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# Singapore Campos Survey Results

March 2012

# Methodology

- From January 4 to 17, 2012, we conducted a Web-based survey using a panel of IT decision-makers from Singapore.
- 100 panel participants were selected from large companies with at least US\$500M annual revenues or 2,000+ employees.
- Participants must be IT/MIS/IS, Finance, or Real Estate Executives or Management.
  - Participants must be responsible for managing a data centre, contract execution for or implementing a new data centre or expanding existing data centres. Internal data centre customers are also eligible.
- All reported differences are significant at the .10 level or better. Confidence intervals are shown in the Appendix.



# Overall Summary

## Awareness

- Two in nine (22%) participants are aware of Digital Realty Trust (DLR) as a company that can design and build and/or provide wholesale or leased data centre facilities.
  - Awareness of DLR is higher than in 2010 (22% vs. 12%).
- The providers of data centres with the highest levels of awareness are SingTel/Optus (69%) and IBM (65%).

## Data Centre Profile

- Nearly three in four (70%) companies have 3 or fewer data centres, but one in seven (15%) has 6 or more.
- Nearly three in four (72%) companies have built a new data centre in the past 24 months.



# Overall Summary

## Data Centre Profile (cont'd)

- The average raised floor space is 14,400 square feet.
  - Nearly three in four (70%) participants report average raised floor space of more than 10,000 sf.
- The average power capacity is 5.1 kW per rack.
  - Two thirds (65%) use 6kW or less per rack.
- Three in four (73%) meter power use, usually at the server or the utility.
- The average reported PUE is 2.63.
  - Few (6%) do not know their PUE.
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# Overall Summary

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# Overall Summary

## Implementing Expansion

- Participants with plans to expand their data centres were asked how they plan to implement the expansion. They could select multiple responses and 45% plan to use two or more methods.
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## Selecting a Partner

- The list of potential partners is usually developed by high or mid-level executives, as well as C-levels.
- The most important factors in choosing a partner are server management, followed by operational reliability and data centre design.



# Overall Summary

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- Several factors are considered important in choosing a partner, lead by technical superiority and educating the staff on critical issues.
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- Gartner is consulted most often, followed by KPMG, IDC and Horizon.
- The most useful sources of information from providers are case studies, followed by educational seminars and the provider's Website.

## Data Centre Locations

- Respondents who plan to expand in 2012 or 2013 are more likely to locate a new data centre in Singapore.
- The most mentioned cities for a new data centre are Singapore and Tokyo.
- The most important factors in choosing a location are power availability/cost and security.



# DATA CENTRE PROFILE



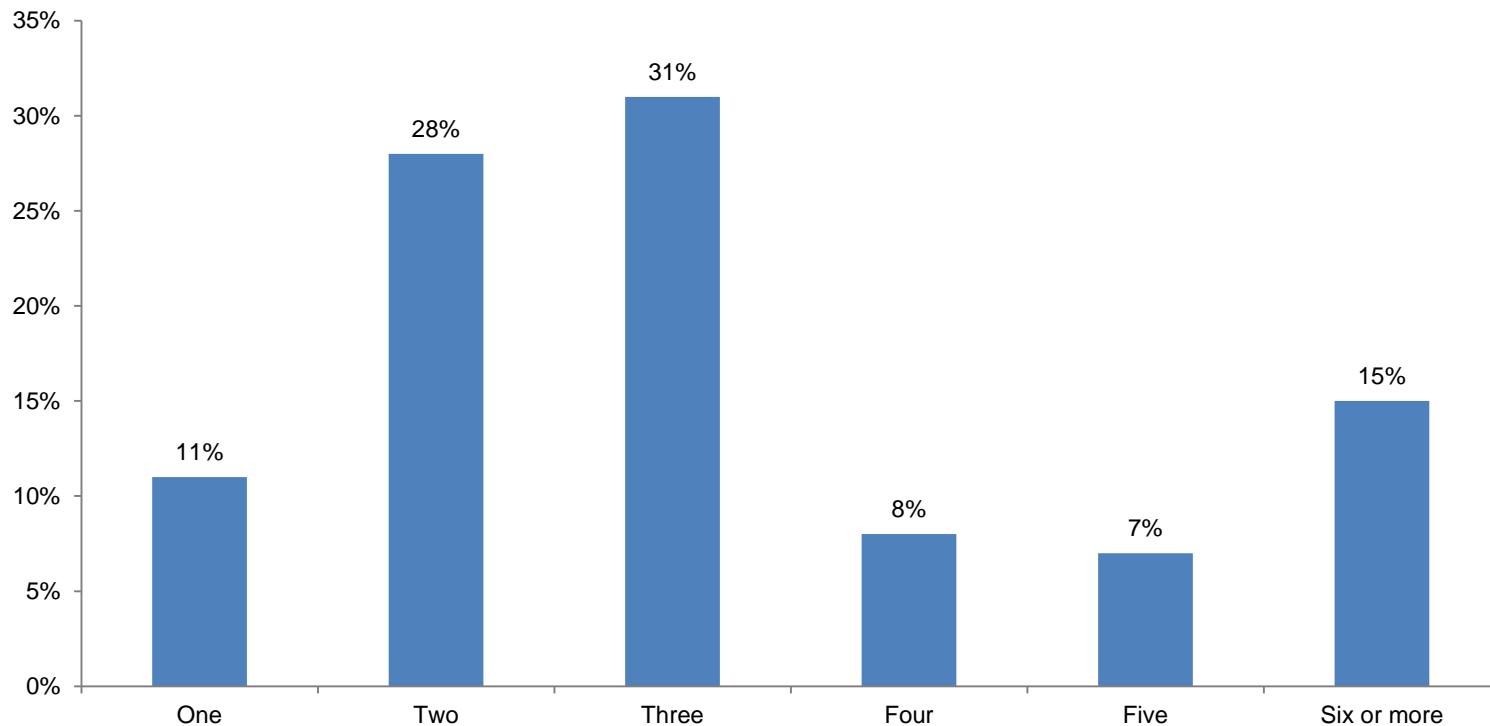
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# Number of Data Centres

- Participants were asked how many data centres their company operate now, excluding “IT closets” in branch offices.
- Most companies (70%) have 3 or fewer data centres, but one in seven companies has 6 or more data centres.

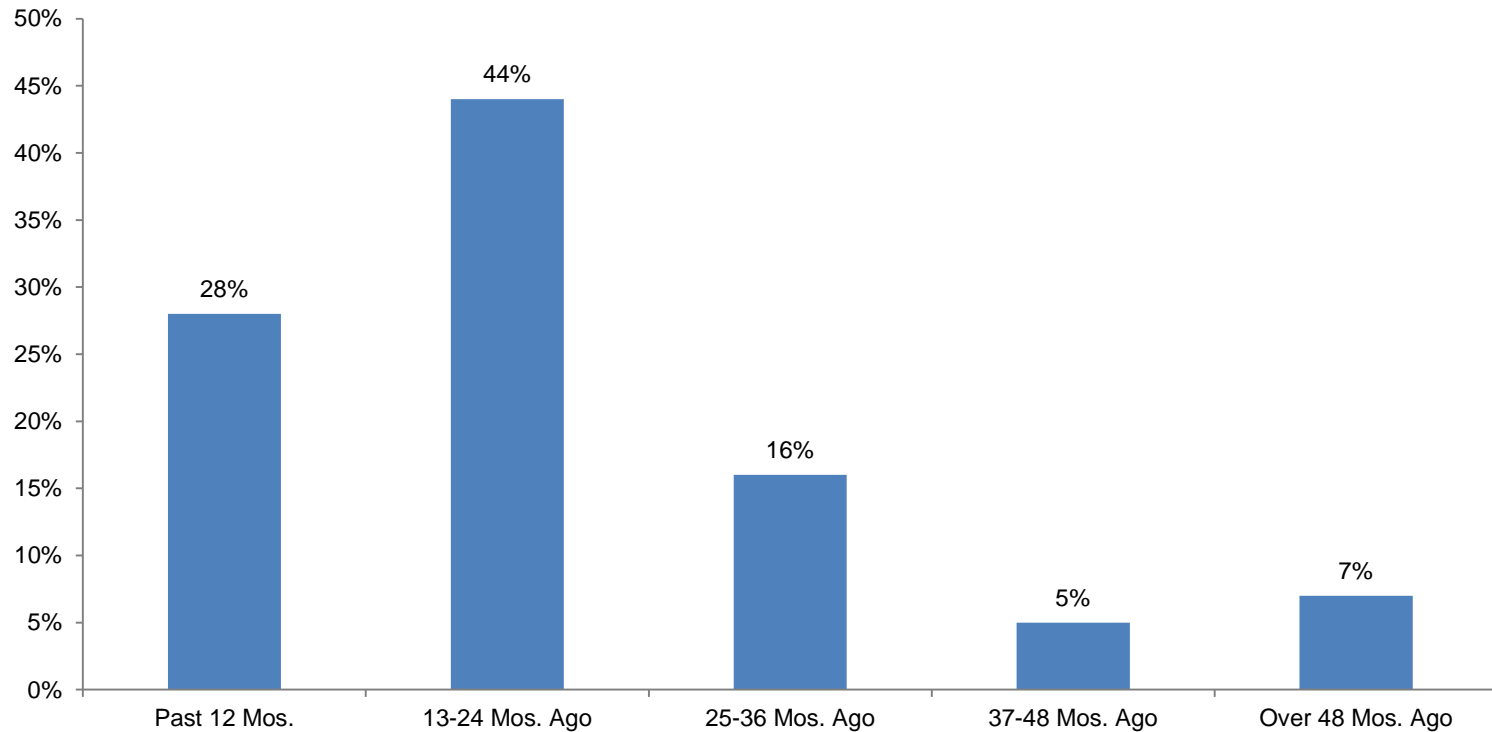


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# Most Recent Expansion

- Respondents were asked when their company last built or acquired a new data centre.
- Nearly three in four (72%) companies have built a new data centre in the past 24 months.

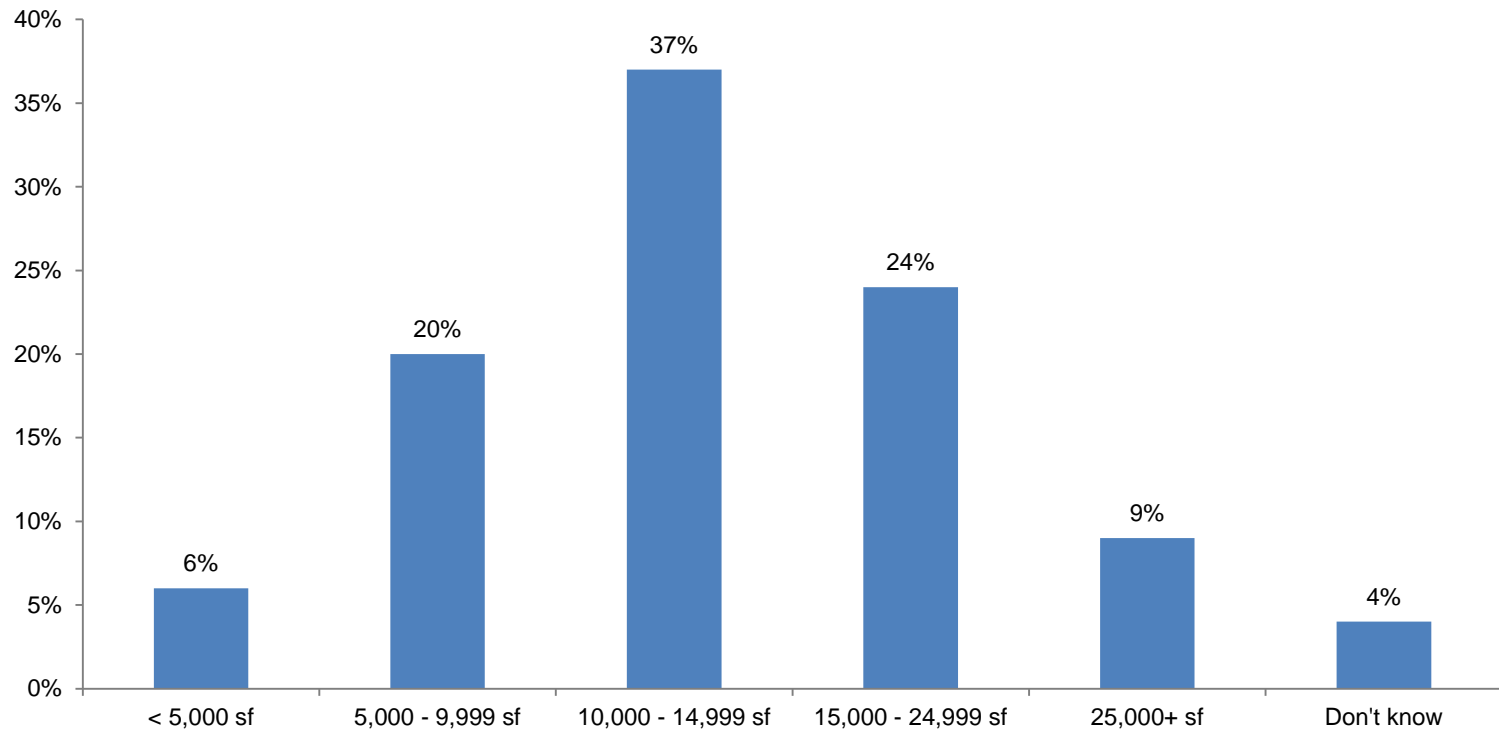


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# Current Space

- Participants were asked about the average area (both in square metres and square feet) of raised floors in their data centres.
- Seven in ten (70%) report averages of 10,000 square feet (100 square metres) or more. The overall average is 14,400 square feet.

