

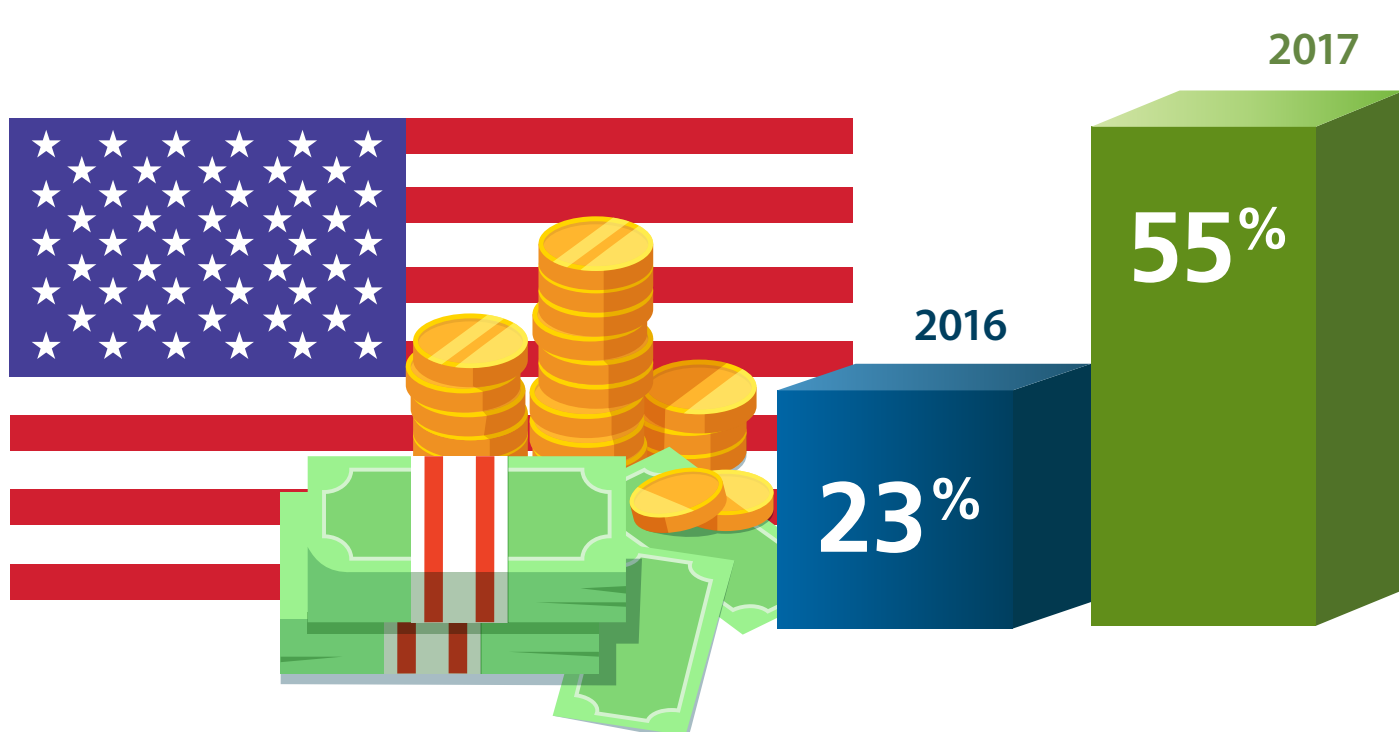
Improved economy bolsters CEO confidence.

March 2017

The WSJ/Vistage Small Business CEO Confidence Index was 112.7 in the March 2017 survey, remaining largely unchanged since December's 112.0, and well ahead of last March's 98.9.

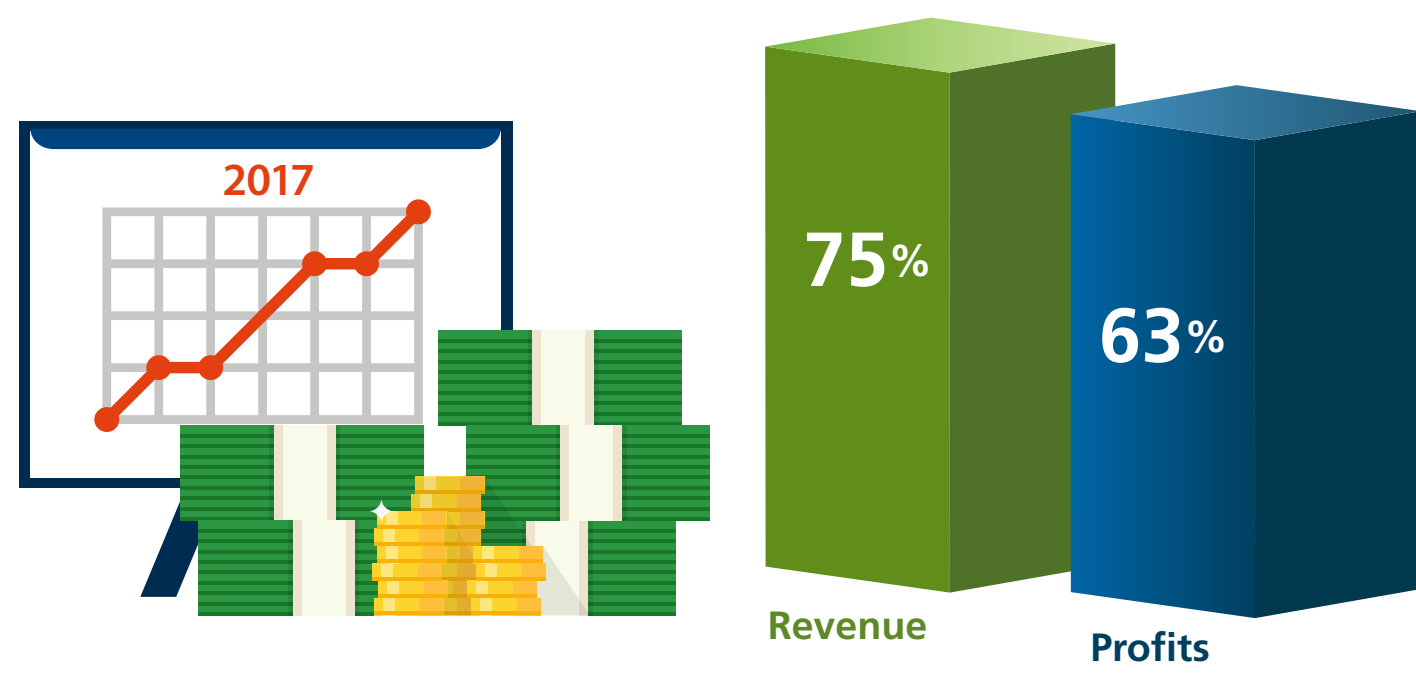
Economy improves.

