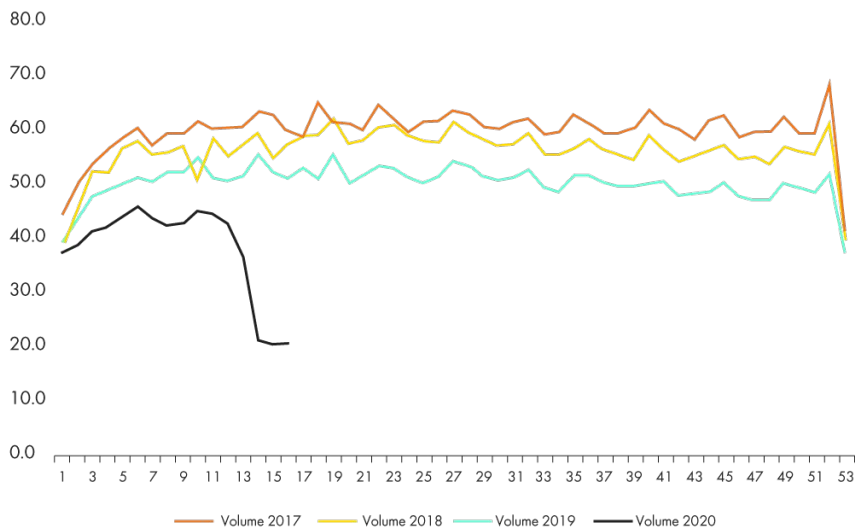
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# Cash and ATM use has plummeted

## Link transaction volume and value by week (millions)

Weekly LINK ATM transactions (millions)



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Cash use in the UK dropped by half within days of the government-imposed lockdown.

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ATM withdrawals have fallen to less than half their usual level in the UK.

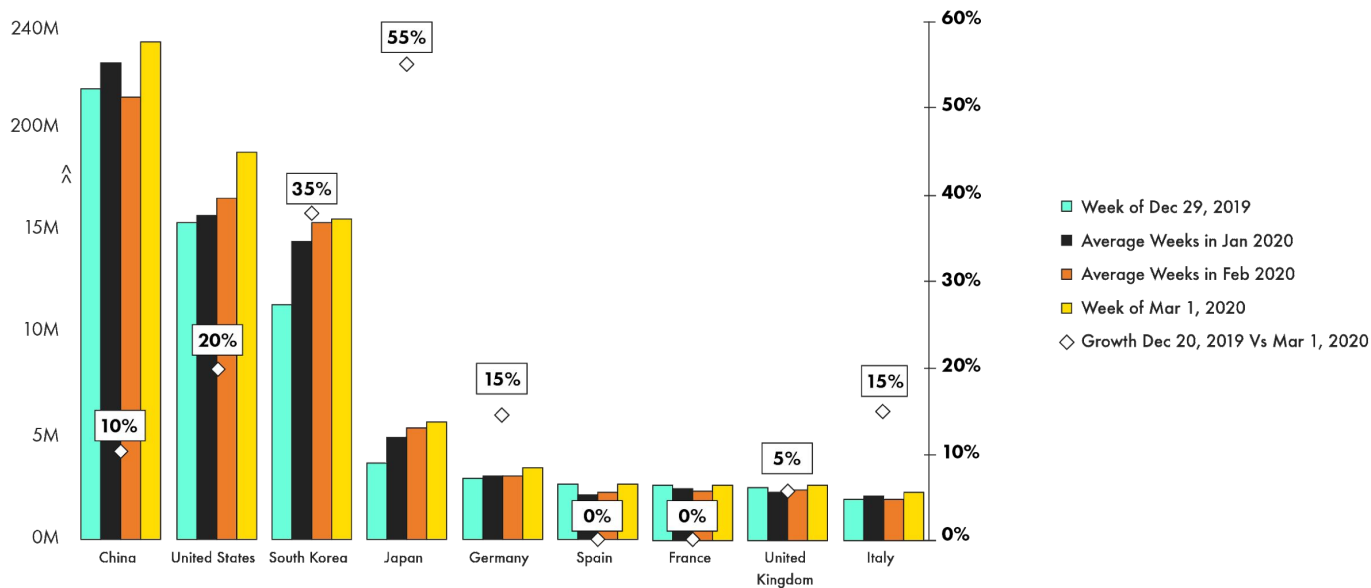


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# Digital banking use has shot up

## Average weekly hours spent in finance apps

During COVID-19 pandemic



Source: App Annie; I:FS



**The crisis is forcing the industry to digitise at speed**

# **The short-term impact for investment management**





# Investment firms are scrambling to reassure investors

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Investors have shifted to cash and other safe assets

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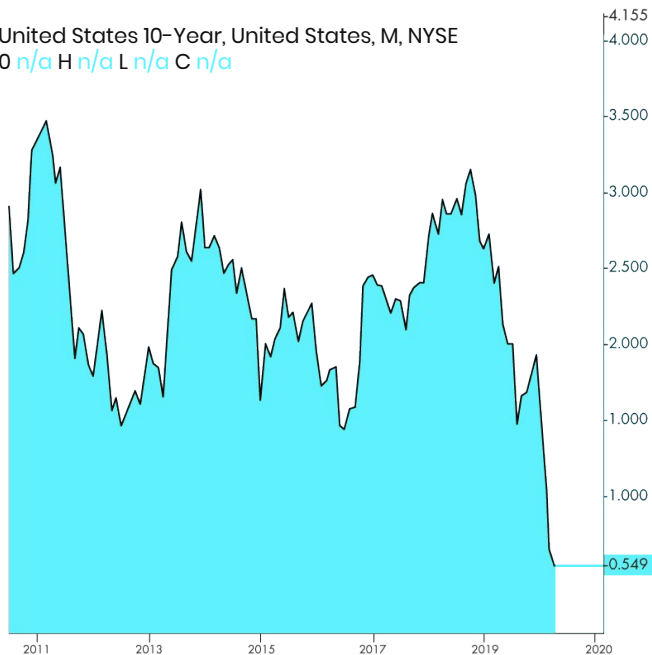
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Investors are opening new digital investing accounts



# Investors have shifted to cash and other safe assets

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Source: IIF:FS

01

Commodity prices, particularly gold, soared as the initial impact of the pandemic became apparent.