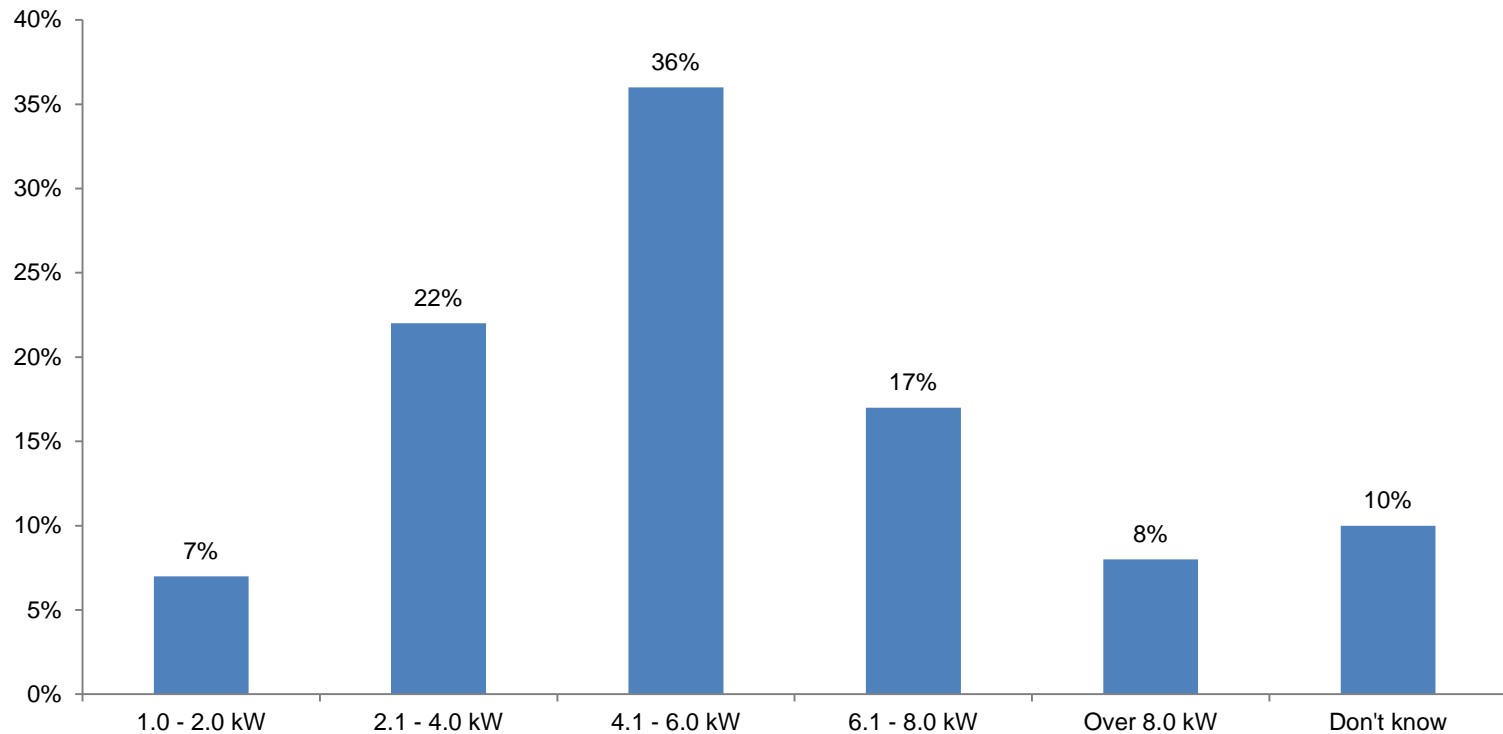


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# Current Power

- Participants were asked about the average kilowatts per rack across their data centres.
- The average power capacity is approximately 5.1 kW per rack.
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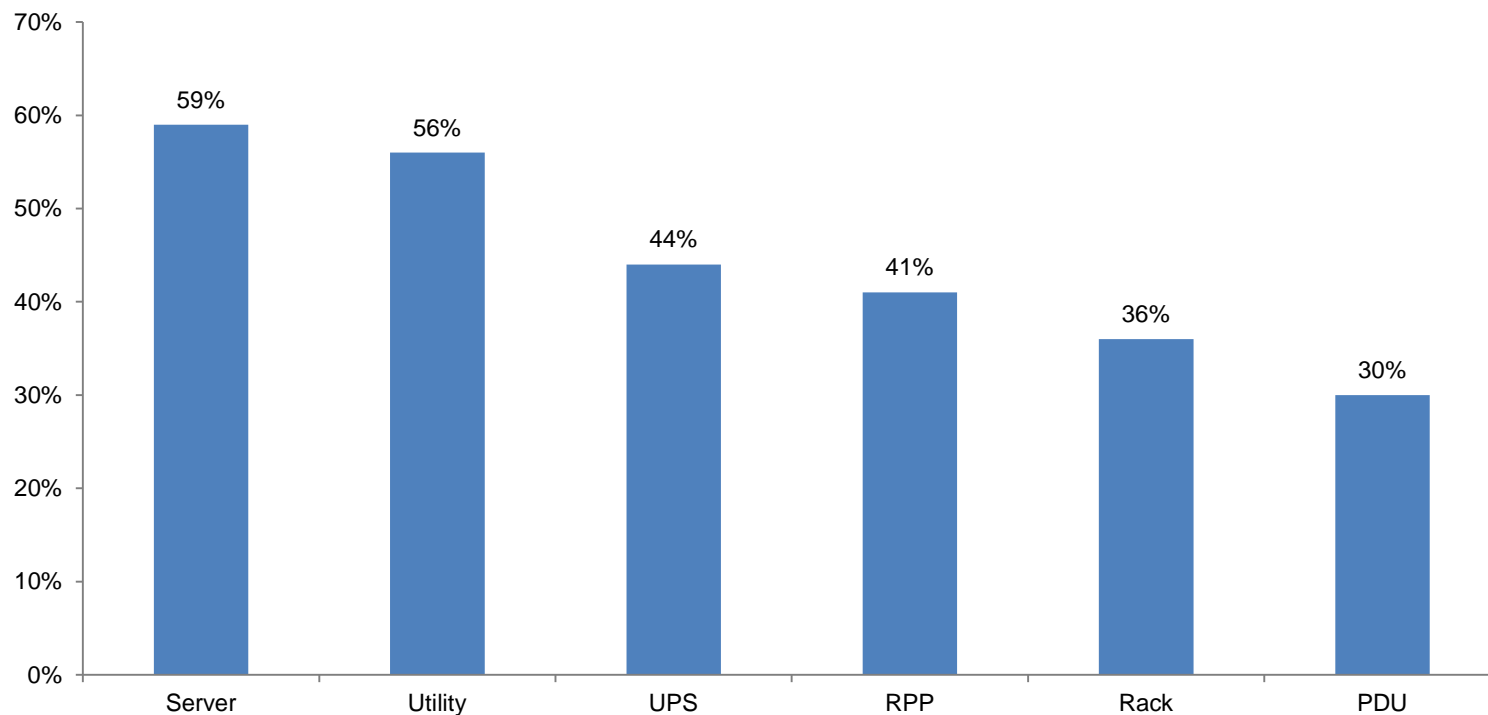


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# Power Metering

- Respondents were asked whether they measure power use and, if so, where they measure it.
- 73% say they measure power use.
- Of those who measure power use, over half measure at the server or the utility.

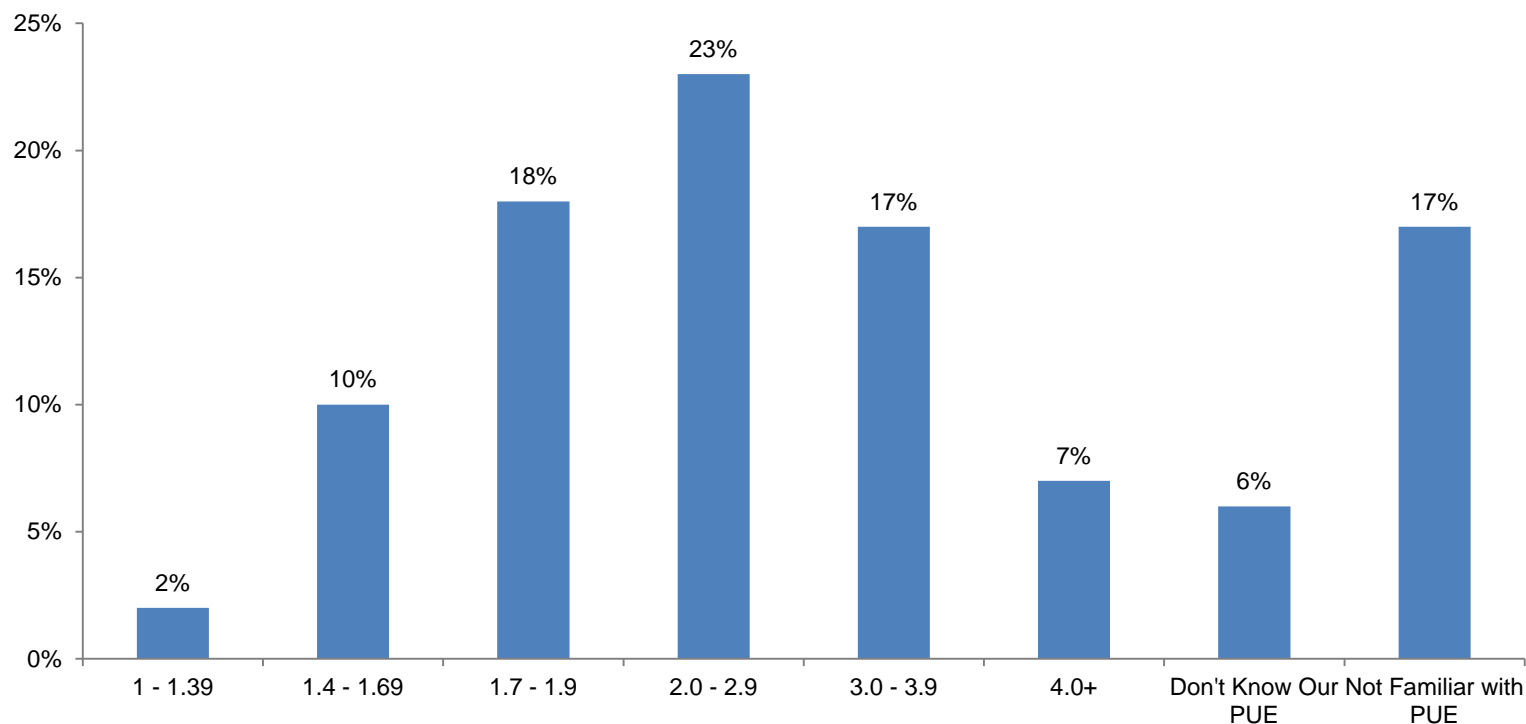


Base = Measure Power (N=73)



# Power Usage Effectiveness

- Respondents were asked about the average power usage effectiveness (PUE) of their data centres.
- One in six is unfamiliar with PUE and one in twenty doesn't know their PUE.
- The average reported PUE is 2.63. One in four (24%) reports a PUE of 3 or more. Three in ten (30%) report a PUE below 2.0.

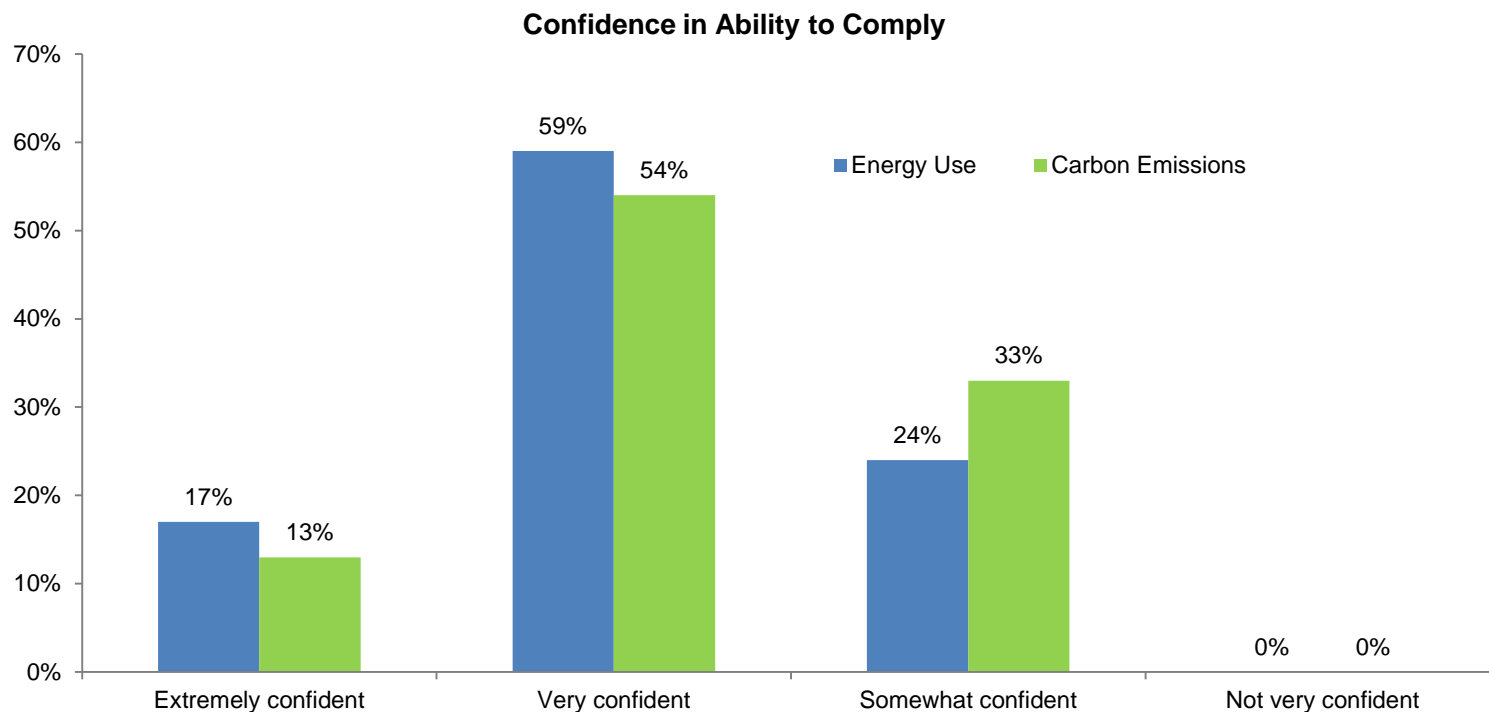


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# Regulatory Compliance

- Respondents were asked how confident they are that their data centres can comply with potential regulations regarding energy use and carbon emissions.
- Two thirds or more of respondents are very or somewhat confident that they can comply with future energy or carbon regulations.



