

# July 2020 Executive & Entrepreneur Survey Results



## **Executive & Entrepreneur Survey – Executive Summary**

Stifel surveyed senior tech executives and entrepreneurs in April, at the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, on their businesses' outlook

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Recent follow-on study undertaken in July to reveal what our executives & entrepreneurs subsequently experienced, and how their outlook has evolved

#### Key Findings from Stifel GTG's July Follow-up Tech Survey

- A quick economic snapback maybe off the table with very few respondents (14%) now anticipating a V-shaped recovery and an increasing number (60%) expecting a U-shaped recovery
- While an increasing number of respondents now expect the impact of COVID-19 to be felt for a while longer (over 6 months), most respondents (53%) still believe the worst is behind us and an overwhelming majority (77%) do not expect a significant revenue hit this year
- On a cautionary note, while roughly two-thirds (70%) report little to no customer churn there is modest increase in the number of respondents expecting more than 5% customer churn on recurring revenues
- Three-quarters (75%) say their investors have been very supportive and 30% raised capital in the last quarter
- M&A could heat-up, with 63% expecting to pursue potential add-on acquisitions
- Anticipate significant workplace changes going forward, as roughly half of employers (53%) expect more than 30% of their employees to work remotely for at least some of the week
- Watch the U.S. presidential race, as 44% say the election will factor into their strategic planning



### The July Follow-up Survey Paints a More Cautious Outlook

19%

4%





7%

### Increased Customer Churn on 'Secure' Recurring Revenues?

27%

14%



#### Expected Impact on 2020 Revenue Compared to Budget?

3-6 months

Less than 3 months

26%

>6 months



### **But, Businessis Resilient**



30%

Yes

70%

No

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### **Considerations for the Future**



#### (1) New question added in July 2020 survey, no responses available from April

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