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# TAX OUTLOOK SURVEY

## TAX DIRECTORS FOCUS ON TAX REFORM FOR 2016

### TAX DIRECTORS HIGHLIGHT IMPORTANCE OF THE 2016 ELECTION

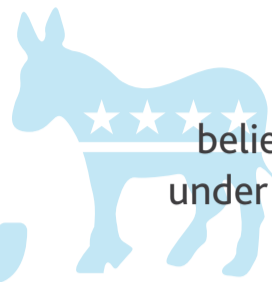
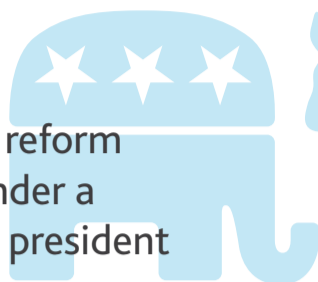


**1 in 5**

say planning for post-election reform is a top concern

**77%**

believe tax reform will pass under a Republican president



**33%**

believe it will pass under a Democratic president

Regardless of the election results,

**63%**

of directors feel the cost of tax compliance has increased over the past year

tax directors have an extensive reform wish list for lawmakers.



**41%**

would like to see a reduced corporate tax rate



**20%**

prioritize a shift to a territorial tax system



**19%**

hope for a simplified tax code



**Just 2%**

consider lowering the cap-gains tax a top concern

While domestic issues steal the spotlight,

### INTERNATIONAL REFORM MEASURES REMAIN A CONCERN

TAX DIRECTORS ARE PRIORITIZING INTERNATIONAL EXPANSION...

**55%**

of directors expect to enter or expand presence in international markets in 2016

BUT ARE CONCERNED ABOUT CROSS-BORDER TAX PLANNING

**48%**

cite international tax planning, including BEPS, as their top tax issue for the coming year

**54%**

believe the BEPS Action Items on transfer pricing—a mechanism used by 81% of directors—poses the greatest concern

### LUCKILY, MANY ARE ALREADY TAKING STEPS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE

**52%**

are pursuing proactive measures based on the BEPS Action Item recommendations

**87%**

expect to complete their country-by-country analysis by the December 2017 first report deadline

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