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# INTRODUCTION

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Green building continues to gain momentum and the SE Asian region is enthusiastically getting on board. Even though many of the countries in the region enjoy a wealth of energy resources both renewable and non-renewable, the concern for environmental degradation, national energy security and the world-wide need to “do more with less” have provided the motivation to adopt sustainability principles in their construction practices.

The evidence from the World Green Building Council is most compelling – in 2002, when the WGBC was founded it had eight member nations, none of them from Asia. Today, of the 100 member nations, 18 of them are in the Asia Pacific region and they are reporting significant achievements.

The national Green Building Council of Indonesia (GBCI), for instance, recently reported that over 100 building managers had reached out to it in order to apply for green building certification. Also the Hong Kong Green Building Council BEAM Plus rating system, established in 2010, now has more than 550 building projects either rated or registered.

Furthermore, Singapore has committed to fostering the continuous evolution of green architecture with attractive incentives and a comprehensive rating system for buildings. The outcome has been the certification of 1,534 newly constructed and 215 existing buildings as “green” since 2005.

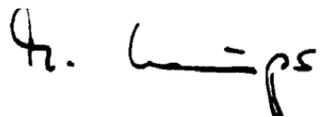


No wonder then that we at BCI Asia have a keen interest in the growing adoption of green building principles and practices by the building and construction industry especially as we also share the commitment of the Green Building Councils to promote the progress of the industry to even higher standards of sustainability. In 2014 we take great pride in celebrating seven years of our FuturArc Prize for Green Building Design and five years of the Green Leadership Awards!

Our last empirical study of attitudes toward and experiences with green building in the SE Asia region was in 2008 in conjunction with BCI Australia. It will be instructive to see how the industry has evolved over that time especially in view of the economic and commercial challenges presented by the Global Financial Crisis. I should like to add that this year we have extended our survey and the Green Building report for Australia (available separately) also includes New Zealand for the first time.

As has been the case with the previous surveys conducted by BCI Economics, our analysis encompasses owners, developers, architects and engineers, main contractors and subcontractors across Hong Kong and 5 countries in South East Asia.

So without further hesitation, BCI Asia is delighted to present its 2014 Green Building Report on South East Asia. It adds a further dimension to our substantial complement of products and services providing our clients in the region a greater understanding of the local and regional construction markets.



**Dr. Matthias Krups**  
Chairman & CEO  
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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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During the period of March through May, 2014, BCI Asia received responses from 523 developers, architects, engineers, main- and subcontractors across South East Asia to a questionnaire about their views on and experiences with green building. The findings are summarized as follows:

- Around 7 in 10 respondents across the region stated that they had been involved in some form of green building during the period of 2008-2014.
- 46% of respondents said they had received official green building certification for one or more of their construction projects. Of those, about a third stated that they had had their ventures registered with Singapore-based “Green Mark”.
- 79% of those participating in the survey indicated they would be “somewhat likely” or “very likely” to pursue certification from the beginning of their green building projects.
- Overall, our respondents were moderately optimistic that their enterprises would grow because of activity in the area of green building.



- The three major reasons encouraging companies in South East Asia to become engaged in green building were as follows:
  - to help protect the environment and strive to alleviate the consequences of global warming
  - to achieve lower lifecycle costs and
  - to enhance the value and marketability of their projects.
- In turn, the biggest hurdles to the adoption of green building in South East Asia were:
  - the additional costs of building materials
  - the extra time and expenditure required to investigate suitable materials and
  - the extra time and costs needed to undertake necessary training.
- Regarding their familiarity with certification systems, survey participants afforded the highest rating to the Singapore “Green Mark” followed by Malaysia’s GBI.
- 79% of respondents indicated that they were “somewhat” or “very” likely to pursue certification in the future.
- The top three certification systems of choice were “Green Mark” (Singapore), “GBI” (Malaysia) and “LEED” (US)
- When asked which building categories were most likely to benefit from certification, our survey participants named the top 4 categories as commercial/office, healthcare, hospitality and education, although there was little to choose between them.
- The main obstacles to pursuing green building certification were considered to be:
  - the cost of the certification process,
  - the lack of information on certification requirements, and
  - the gap between ‘design promises’ made with the certification and the performance reality when the building operates.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 44% of all Asian respondents indicated that they had seen “some”, even “significant” growth in their annual sales because of green building.
- There is a premium to be paid for delivering a building according to green principles with only 4% of the Asian respondents claiming there was no cost impact. However, the spread of values for the extra costs (reflecting the different levels of certification) still compares favourably with the expectations reported in 2008.
- In turn, the actual savings in operational costs also compare favourably with the expectations reported in the 2008 survey, with only 5% of respondents reporting that green building had not had any impact, whereas over half claimed savings of 10% and more.
- Although 6% of our respondents claimed they had not observed an improvement in building value, 12% advised their buildings were worth at least 20% more because of their green credentials. In all, just under a half of the responses put the increase in building value at a minimum of 10%.
- Calculating the improvement attributable to green building of the Return on Investment (ROI) on their building projects proved difficult but the results from those respondents who managed it confirmed a positive outcome with over 40% of our respondents reporting improvements of at least 10%.
- We included a question regarding design software and our respondents advised they believed it had most relevance for:
  - prediction and evaluation of natural (solar) lighting
  - energy modelling/baseline analysis
  - evaluation and exploration of alternative building materials
- The technologies most frequently used in green building projects in South East Asia comprised:
  - energy efficient/intelligent lighting
  - water efficient fixtures and fittings and
  - insulation products.

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Totalling 24km in length, it will take motorists around 20 minutes to cross the RM 4.5 billion bridge from Batu Kawan on the mainland and Batu Maung on the island.

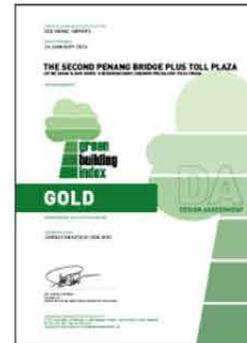
Penang island already has another bridge linking it to the mainland. The first bridge opened in 1985 but the state's rising population, and popularity with visitors, meant that another bridge was needed to cope with the increasing traffic.

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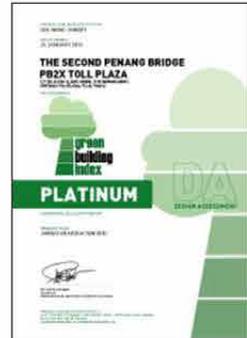
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# AN UNSTOPPABLE FORCE

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Green building has become an unstoppable force.

The latest World Green Building Trends report, released by McGraw-Hill Construction in conjunction with the World Green Building Council (World GBC), surveyed professional services firms in more than 60 countries, revealing that green building is accelerating around the world as it is recognised as a long-term business opportunity.

Just over half of those firms surveyed - which include architects, engineers, contractors, owners and consultants - anticipate that more than 60 per cent of their work will be green by 2015. This is up from a quarter of firms in 2012.

The report finds that growth of green is not limited to one geographic region or economic state; green building is pervasive, rather than isolated to a particular region, economic condition or culture. Interestingly, when McGraw-Hill Construction published its 2008 study of the global green building

market, “doing the right thing” was the primary driver for green building. Today, green building is increasingly seen as a business opportunity, with client and market demand and brand recognition the dominant forces.

The potential for design, construction, consulting, auditing and manufacturing companies across the entire value chain is immense – which is why most countries across the Asia Pacific now have a national GBC affiliated with the World GBC. The green building council model, which demonstrates why collaboration between many can achieve greater results than leadership of a few, rests on the belief that effective solutions require a whole sector approach across the entire supply chain.

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Established	Emerging	Prospective	Associated Group
Green building council with full membership status with World GBC	Green building council working towards full membership status with World GBC	A group that has been officially recognised by the World GBC as the entity establishing a GBC in their country, and is working towards emerging member status	Groups that the World GBC endorses and supports, as the organisations are in the process of forming councils in non-member countries or economic zones but which do not yet satisfy the membership criteria
Australia Hong Kong India Japan New Zealand Singapore Chinese Taipei	Indonesia Malaysia	Sri Lanka Korea Pakistan Philippines	Bangladesh Brunei China Kazakhstan Vietnam

## AN UNSTOPPABLE FORCE

Of course, opportunities and challenges vary from country to country, and vast disparities exist in terms of technology adoption, public awareness and government engagement. In some mature markets, GBCs have driven dramatic upticks in sustainability, have well-established relationships with governments and are boosting 'green collar' skills across their entire industry. They also have established rating systems which have stimulated market demand for buildings with improved environmental performance, provided a common language for green building and promoted an integrated, holistic approach to building design.

Many countries in the Asian region are rich in energy resources - both in terms of renewable and non-renewable energy. However, driven by a concern for environmental degradation and national energy security, many countries are developing comprehensive plans to progressively increase the use of renewable resources and enhance building energy performance.

These national plans are being supported by regulations, fiscal initiatives, market-based mechanisms and voluntary initiatives. Examples include building codes, energy audit requirements, funding schemes, tax exemptions, and energy labelling for appliances.

At the same time, green building rating tools are being developed and tailored to address the unique physical and socio-economic characteristics of each country. A number of countries have well-established rating systems – from Green Mark in Singapore to Green Star in Australia and New Zealand. The Hong Kong Green Building Council BEAM Plus rating system, established in 2010, now has more than 550 building projects either rated or registered. The Indian Green Building Council has 540 functioning and rated green buildings, and 2,770 green building projects on the go, across the nation's five climatic zones. In Australia, 22 per cent of the nation's office space is now Green Star certified.

Many organisations across the value chain are embracing sustainability as a long-term business opportunity. The World GBC's inaugural Asia Pacific Regional Network Leadership Awards in Green Building received 55 nominations from companies across the region in 2014 (and a further 57 nominations of green building projects). From that pool of companies, Singapore's City Developments Limited and Keppel Land Limited, and India's ITC Limited – Hotels Division were acknowledged for 'walking the talk' when it comes to sustainability. They also underscore that designing and delivering a green building is just the first step on the road to sustainability – and that strong management engagement and commitment to embedding sustainability into organisational cultures reaps rewards.

Financial incentives, which are very effective in promoting energy efficiency, are not widely available in Asia – but this is beginning to change. Many countries are yet to establish financing frameworks for energy efficiency and conservation projects, and financial institutions are still hesitant to finance green projects. However, financial initiatives are emerging. Brunei, for example, has changed its tariff structure and introduced prepaid electricity meters to encourage users to monitor their electricity consumption. Thailand's Energy Efficiency Revolving Fund provides capital at no cost to Thai banks to fund energy efficiency projects, while the Ministry of Industry provides subsidies for the implementation of energy conservation measures.

Creative campaigns are helping to raise awareness of energy efficiency and green building across the region. In the last few years, Vietnam has held a song writing campaign to spread the word on the efficient use of resources. A TV program in the Philippines showcased the construction of eco-friendly homes, with tips provided by experts. The Hong Kong Green Building Council launched the "Hong Kong Green School Guide" to provide practical guidelines for principals and school administrators to better understand how to improve building energy efficiency and engage students. The Singapore GBC led 'Project Green Insights' which involved installing energy meters in schools and educating students on how to read the monitors and modify their behaviour. The enthusiasm of the students has led the Singaporean Government to invest more in green building.

So, where to from here? Certainly, the scale, speed and development, the increasing scarcity and cost of energy, and the growing need for the world to do 'more with less' – in Asia Pacific and the world over – is likely to continue to accelerate the adoption of green building practices. In the future, sustainability will be seen not as an 'add-on' but a 'must-have'. It will be self-evident that the upfront costs of green building will be worth the immense long-term benefits.

