## Family Business Survey 2018

Greece report



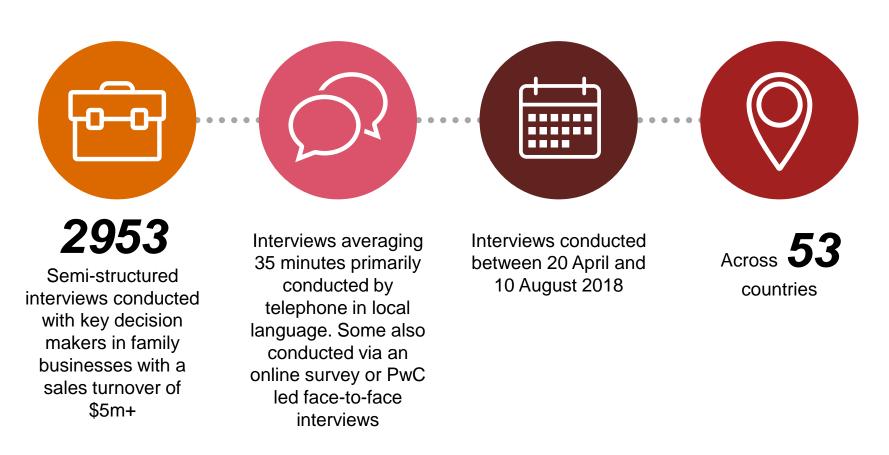


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### About the Family Business Survey

The Family Business Survey is a global market survey among key decision makers in family businesses within a number of PwC's key territories. The goal of the survey is to get an understanding of what family businesses are thinking on the key issues of the day.







### Headline findings

Growth among Greek family businesses over the last 12 months has increased compared with those answering in 2016 and is similar to the global average.

66% have seen growth (vs. 56% in 2016), including 41% who have seen double digit growth. Globally, 69% of family businesses grew. 91% of Greek family businesses expect to grow over the next two years, which is higher than the global average (84%). International sales currently account for 34% of Greek family business turnover and is predicted to account for 41% in five years' time.

Key challenges for Greek family businesses in the next two years are the need to innovate in order to keep ahead, access to the right skills and the economic environment.

Data management and digitalisation are issues for more than half. In terms of important personal and business goals, the maintenance of the best talent (via recruitment and retention) for the business and reward systems for employees are crucial (94% cite these).

Improving profitability is also key.

Half say they have a **formal mid-term strategic plan** in place. 38% have no plan at all (higher than the global average of 21%). 34% of Greek family businesses expect to change their business model over the next two years (vs. 20% globally) and 75% say they will bring in professional expertise from outside the family (vs. 53% globally). There is a slightly higher level of diversification in Greece than average with a third (34%) operating in multiple sectors <u>and</u> markets (the global average is 26%).

## Headline findings cont'd

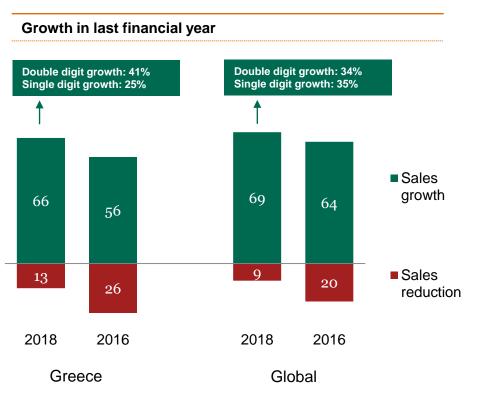
- 56% of Greek family businesses feel they will have made significant steps in terms of digital capabilities in the next two years (similar to the 57% who say this globally). More businesses feel vulnerable to digital disruption (19%) than in 2016, but this is still lower than the global average. 31% of Greek family businesses feel vulnerable to a cyber-attack.
- 9% of businesses have a robust, documented and communicated succession plan in place (lower than the 15% recorded in 2016, and the global average of 15%). 44% of family businesses in Greece plan to pass on management and/or ownership to the next generation.
- 94% of Greek family businesses have a clear sense of agreed values and purpose as a company and 63% have these values or a company mission in a written format (vs. 49% globally). It is felt strongly that such values benefit the company; notably in areas of business reputation and increased sustainability. Seven in 10 feel their values have created a competitive advantage or increased profitability.
- Women average 24% of board members in Greek family businesses (vs. a global average of 21%) and 30% of people on the management team (24% globally).