02

Yields on US Treasury bonds, considered one of the "safest" assets available, have fallen to record lows.



# Some brokers are struggling to cope with volumes



Investors had difficulty accessing their accounts in February.



Like Schwab, investors at Fidelity had difficulty accessing their accounts in February.



Suffered several days of outages in early March that saw furious customers demanding compensation.

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# In-person intermediaries are cut off from customers

- Financial advisors are cut off from customers they can no longer meet in person.
- Less digital-savvy advisors will struggle to serve existing clients or win new ones.

Source: II:FS



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# Investors are opening new digital investment accounts



Reported a 3x increase in UK new accounts opened in Q1 2020, compared with Q1 2019.



Reported record trading volumes and a 119% increase in ISA account openings.



Reported new account openings up 90% in Q1 2020, compared with Q1 2019.



Reported a 269% increase in account openings in March 2020 compared with March 2019.



Reported record account opening and trading volumes.



Reported a 4x increase in trades on its platform since Christmas.



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# The short-term impact for insurance



# Insurance companies are hoping to avoid huge payouts

1

Insurers face a massive spike in claims and queries

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Insurers have stopped selling some policy types

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Regulators are forcing insurers to do more for customers



# Insurers face a massive spike in claims and queries

**£275 million**

Expected COVID-19 travel related claims in the UK in 2020 - the largest ever.

**£250 million**

Swiss Re's exposure to the 2020 Olympic Games.

**£500 million**

Expected if all the major events it covered this year were cancelled.

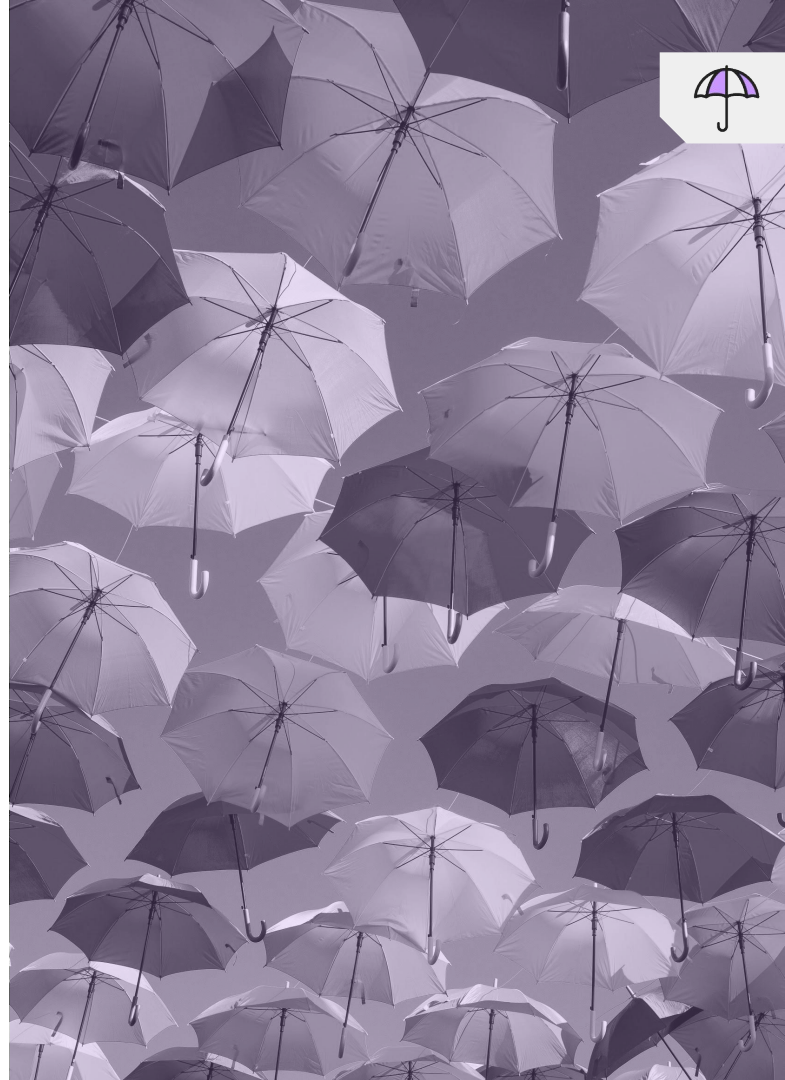


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# Insurers have stopped selling some policy types

- Nearly half the UK's largest insurers have stopped selling travel insurance.
- Other companies have changed their terms to exclude COVID-19 for new customers.
- In the US some insurers have stopped accepting applications for new life insurance policies.