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# EXPANSION PLANS



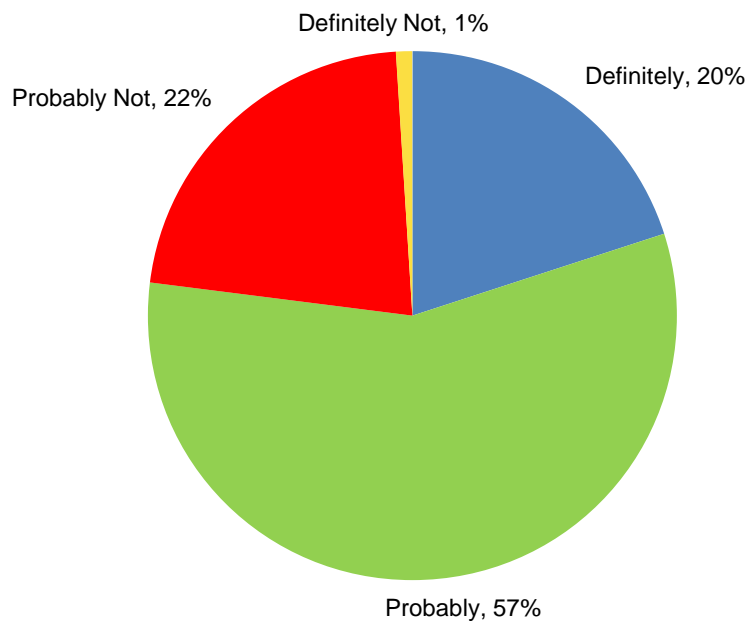
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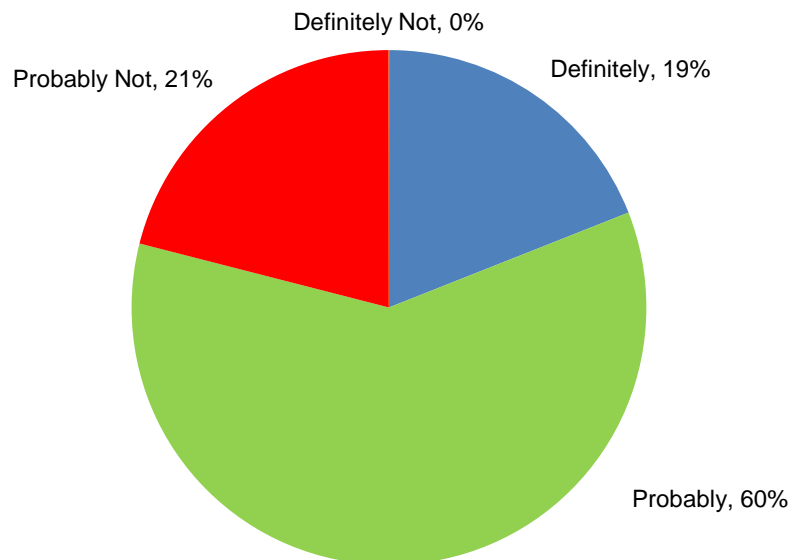
- Respondents were asked how likely they are to expand their data centres during 2012.
- Three fourths (77%) say they will definitely or probably expand in 2012.
  - One in five (20%) says they definitely have plans to expand in 2012.
  - Over half (57%) say they will probably expand in 2012.



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# Expansion Plans in 2013

- Respondents were asked how likely they are to expand their data centres during 2013.
- One in five (19%) say they definitely have plans to expand in 2013, similar to the plans for 2012.
- One in four (26%) will definitely expand in either 2012 or 2013.
- One in seven (15%) are unlikely to expand in either 2012 or 2013.

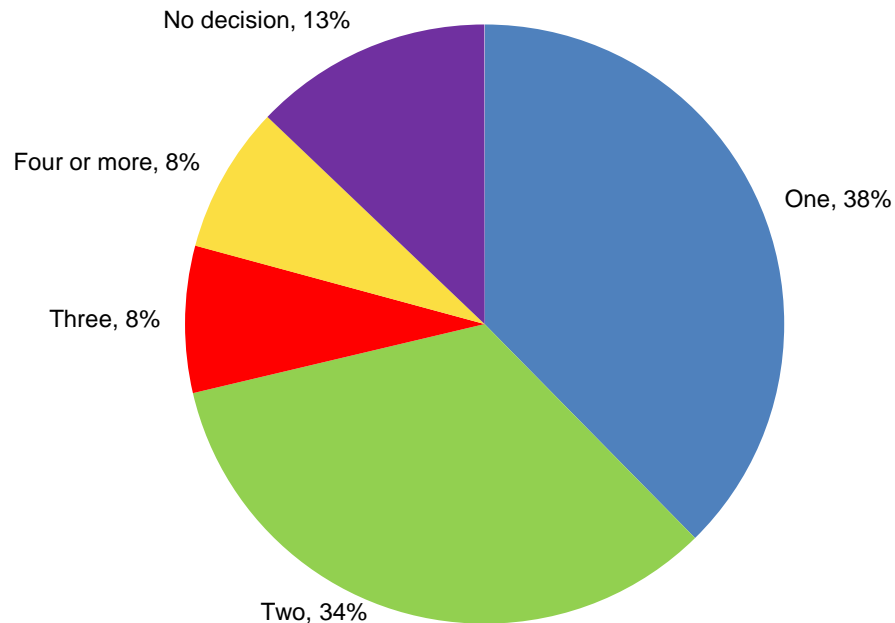


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# Number of Locations for Expansion

- Participants were asked in how many locations their company has plans to expand its data centres in 2012.
- Half (50%) say they have plans to expand in more than one location.

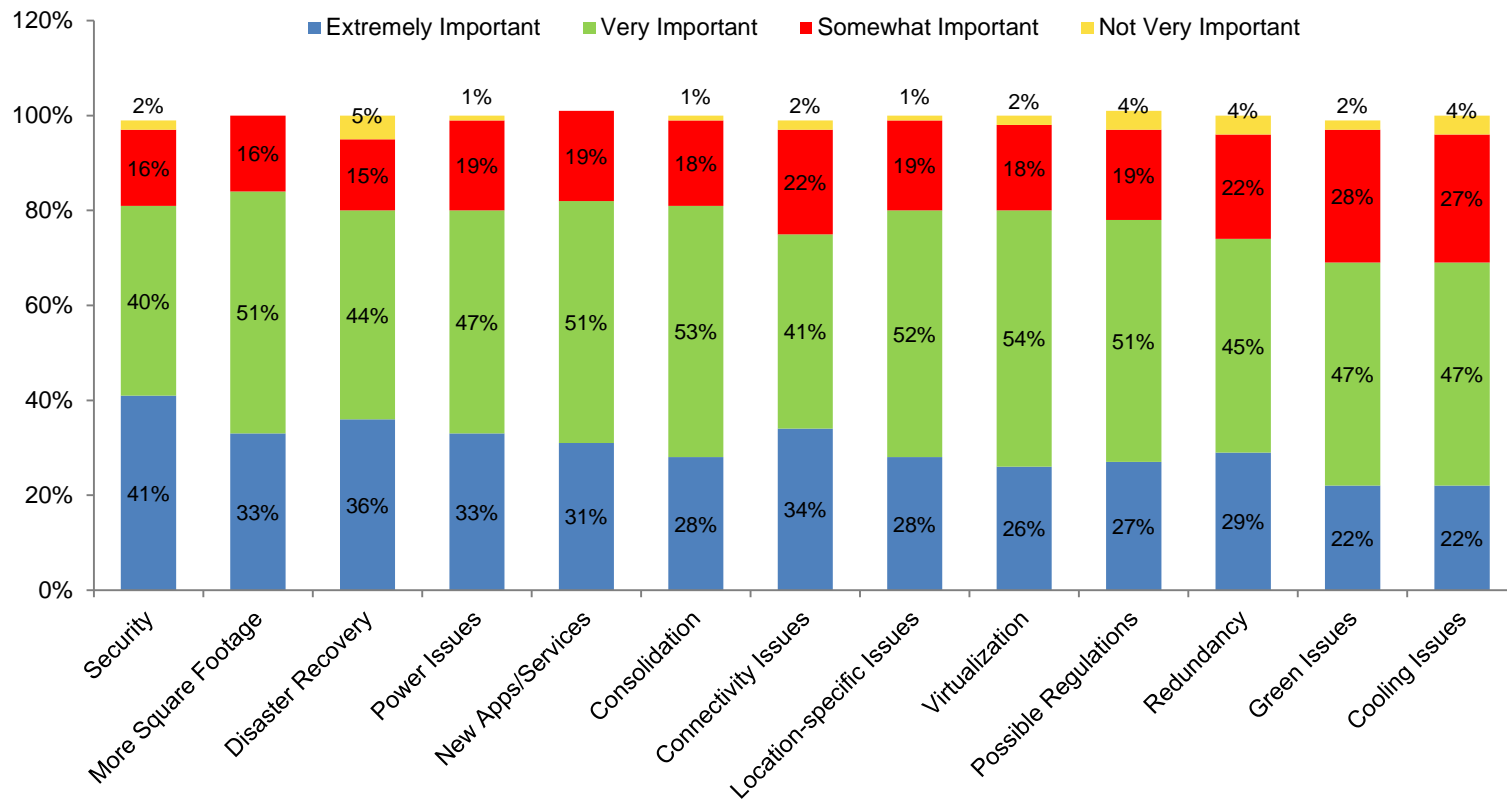


Base = Expansion Plans in 2012 (N=77)



# Reasons for Expansion

- Participants were asked to rate the importance of several reasons for expanding their data centres.
- Security, followed by the need for more space, are the most important reasons for expansion.



Base = Expansion Plans (N=85)

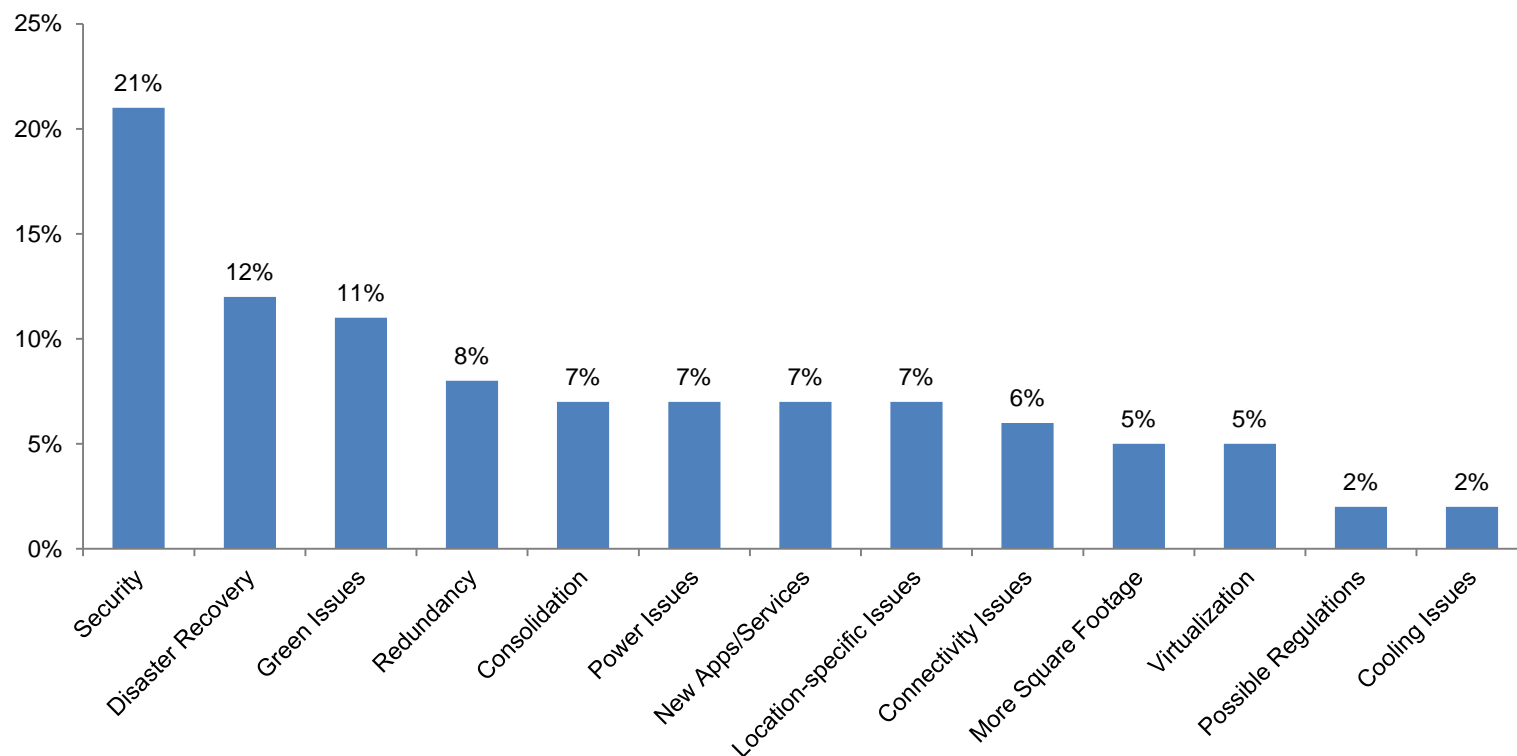


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Note: Location specific refers to labour pool, property cost or flood risk. Connectivity refers specifically to synchronous communications.  
Note: To produce a large enough sample for analysis, the discussion of expansion plans will use those companies (N=85) that will definitely or probably expand in 2012 or 2013.

# Reasons for Expansion: Most Important

- Participants were asked to choose the single most important of several reasons for expanding their data centres.
- Security is most often cited as the most important reason for expansion.



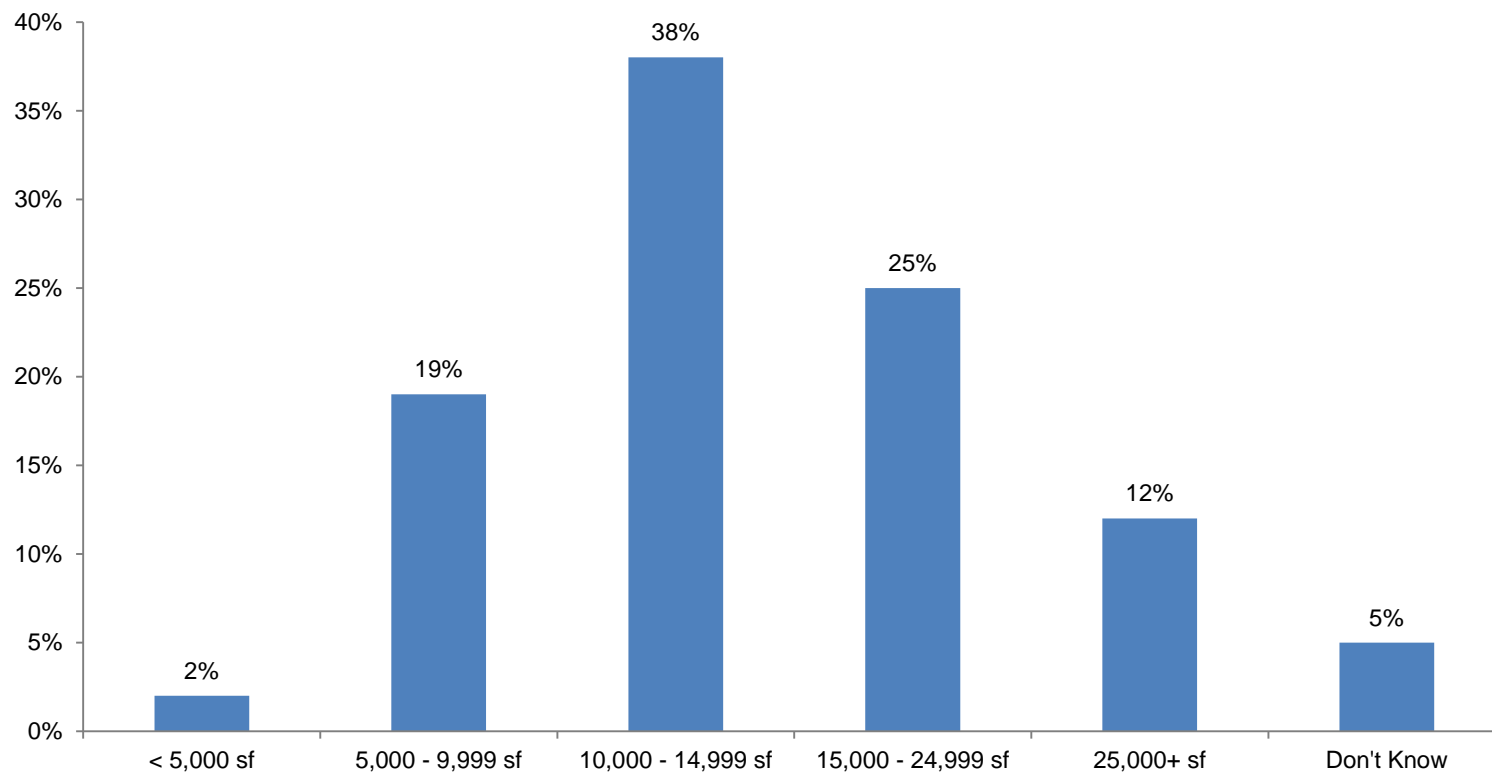
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# Expansion Space Requirements

- Participants were asked about the average area of raised floors for their expanded data centres (in both feet and metres).
- The average desired space is 15,400 square feet.
- Over half (59%) want space less than 15,000 square feet.

