

CEO Optimism Surges.

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CEO Confidence Index

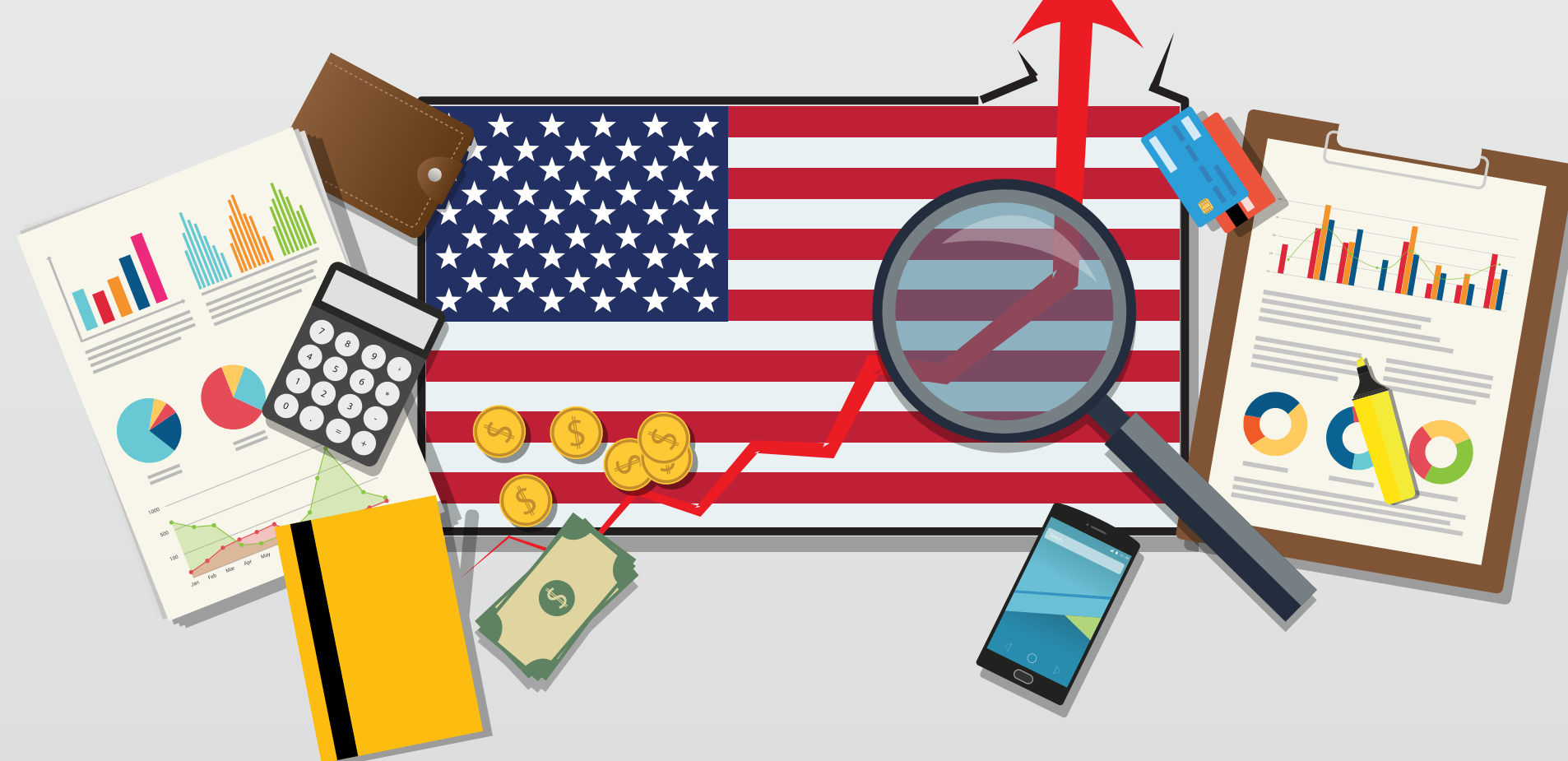
The Vistage CEO Confidence Index was 105.2 in the 4th quarter 2016 survey, up from 91.4 in the 3rd quarter and 95.5 in the prior year's closing quarter.

Surge in Expected Economic Growth.

58% of CEOs expected the economy to improve during the year ahead, more than twice the 22% recorded in the 3rd quarter.



42% of CEOs thought the national economy had improved in the 4th quarter, up from 25% one quarter earlier.



