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of CEOs planned on **expanding their payrolls**, just below last quarter's 58%, which was the highest level since the start of 2007.

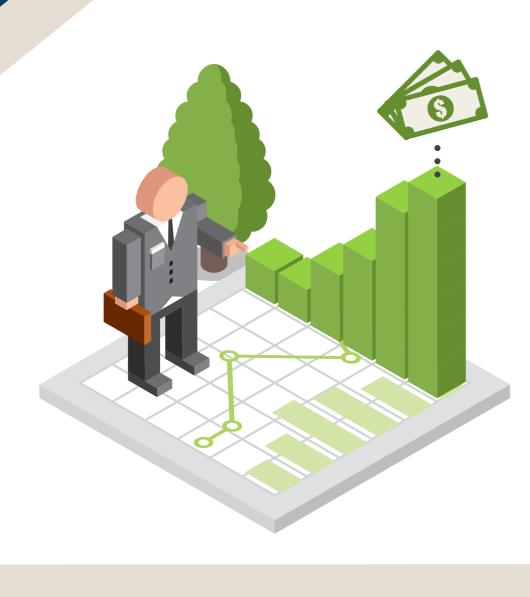




30%

of CEOs reported that hiring new staff was the top business issue that they now face.

INVESTMENTS



were at the highest level in the first half of 2014 than at any time since the start of 2011.

Planned investments

ECONOMY

of all CEOs reported that

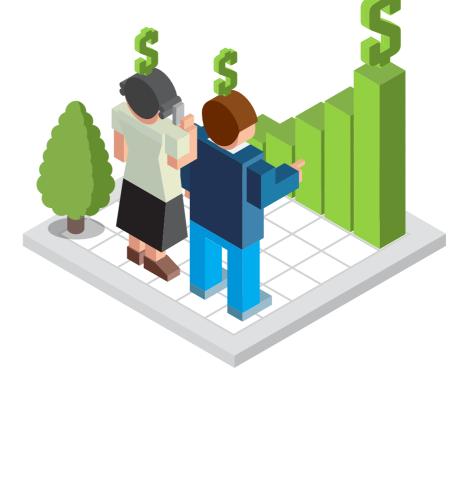
the economy had recently improved.

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of CEOs expect

increased revenues over the next 12 months.



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