# Organisation performance

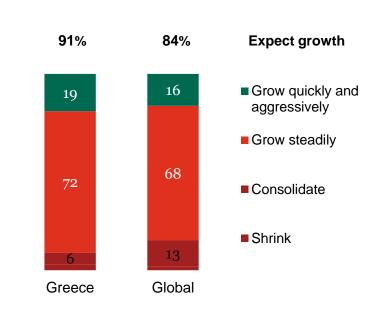


# Growth among Greek family businesses over the last 12 months has increased





#### Growth aims over the next two years

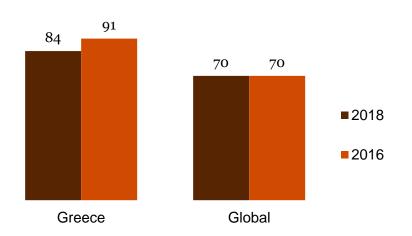


In 2016, 92% of businesses in Greece and 85% of Global businesses expected to grow over the next **five years** 

## 84% of family businesses in Greece currently export their goods or services (down from 91% in 2016), higher than the global average

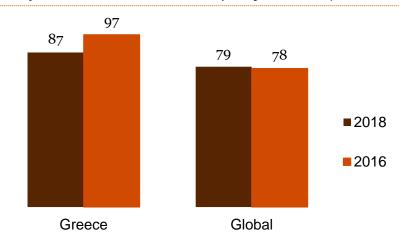
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#### Any current international sales



On average, foreign sales accounts for 34% of turnover in Greece. This average includes all businesses (even those not exporting at all).

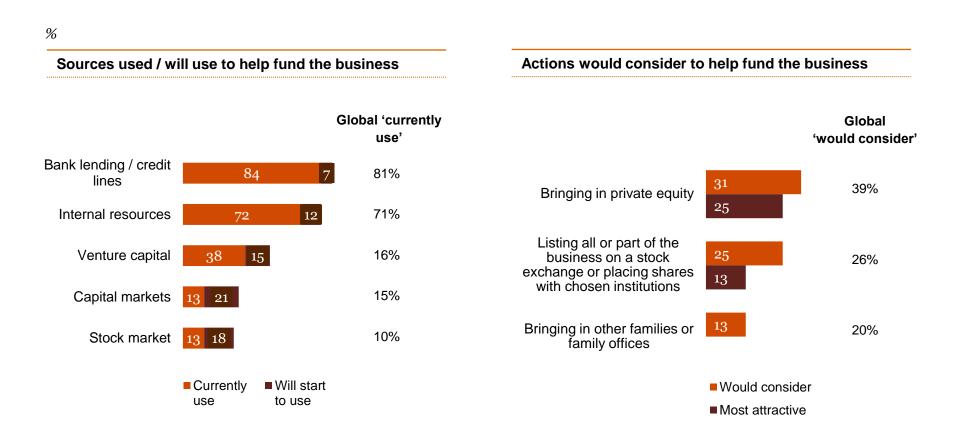
#### Any future international sales (five years' time)



On average, it is estimated that foreign sales will account for 41% of turnover in Greece in five years' time. Again, this average includes all businesses (even those expecting that they won't be exporting at all in five years' time).

### Bank credit and internal resources are mostly used to fund the business

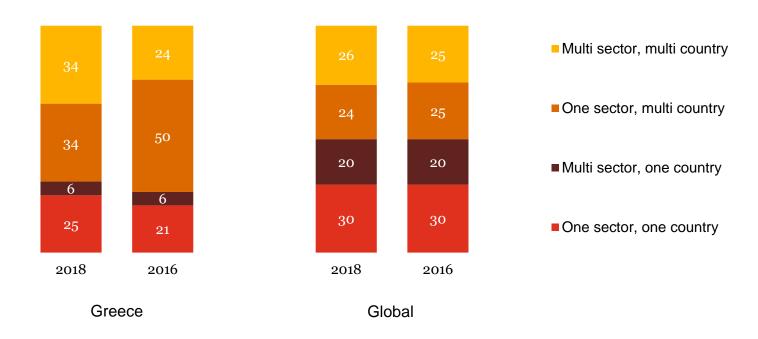
Around one in three Greek FBs would consider bringing in private equity