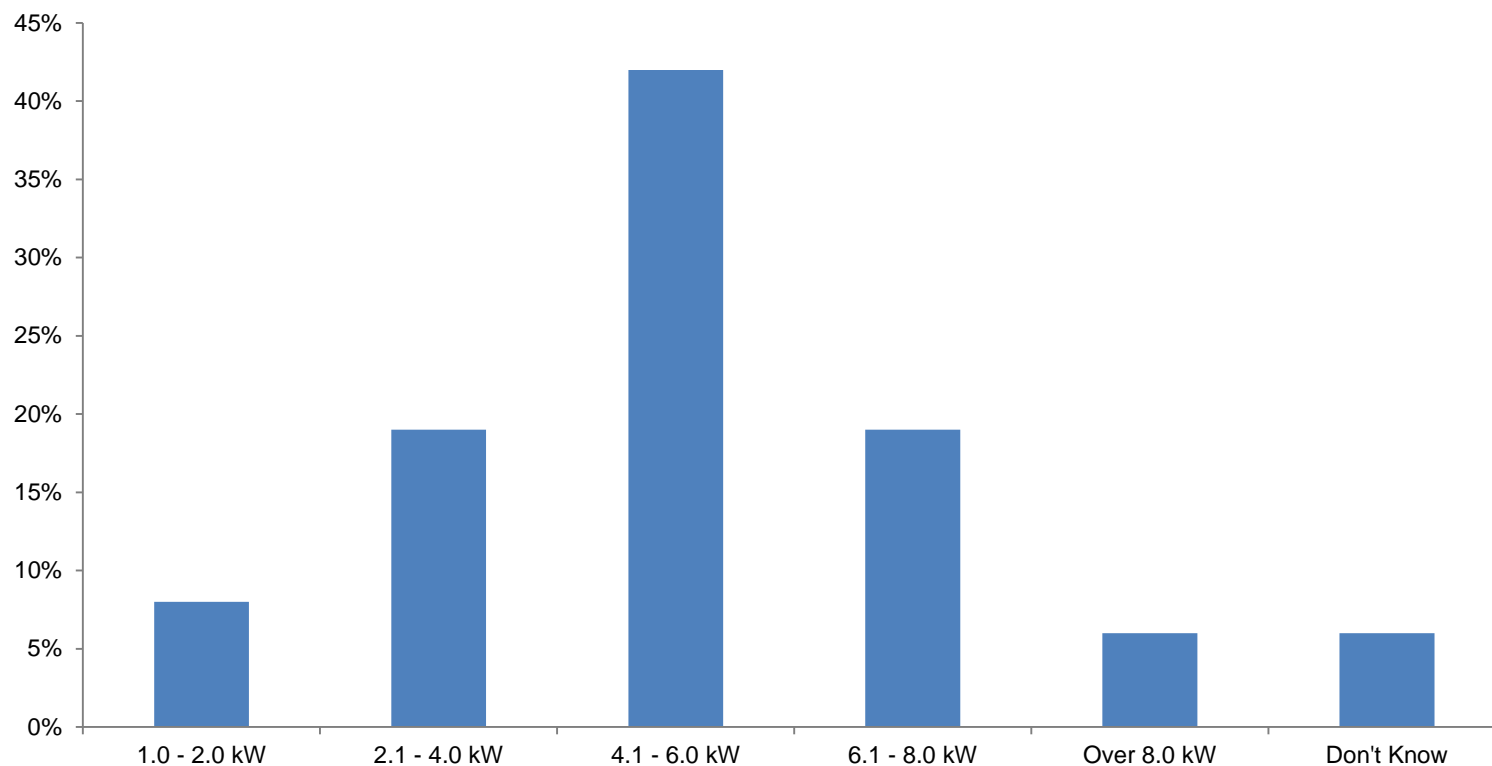


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# Expansion Power Requirements

- Participants were asked about the average kilowatts per rack for their expanded data centres.
- The average power requirement is 5.0 kW per rack.



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# IMPLEMENTING EXPANSION



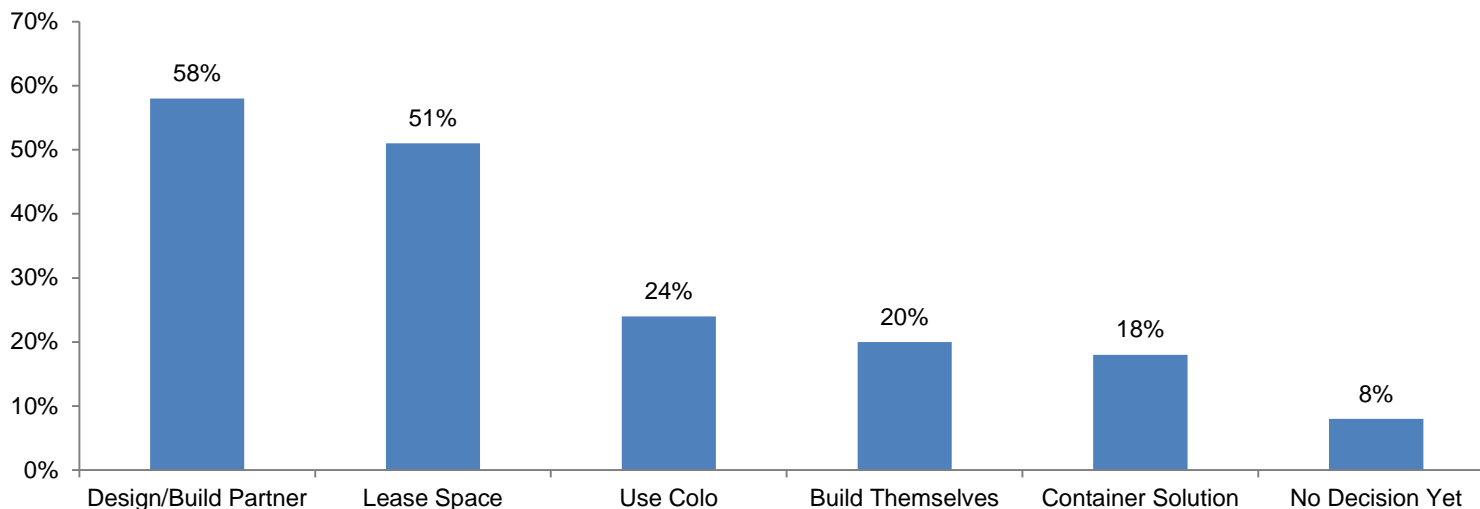
# Expansion Strategies

- Respondents who have plans to expand their data centres in 2012 or 2013 were asked to select among the alternatives below how they planned to implement the expansion:
  - Build with or use a data centre design and construction partner.
  - Lease space from a wholesale data centre provider.
  - Use a container solution.
  - Build themselves.
  - Use a retail colocation solution.
  - Have not decided yet.
- Respondents could choose one or more of these alternatives.



# Use of a Partner

- Participants with plans to expand their data centres were asked how they plan to implement the expansion. They could select multiple responses and 45% plan to use two or more methods.
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NOTE: Total responses exceed 100% because of multiple data centres and/or using multiple methods on a single data centre.



# SELECTING A PARTNER



# Partner Summary

- Of those who plan to expand in 2012 or 2013, five in six (84%) will use a partner, either for design and build (58%) or to lease wholesale space (51%) or both (25%).
- The list of potential partners is usually developed among high or mid-level executives, as well as C-levels.
- The most important factors in choosing a partner are server management, followed by operational reliability and data centre design.
- Several factors are considered important in choosing a partner, lead by technical superiority and educating the staff on critical issues.
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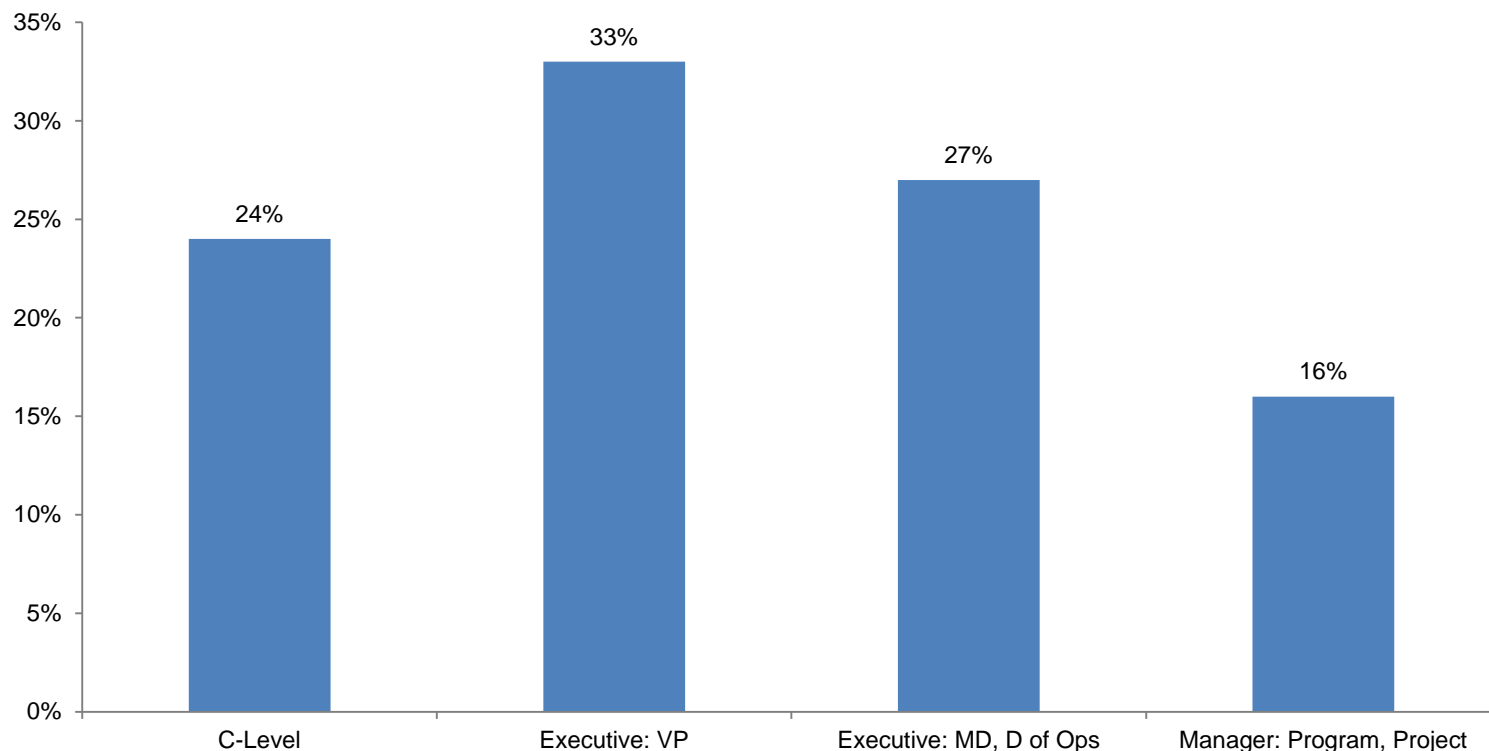
## Partner Summary (cont'd)

- The most useful sources of information from providers are case studies, followed by educational seminars and the provider's Website.
- The information sources that respondents most often used for the last data centre they built or leased are case studies, followed by the provider's Website and educational seminars.
- Participants prefer email from the provider as a notification about new white papers or seminars.
- C-level executives and IT have the highest level of participation in the selection of a data centre provider.
- C-level executives are more likely to have the most influence on this decision.



# Developing a Consideration List

- This chart shows the titles of those who participants say are responsible for developing a comprehensive list of all potential partners.
- C-level executives, executives at the Vice President or upper Director levels are all likely to develop the list of potential partners for expansion.