Sources: Which?, 11:FS

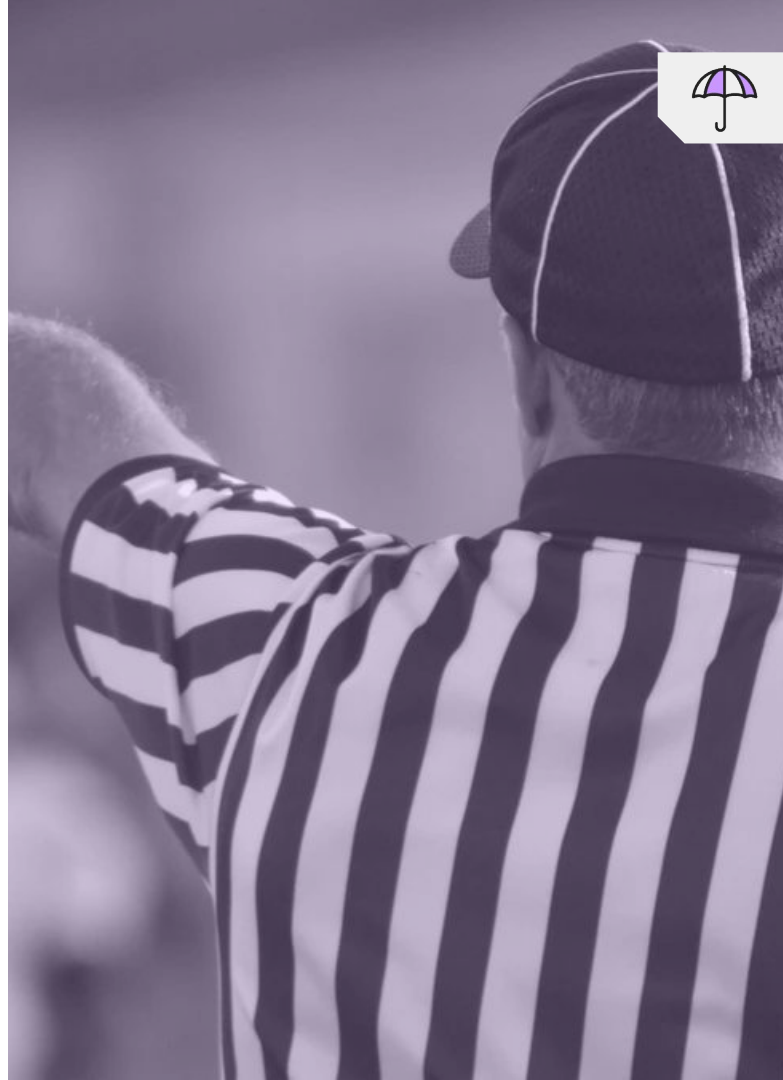


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# Regulators are forcing insurers to do more for customers

- The UK's FCA has ordered insurers to pay out or explain themselves to the regulator.
- France's ACPR asked insurers and reinsurers to refrain from paying dividends until at least October 2020.
- The Polish Financial Supervision Authority (KNF) has set out expectations that insurance companies will retain all profits and not undertake activities which will deteriorate capital bases.
- Legislators in some US states have introduced bills that would force *retroactive* cover of business interruption claims.

Source: IIF:FS



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### **Pandemic crisis**

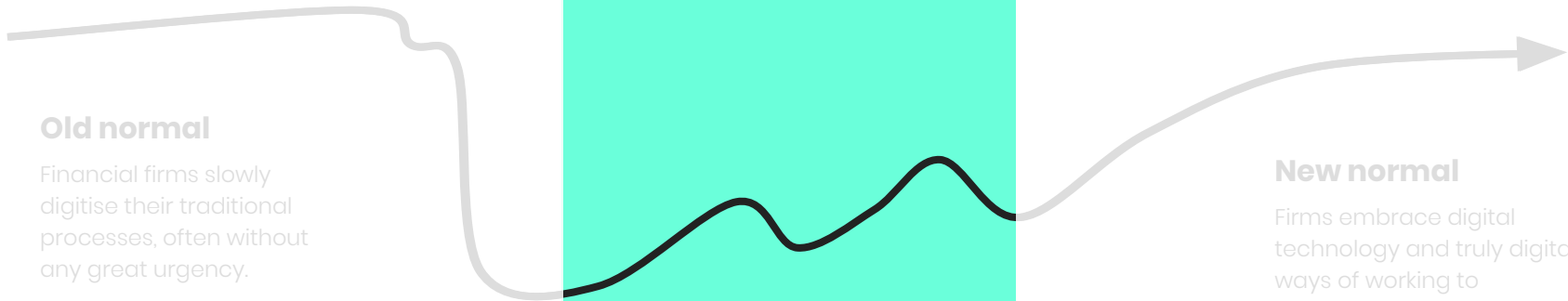
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# **The medium-term impact across financial services**

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**We need to reduce costs and focus on productivity, but without losing sight of the fact that human lives are the most important priority.”**



Recep Bařtuę  
CEO Garanti BBVA

# Revenues will crumble across most lines of business



## Net interest income

Low interest rates mean net interest margins are already tight.

Banks will raise deposit interest rates to win and retain deposits.



## Fees & commissions

Card interchange and ATM fees will drop with consumer spending.

Trading commissions will rise with volatility then fall away.

Investment fees will fall with assets under management.



## Premium income

Premium income will drop with economic activity.



# Operational cost pressure will be widespread



## Loan losses

Bad loans will rise with frightening speed as businesses fold.

Loan loss provisions will shoot up as entire sectors hit trouble.



## Operational costs

Operational costs will jump as firms scramble to digitise.



## Claims costs

Insurance payouts will be substantial.

Insurance companies face lengthy litigation.

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# Most financial firms will be acutely short of capital



\$3.6 billion



\$4.9 billion



\$6.8 billion



\$3.8 billion

01

Banks are setting aside huge sums in loan loss provisions.

02

Firms will slash marketing budgets, cut or eliminate bonuses and cancel dividend payments to shareholders.

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# Cash reserves will be crucial for survival

Firms in a strong cash position:

- Won't be forced to slash costs indiscriminately.
- Won't be forced to lay off workers.
- Will have opportunities to pick up distressed assets at reduced prices.



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## Exposed, weaker and smaller firms will go bust

The most vulnerable financial firms are those that:

- Are heavily exposed to sectors like travel, leisure and construction.
- Were marginally profitable (or worse) before the pandemic.
- Don't have the cash reserves to survive a long recession.