# More than a third of Greek businesses work in multiple sectors and multiple countries, compared with 26% globally

%

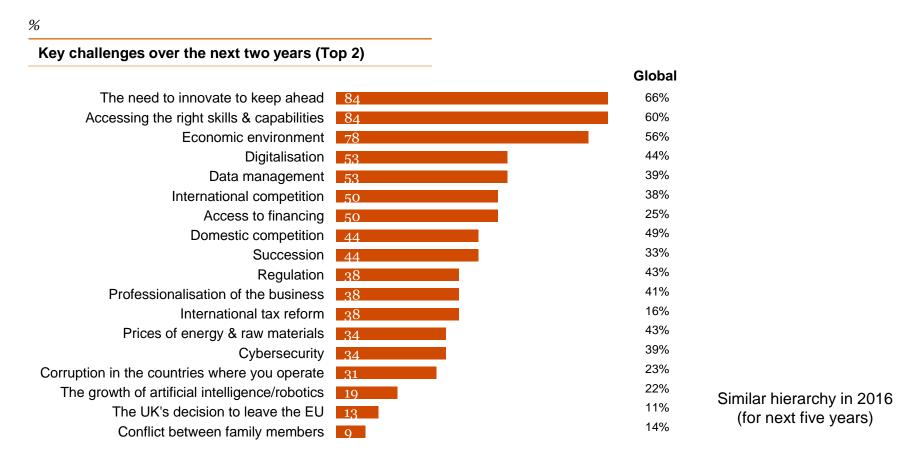
#### Family businesses diversification





# Organisation challenges

# Innovation, accessing skills & capabilities and the economic environment are the key challenges faced by Greek family businesses



# Retaining and rewarding talent and improving profitability are the key personal and business goals for the next two years

% Important personal & business goals (Top 2) Global To attract & retain the best talent for the business 94 87% To offer a compelling reward system for employees 94 62% To improve profitability 80% To be more innovative 78 73% To contribute to the community and leave a positive legacy 60% To diversify 44% To achieve a work-life balance 69 58% To professionalise the business 56 64% To internationalise 53 37% To promote diversity 45%



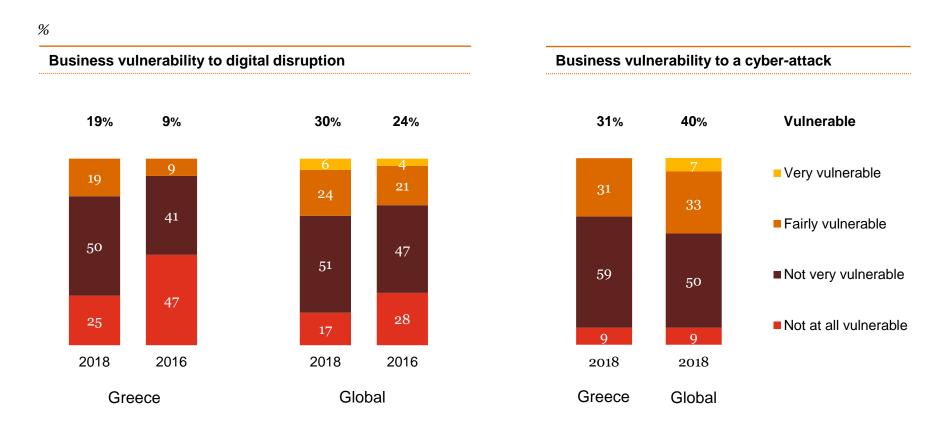
56% think they will have stepped up digital capability in the next two years



### Almost half expect to be selling in new countries and a third expect to have significantly changed their business model

% Likely true of business in 2 years (Top 2) Global Will have brought in experienced professionals from 53% outside the family to help run it Will have made significant steps in terms of digital 57% 56 capabilities Will be selling its goods or services in new countries 38% 47 20% Will have significantly changed its business model 34 Will have been involved in buying or merging with 24% 25 other domestic companies Will earn the majority of its revenues from new 18% 16 products or services Will have been involved in buying or merging with 18% other companies outside of its domestic market

# More businesses feel vulnerable to digital disruption (19%) than in 2016, but this is still lower than the global average. 31% feel vulnerable to a cyber-attack



# A minority is able to talk about specific technologies. The threat tended to be seen as challenging their existing business model

### Answers tended to fall into three camps – global findings

### General threat from competitors – current or yet to emerge

Competition could come from a wide range of sources

- Large multinationals
   – challenging the way
  they sell their products and the supply chain
  (e.g. Amazon, Google,)
- New entrants (large or small) with the skills and funding to disrupt the market and be digital from the outset (e.g. fintech, the next 'Uber', Google in construction)
- · Seen as hard to keep up and/or stay ahead
- Owning the data also seen as key