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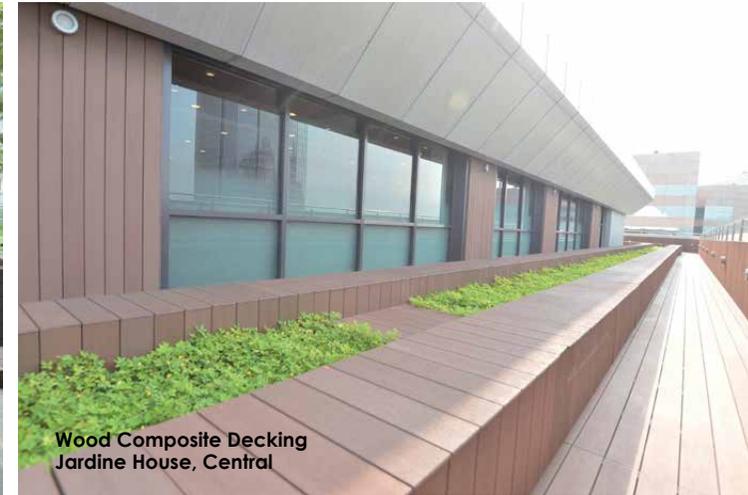
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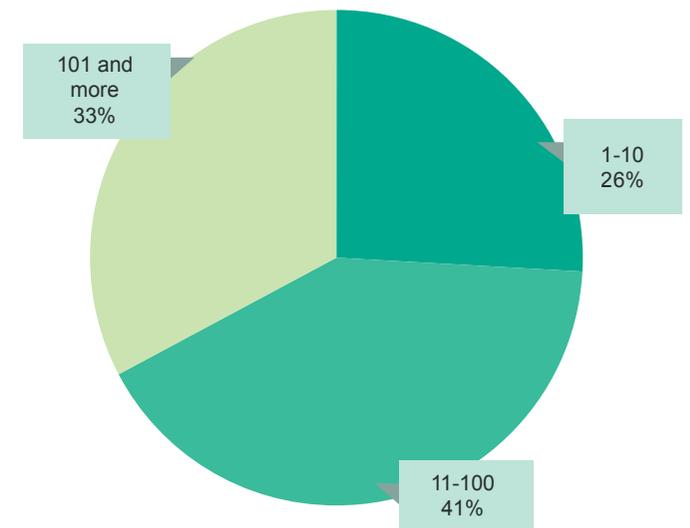
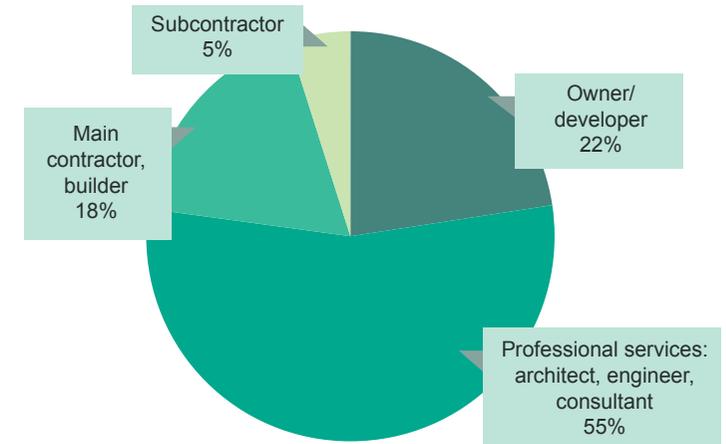
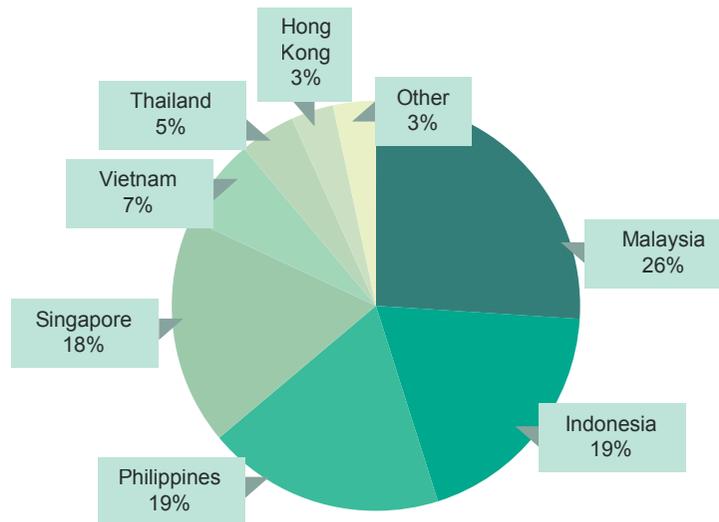
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# RESPONDENTS' PROFILE SOUTH EAST ASIA

The 2014 Green Building Report in the Asia-Pacific has been drawn from the answers to a detailed questionnaire from 523 respondents situated in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, the Philippines and Hong Kong. 55% of survey participants identified themselves as providers of professional services, namely architects, engineers or consultants.

Participants represented companies of various sizes but largely from enterprises employing between 11-100 people.

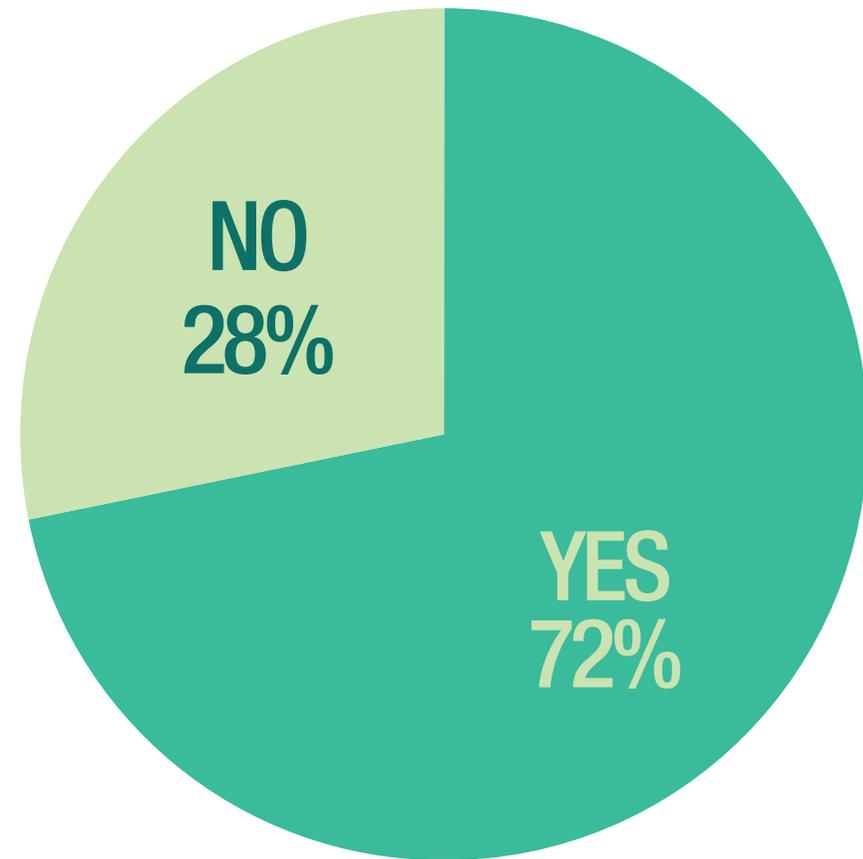


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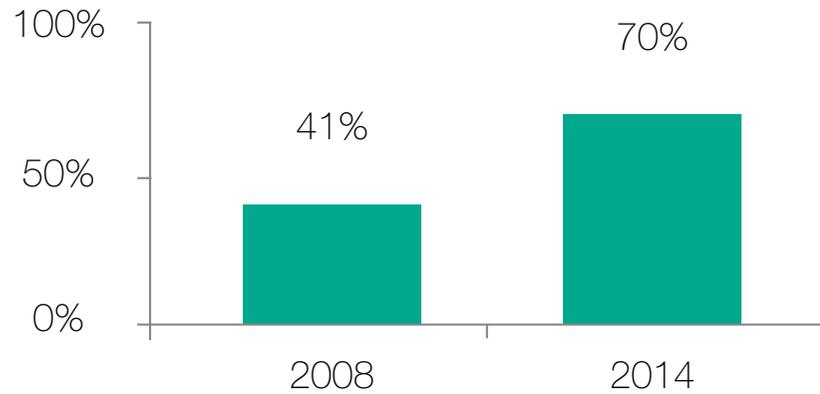
## GREEN BUILDING ACTIVITY

More than 70% of the industry professionals that completed our questionnaire confirmed that they had in some way been involved with green building in the time period from 2008 to 2014. As can be seen from the comparison between the 2008 and 2014 results according to respondent type, there has been a substantial increase in the level of activity over that period.

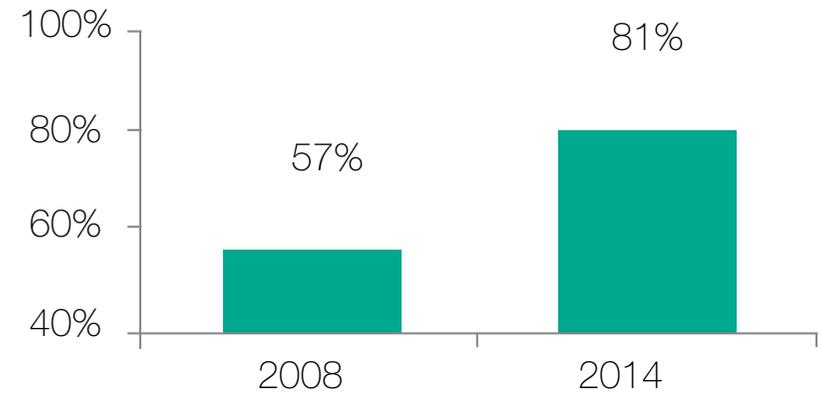
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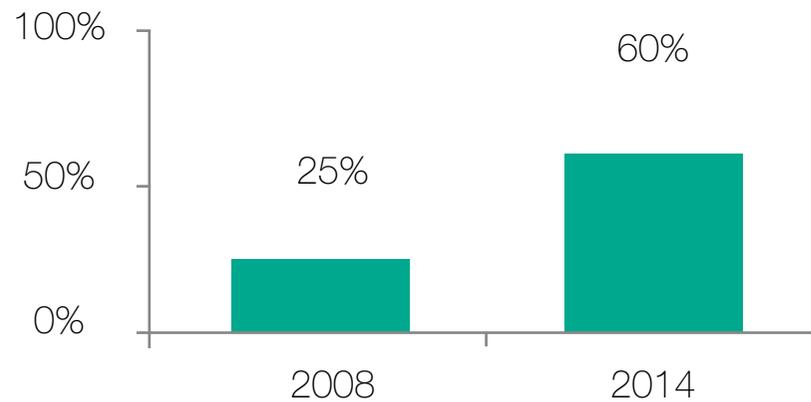
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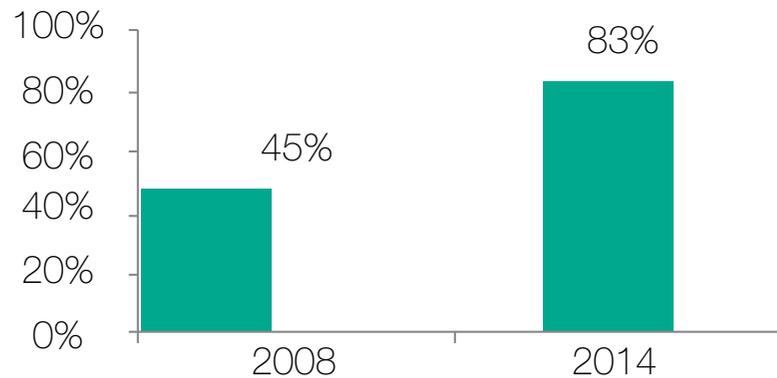
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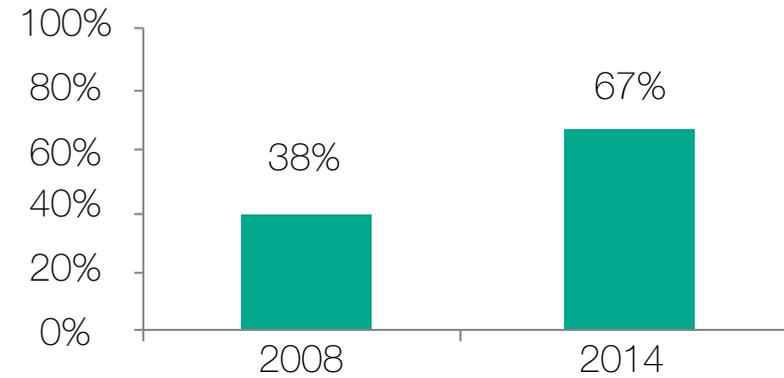
# RESULTS BY COUNTRY

One can observe that in most countries the share of respondents engaging in green building has dramatically increased over the six years since 2008. This is especially evident for Singapore, Malaysia and Hong Kong. However, involvement in green building appears to have declined in the countries that previously headed this comparison, namely Thailand (dipping from 55% to 47%) and Vietnam (79% to 70%). No definitive explanations for these reversals have been confirmed but we surmise that political unrest may have contributed to the lower figure in Thailand.