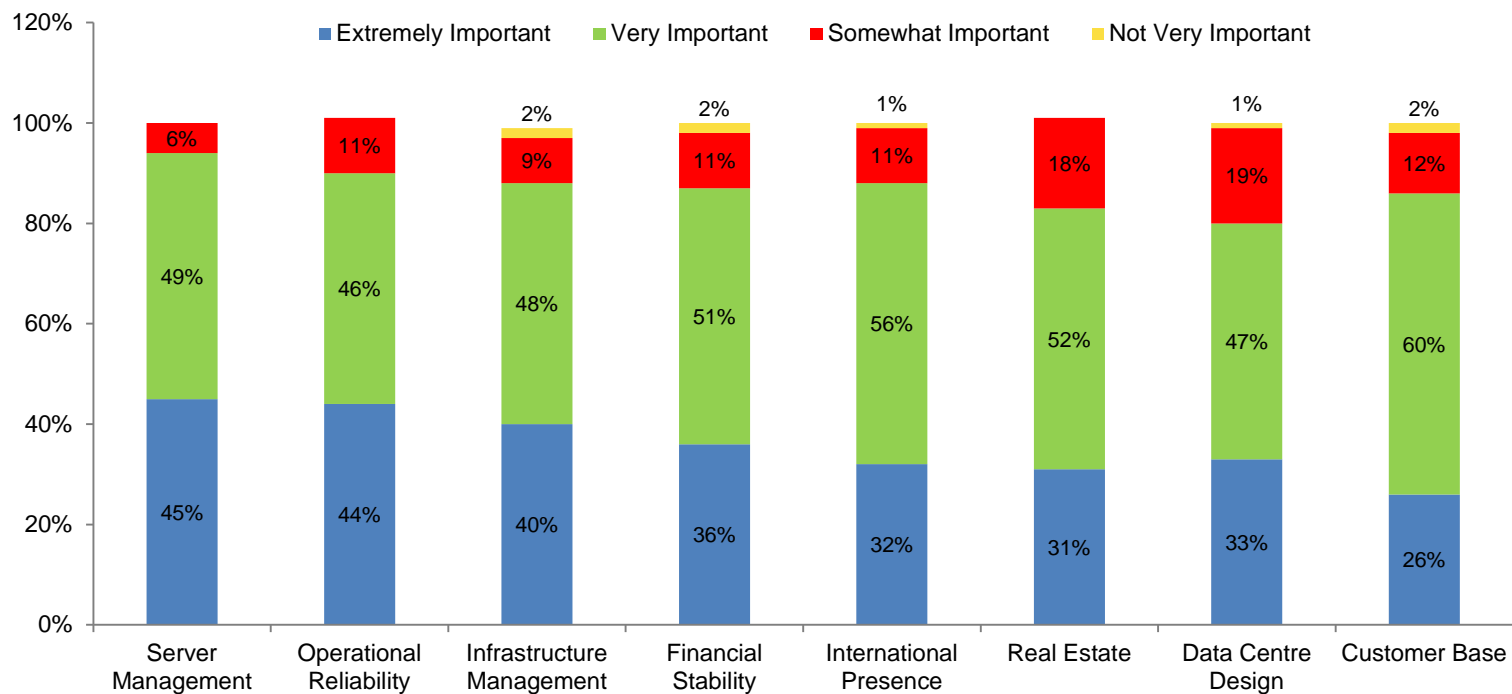


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# Evaluating Partners: Qualifications

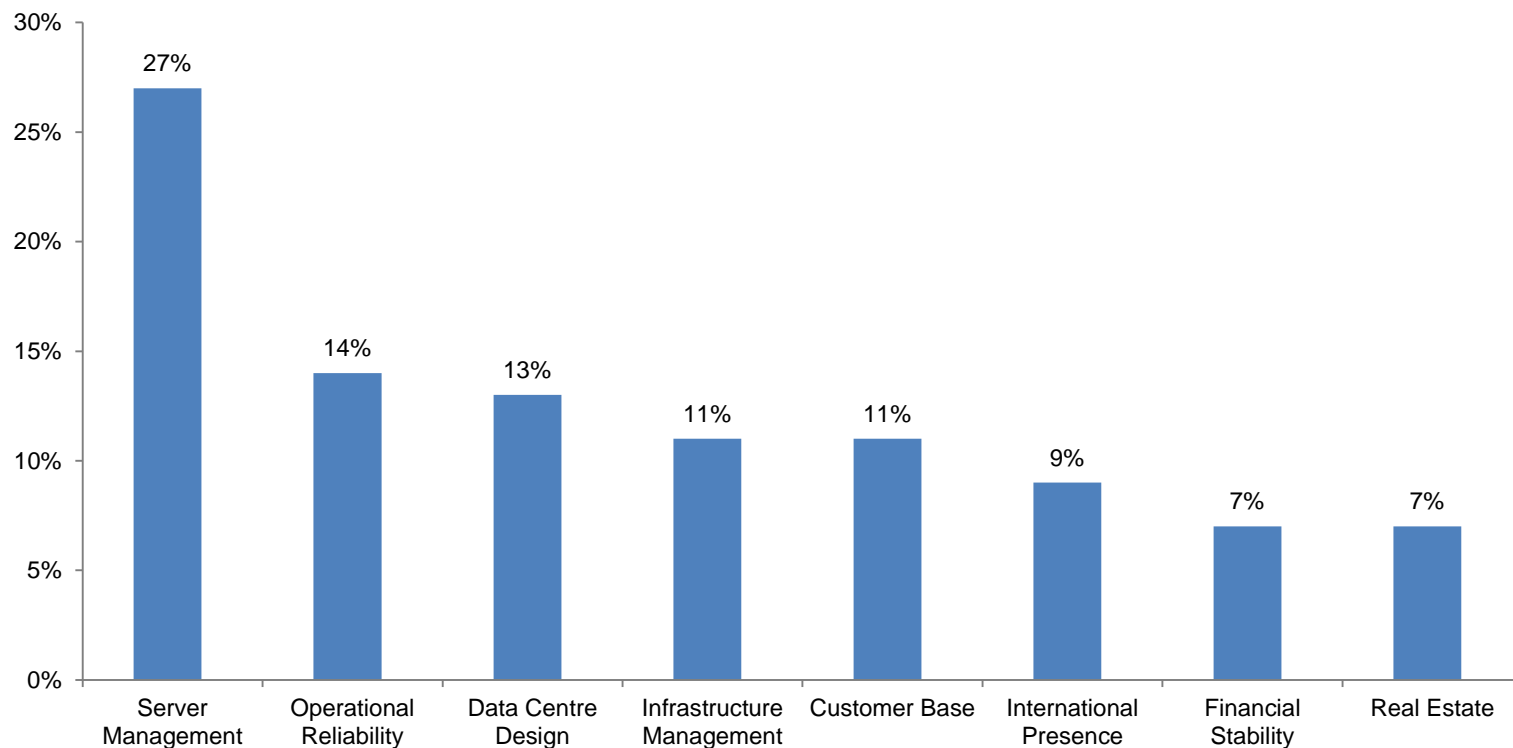
- Participants were asked to rate the importance of several areas of experience in selecting a partner for expanding their data centres.
- The most important factors are server management and operational reliability. The customer base, an international presence and real estate experience are less important considerations in selecting a partner.



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# Evaluating Partners: Most Important Qualification

- Participants who are planning to expand were asked to specify the single most important area of experience in selecting a partner for expanding their data centres.
- The most important factor is server management, followed by operational reliability and data centre design.

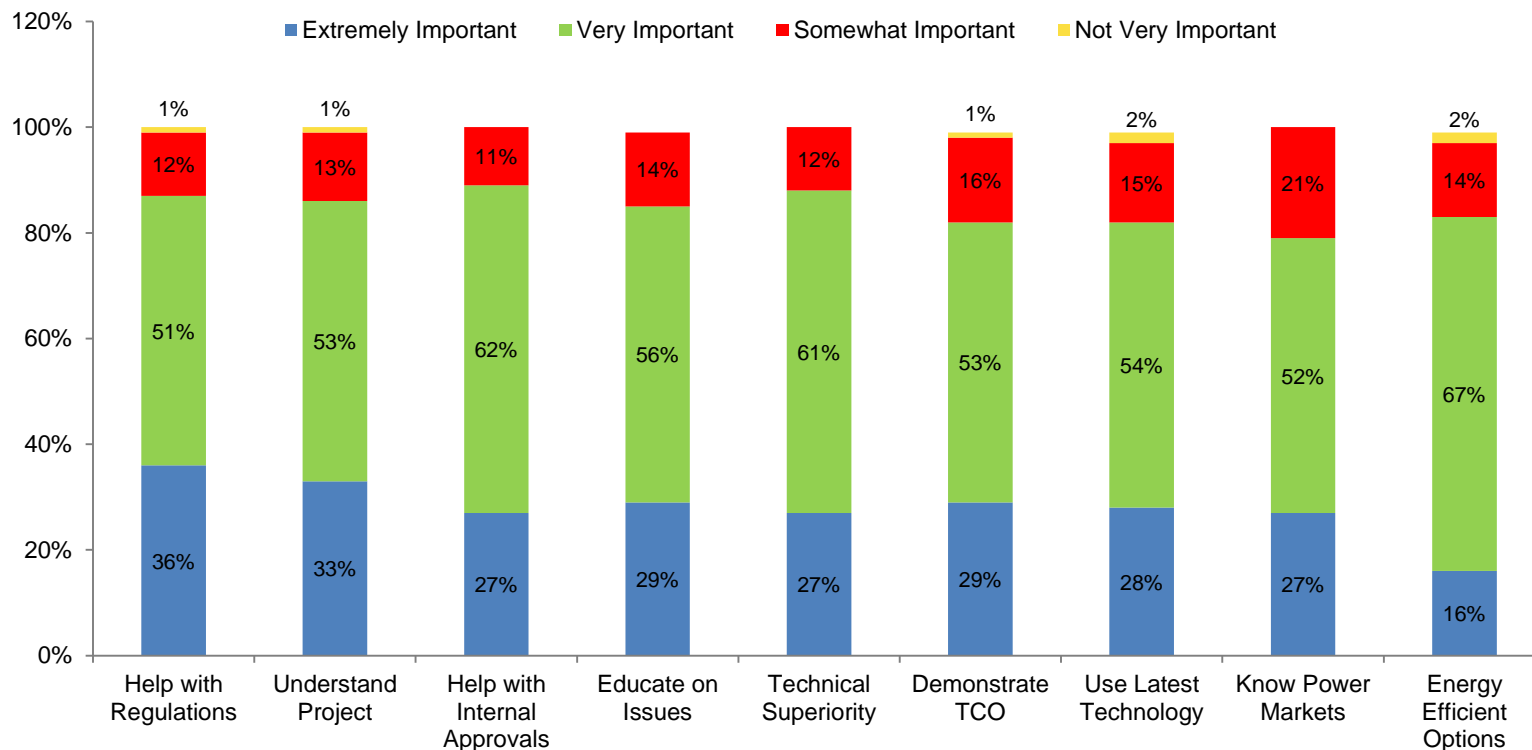


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# Evaluating Partners: Considerations

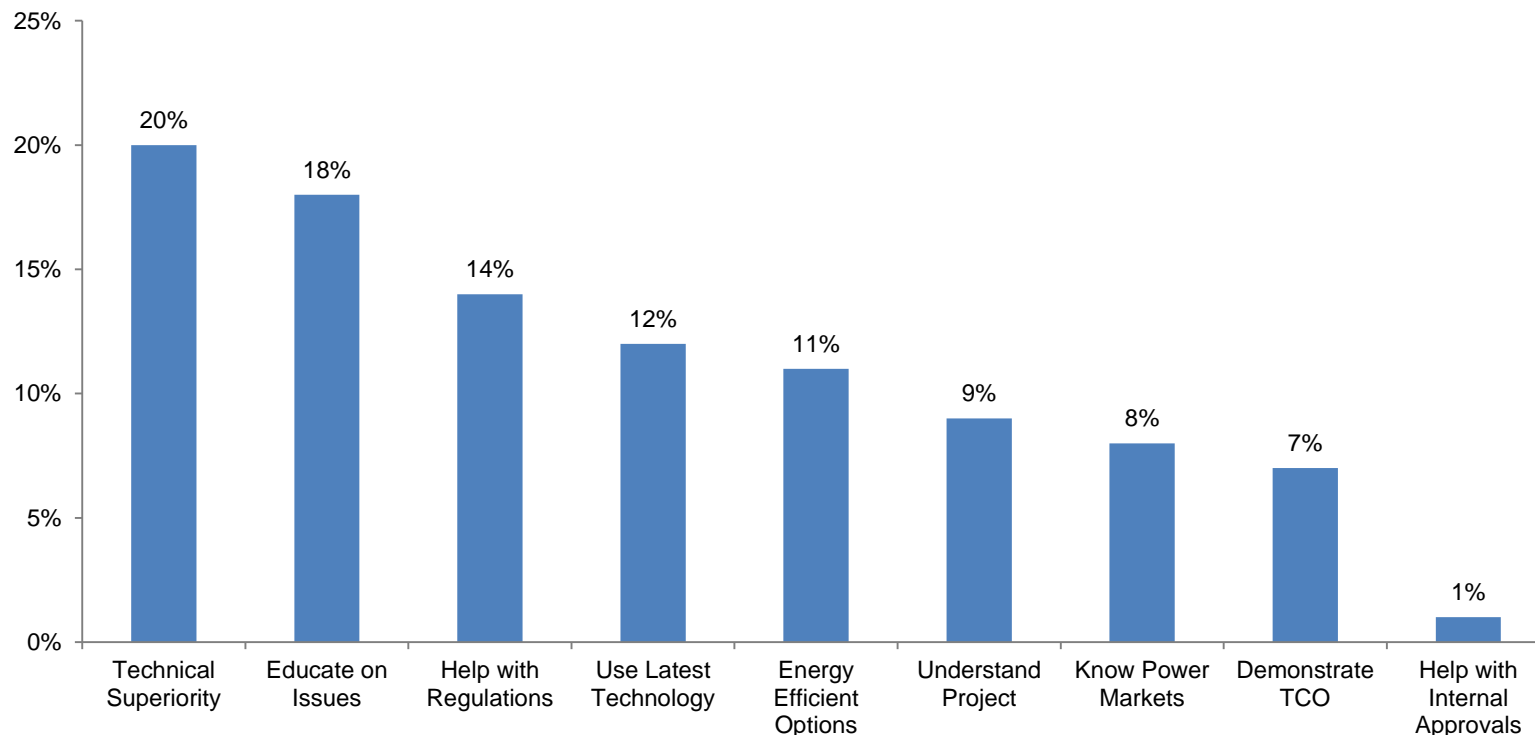
- Respondents who are planning to use a partner were asked to rate the importance of several other considerations in choosing a partner for expanding their data centres.
- Several factors are similar in their importance to choosing a partner.