Consumer behaviour is changing

- · Increasing move to e-commerce
- Fear an increasingly price led market place will devalue the traditional strengths of FBs

### Threat (or opportunity) from specific technologies

- · Most mentions of Artificial Intelligence
- Small numbers of mentions of Blockchain, Big Data, machine learning, 3D Printing, driverless cars
- Tends to be raised as a competitive threat although some talk of the impact on jobs
- More likely to talk about as a threat than an opportunity – although some see as a means of getting ahead
- Again, challenges in keeping up; having the right skills set, leadership skills and investment

### Uncertainty/lack of understanding of the threat

A sizeable proportion interpret digital disruption to be security threat

 Mentions of significant fears over cyber security, vulnerability to cyber crime, reputational threats from social media, banking fraud and/or systems outages

Others have a more general fear of being left behind but lack the ability to get ahead

• The business or the family remain traditional in their outlook

#### **Examples from Greece**

"In technical intelligence and in digital advertising, and in general in distribution. Generally throughout the design and virtual world. The biggest challenge and the biggest danger is with Amazon fashion." (Greece)

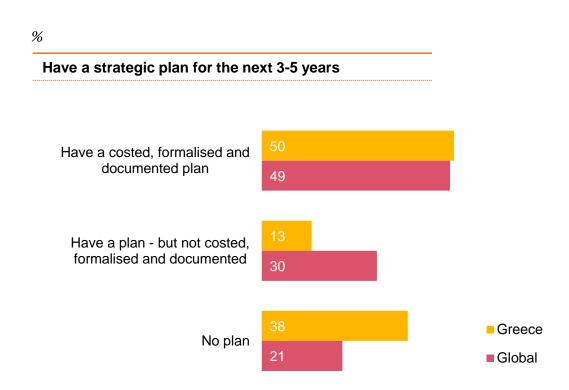
"Information. The world is updated by other, means like Facebook." (Greece)

"Online shops which deliver at home the super market list." (Greece)

# Half say they have a costed, formalised and documented mid-term plan

38%

of Greek family businesses have no plan at all (higher than the global average 21%)



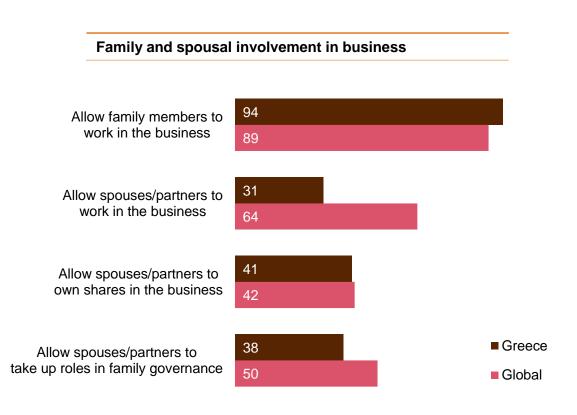


Family involvement and succession planning

# 31% of Greek family businesses allow spouses/partners to work in the business

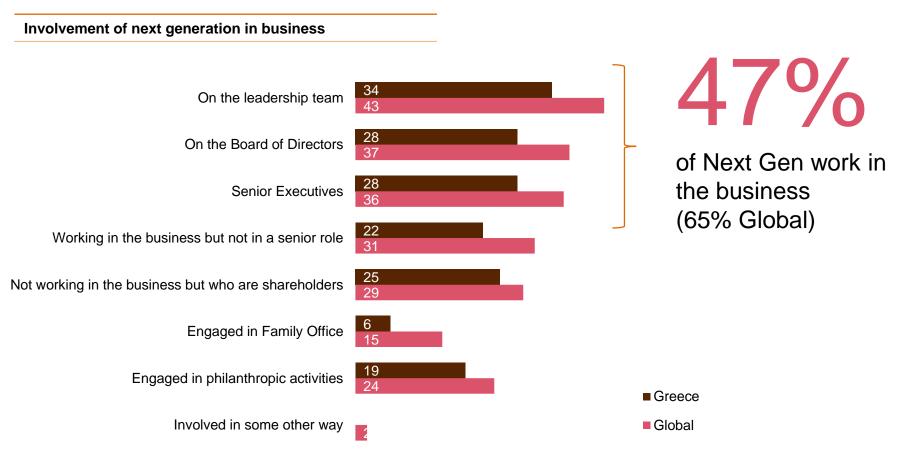
41%

Of Greek family businesses spouses/ partners are allowed to own shares or take up governance roles