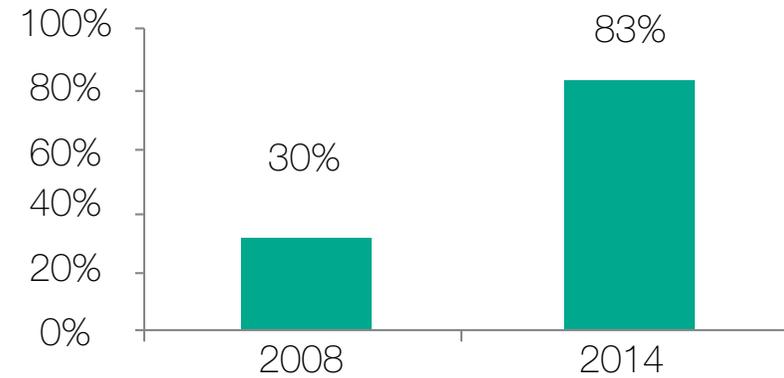
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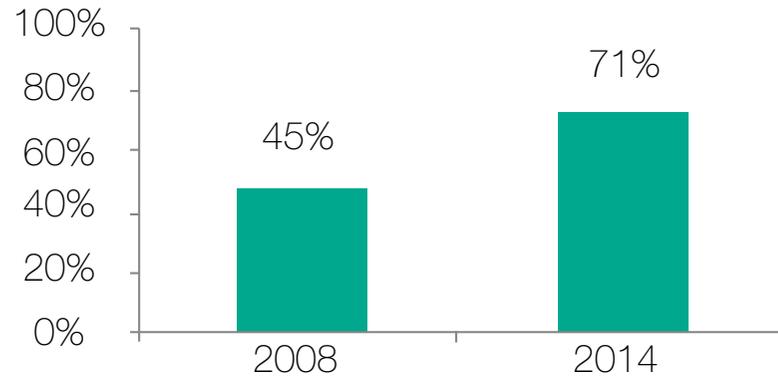


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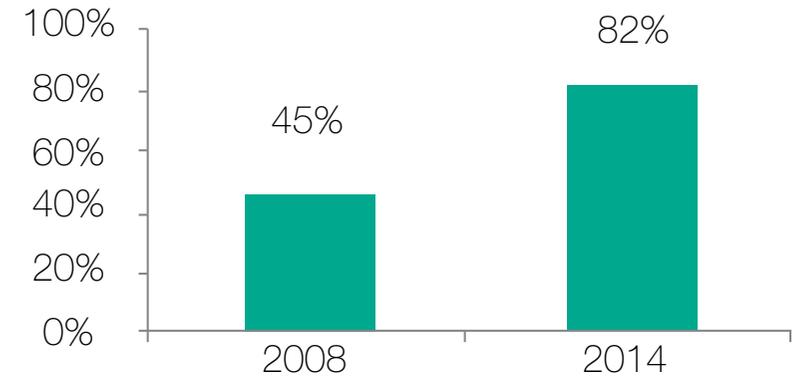


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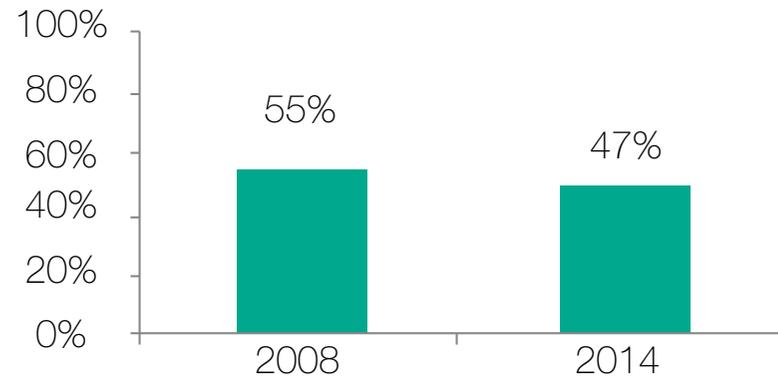
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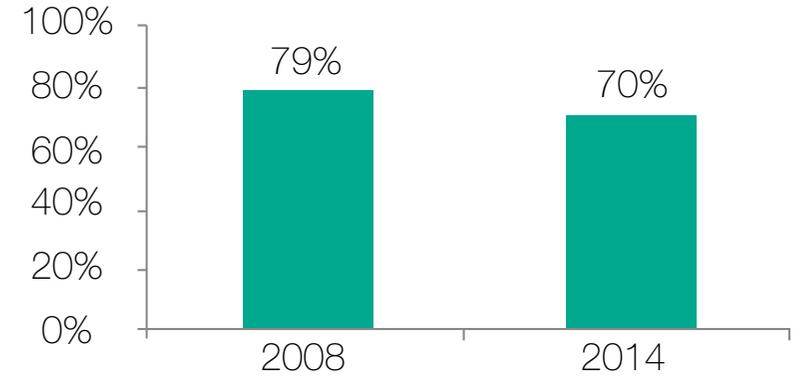
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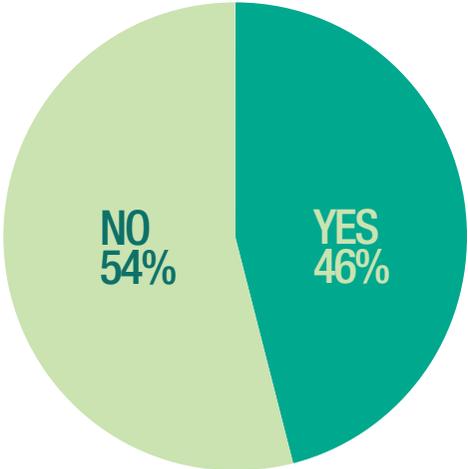


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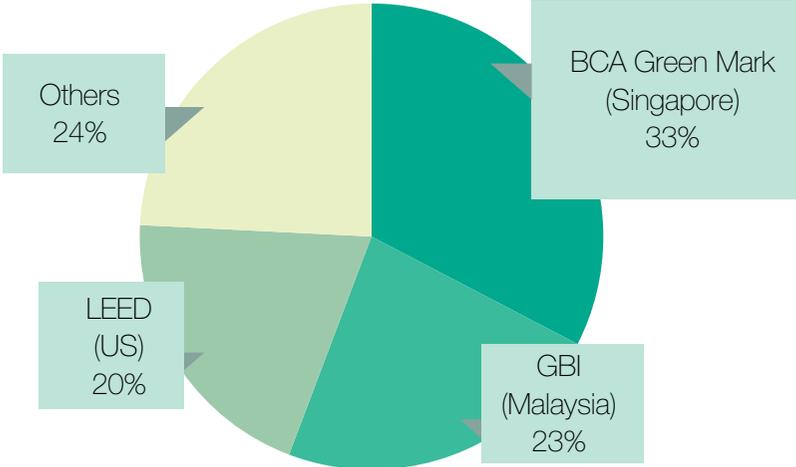
Although 72% of our respondents claimed an involvement with green building, only 46% followed through to pursue official green building certification.



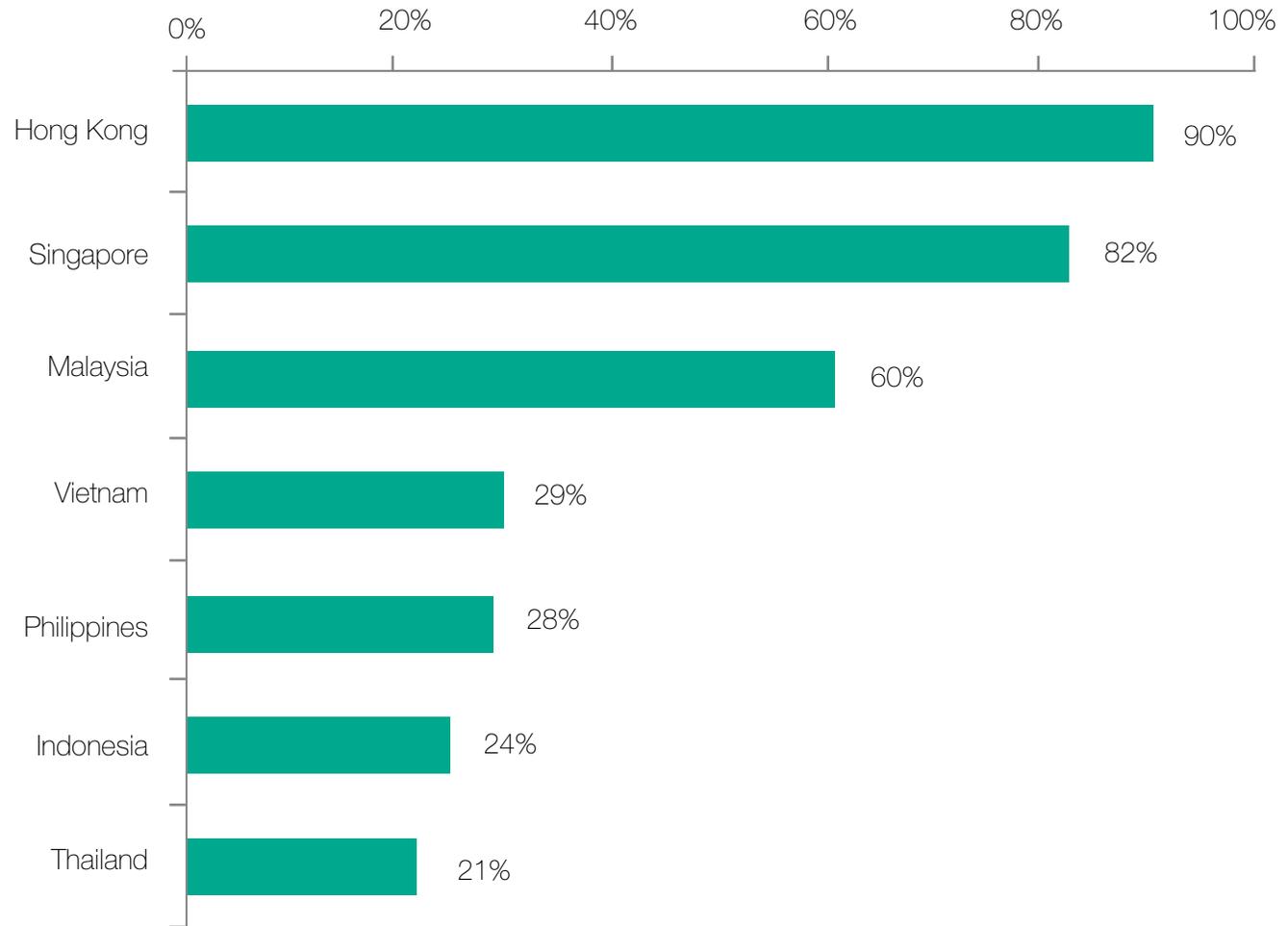
For those survey participants that confirmed receipt of certification, the Singapore-based “Green Mark” was the most widely used system, with 33% of all certificates obtained.

The Malaysian GBI and the United States LEED systems were also reasonably well represented across the South East Asia Region.

Comparison of the relative significance of green building certification reveals substantial differences across the national markets – from Thailand, where only 21% of respondents had pursued and achieved certification for their projects to Hong Kong with a figure of 90%. This may be taken to illustrate the divergent perceptions of the importance and merit attached to certification between the individual countries.



