In its eighth year, the 2018 Global Entrepreneur Indicator (GEI) is a twice-yearly gauge of the near-term global economic outlook that delivers data on job creation, profit outlook and access to capital, among other key metrics. The Entrepreneurs’ Organization’s February GEI—taken by 4,480 leading entrepreneurs—reveals the current state of 58 countries’ business landscapes and economic health, among other statistics designed to identify economic trends, drive fiscal growth and strengthen communities.

**JOB CREATION**
Entrepreneurs indicate increase in full-time staffing levels

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**ECONOMICS**
83%

Entrepreneurs cite willingness to start a new business in the current economic environment

**ACCESS TO CAPITAL**
Respondents report increased funding opportunities during past six months

- Stayed the same: 63%
- Reported an increase: 32%
- Reported a decrease: 5%

**FUNDING**
27%

of entrepreneurs found it difficult or very difficult to receive external funding in the past 6 months

**PROFIT OUTLOOK**
Business owners overwhelmingly optimistic about net profits in next six months

- Increase: 79%
- Stay the same: 17%
- Decrease: 4%

**BUSINESS FOCUS**
In the next 6 months, global entrepreneurs will be mainly focused on:

- Improving profitability: 59%
- Employee growth: 15%
- Research and development: 9%