# Next generation family members working in the business

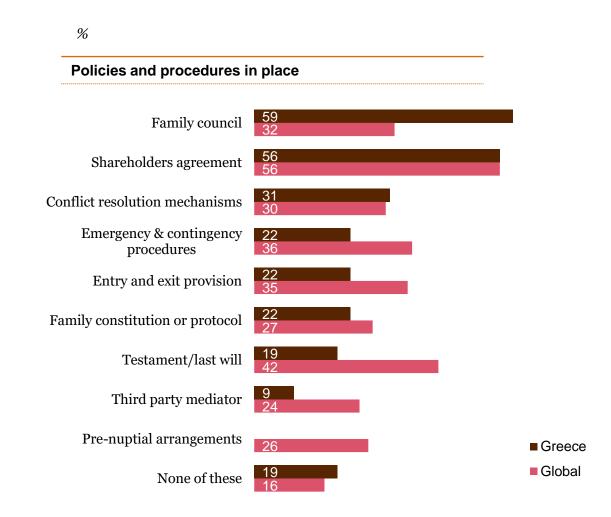
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### Policies and procedures within the business

81%

have some form of policy or procedure in place within the business, close to the global average (84%)



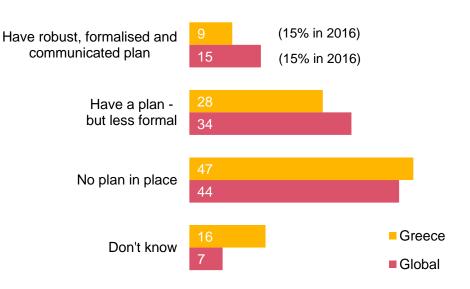
# 63% claim that family conflict is handled within the immediate family. Only 3% use a third party resolution service

% Approaches use to handle family conflict 63 Conflict is handled within the immediate family 50 Conflict is discussed openly by the family Ignore conflict because of societal norms Use a third-party conflict resolution service Greece Other approaches Global Not applicable / No conflict has occurred

# Do Greek family businesses have a succession plan in place?

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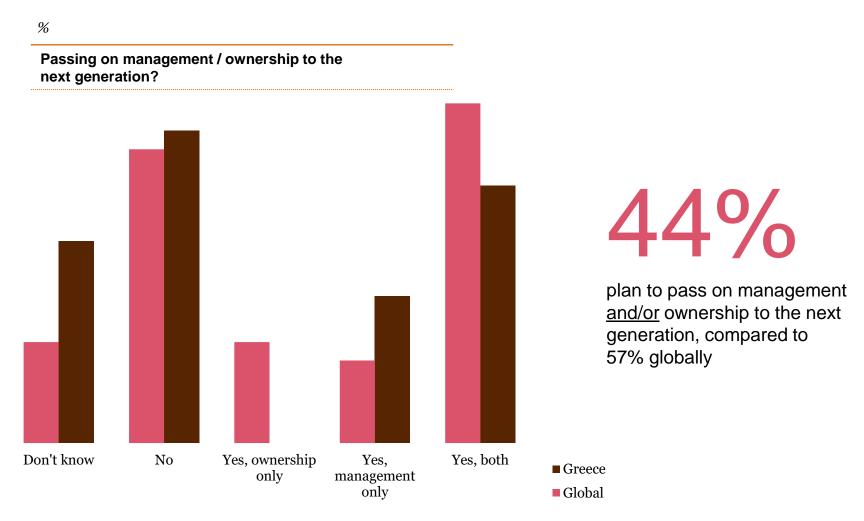




9%

of Greek family businesses have a robust, formalised and communicated succession plan in place

## Passing management to the next generation





Values, Purpose, Impact, Legacy



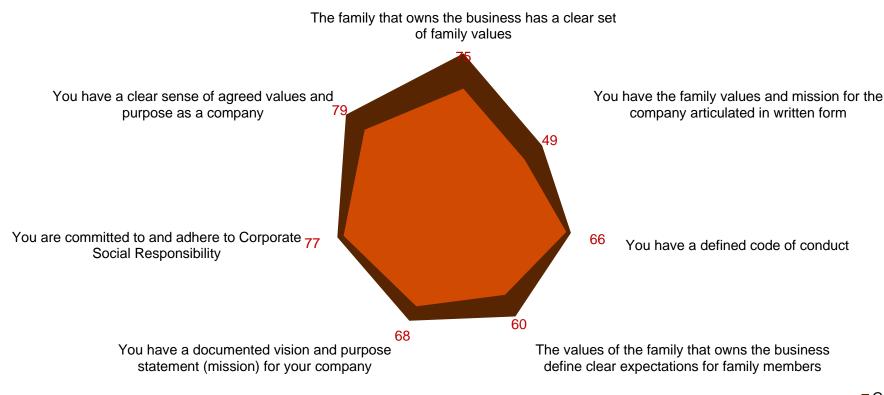
94% have a clear sense of agreed values and purpose as a family