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- hospital and laundry
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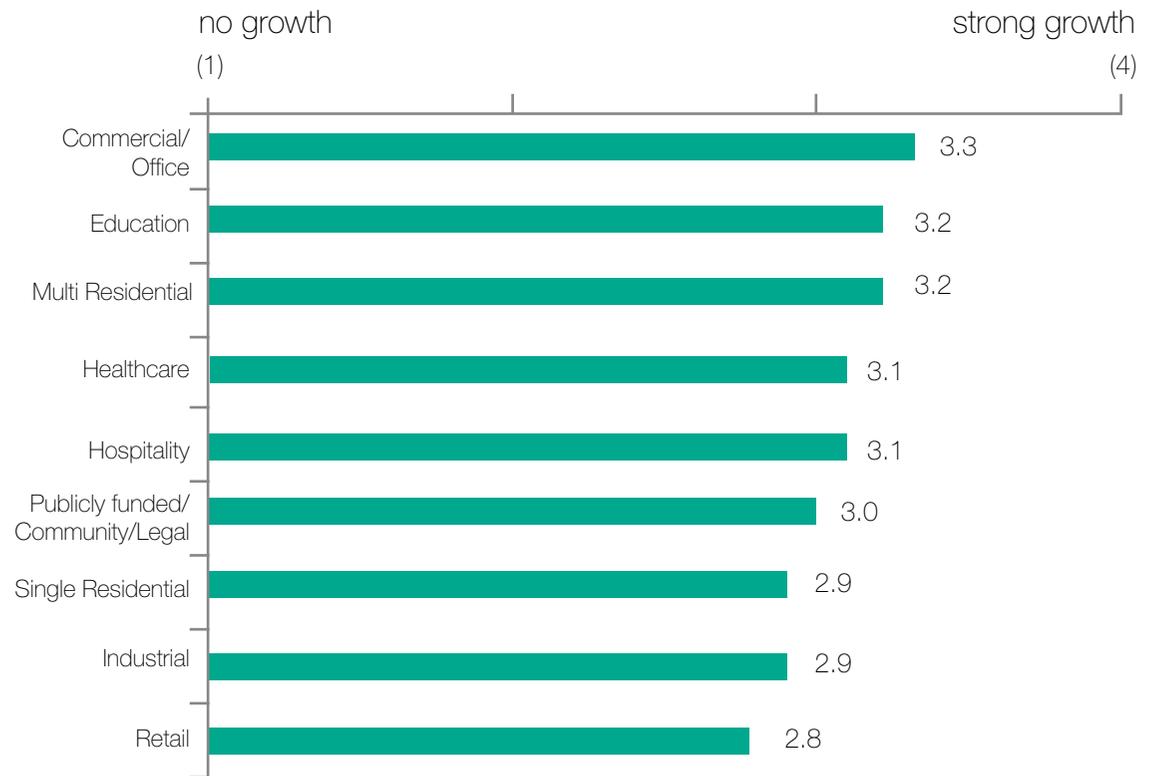
# GROWTH EXPECTATIONS FOR GREEN BUILDING

## - BY BUILDING CATEGORY -

Overall, there are no categories that clearly offer greater opportunities for growth but on balance, commercial and office developments, education and multi-residential would appear to be the preferred categories. At the other end of the scale, single residential, industrial and retail projects were considered to have the least potential from a green building perspective.

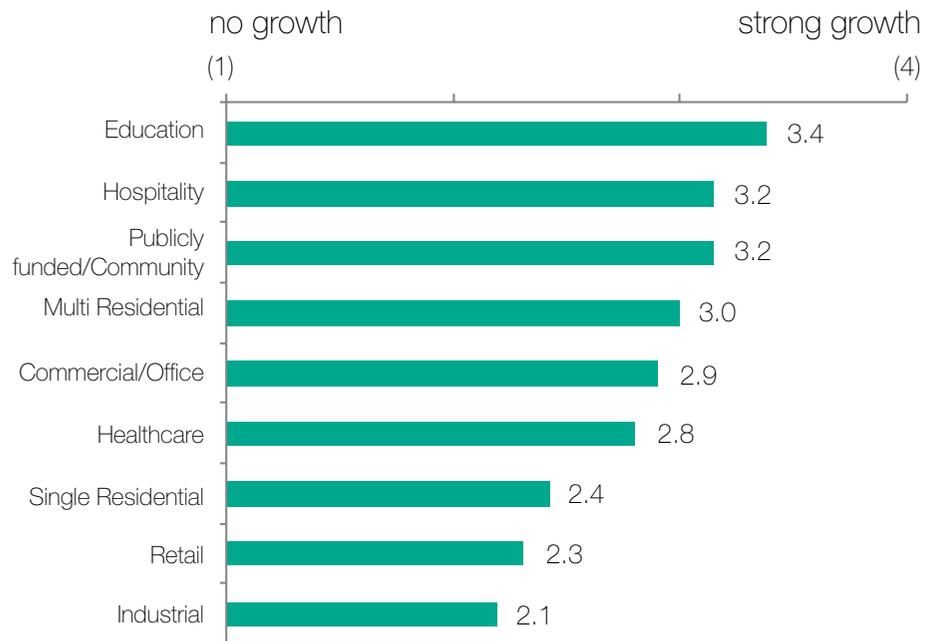
Although on the overall chart the variations by category appear gradual, this is because they are averages of wider variations between the countries.

Whereas commercial and office developments lead the growth expectations for Singapore and Malaysia, it is the education category that is regarded as having the most potential in Hong Kong, Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam. In contrast, the respondents from the Philippines rated residential (multi- and single-) as having the most potential.

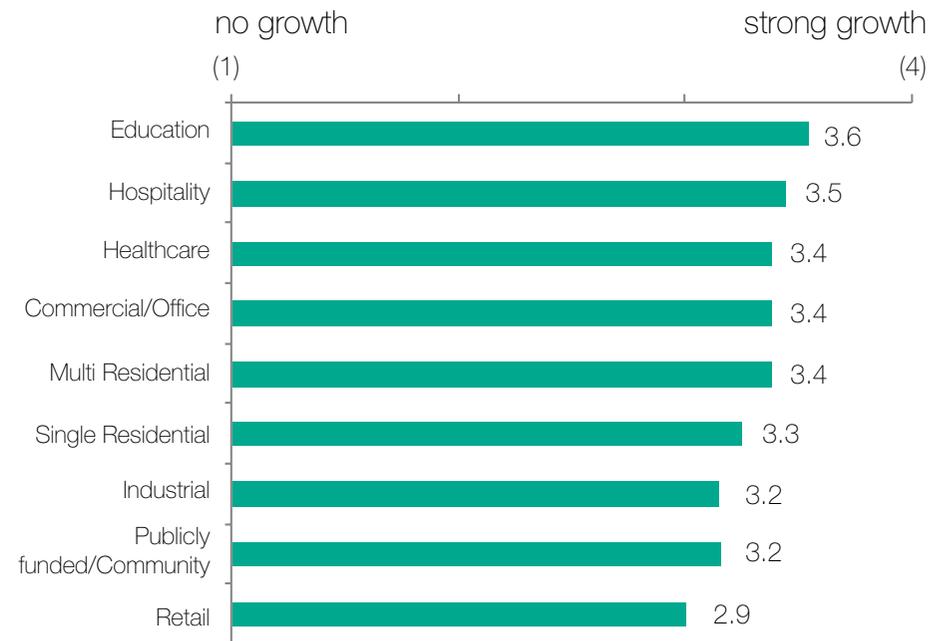


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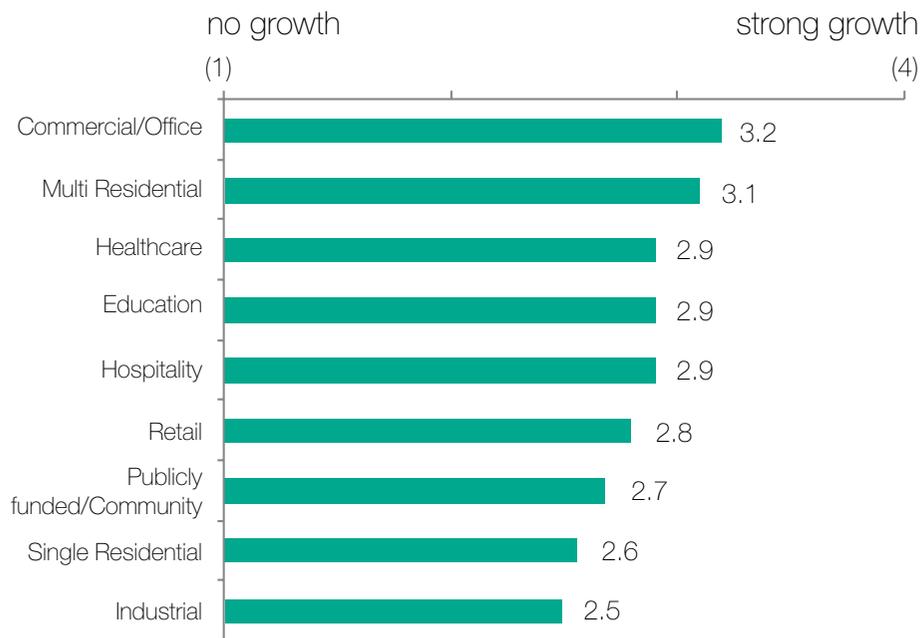
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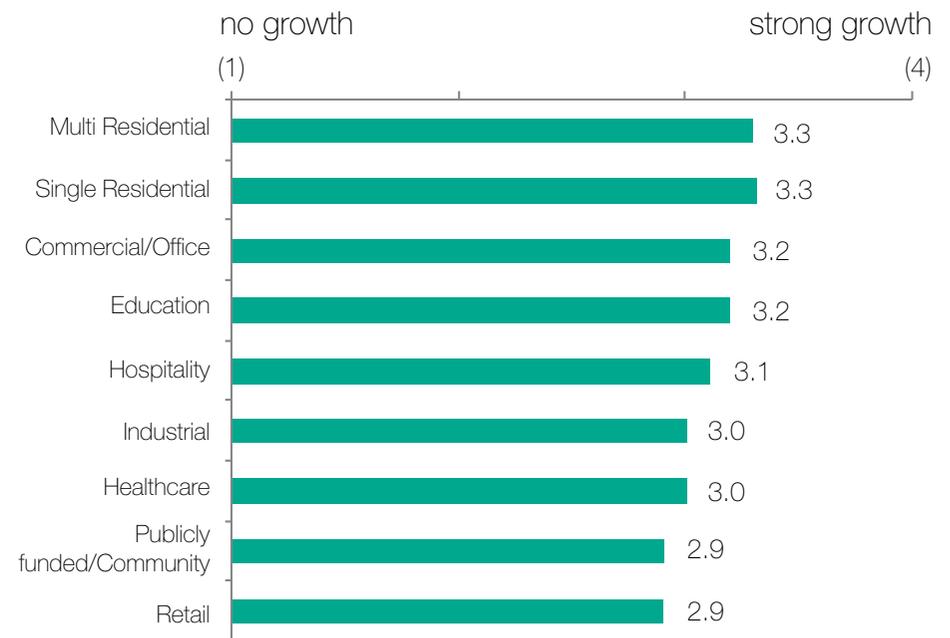
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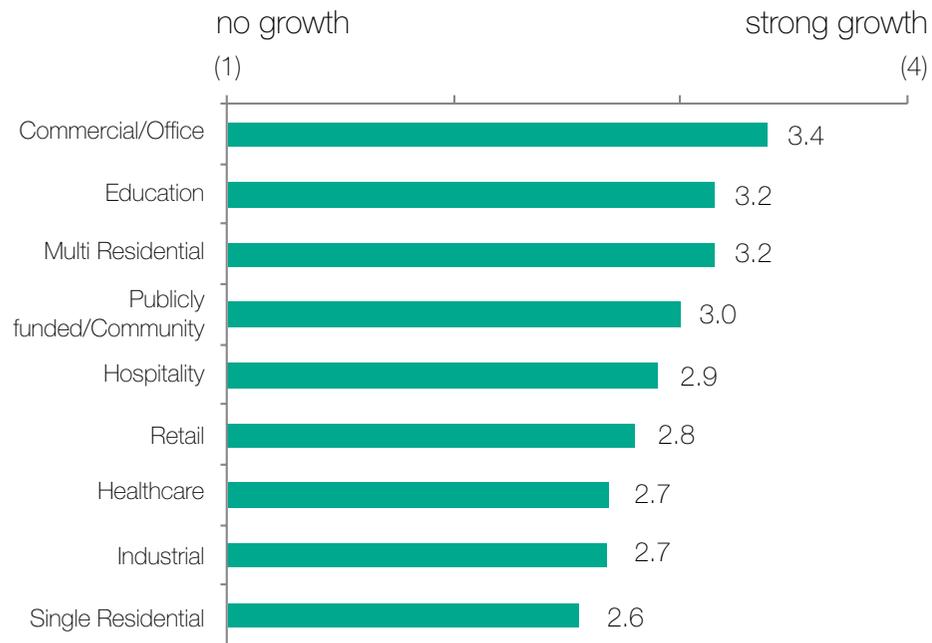


