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Research Overview



Tech's Trust Problem



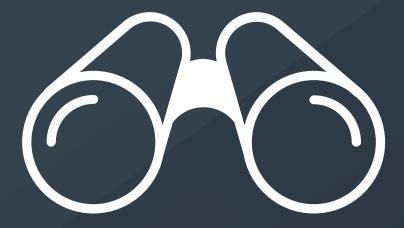
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How to Uncover Tax Opportunities



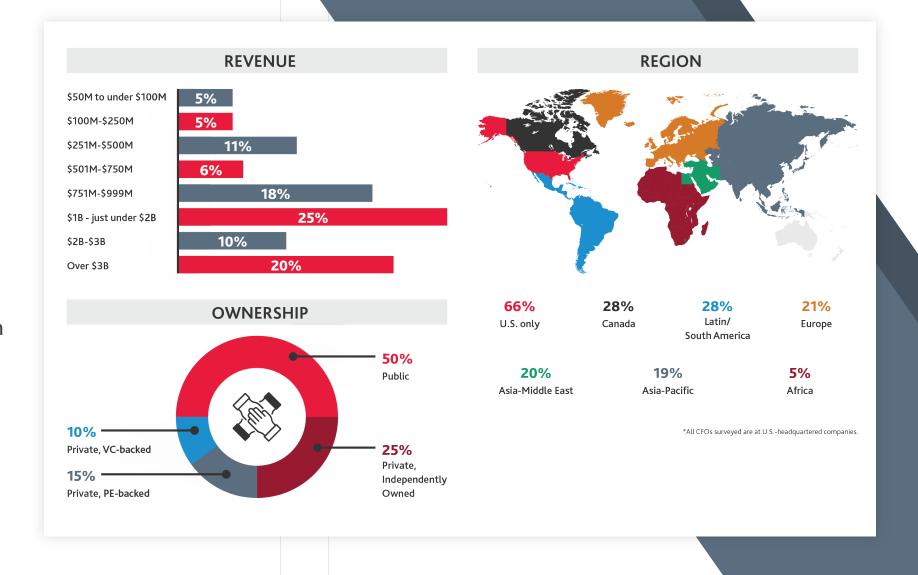
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Methodology

The 2024 Technology CFO Outlook Survey polled 100 tech CFOs from businesses with revenues from \$50 million to \$3 billion or more in October 2023. The survey was conducted by Rabin Roberts Research, an independent marketing research firm, using Op4G's panel of executives.



Tech's Trust Problem

- ► Tech CFOs are increasingly confident in their data privacy practices but consumer trust in tech is declining. What's causing the disconnect?
- ► Tech companies need to ensure they're deploying the right tactics to safeguard data. Right now, only 51% of tech CFOs say they're deploying data mapping and inventory management, which is crucial to getting an accurate picture of the data they manage.

88%

Their company is transparent with consumers about their data collection and processing practices

82%

Consumer data is only used in ways that fully adhere to their data privacy policies

79%

Their employees
have a clear
understanding of
data collection and
processing policies
and processes

77%

They only collect the customer data they need

74%

Protecting consumer data is a priority for their company

DISCUSSION QUESTION #1

How Confident Are You That Your Company's Data Privacy Practices Satisfy Consumer Expectations?



A Very Confident

B Somewhat Confident

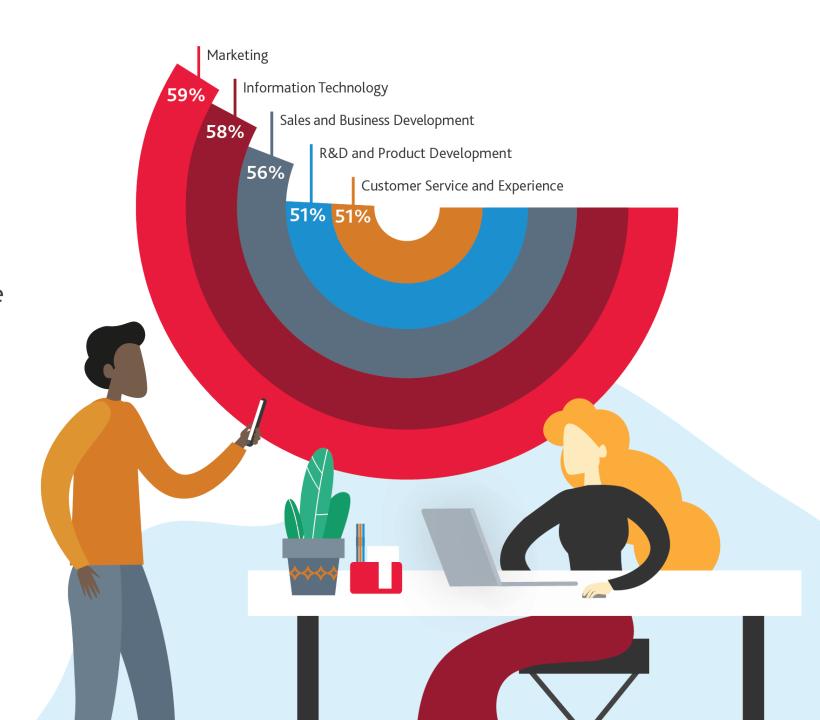
Not Very Confident

Not At All Confident

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PLANNED HEADCOUNT INCREASES

- ► Tech CFOs report that performance remains steady, however since we released our last survey in early 2023, we have seen a 10% decrease in CFOs saying they expect revenue increases in 2024.
- ▶ In effort to weather the choppiness, 51% of CFOs plan to pursue product or service expansions; 49% plan to pursue a pricing strategy adjustment; and 49% plan to reevaluate sourcing strategies.



47% **Improving the Customer Experience** 43% **Upgrading Products or Services** 42% **Increasing Operational Efficiencies**

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ACTIVITY ACCELERATIONS
DUE TO MARKET VOLATILITY

How Do You Expect Your Revenue to Change in 2024?





- B Increase 1-10%
- C Stay about the same
- D Decrease 1-10%
- E Decrease over 10%

How to Uncover Tax Opportunities

- ▶ 82% of tech CFOs say their tax function provides strategic value to the broader business. However, many tech organizations aren't taking advantage of the tax opportunities available to them.
- ▶ 78% say their tax function is adequately resourced to meet their needs. At the same time, 64% say their tax function has no issues meeting compliance deadlines.
- Are tax functions truly adequately resourced? If not, outsourcing and automation may be able to help.

Renewable Energy Credits **54%** Negotiated Incentives and/or **51%** Sale of Net Operating Losses Employment-Related **49**% **Incentives R&D Tax Credits 29**%

Tax-Related Interstate Expansions



We plan to make a taxrelated interstate expansion in the next 12 months



We made a tax-related interstate expansion in the last 12 months



We're not planning to make a tax-related interstate expansion

DISCUSSION QUESTION #3

To What Degree Is Your Tax
Function Involved in Strategic
Business Discussions and
Decisions?





B Somewhat Involved

C Not Very Involved

IMMEDIATE FOLLOW UP

Would You Like to Speak to Any of Our Presenters on the Content From Today's Webinar?



Yes, I'd like to speak to Karen Schuler's team on trust in tech

- Yes, I'd like to speak to **Stephanie** Hewlett's team on building resilience
- Yes, I'd like to speak to Matt Dyment's team on how to uncover tax opportunities
- No, thank you

