



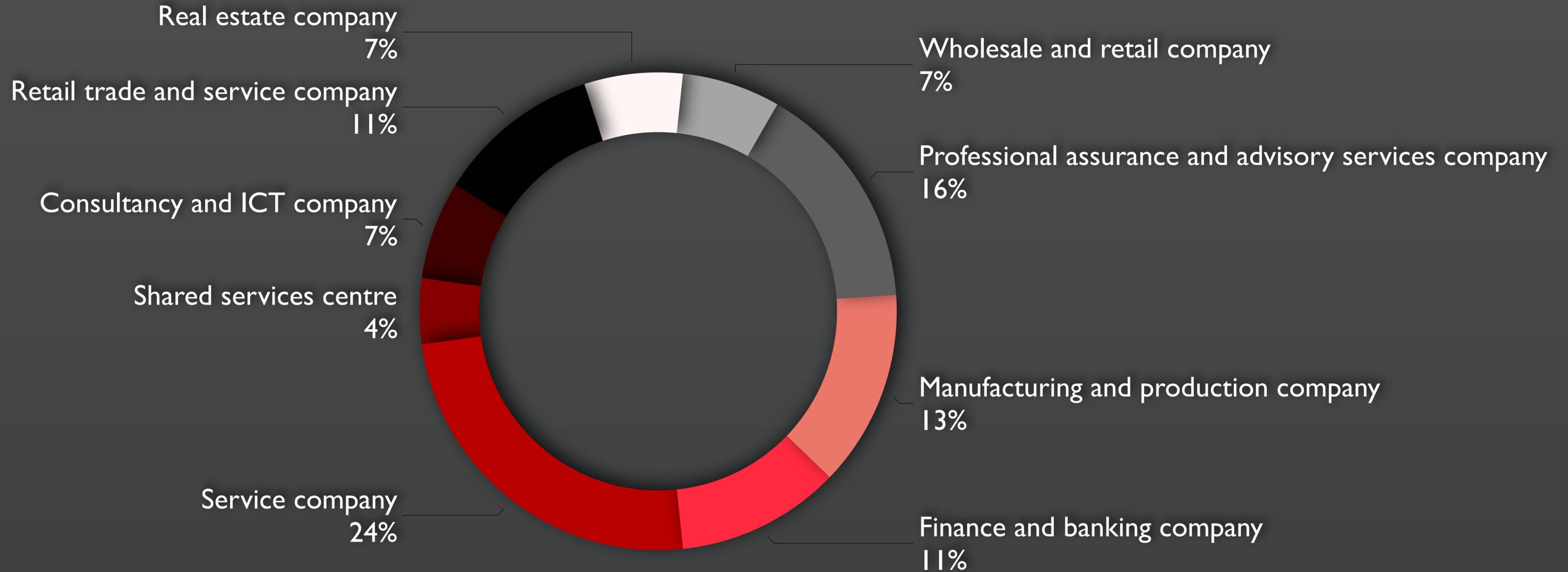
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IMPACT ON INVESTORS
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Respondents by sector

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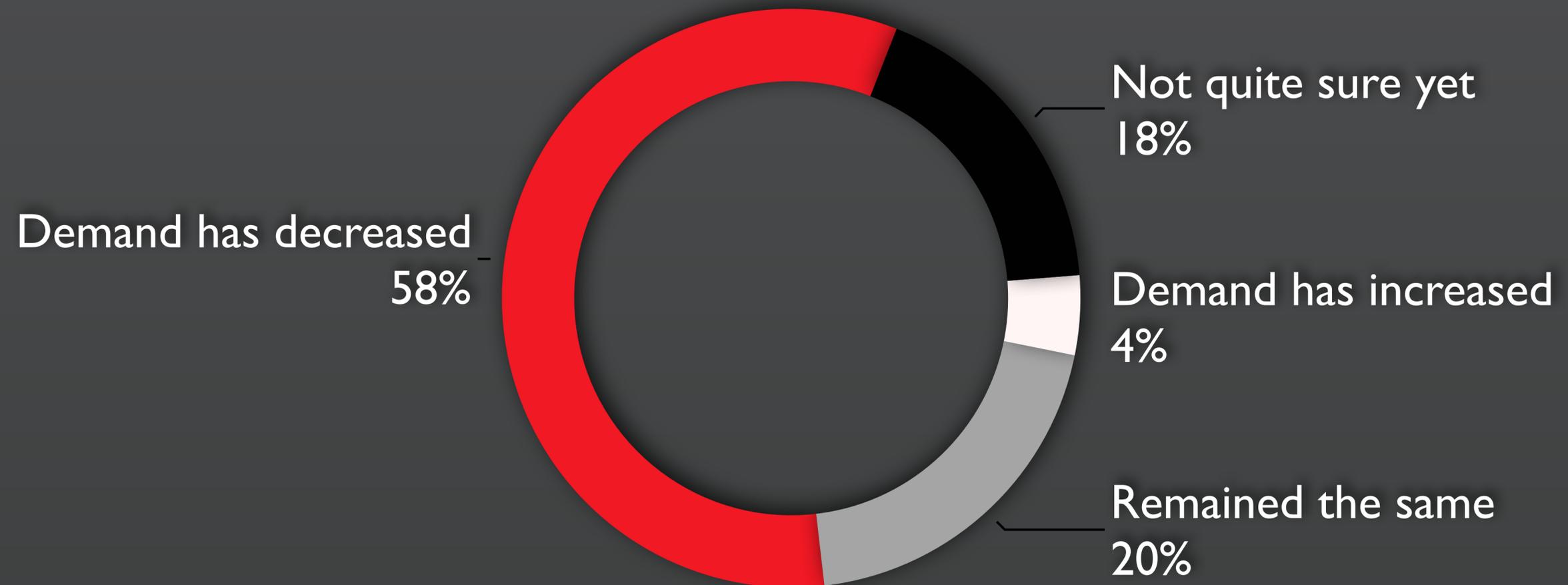
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Change in demand