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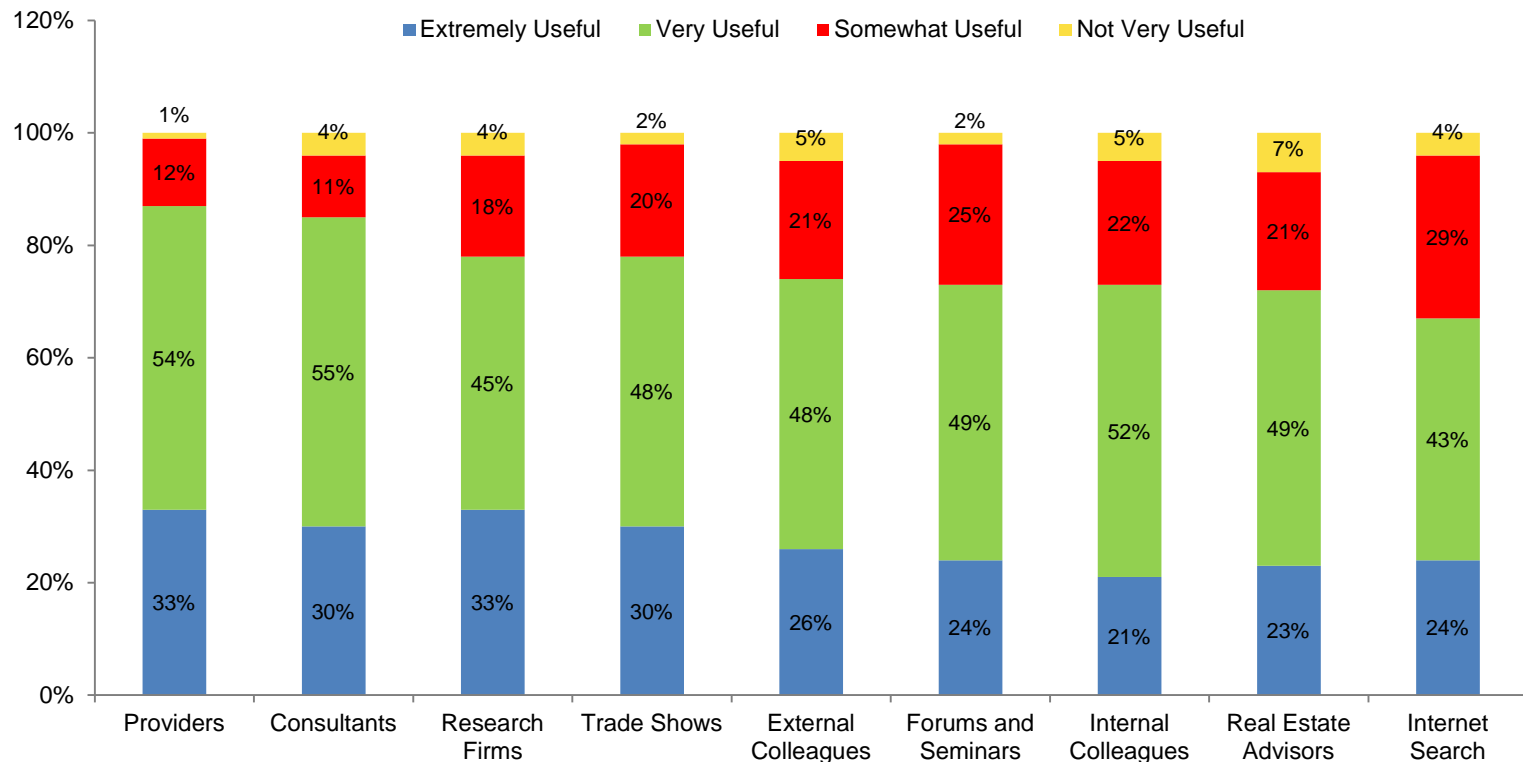


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# Value of Information Sources

- Participants were asked to rate the usefulness of several sources when looking for information about providers of data centre facilities.
- The most useful source is providers, followed by consultants.

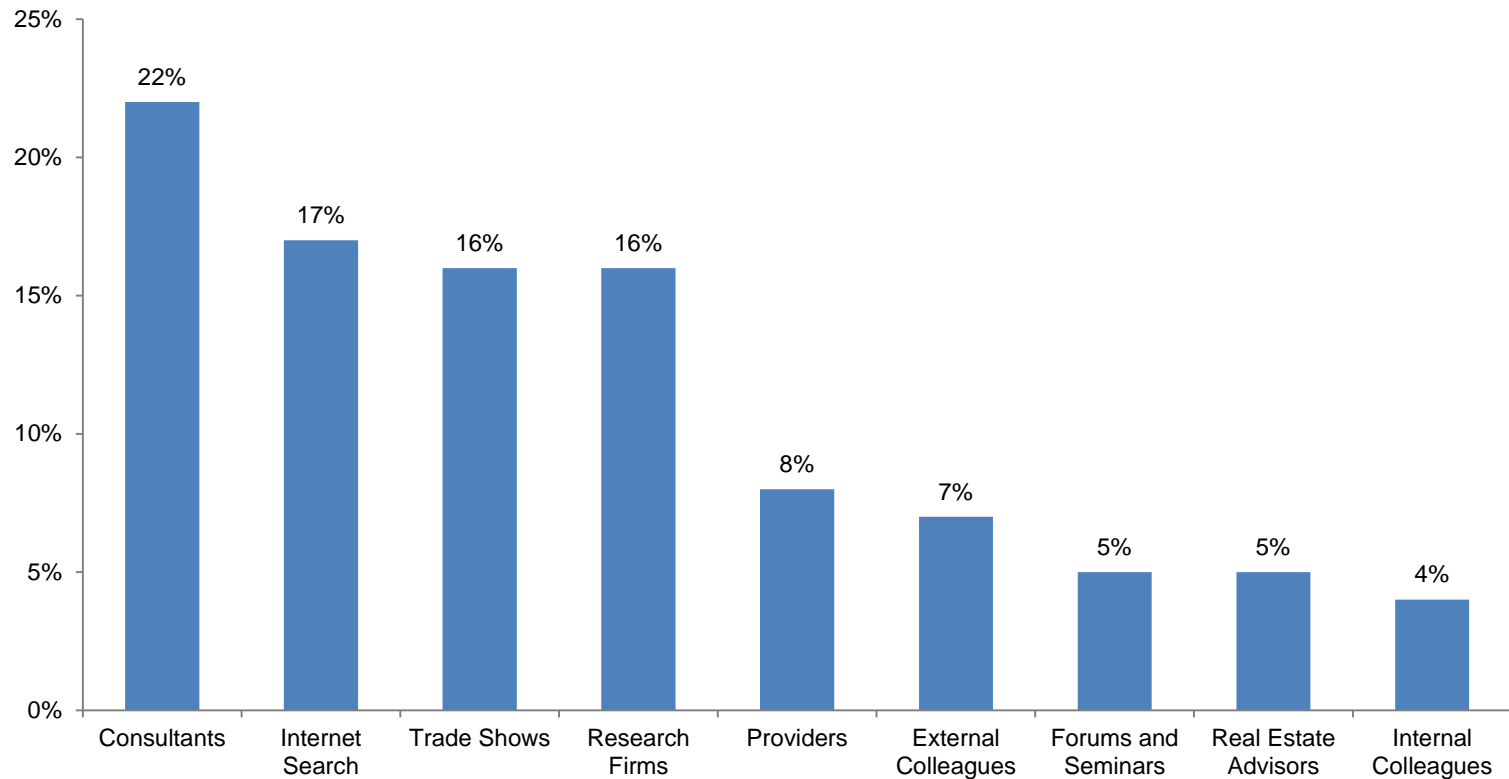


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# Most Useful Information Source

- Respondents were asked which one of these sources is the most valuable.
- Consultants, followed by internet search, trade shows and research firms are seen as most valuable.

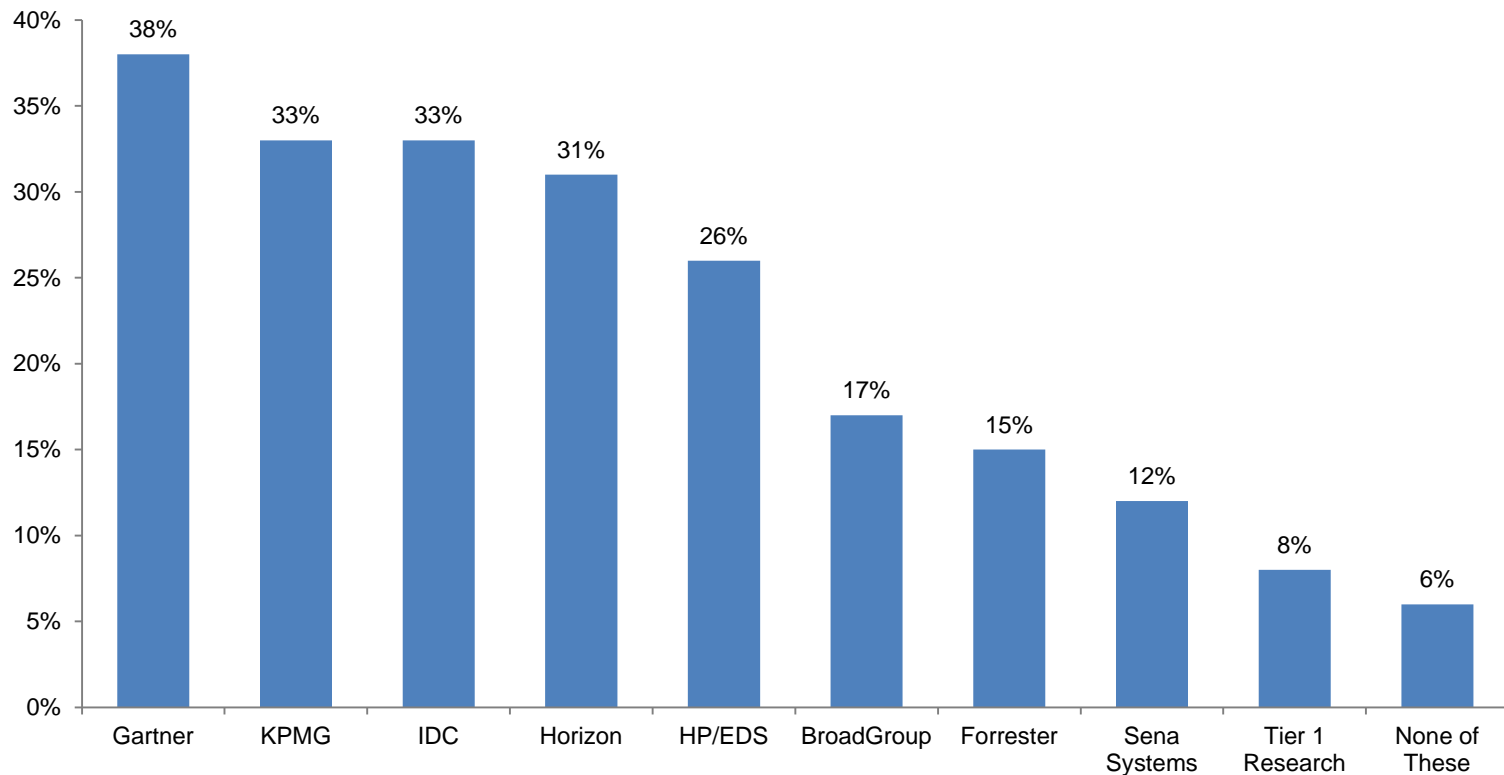


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# Analysts and Research Firms Consulted

- This chart shows the analysts and research firms that participants regularly consult for information on data centres.
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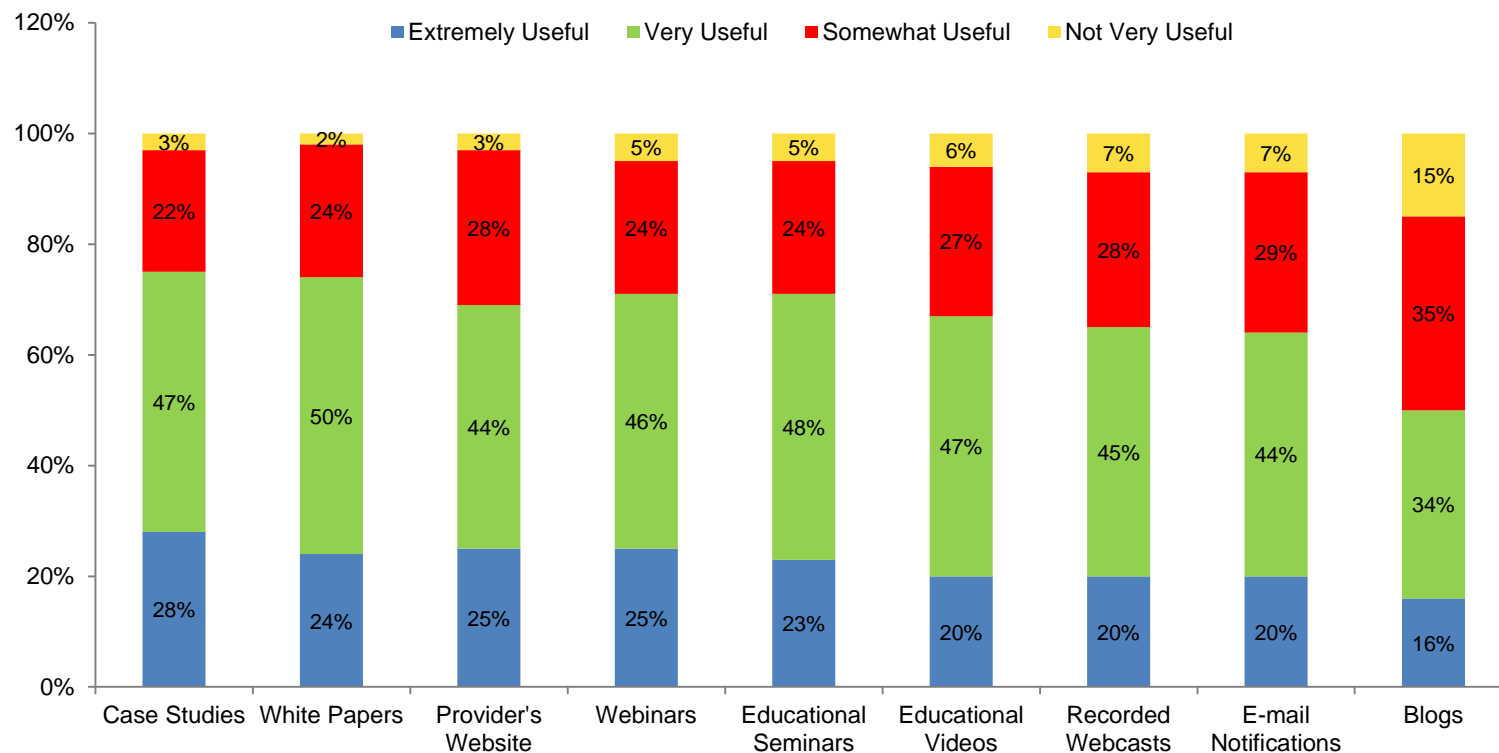


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# Information from Providers