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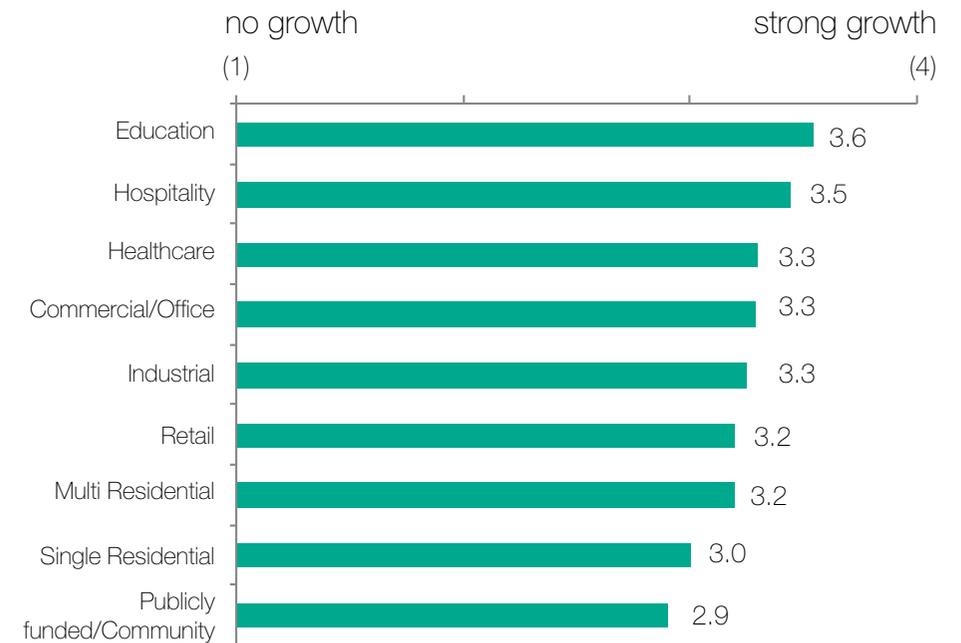


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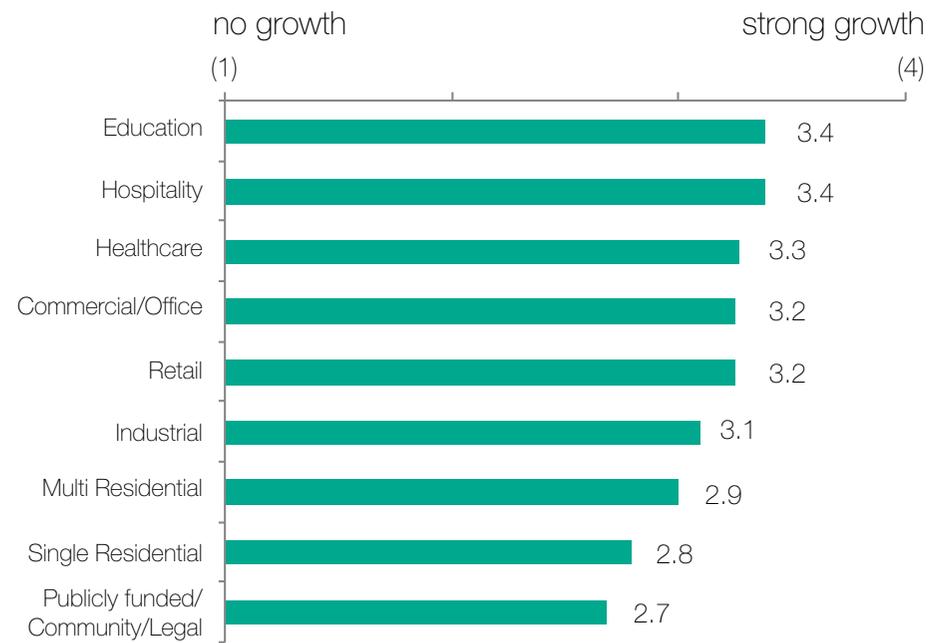
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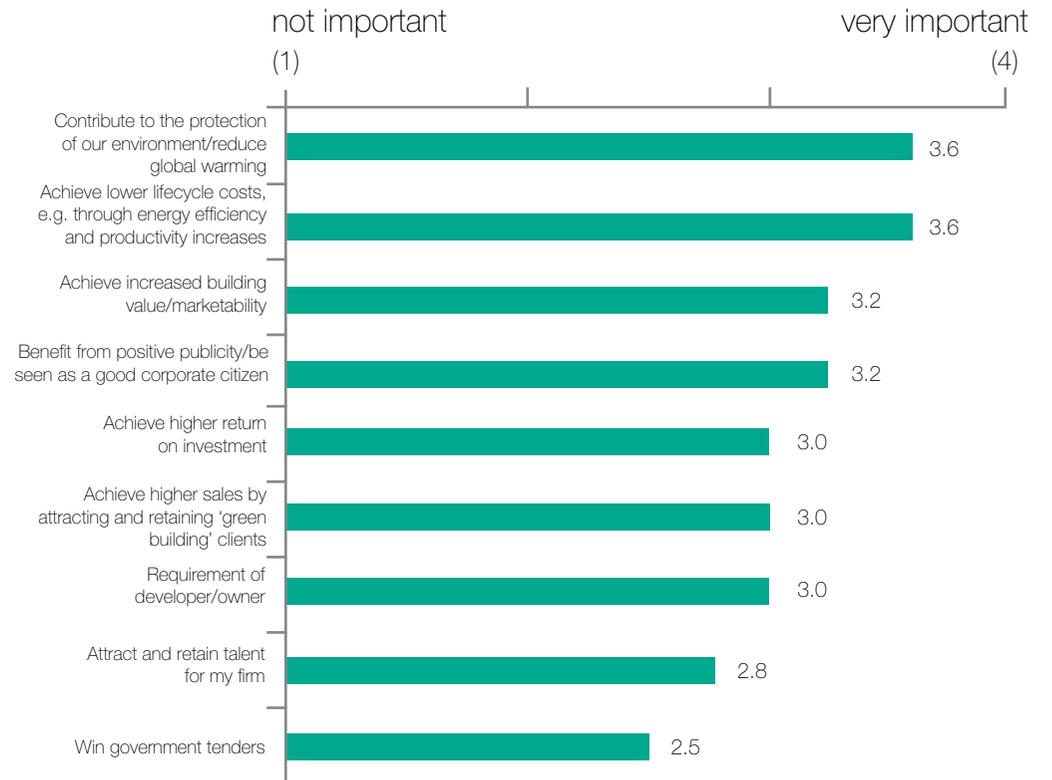


# REASONS FOR INVOLVEMENT IN GREEN BUILDING

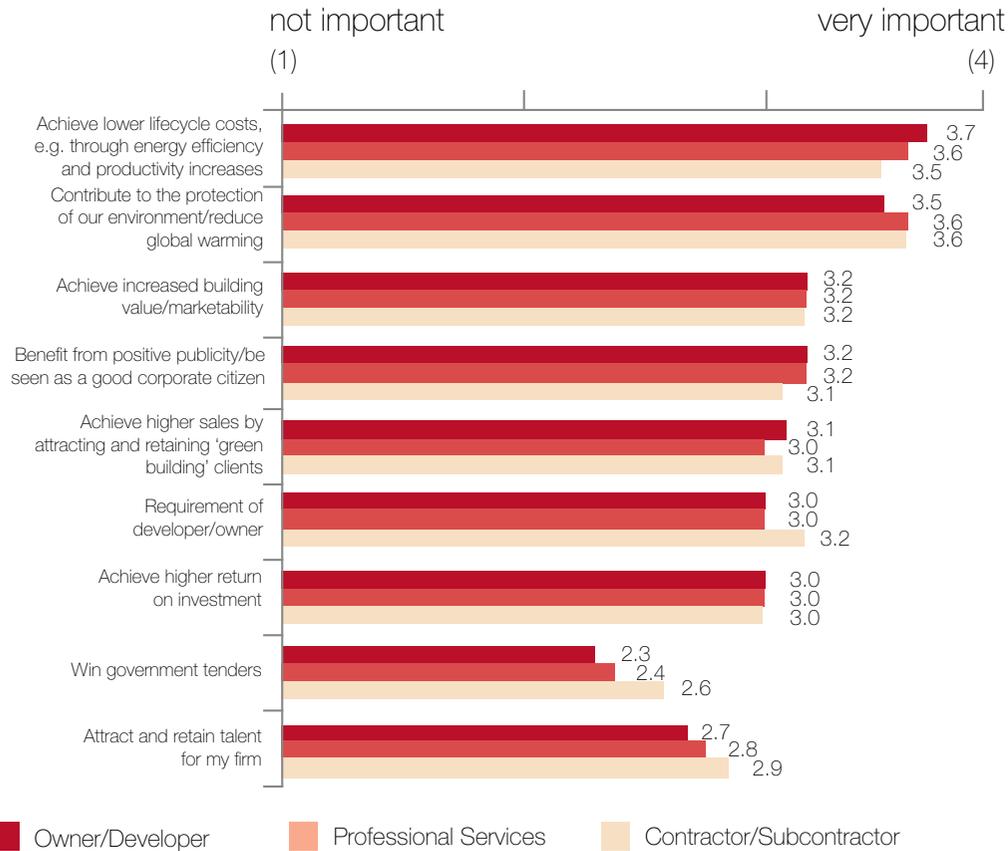
It is pleasing to observe that the leading motive for South East Asia construction professionals to engage in green building activity is out of regard for the environment – as it was in our previous survey in 2008. Reduction in the total lifecycle costs again rated the second most important reason but has narrowed the gap since the previous survey. However, the third ranked reason was an option not included in the 2008 survey – namely, the enhanced end value and marketability of the completed building.

We are beginning to see that the “feel-good” factor is making way for the commercial incentives to deliver environmentally sensitive and sustainable premises. The industry is recognising the opportunity to profit from green building rather than in spite of it. These sentiments appear to be held fairly consistently across the respondent roles.