55% of CEOs expect the national economy to improve in the year ahead, more than twice last March's 23%.



Anticipated revenue and profit gains.

75% of CEOs expect higher revenues in the year ahead, and 63% expect higher profits.



Strong hiring plans.

59% of CEOs plan to increase hiring in the year ahead.

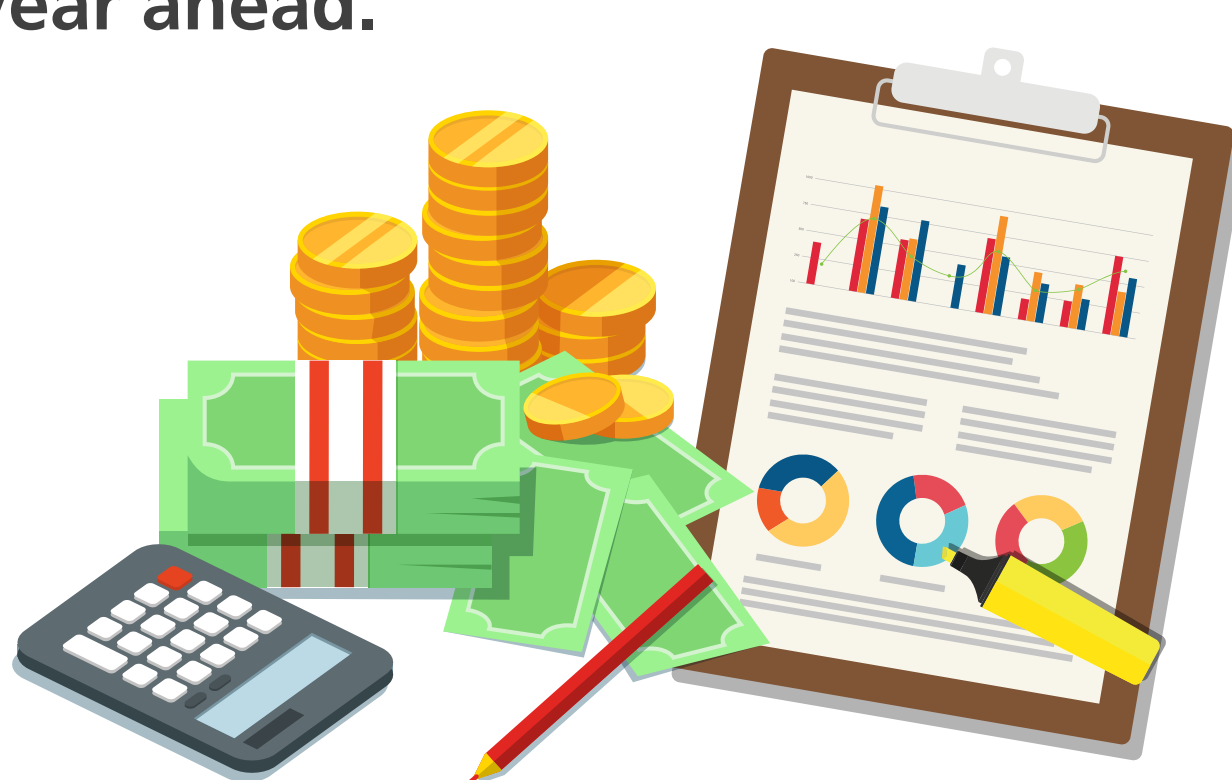


"The data suggest continued strong hiring gains in the months ahead, as well as the growing need to offer better wages and benefit packages to attract top talent."

– Dr. Richard Curtin, University of Michigan

Increased investment expenditures.

47% of CEOs plan to increase investment expenditures in the year ahead.



Affordable Care Act.

42% of CEOs said a repeal of the Affordable Care Act would help their business compared with just 12% who thought it would harm their business. 47% said it would have no impact.