- Participants were asked to rate the value of several sources of information from providers themselves in helping to choose a provider of data centre facilities.
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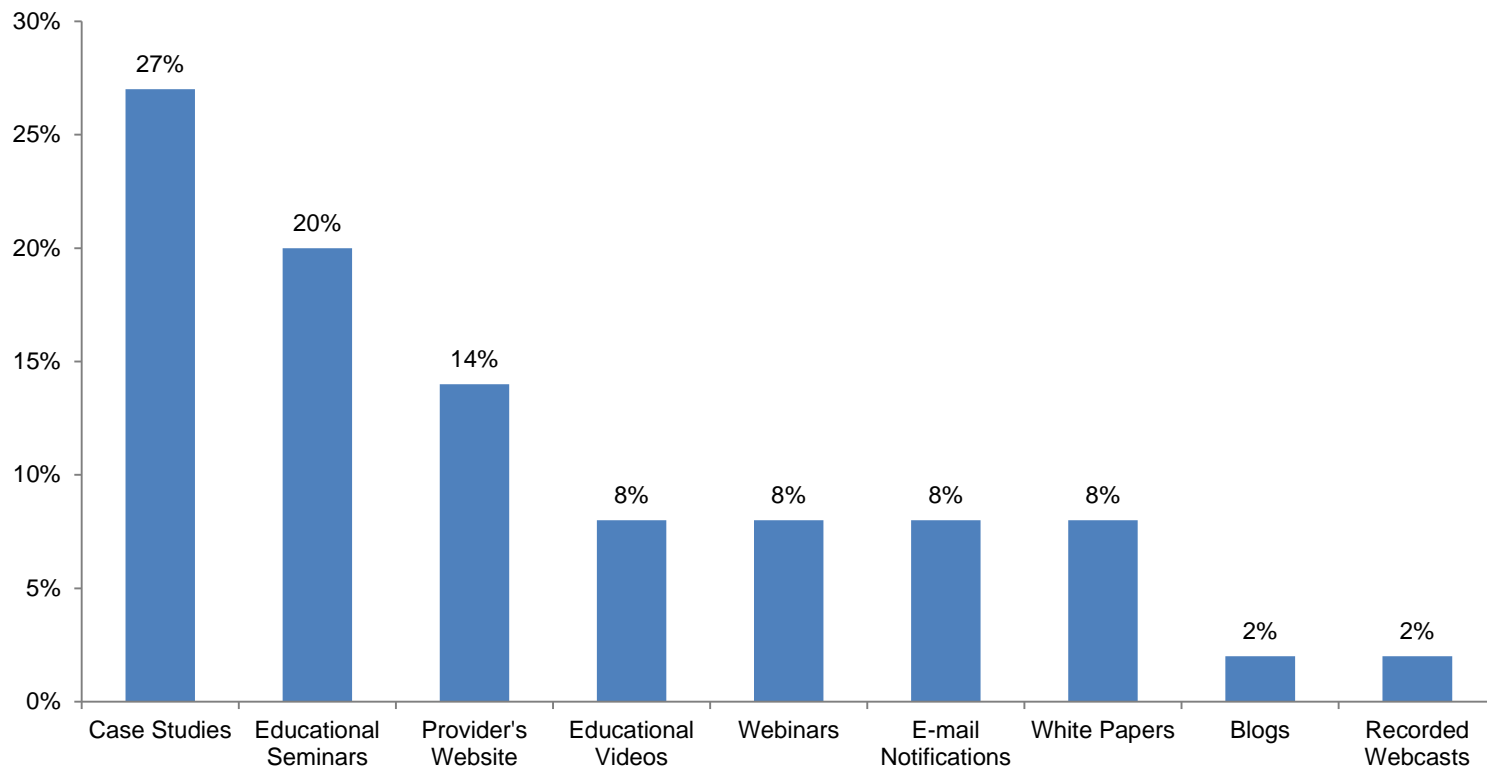


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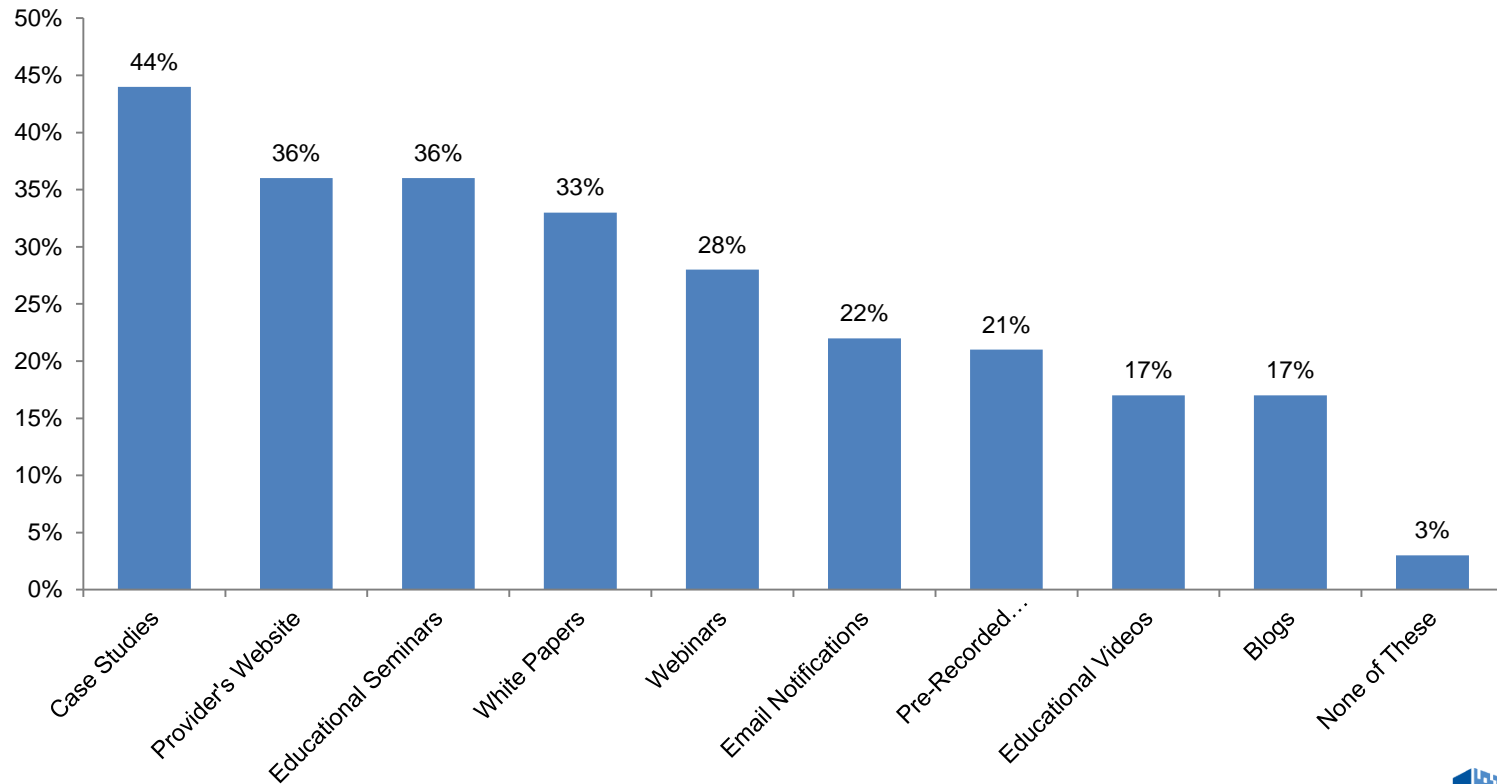


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# Use of Provider Information Sources

- Respondents were asked if they or anyone on their staff used any of these information sources for the last data centre they built or leased.
- Case studies, followed by the provider's Website and educational seminars were used most often.

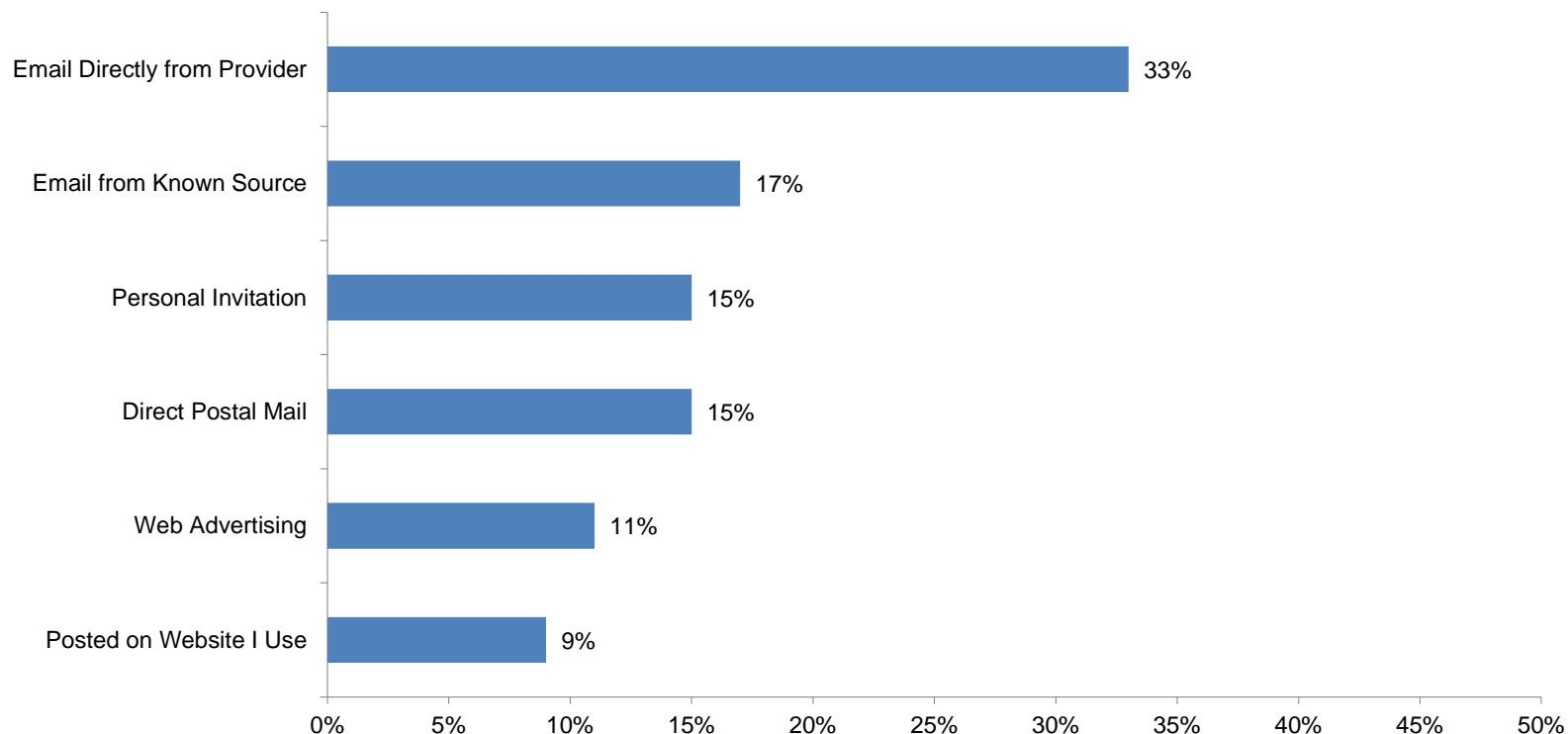


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# Best Way of Notification

- Participants were asked about the best way to notify them about the availability of items such as new white papers or seminars.
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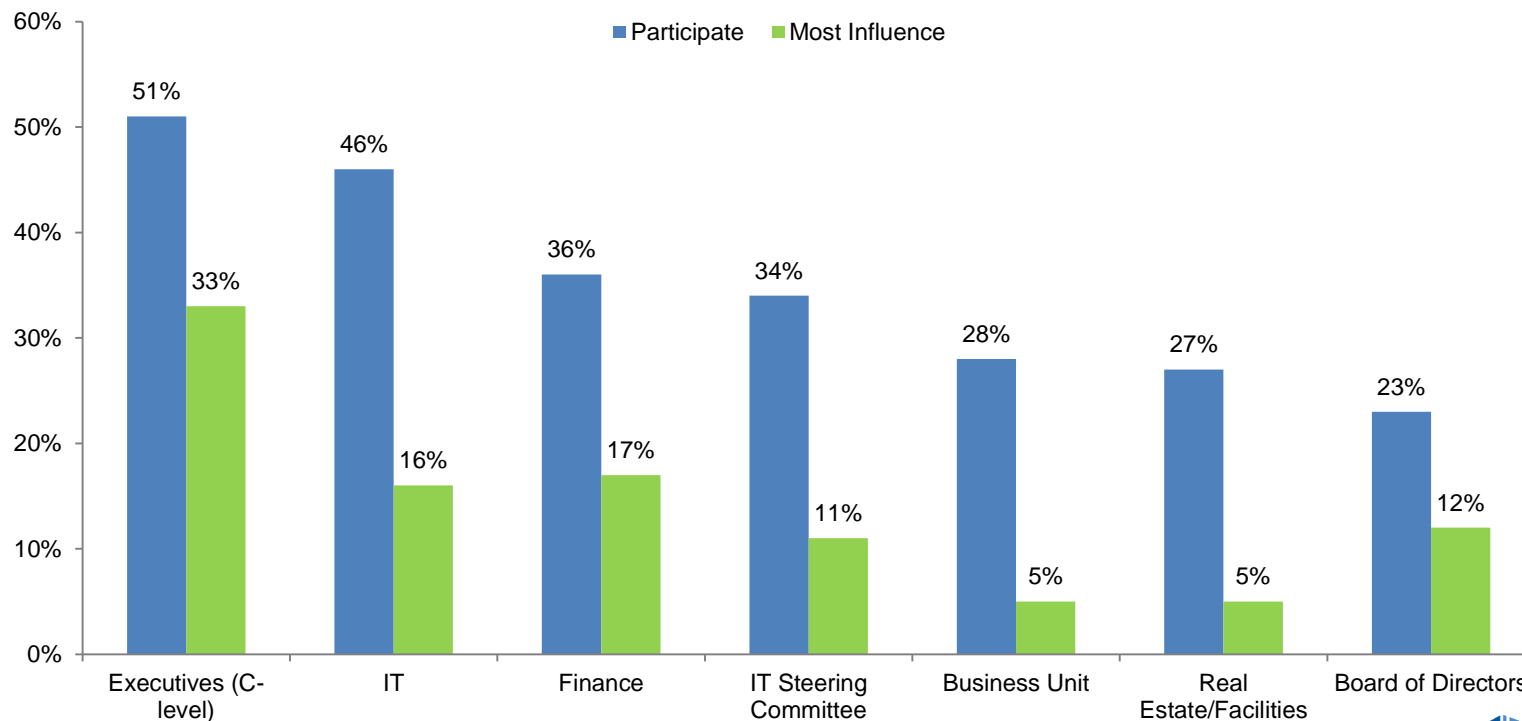


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# Decisions About Partners

- Participants with plans to expand were asked first, which departments participate in their data centre selection decision and second, which single department has the most influence.
- C-level executives and IT have the highest level of participation.
- C-level executives are more likely to have the most influence on a decision.