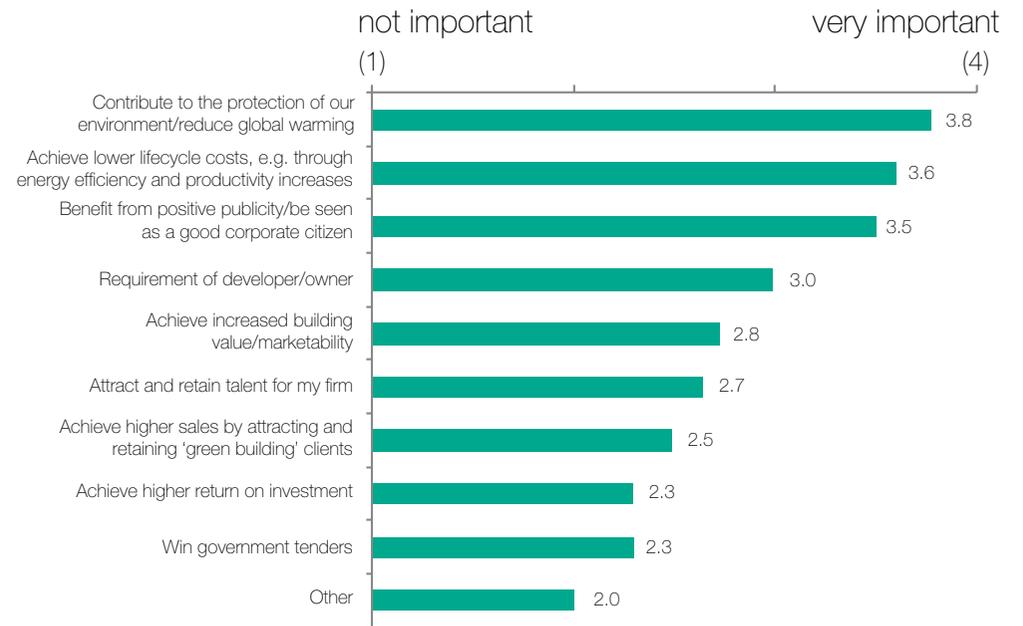
The ratings for the various reasons for getting involved in green building do show slight variations between countries but generally are reasonably consistent with the overall results.



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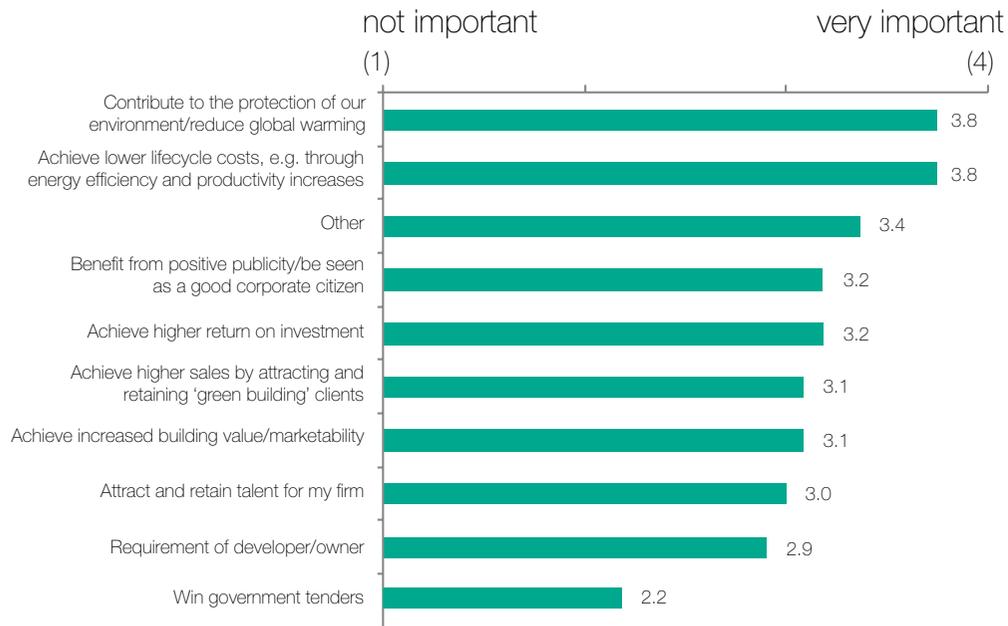


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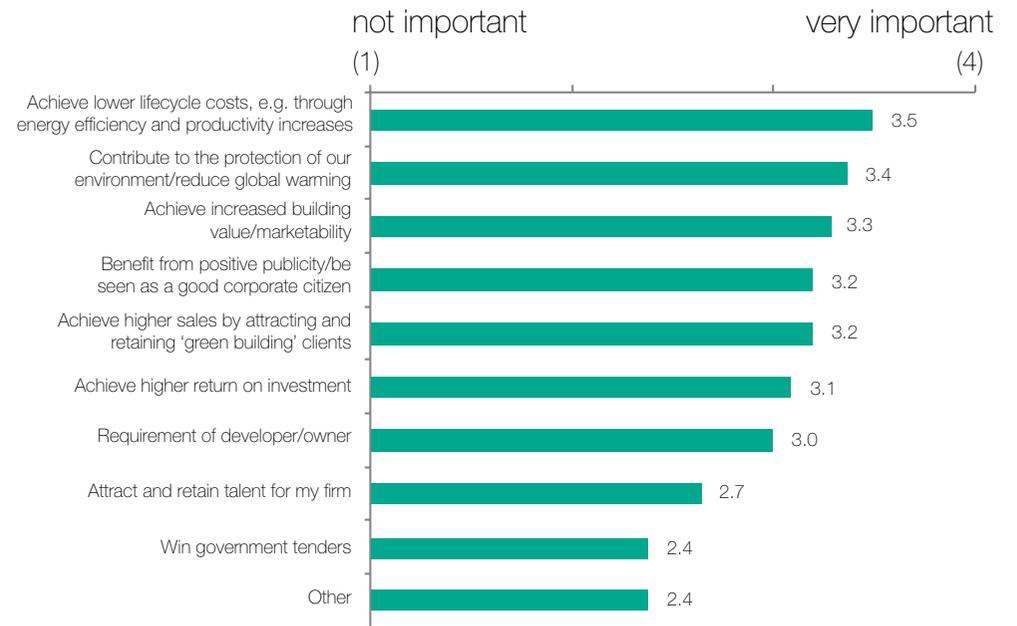


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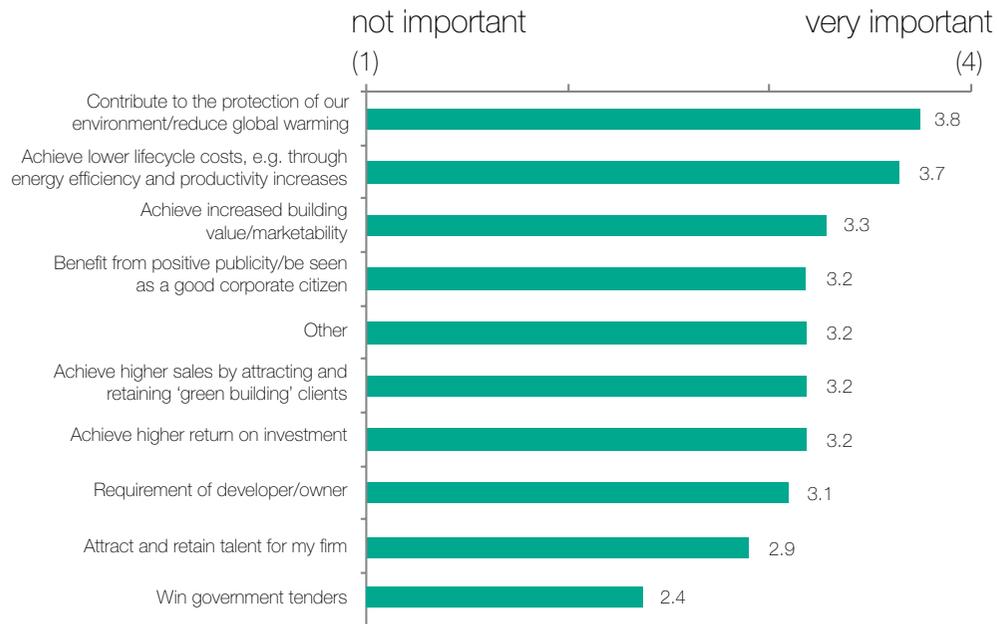


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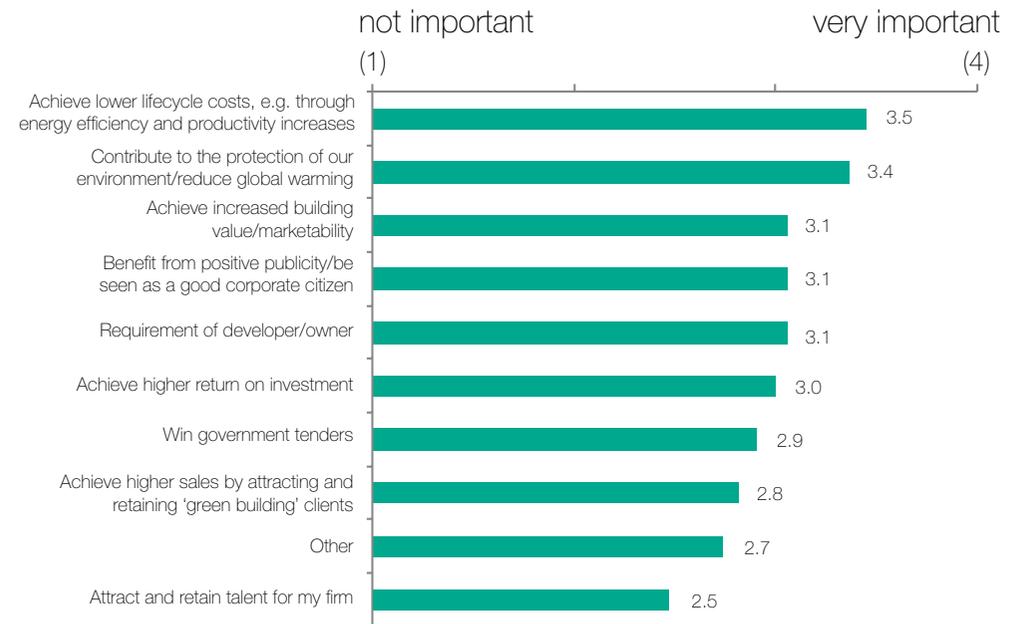


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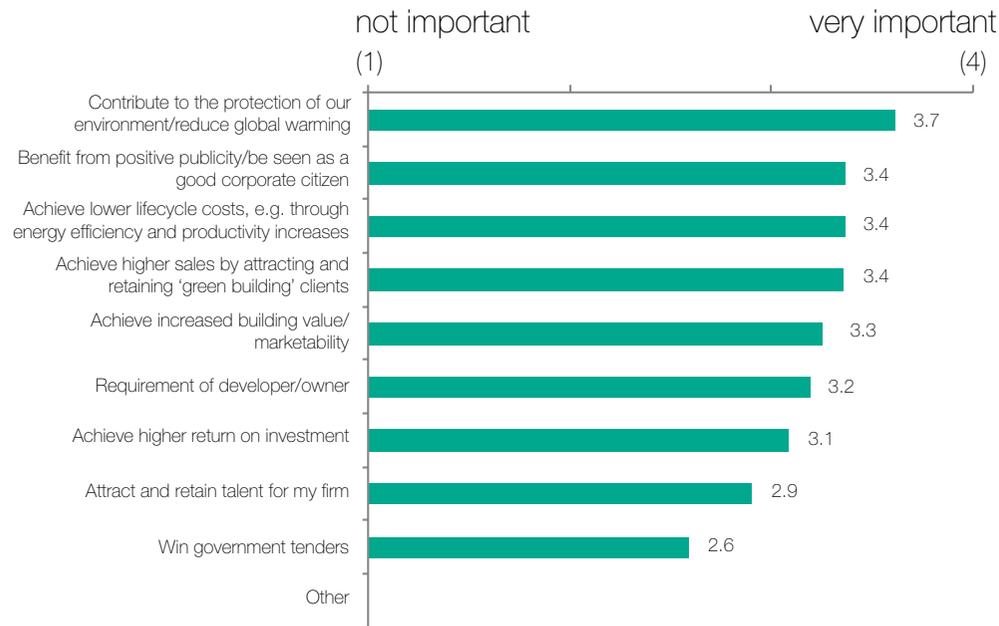