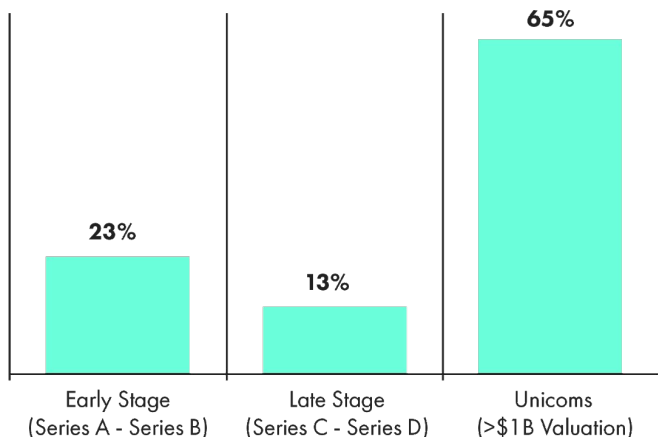


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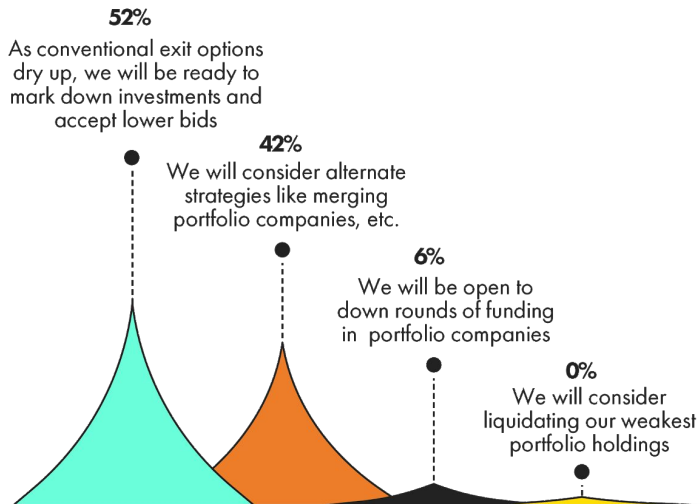
# Fintech valuations will return to earth, sparking acquisitions

## What part of the fintech cap table will be most affected?

A downturn in private FinTech could wipe \$76B of market valuation from FinTech Unicorns

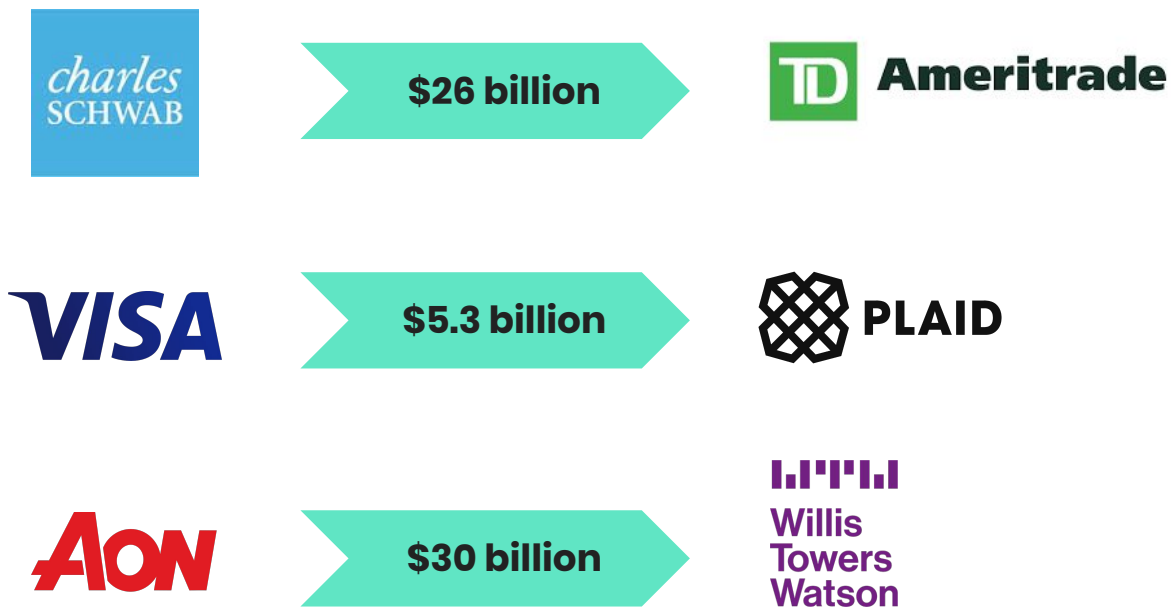


## How do investors think their exit strategies may change?



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## Widespread industry consolidation beckons





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# **The medium-term impact for banking**

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**Do not assume this is going to be a short problem. First, you take the immediate hit from the collapse in revenues, leading to losses and need for cash. Then we're going to have the next problem as the economy starts to recover: where's the working capital coming from?"**



Stephen Welton  
CEO BGF





# Banks must brace for a deep recession

1

Digital processes will be crucial

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Payments revenue will drop with discretionary spending

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Banks will see a frightening rise in loan losses

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Banks will divest marginal businesses

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There will be a race for retail savings deposits

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Several countries will see banks run

