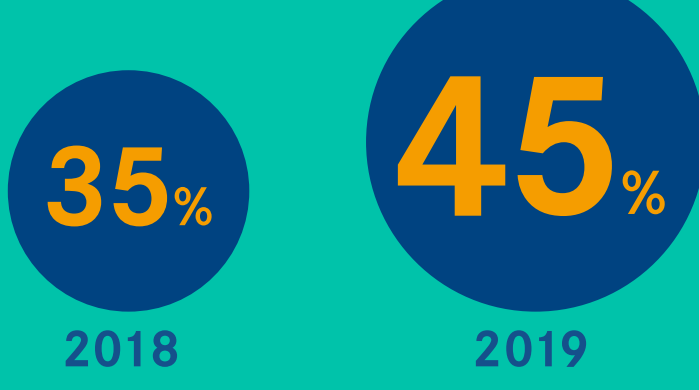




## BUSINESS TRAVEL BOOMS!



45% of travel managers expect more travel in 2019. This is by far the highest number since the financial crash a decade ago.

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Biggest believers they will travel more next year:



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Biggest believers they will travel less next year:



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# 777 travel managers worldwide say that in 2019:

- Business trips will increase
- Business travel spend will increase
- The economy is affecting travel positively

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## IN LINE WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD

Travel managers' generally positive views are aligned with other economic indicators:

Source: World Economic Outlook, International Monetary Fund, October 2018



Predicted global GDP growth for 2019

## GO, GO, GO! TRAVEL MANAGERS ARE POSITIVE ABOUT THE ECONOMY

Positive effect in %



“What effect does the current economic situation have on your business trips?”

46% is by far the most positive view on the economic impact on business travel.

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83% Expect a positive effect on their business trips:

Mexico

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57% Expect a negative effect on their business trips:

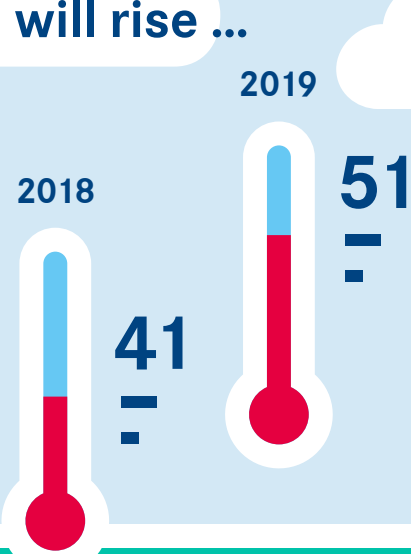
South Africa

## EXPECT TO PAY MORE FOR BUSINESS TRAVEL IN 2019

There has been a sharp jump in travel managers expecting travel spend to rise:

“How will business travel expenditure in your company develop over the next 12 months?”

Travel spend will rise ...



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### WHY are companies expecting their total spend to increase?

Cross-analysis with other answers suggests the main reasons are:

- More trips
- Spend per trip will increase
- More “ultra” long-haul flights

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### WHO will pay more/less?

Countries where the most travel managers expect higher spend  
**Mexico (80%), South Africa (77%)**

Countries where the most travel managers expect lower spend  
**Turkey (27%), Russia (27%)**

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## SPEND INCREASES BY CATEGORY

Percentage of travel managers who expect spend to climb for:



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## INCREDIBLE INDIA!

Once again India is expected to be the fastest-growing business market in 2019:

- India has the highest number of **travel managers expecting trip growth (83%)**.
- **0%** of Indian travel managers expect their company to travel less.
- India has the second-highest number of travel managers who believe the **economy is affecting travel positively (73%)**.
- **0%** of Indian travel managers expect to spend less on travel.

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## BREXIT... MIXED MESSAGES FROM THE UK

Only 1% of UK travel managers expect travel spend to fall in 2019:

**BUT** A very high number of UK travel managers think the economy is helping:



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