# More than six in 10 have their values and company mission down in written form

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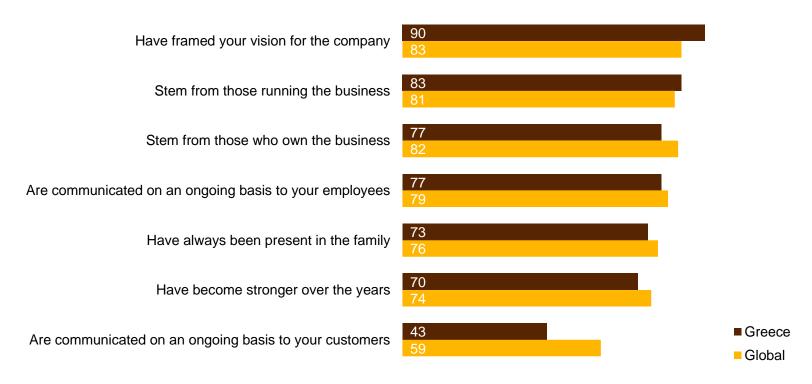
### Agreement with statements



# Values are more likely to be communicated to employees than customers

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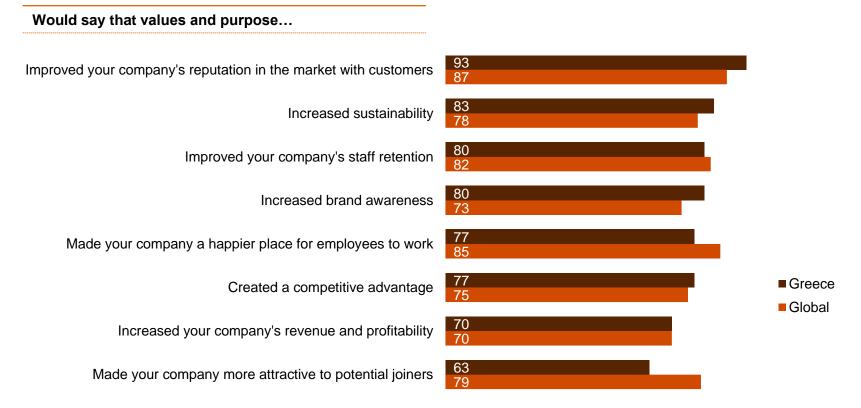
### Would say that values and purpose...



### Those with a clear sense of agreed values feel strongly that these benefit the company in many ways

In areas of business reputation and increased sustainability. In "harder" areas too, seven in 10 feel their values have had positive effects on competitiveness or profitability

%





# When asked to describe what these values are, however, the answers tend to be rather thin and somewhat generic

Companies who have written down their family values and mission are also more likely than average to:

- · Have a formal succession plan in place
- Have a fully costed, formalised and communicated mid-term strategic plan in place
- See cyber and Al as challenges
- · Have grown in the last two years
- Expect to grow in the next two years

#### Words that come up consistently include:

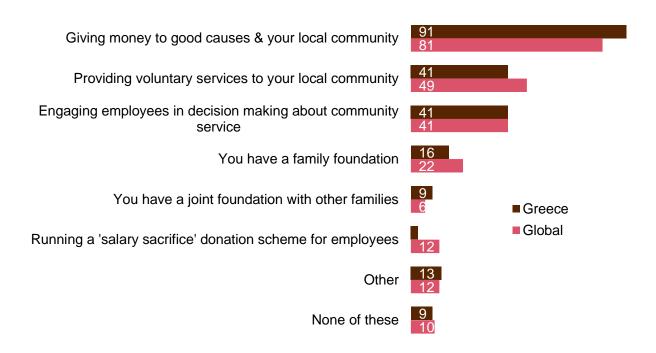
Honesty Integrity
Hard work Good value
Respect Employee