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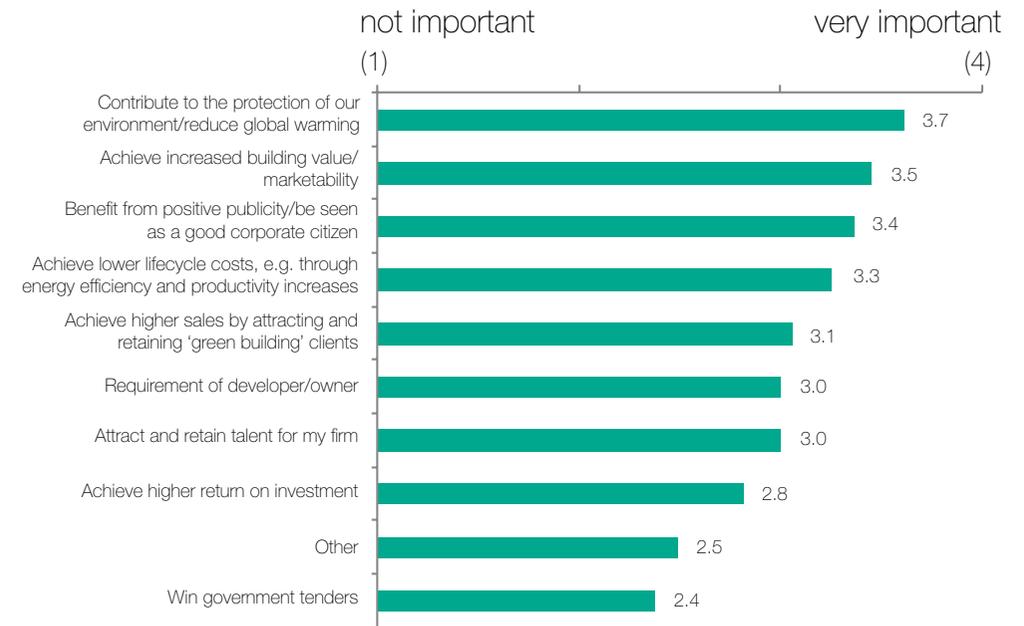


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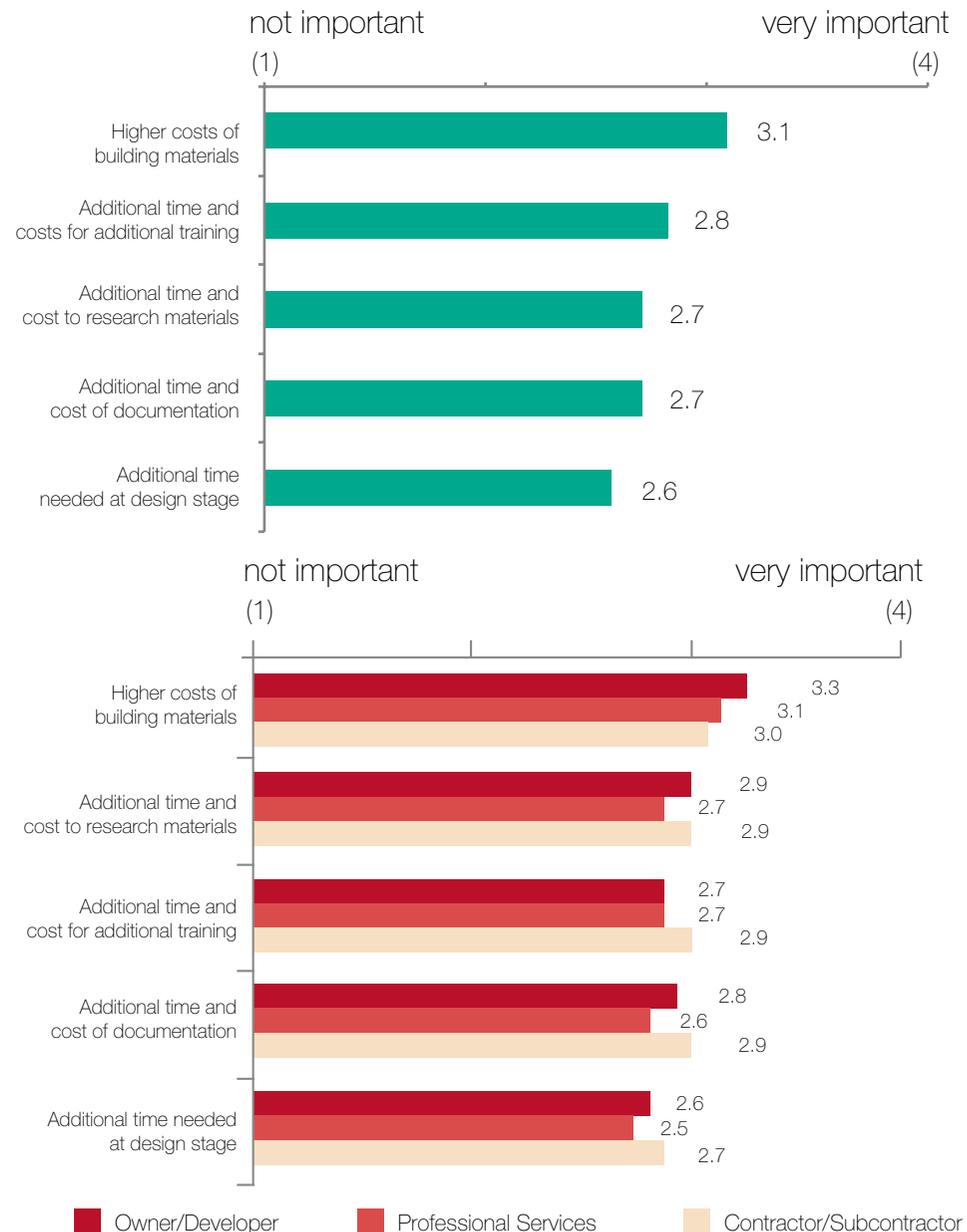


# REASONS AGAINST INVOLVEMENT IN GREEN BUILDING

Having surveyed the reasons for becoming involved in green building, we next turned our attention to the obstacles getting in the way. We found the “higher costs of building materials” cited as the primary reason, followed by the “additional time and cost to research materials” and the “time and costs for additional training” in second and third place, respectively.

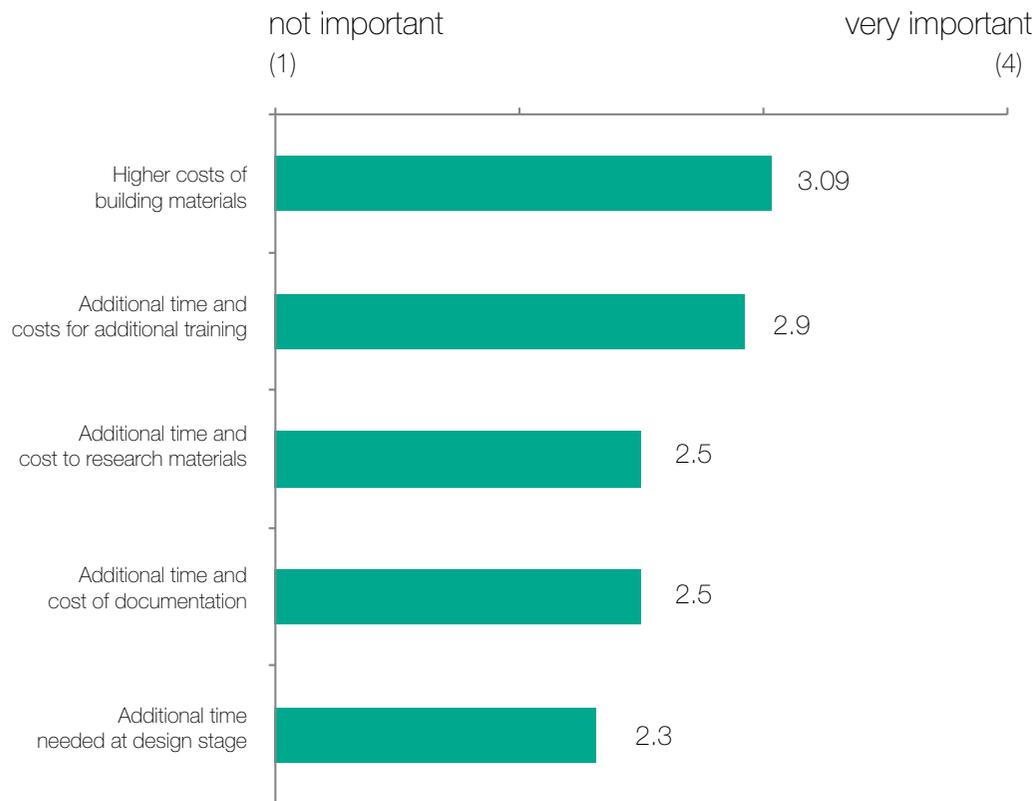
This overall pattern was largely reflected in the responses by respondent role although owners and developers were particularly sensitive to the extra materials costs and contractors showed concern for the costs attributable to training in green building techniques.

Consistent with our summary findings, the “higher costs of building materials” were also found to be the major obstacle to green building implementation across most national markets. The “additional time and cost to research materials” also ranked second in numerous countries while the “additional time and costs for additional training” came in third for several markets as well.

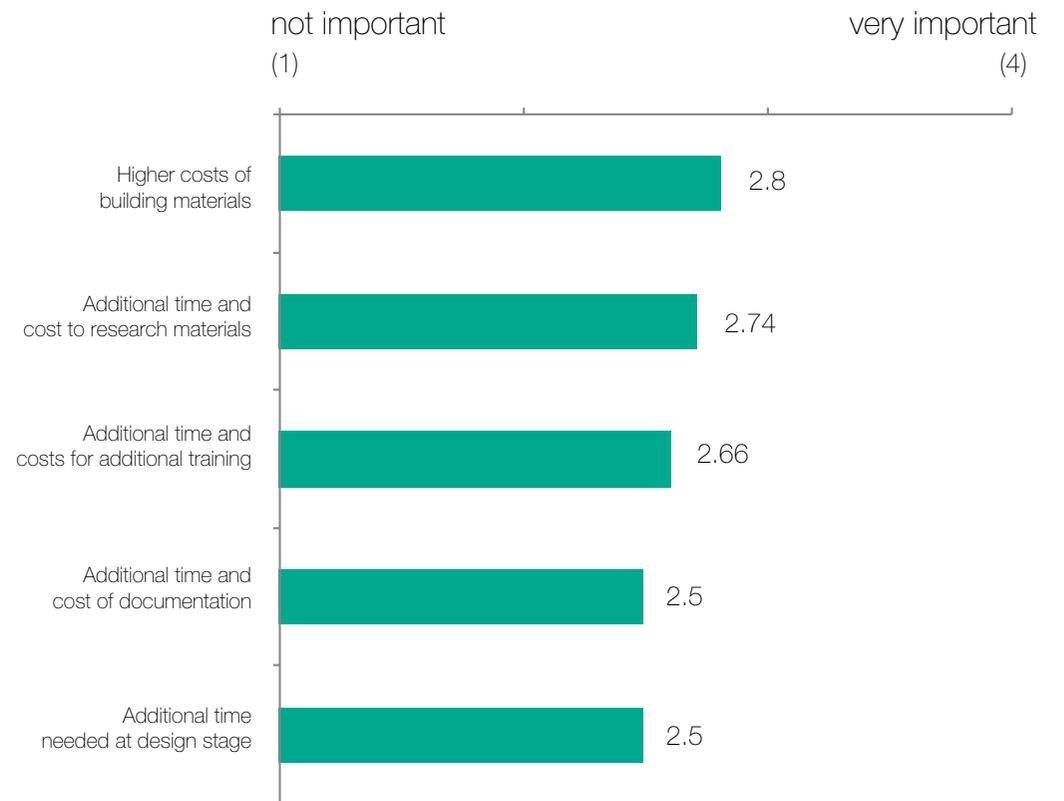


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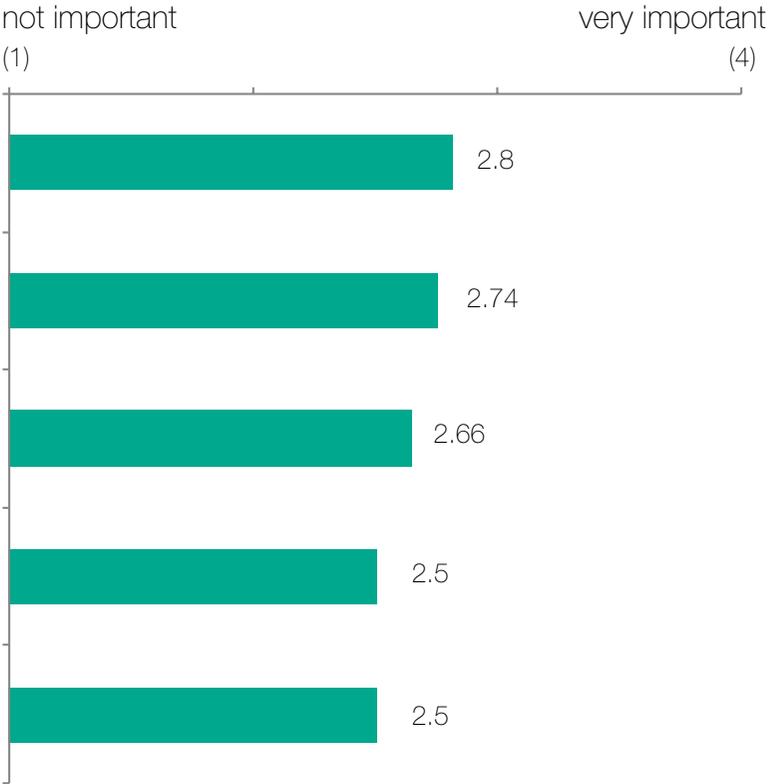