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Most negatively affected sectors

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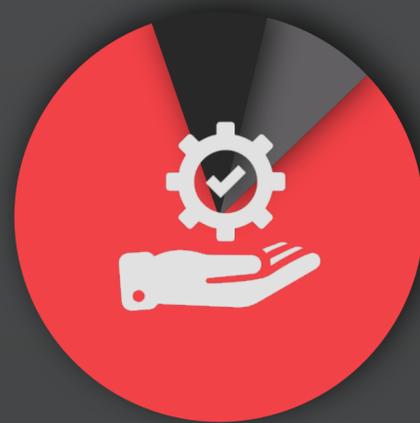
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Changes in demand by sectors

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Service company



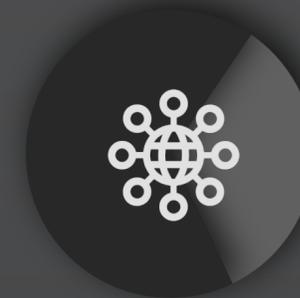
Professional assurance and advisory services company



Finance and banking company



Manufacturing and production company



Consultancy and ICT company



Shared services centre



Retail trade and service company



Real estate company



Wholesale and retail company

 Demand has increased

 Demand has decreased

 Remained the same

 Not quite sure yet



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Main challenges for the companies

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New business orders are postponed for indefinite time, existing projects postponed

- Professional assurance and advisory services company



Drop in production turnover, drop in profits, downtime in the HORECA industry, additional costs for worker protection (respirators, masks, disinfectants), company adaptation for remote work, reduction of salaries in idle positions.

- Manufacturing and production company

Remote work, health, safety and environment (HSE) standard compliance

- Shared services centre



All revenue lost, no orders, paying invoices, no personal income.

- Service company



Measures taken by companies

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Wide-ranging personal protection measures and taking leadership by offering our best practices to the Government and other industry players, rearranging operations to adapt to change, and any other measures as required by the progressing situation as per our Crisis Management Manual and guidelines.

- Retail trade and service company

We're laying off most of our team, cutting most costs, and going into survival mode.



- Professional assurance and advisory services company



Reviewing working hours for our stores, closing some locations, coffee shops, canceling marketing activities, freezing administration costs, freezing investment plans etc., negotiating to increase payment days for suppliers and reduce rent payments due to overall emergency situation.

- Retail trade and service company

Recommendations for the Government

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I support the Government's hitherto strict restrictions to limit the spread of the virus, with negative economic effects. Specifically, from the point of view of the health work group - clearly recognising the need for strict restrictions because the health care system (with staff shortage!) would not be able to cope with the large number of hospitalized patients."

- Wholesale and retail company



Provide more guidance on potential lockdown period longevity, approximate time plan/ steps how return back to "normal" life is planned and more details on currently announced business/employees support package implementation set-up.

- Finance and banking company

Government needs to start planning a couple scenarios of how to get out of an emergency, how will we continue to work once the state aid ends

- Professional assurance and advisory services company



Outlooks on economic challenges in future

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Unemployment, bankruptcies, social problems, political instability - reduced FDI.



- Real estate company



Exhausted medical personnel, lack of resources due to closed production and borders, weakened businesses and economy.

- Consultancy and ICT company

Many businesses will go bankrupt and it will create big bad debts for those who will survive, very high unemployment rate and very low purchasing power, very low demand and very low growth of GDP after pandemic, very big budget deficits and external debts in countries, low liquidity and solvency ratios of companies



- Service company



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