Companies who have written down their family values and mission give richer and more detailed answers. More values, better articulated – evidence that the rigour of committing values to paper is a meaningful process. Additional words that come up regularly include:

CommunityIntegralSustainTrustCustomerCommittedInnovateFairPeopleEthicalQualityOpen

# Majority are engaged in some form of philanthropic activity





56%

are engaged in any philanthropic activity above giving money to good causes, whereas 68% global

# 88% want to protect the business as the most important family asset and 81% seek to become environmentally sustainable

%		
Long term goals (Top 2)		
		Global
To protect the business as the most important family asset	88	76%
To become environmentally sustainable	81	60%
To create dividends for family members	72	57%
To create a legacy	69	60%
To create employment for the wider community	69	59%
To ensure the business stays in the family	47	61%
To create employment for other family members	28	20%



Many family businesses define success not just in terms of financial wealth but in less tangible elements of personal growth and development, community and employee support and the upholding of core values.



### Definition of lasting legacy

### **Global Findings**

#### For the Family / Community

- To be a well-respected, honourable employer, with happy and secure employees
- To maintain family values/feeling e.g. honesty, reliability, integrity,
- To have benefitted society not taken advantage of it. To have made a difference in a positive way e.g. local projects, charity initiatives
- For children/family members and employees to have a good life/to thrive (financially and in a broader sense) as a result of the business
- To leave a source of wealth and employment for family, employees, shareholders and community

### For the Business

- To endure and remain a sustainable player in the market; to keep going and to keep growing. To leave behind a strong, profitable enterprise.
- To face and overcome challenges and changes, to stand up to pressure
- To have stewarded well so as to pass the business to next generations in a better shape than it was inherited
- To leave a legacy of quality products/services
- To have diversified and professionalised where appropriate

### **Examples from Greece**

"A company that has always supported its local communities and that has evolved together with its community"

"Delivering results with integrity. Contributing to the community."

"A healthy and growing company. Be the ambassador in terms of Greek products abroad."

"We are a visionary company trying to create jobs for the people around us and to grow our company by enhancing Greek exports."



## Gender equality

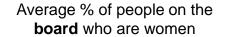
### Presence of women in the business

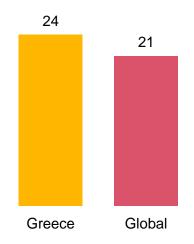


Of board members in Greek family businesses are women

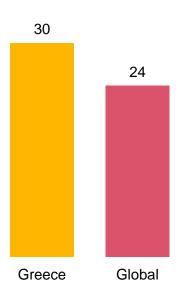
30%

Of people on the management team are women





## Average % of people on the management team who are women

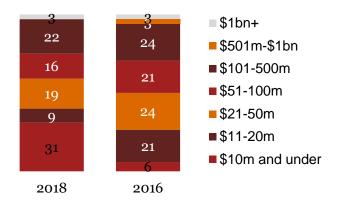


Appendix 1: Survey background

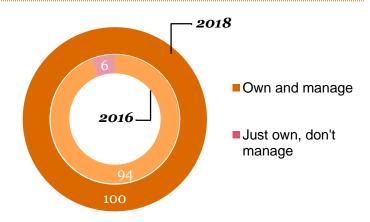
# Greece company profile – what companies were included?

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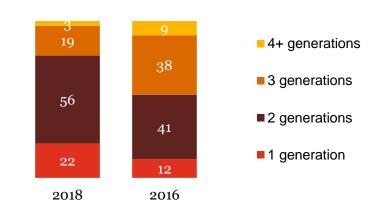
#### Turnover (sales) (US\$)



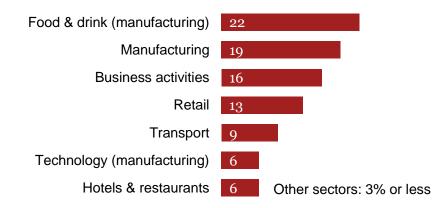
### Family's Role in the Business



#### **Number of Generations**



#### **Sector (2018)**

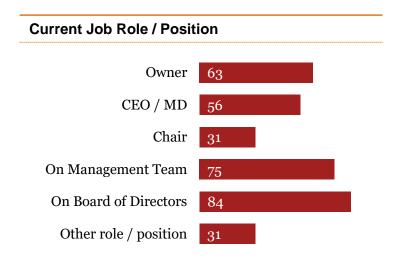


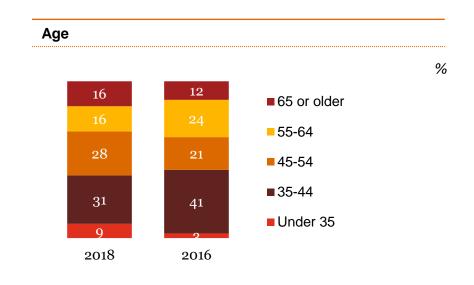
# 44% of Greek family businesses from the 2018 survey have sibling ownership