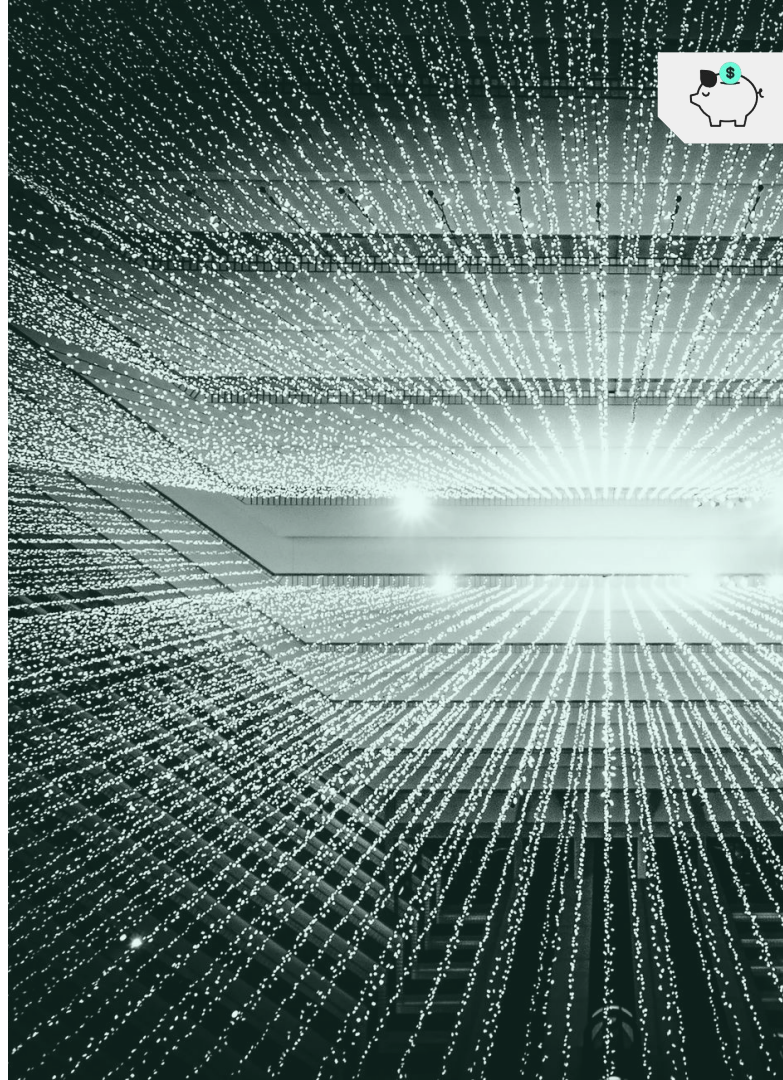
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# Digital processes will be crucial to operations

Digital processes will be crucial throughout the pandemic:

- Digital identity and verification will be the only way to open new accounts.
- Digital payments will support the vast majority of transactions.
- Digital credit scoring and underwriting will be the only way to lend.
- Many customers will need help to avoid being excluded from banking services.

Source: IIF:FS



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# Payments revenue will drop with discretionary spending

- In-person payments won't recover until national lockdowns end, if then.
- Card interchange fees will drop with consumer spending; online sales won't offset store sales.
- ATM interchange fees will drop with cash withdrawals.

Source: IIF:FS



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# Banks will see a frightening rise in loan losses

US banks are already setting aside record loan-loss provisions:



\$3.6 billion



\$4.9 billion



\$6.8 billion



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\$914 million



\$937 million

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# Banks will divest marginal businesses

Faced with falling revenues, rising costs and a shortage of capital, banks will:

- Cancel plans to expand into new markets or product lines.
- Seek to sell marginal businesses where they lack economies of scale, particularly outside their home country.
- Look for partners that can deliver non-core products, services and capabilities more efficiently.

Source: IIF:FS





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# There will be a race for retail savings deposits

- As loan losses hit banks' balance sheets, interbank lending will seize up.
- Banks will compete for retail deposits with high short-term interest rates.
- Net interest margins will narrow further, squeezing inefficient banks.

Source: IIF:FS



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# Several countries will see bank runs



Image sources: AFP/Getty Images; PTI Photo; Patrick O'Brien



**Domino effects will cascade through financial services**

# **The medium-term impact for investment management**





# Recession will accelerate M&A in investment management

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Cautious investors will avoid riskier assets

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New investment strategies face their first test

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Active fund managers won't prove their worth

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Smaller investment managers will fold or sell

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# Cautious investors will avoid riskier assets while uncertainty lasts

- Cautious investors will avoid risky assets, particularly stocks in industries like travel that will need government bailouts.
- Bolder investors will seek buying opportunities as uncertainty reduces.
- Some active managers will deliver market-beating returns with well-timed stock picking and asset allocation decisions.

Source: IIF:FS



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# New investment strategies face their first test

- The massive economic shocks and increased volatility of the pandemic are testing all investment strategies.
- Dozens of digital investment managers differentiate through investing strategies such as thematic investing and environmental, social and governance (ESG) strategies and copying other investors' trades.
- Alternative investment strategies have held up with conventional strategies, so far.

Source: IIF:FS





# Active fund managers won't prove their worth

Asset class	Net flows (£1m in March 2020)		
	Passive	Active	Total
Allocation	-1	-664	-665
Alternative	-	-1,701	-1,701
Equity	3,149	-3,919	-769
Fixed income	-2,199	-3,289	-5,488
Property	-	-84	-84
Other	-	-6	-6
Total	949	-9,662	-8,713

01

The trend towards passive funds will accelerate.

02

Passive leader Vanguard had its best ever month in March 2020, with £1.2 billion of net inflows in the UK.

03

BlackRock, which is also passive-heavy, won £80 million of net inflows in the UK.

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# Smaller investment managers will pivot, sell or fold



Singaporean digital investment platform closed April 2020.

MOOLA

UK digital investment platform closed January 2020.



US digital investment platform acquired by Wealthfront August 2019.

 bento

Singaporean digital investment acquired by Grab February 2020.