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# DATA CENTRE LOCATIONS



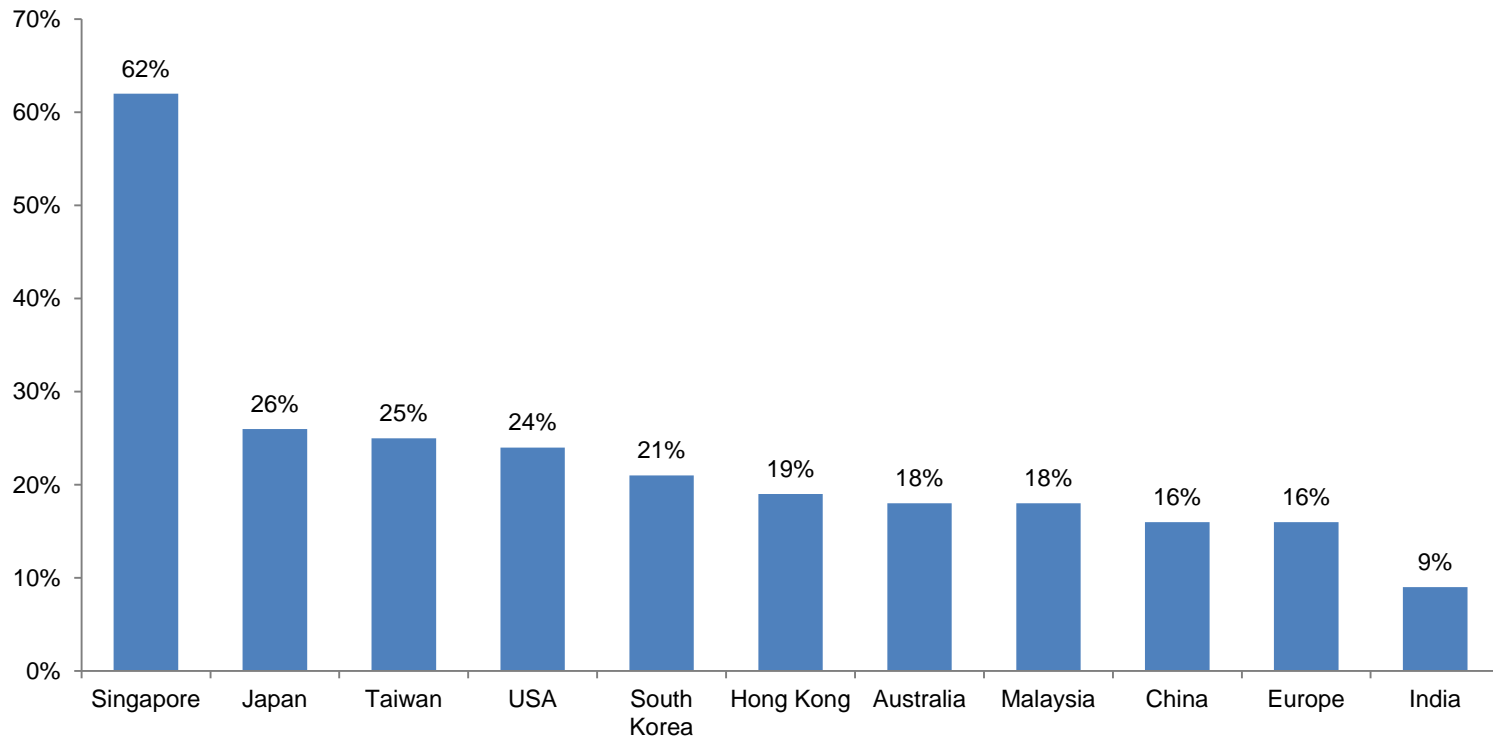
# Location Summary

- Respondents who plan to expand in 2012 or 2013 are more likely to locate a new data centre in Singapore.
- The most mentioned cities for a new data centre are Singapore and Tokyo.
- The most important factors in choosing a location are power availability/cost and security.



# Countries to Locate a New Data Centre

- This chart shows countries where respondents would like to locate a new data centre. Multiple responses were allowed.
- Singapore was mentioned most often.
- Except for the United States, most of the other choices are in Asia.

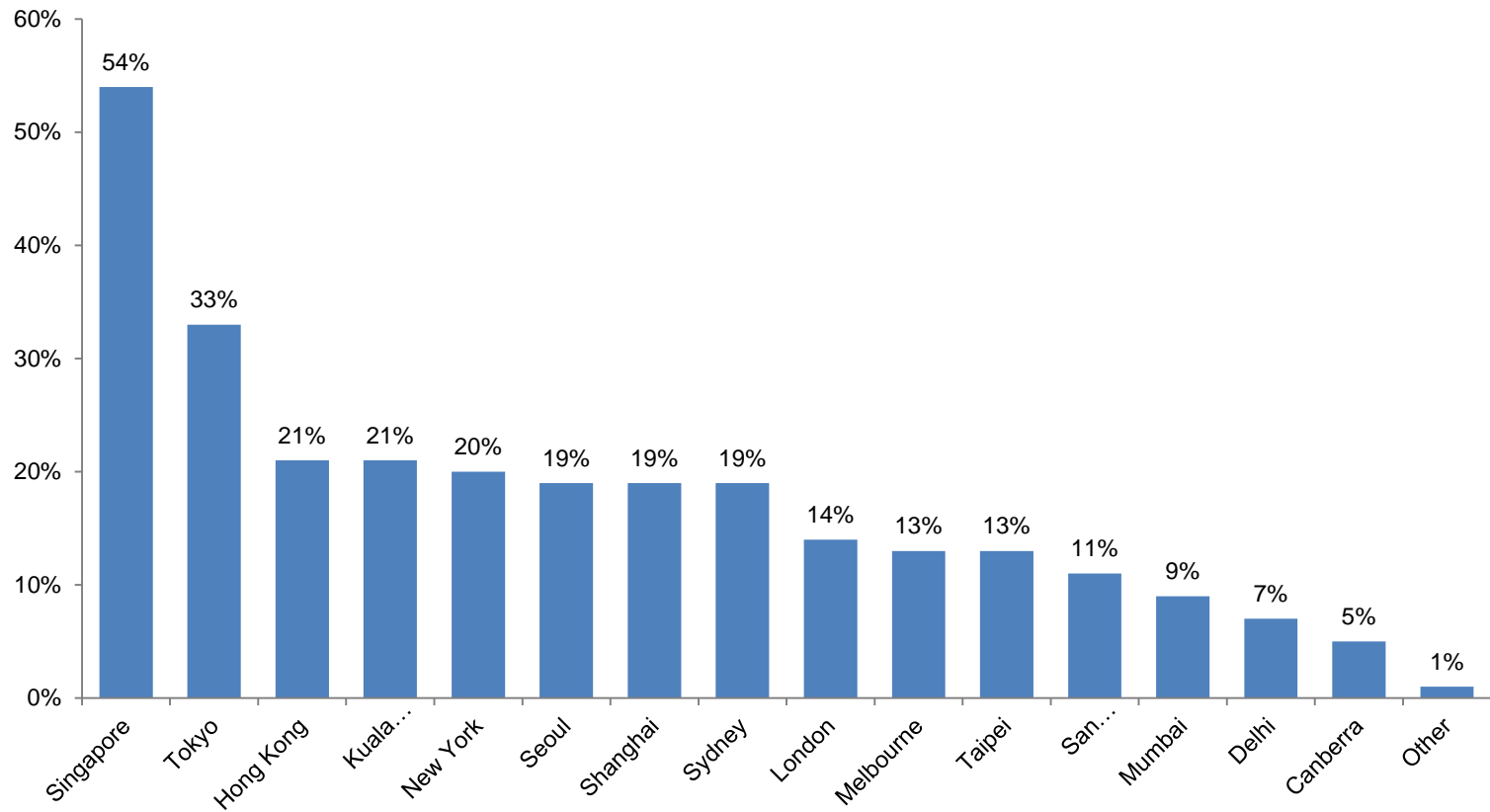


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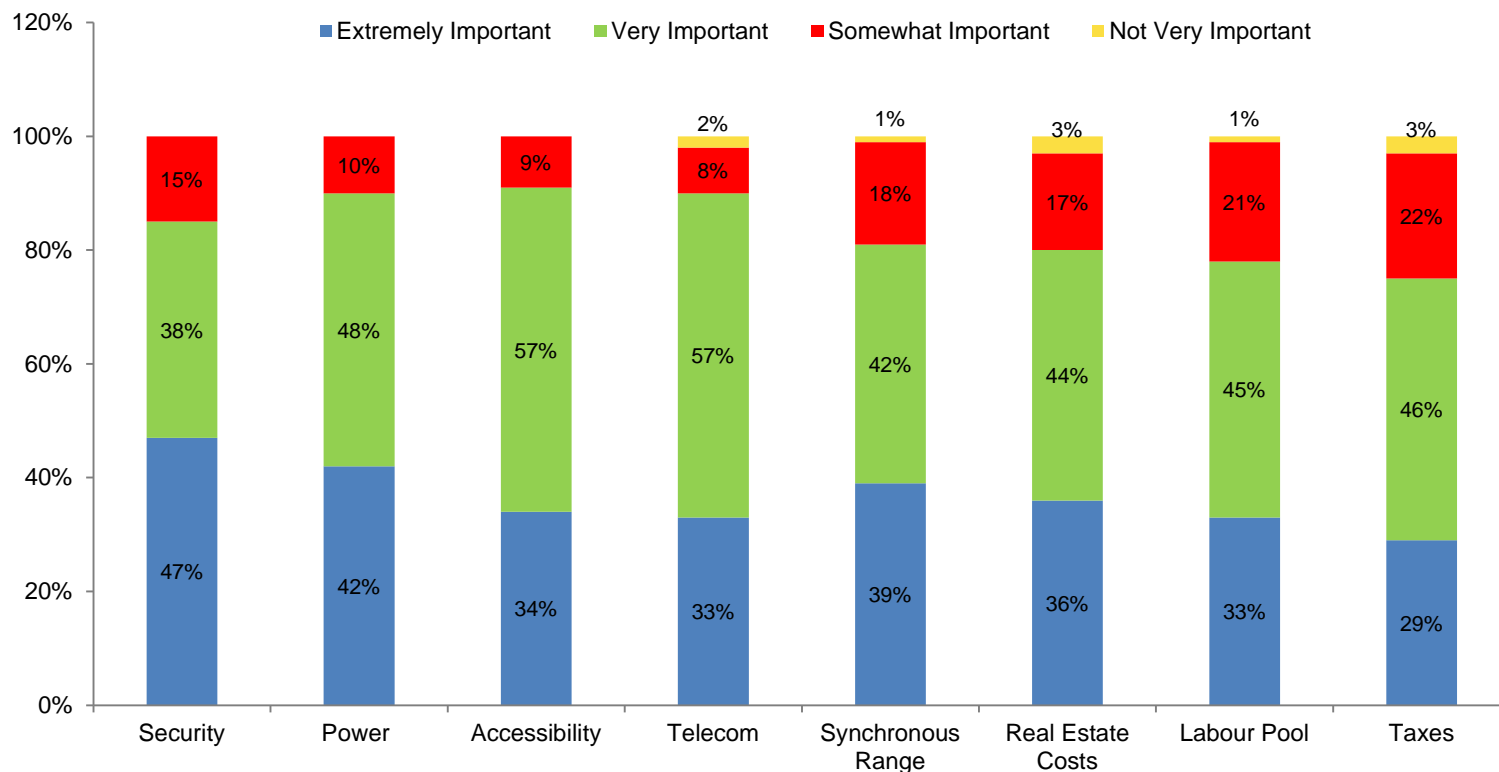


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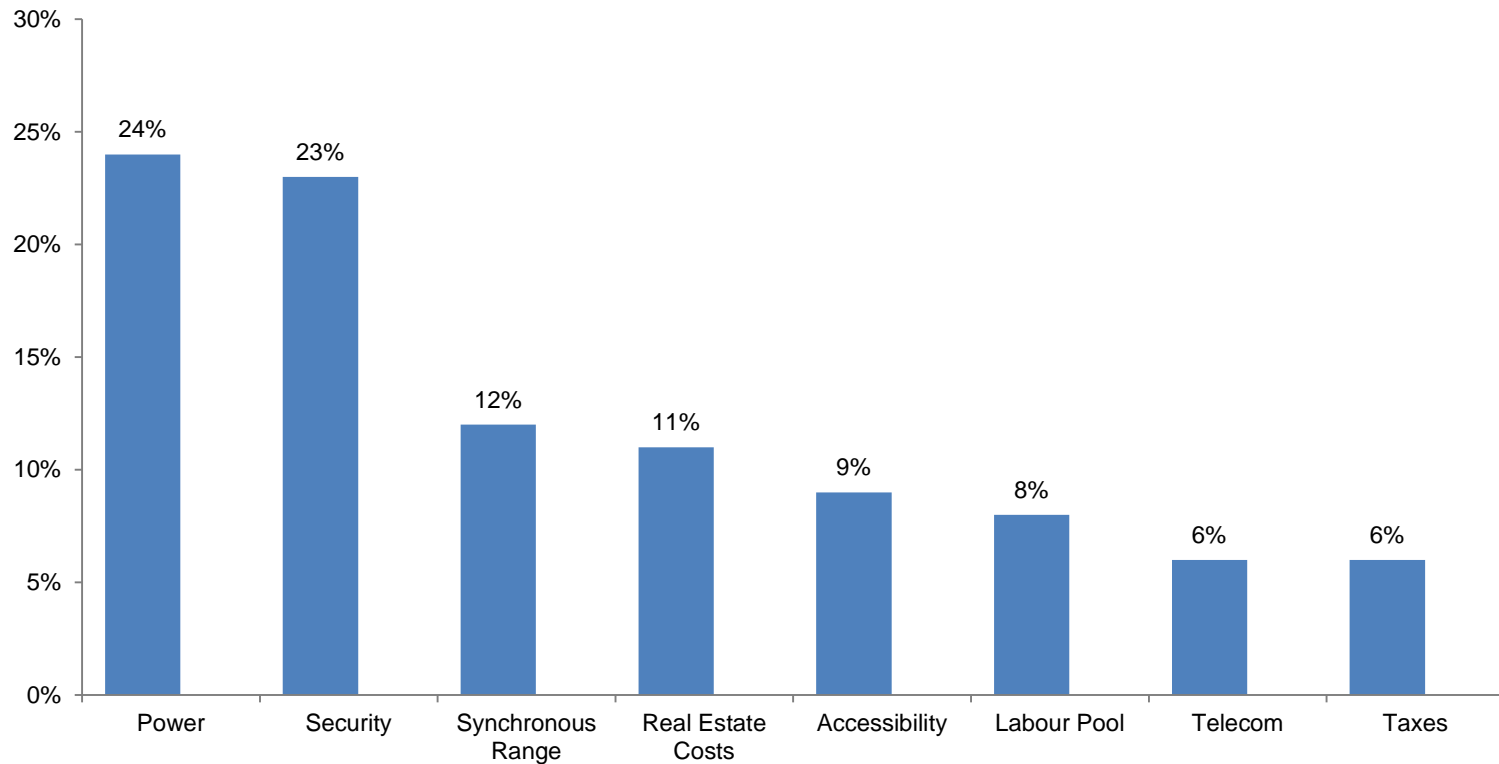
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- Security and power availability/cost are most important, followed by accessibility to personnel and telecom (access to fiber).



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# Most Important Factor in Choosing a Location

- Participants were asked to choose the single most important of several factors in selecting a geographic location for their data centres.
- Power availability/cost and security are the most important factors.



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# APPENDIX



# Confidence Intervals

- At the 90% level of confidence for N=100:
  - The confidence interval around 50% is  $\pm 8.2\%$
  - The confidence interval around 25% is  $\pm 7.1\%$
- At the 95% level of confidence for N=100:
  - The confidence interval around 50% is  $\pm 9.8\%$
  - The confidence interval around 25% is  $\pm 8.5\%$
- At the 90% level of confidence for N=50:
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  - The confidence interval around 25% is  $\pm 10.1\%$
- At the 95% level of confidence for N=50:
  - The confidence interval around 50% is  $\pm 13.9\%$
  - The confidence interval around 25% is  $\pm 12.0\%$





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