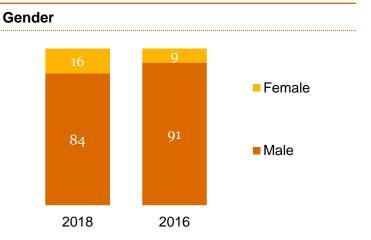
A further 38% have one dominant owner.

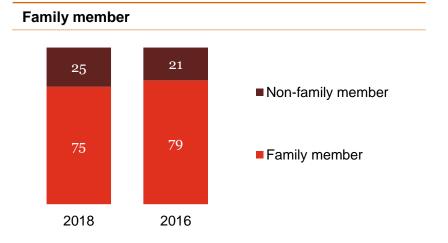
% Family ownership structure Other ■ Extended family (30+) 38 Several cousins 44 Siblings 5 ■ Spouse and/or in-law 3 One dominant owner 50 49 46 38 2018 2016 2018 2016 Greece Global

### Greece respondent profile –who did we talk to?

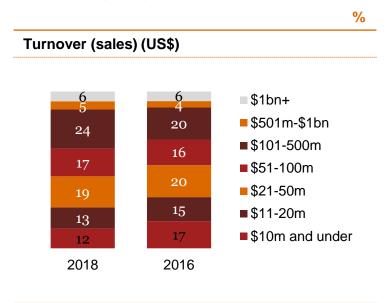




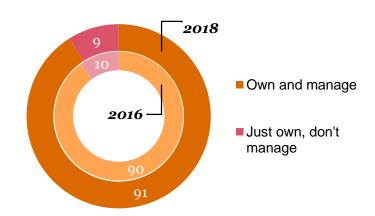




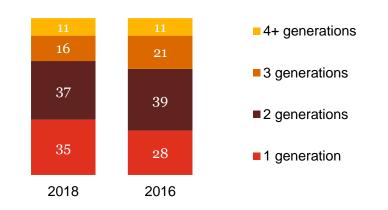
# Global company profile – what companies were included?



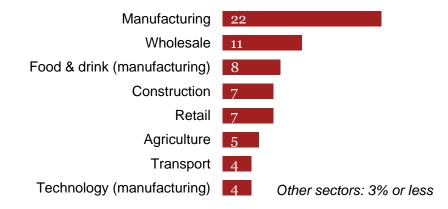
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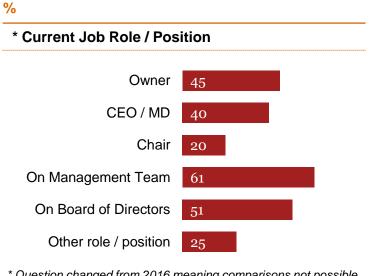
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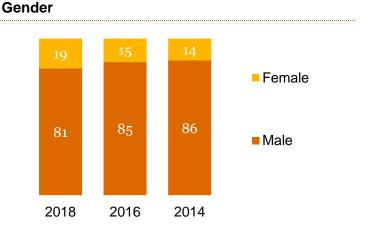
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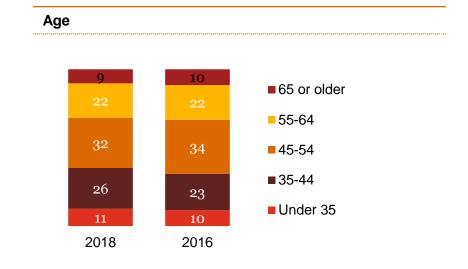


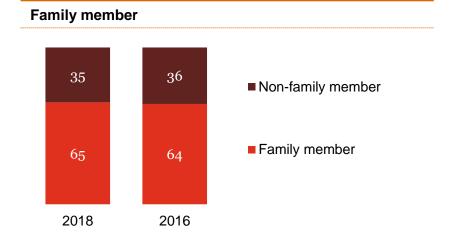
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<sup>\*</sup> Question changed from 2016 meaning comparisons not possible







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