









Q3/ 2022 **LINCOLNSHIRE ECONOMIC BRIEFING**



The survey ran from 22nd August to 12th September. The energy crisis remained a significant news story, with prices continuing to rise and price cap forecasts for 2023 rising significantly. On 6th September Liz Truss became prime minister of the UK, and just two days later Queen Elizabeth passed away, triggering a 10 day period of national mourning.

One of the first actions of the new administration to announce

Little detail was provided, with many businesses awaiting further information regarding duration of support, how this applies across various tariff arrangements etc.

Overall the Q3 survey presented a surprisingly improving picture in general, with improvements in confidence and performance

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government intervention on the rising energy price cap for both households and industry.

UK SALES & ORDERS



OVERSEAS SALES & ORDERS



CURRENT & FUTURE RECRUITMENT **ACTIVITY**



BUSINESS CONFIDENCE



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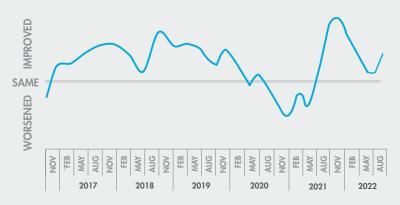




UK MARKET



Sales performance over time



DOMESTIC SALES IMPROVED

OVERSEAS MARKETS



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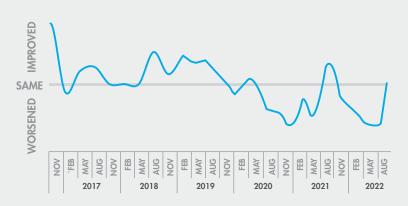
Balance of respondents reporting improvements in EXPORT SALES



-31% ALAST QUARTER: -45%

Balance of respondents reporting improvements in EXPORT ORDERS

Sales performance over time



OVERSEAS SALES IMPROVE WHILST ORDERS HOLD

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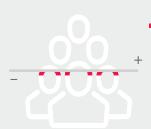
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WORKFORCE



Balance of respondents REPORTING INCREASES in their workforce over the past 3 months

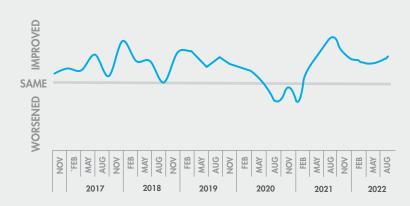


LAST QUARTER: +16%

Balance of respondents EXPECTING TO INCREASE

their workforce over the next 3 months

Recruitment plans over time



THERE HAS BEEN A DOWNTURN IN RECRUITMENT

CASHFLOW & INVESTMENT



LAST QUARTER: -5%

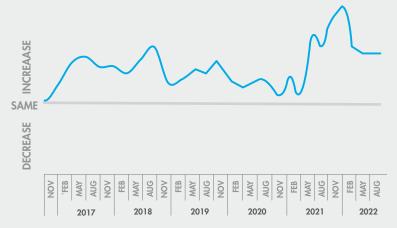
Balance of respondents reporting IMPROVEMENTS IN **THEIR CASHFLOW** over the past 3 months



LAST QUARTER: +49%

Balance of respondents expecting to INCREASE **THEIR PRICES** over the next 3 months

Prices over time



PRICE CONTINUE TO RISE AND CASHFLOW SITUATION STILL POOR

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BUSINESS CONFIDENCE

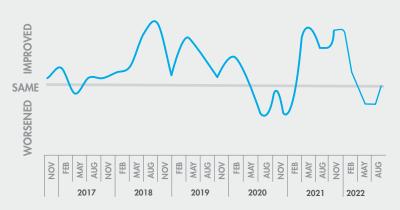


Balance of respondents confident of INCREASES IN TURNOVER in the next 12 months



Balance of respondents confident of INCREASES IN PROFIT in the next 12 months

Profitability next 12 months



CONFIDENCE IN TURNOVER LEVELS MAINTAINED BUT PROFIT LEVEL DROPS

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