"Recent economic gains, a reduction in economic uncertainty, and the enthusiasm over the result of the election meant that current economic conditions were viewed more favorably."

– Dr. Richard Curtin, University of Michigan

Investment Plans.

47% of CEOs plan to increase investments in the year ahead, above last quarter's 37%, reaching the highest level since the start of 2015.



Hiring Plans.

60% of CEOs plan to expand their workforce in the year ahead, the most positive net employment intentions in ten years.

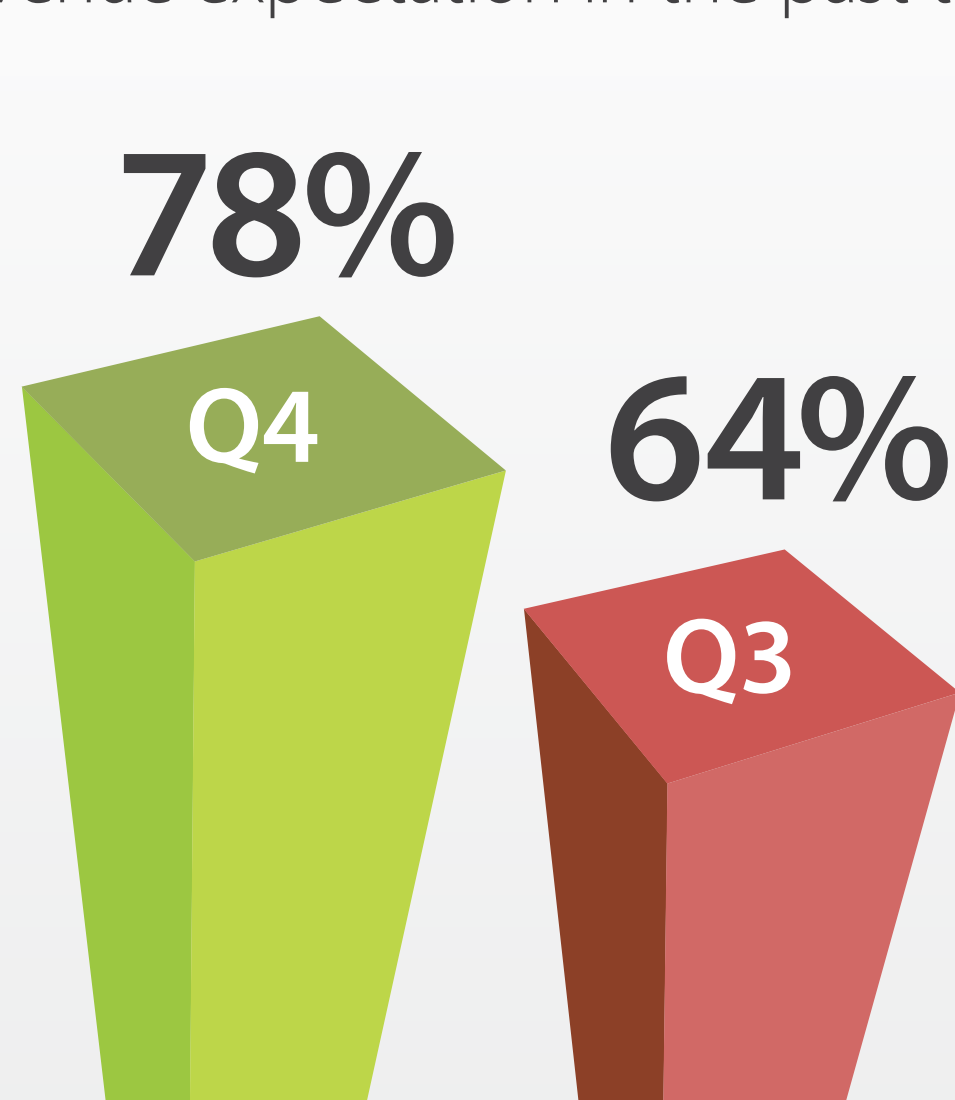


"The unexpected victory by Trump and the resulting upsurge in business prospects have given a new urgency to finding, hiring, training, and retaining employees. Over one-third of all firms expressed staffing and talent management as both their most significant current issue as well as their biggest challenge for 2017."

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Revenues & Profits.

78% of CEOs expect revenue gains in the year ahead, up from 64% last quarter, and the most positive revenue expectation in the past ten years.



64% of CEOs expect rising profits in the year ahead, up from 54% last quarter.

