

## **TOWARD GREATER TRUST**

## HOW FEES, DISCLOSURES AND PROFESSIONALISM CAN CREATE TRUSTING RELATIONSHIPS WITH RETAIL CLIENTS

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# EARNING INVESTORS' TRUST

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## **EARNING INVESTOR'S TRUST - 4TH EDITION OF THE TRUST SURVEY**

In this 2020 edition, we examine how trust in the industry has evolved, while the essential characteristics of trust endure.

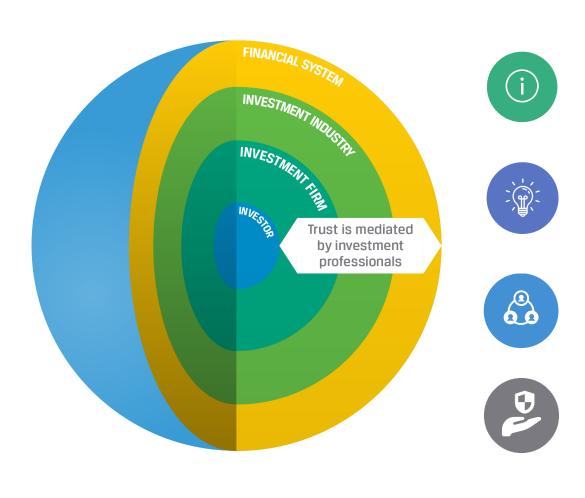
We explore two specific types of trust relationships in the investment industry – institutional investors engaged as clients of asset managers, and retail investors engaged as clients of investment firms.



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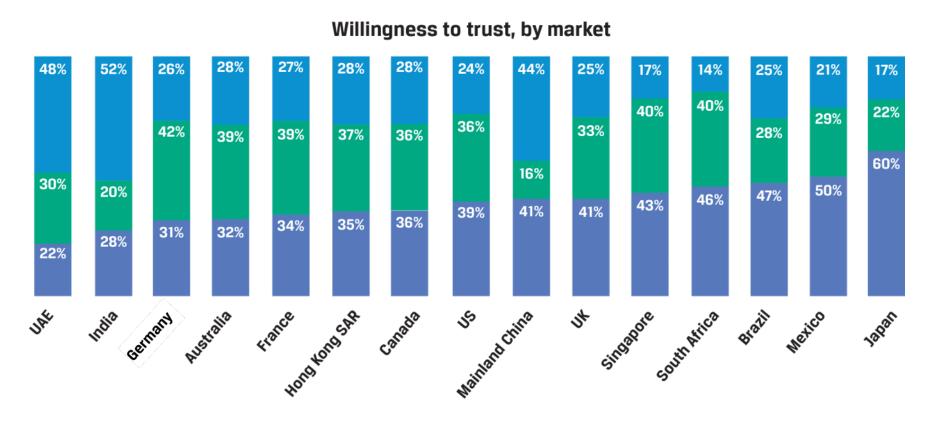


### **KEY THEMES**



- I. TRUST IN THE SYSTEM:
  INFORMATION IS ESSENTIAL
- II. TRUST IN THE INDUSTRY:
  INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY AS
  TRUST ENHANCERS
- III. TRUST IN THE INVESTMENT FIRM:
  THE DESIRE FOR **INFLUENCE** AND
  CONTROL
- IV. THE TRUST EQUATION: CREDIBILITY AND PROFESSIONALISM

### **TRUST: GRANTED OR EARNED?**



- I assume they are trustworthy unless they prove otherwise
- Once they demonstrate they can be trusted, I will give them the benefit of the doubt going forward
- My trust must be constantly earned and maintained over time