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# **The medium-term impact for insurance**

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**The coronavirus has hit our industry like a meteorite impact. There will be huge losses for the industry; it just takes a while for those to materialize.”**



Oliver Bäte  
CEO Allianz



# Insurance companies will come under intense pressure

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Lower asset prices hammer investment portfolios

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Some property & casualty insurance claims will drop

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Payouts could be vast and lead to long legal battles

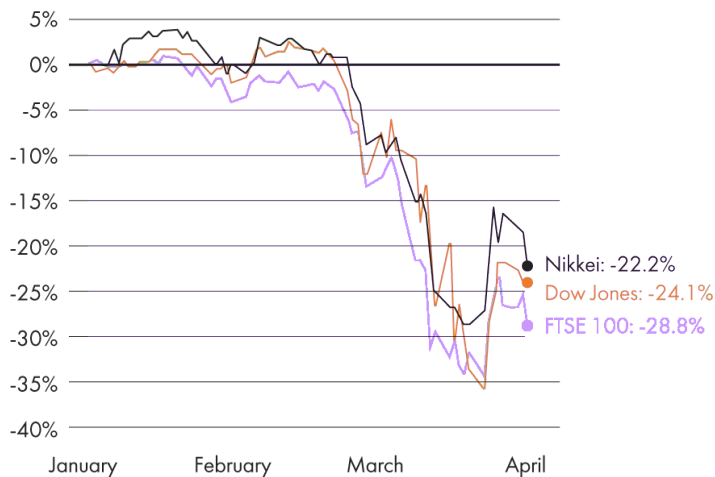




The medium-term impact for insurance

# Lower asset prices will hammer insurers' investment portfolios

The impact of coronavirus on stock markets since the start of the outbreak



Sources: Bloomberg; IIF

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Insurers that have suffered losses on their investments will increase premiums.

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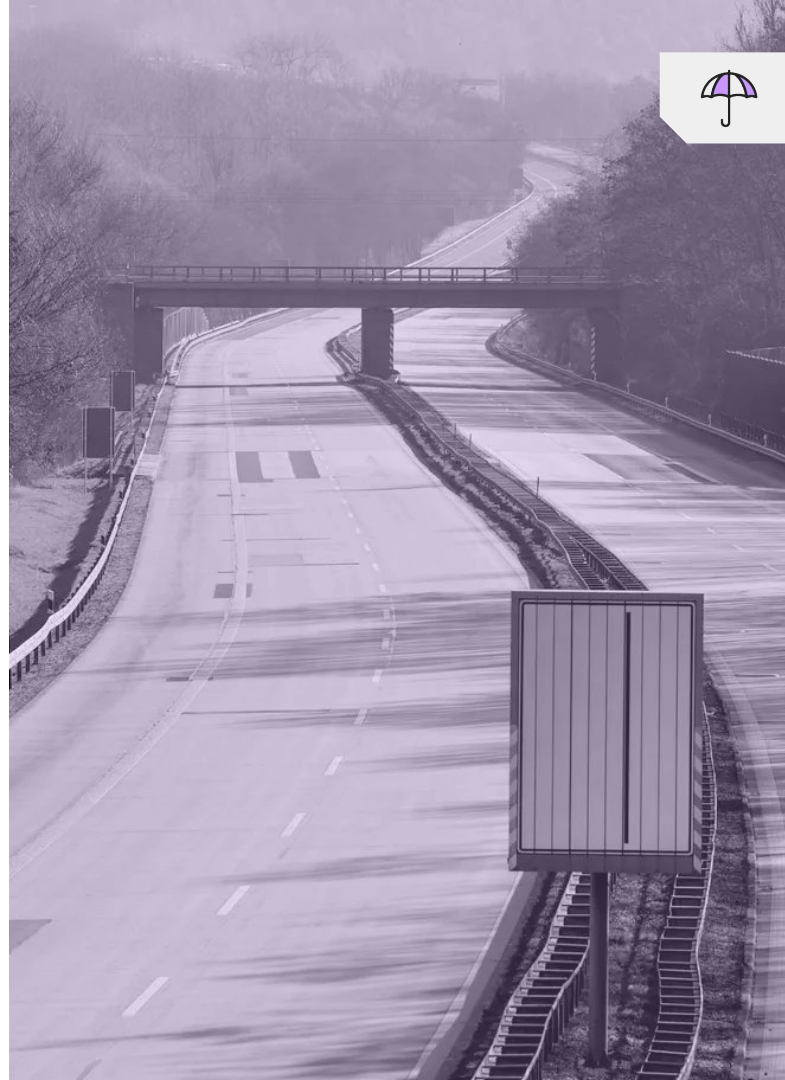
Criteria for policies will be tightened as insurers seek to protect capital buffers.

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# Claims will drop in some P&C insurance lines

- Massive drops in car journeys and road traffic will result in fewer road accidents.
- More homes occupied throughout the day will reduce the risk of fire and burglary.

Image source: AP



The medium-term impact for insurance

# Payouts on liability insurance could be vast and result in long legal battles

- Lawmakers in seven US states want retroactively to include pandemic coverage in business interruption insurance.
- Business continuity losses for US small and medium businesses could total \$200 billion to \$383 billion per month.
- Claims on Directors & Officers insurance could run into billions of dollars and take years to resolve.

