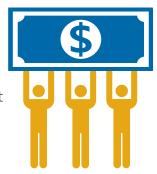
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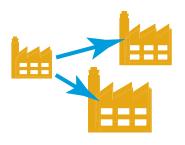
The middle market in the United States takes in a combined annual revenue of \$6 trillion and employs more than 30 million people.<sup>†</sup>

## **ECONOMIC OUTLOOK & GROWTH**

96%

believe middle market job growth will have a significant impact on strengthening the U.S. economy





**55**%

expect to expand into adjacent markets

51%

expect the U.S. economy to be stronger in 12 months





**59**%

expect to increase the range of products and services they offer

**54**%

believe rising interest rates would have a negative impact on their business



81% satisfied with their access

to financing

80% satisfied with their cost of

financing

46% expect the size of their workforce will increase

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2013 **A** 

**55**%

say they are better off today than they were a year ago

Middle market executives expect to use financing over the next 12 months for:

**35**%



Working Capital



**34**%

**30**%



Acquisitions



**55**%

believe "hard work over many years" has been the secret to their success Middle market executives indicated they were most concerned with the following issues over the next year:

U.S. economic uncertainty

81%



Increased taxes



Compliance with regulations

66%