## TRUST IS THE #1 FACTOR IN MANGER SELECTION FOR RETAIL INVESTORS

#### **Retail Investors**



#### **Institutional Investors**

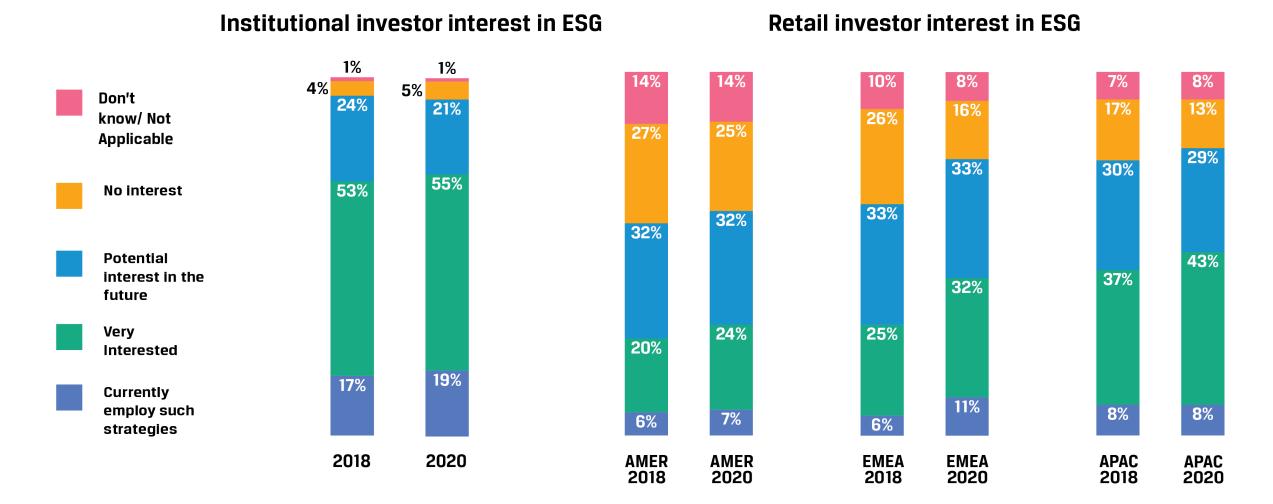


#### MOST IMPORTANT ATTRIBUTE WHEN HIRING AN ASSET MANAGER

- Trusted to act in my best interest
- Ability to achieve high returns
- Commitment to ethical conduct

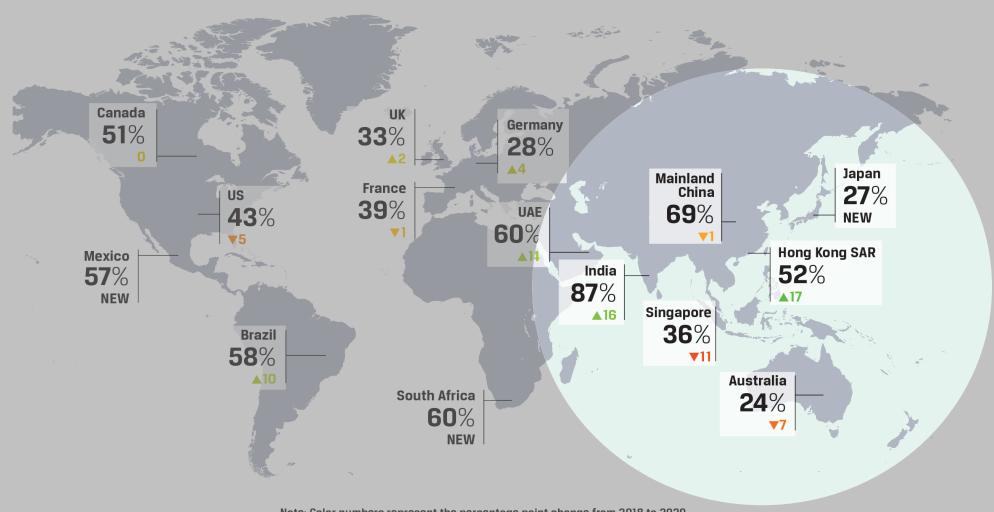
- Amount/structure of fees
- Recommended by someone I trust
- Compliance with industry best practices

### INTEREST GROWING IN ESG



## RETAIL INVESTOR TRUST LEVELS VARY SIGNIFICANTLY BY MARKET

#### RETAIL INVESTOR TRUST IN FINANCIAL SERVICES (BY MARKET)



## **CFA INSTITUTE TRUST EQUATION**



## Signals that include:

Track record
Credentials
Industry codes
Brand

### Mindset that includes:

Client-first values Commitment to competency

## Outcomes that include:

Stronger client relationships Social license to operate

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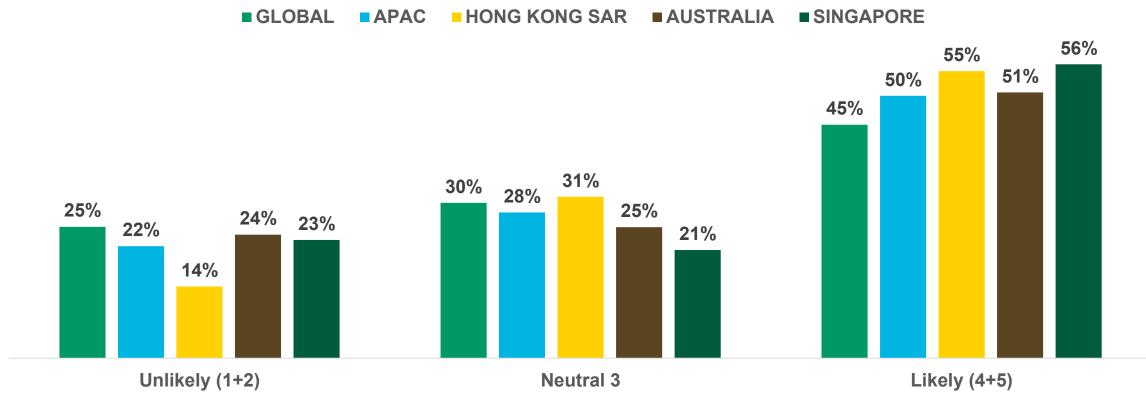
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## IS THE CORONAVIRUS ROCKING THE FOUNDATIONS OF CAPITAL MARKETS

How likely is the risk that financial hardships in the financial industry will result in unethical actions on the part of the investment management industry?



Scale: Very unlikely 1, Somewhat unlikely 2, Neutral 3, Likely 4 and Very likely 5 and don't know Note: Excludes "Don't' know"

## **THANK YOU**