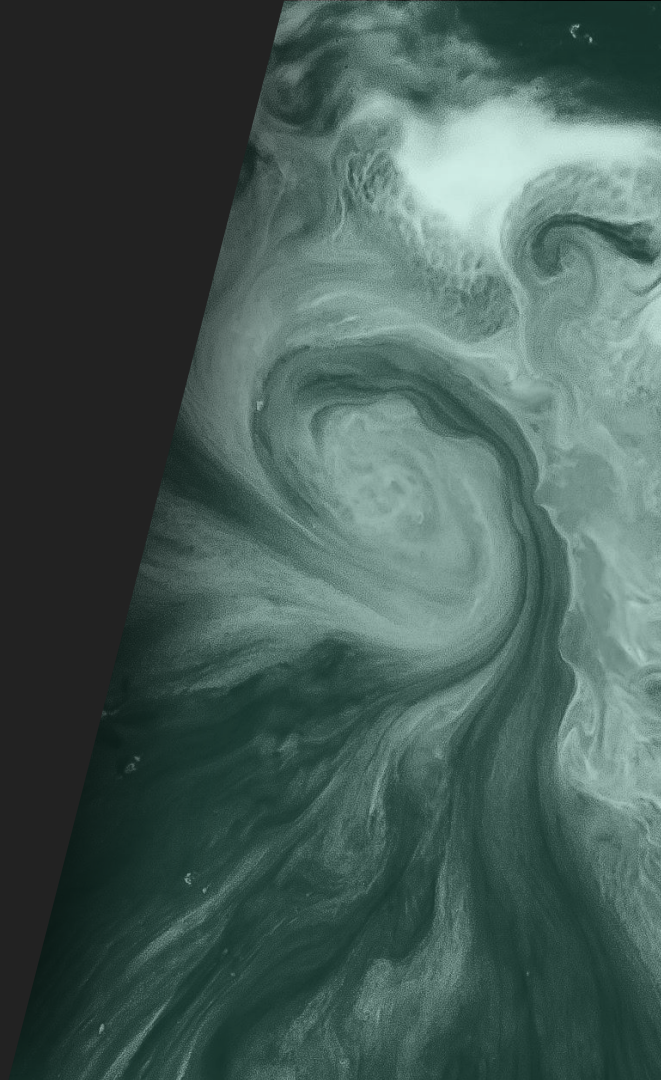
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**Reinvention:  
the pandemic will  
accelerate  
transformation in  
financial services**





### Pandemic crisis

The pandemic creates an short-term operational crisis and a long-term revenue loss for financial services firms.

### Old normal

Financial firms slowly digitise their traditional processes, often without any great urgency.

### New normal

Firms embrace digital technology and truly digital ways of working to transform their cost bases and uncover new revenues, or go bust.

**The pandemic will accelerate transformation in financial services**

# **The long-term impact across financial services**

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**You will see not only bank mergers but also job losses. This crisis didn't start in the financial sector, but it will spill over into it. In 2021, you will see a second round of losses flow through the banking sector.”**



Piyush Gupta  
CEO DBS

The long-term impact for financial services

# The pandemic will force leaders to adopt a truly digital mindset



From digitising analogue processes to building truly digital capabilities.



From selling commodity products to delivering intelligent services.

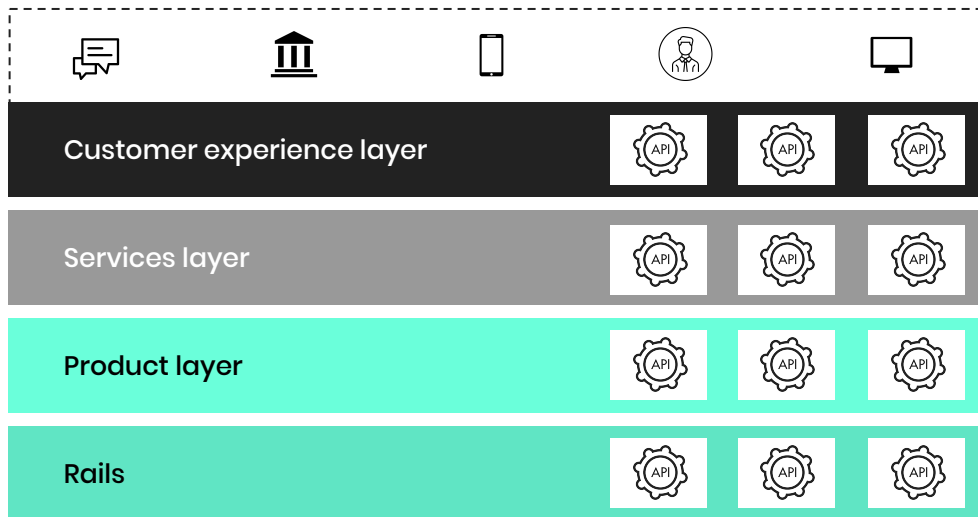


From big-bang waterfall projects to agile, iterative change.



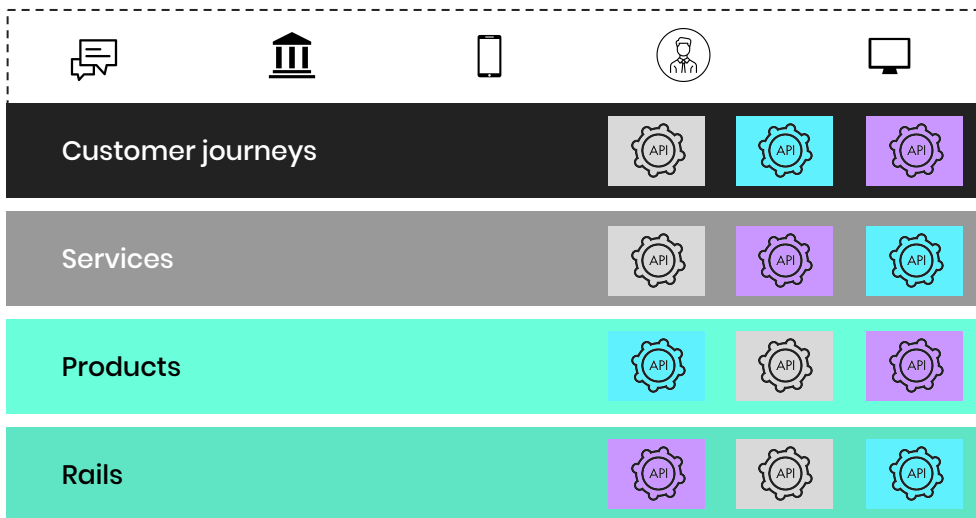
The long-term impact for financial services

# To survive, firms will replace outdated monoliths with microservices-based technology stacks



- Modular architecture will replace vertically integrated tech silos.
- Flexible microservices will replace monolithic systems.
- Software will be cloud native, not on premise, enabling partnerships.
- APIs enable firms to offer business capabilities as a service.

# Industry value chains will be reshaped as companies combine capabilities through ecosystems



- APIs enable firms to deliver business capabilities to partners as a service.
- Companies will orchestrate capabilities from many specialist partners to deliver intelligent services to customers.
- Open banking and open finance regulations will accelerate the reshaping of the industry.

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**In every hardship, there lies an opportunity to envision and create a brighter future. We believe that service providers who are able to tap into the power of digital technologies will come out the strongest.”**



Simon Hu  
CEO Ant Financial

# The pandemic will be a catalyst for truly digital financial services

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Digital partnerships will proliferate

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Marketplaces will take a growing share of distribution

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Artificial intelligence use will increase

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Fewer people will be needed in some roles

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Leaner organisations will emerge as roles evolve

The long-term impact for financial services

# Digital partnerships will proliferate

- Firms will seek partners that can deliver non-core services more efficiently.
- Expect to see rapid growth in the delivery of capabilities as a service.

Source: II:FS



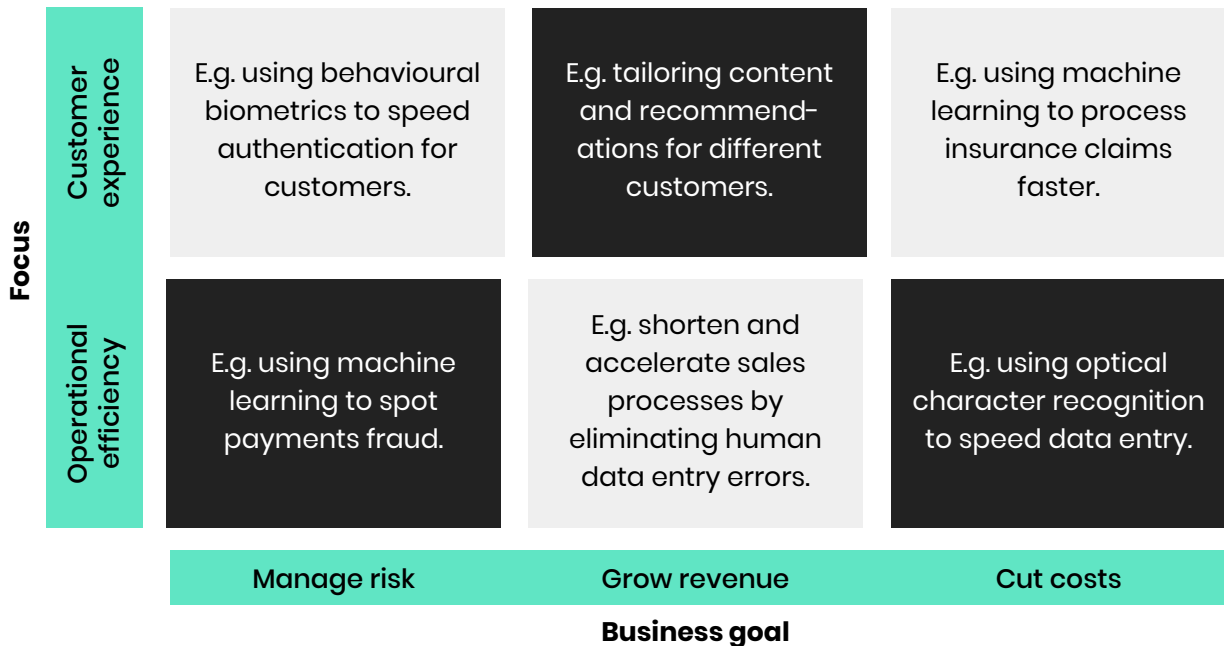
# Digital marketplaces will gain share as distribution channels to businesses and consumers

- Marketplaces will play a bigger role in product distribution as customers shift to digital channels.
- Platform-based companies will gain share at the expense of other distributors.
- APIs, open banking and open finance will accelerate the shift to marketplaces.



The long-term impact for financial services

# Artificial intelligence use will increase



Firms will seek efficiency by using artificial intelligence and machine learning to augment people.

Machines will carry out repetitive tasks, such as spotting fraud, trading and mortgage processing.

# Fewer people will be needed in some roles



Firms will use software to reduce or eliminate routine tasks, such as cheque processing.

Firms need fewer advisors and insurance agents as customer turn to video and self-service.

Machines will take on even more routine work, such as spotting fraud, trading and credit processing.



# Leaner organisations will emerge as roles evolve

## Roles that diminish

- Branch tellers
- Contact-centre agents
- Insurance agents
- Compliance officers
- Middle managers
- Operations roles

- Marketers
- Relationship managers

## Roles that stay

- Financial advisors
- Investment managers
- Risk consultants

Partnership managers +

Systems architects +

Data scientists +

Designers +

Developers +

Product managers +

## Roles that increase

# The time to become truly digital is now

## Listen to customers

Customers' needs are changing faster than ever. Listen to them to understand how, and what that means for how you create value for them.

## Set a clear vision

Leaders need to set a clear vision of how the firm will create value for customers by delivering intelligent services, not commodity products.

## Execute at speed

Leaders need to change culture and ways of working by devolving power to the edge, forming small interdisciplinary teams and rapidly iterating.

## Tackle your tech stack

Obsolete technology is crippling firms. Survival will depend on building a flexible, modular, cloud-based architecture using APIs and microservices.

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