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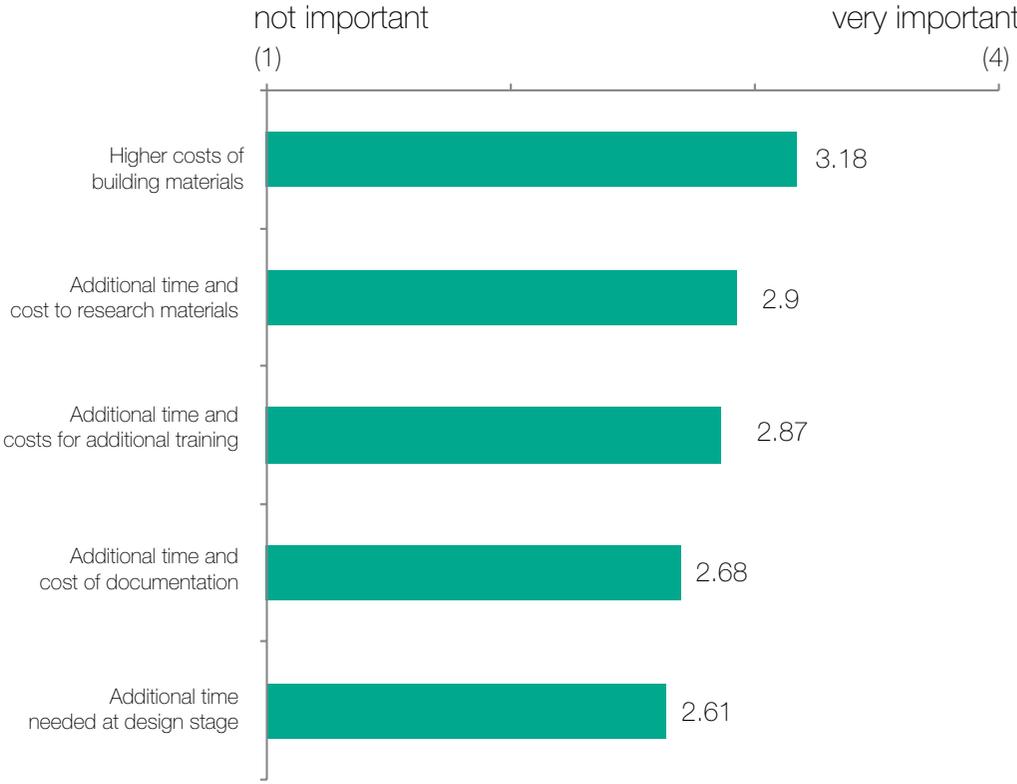


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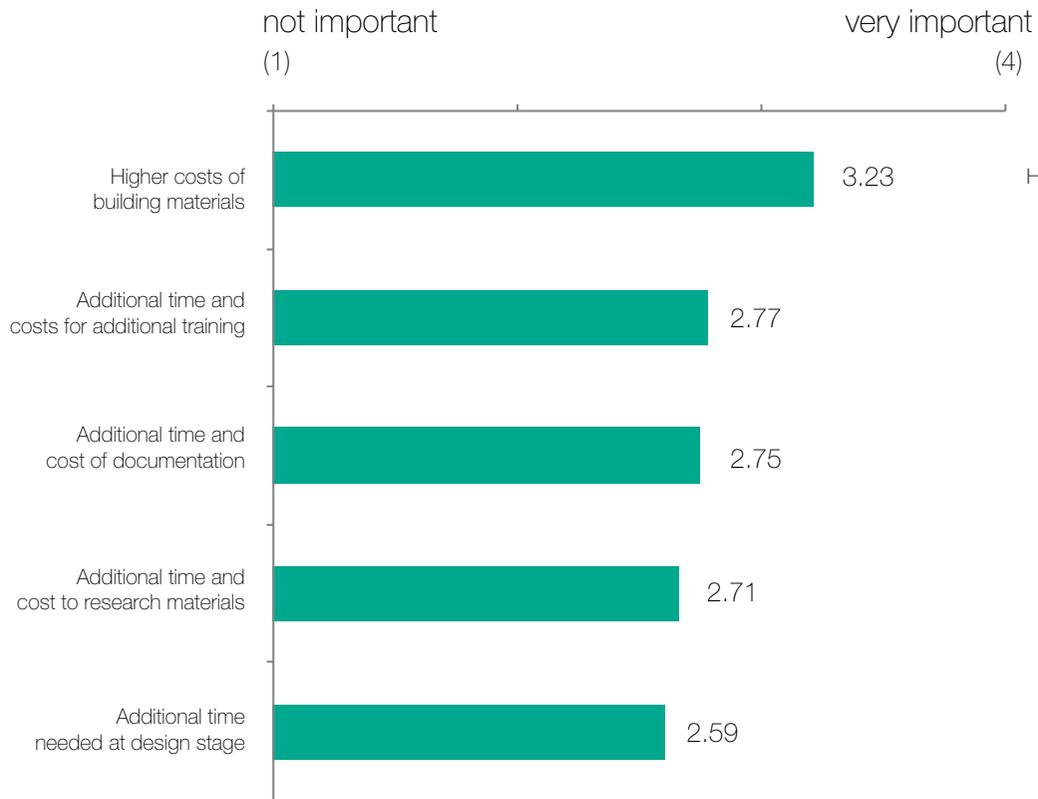


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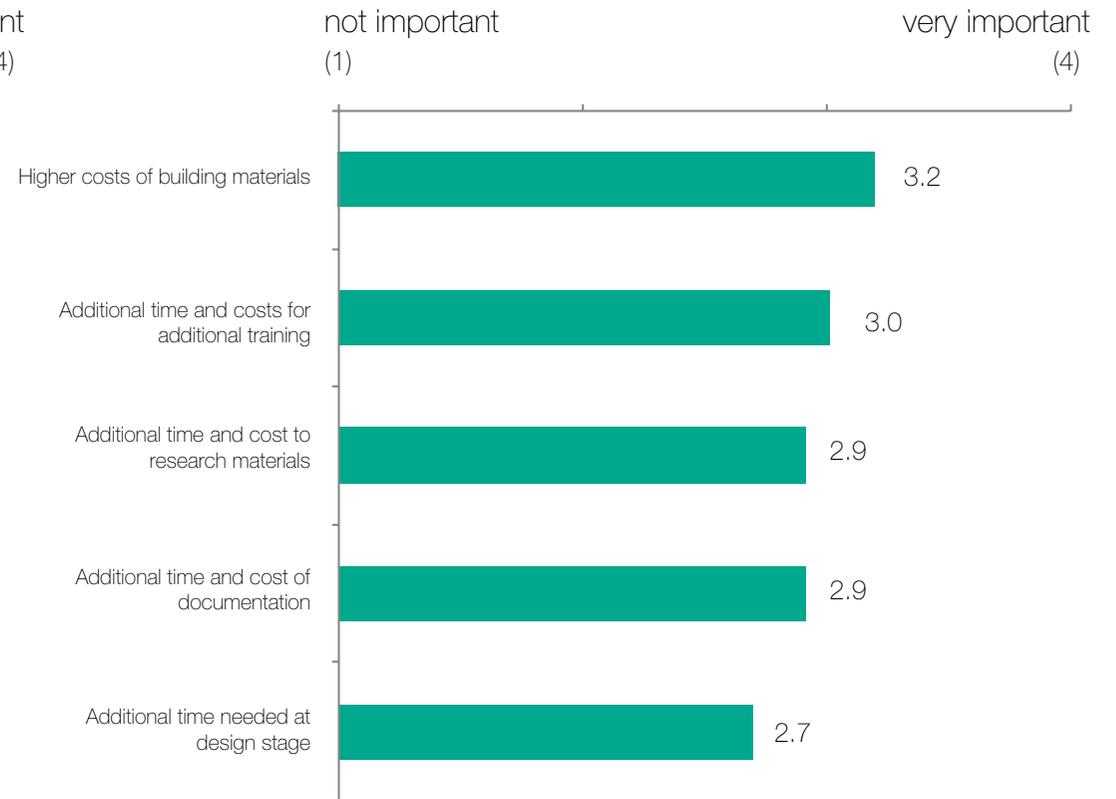


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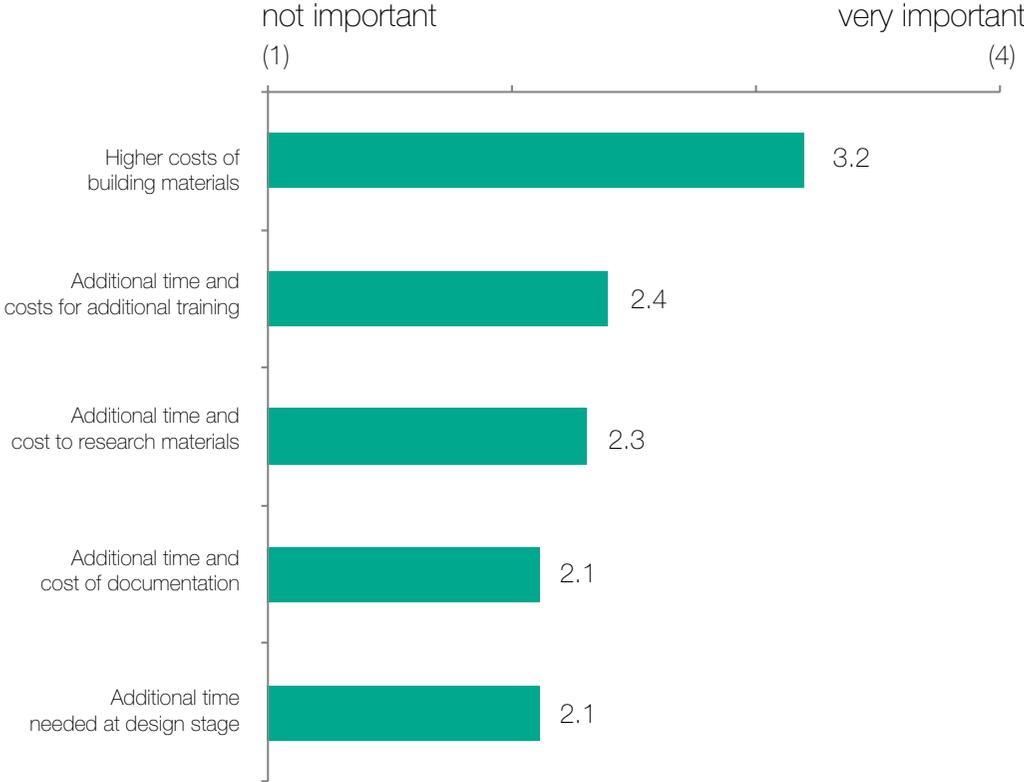


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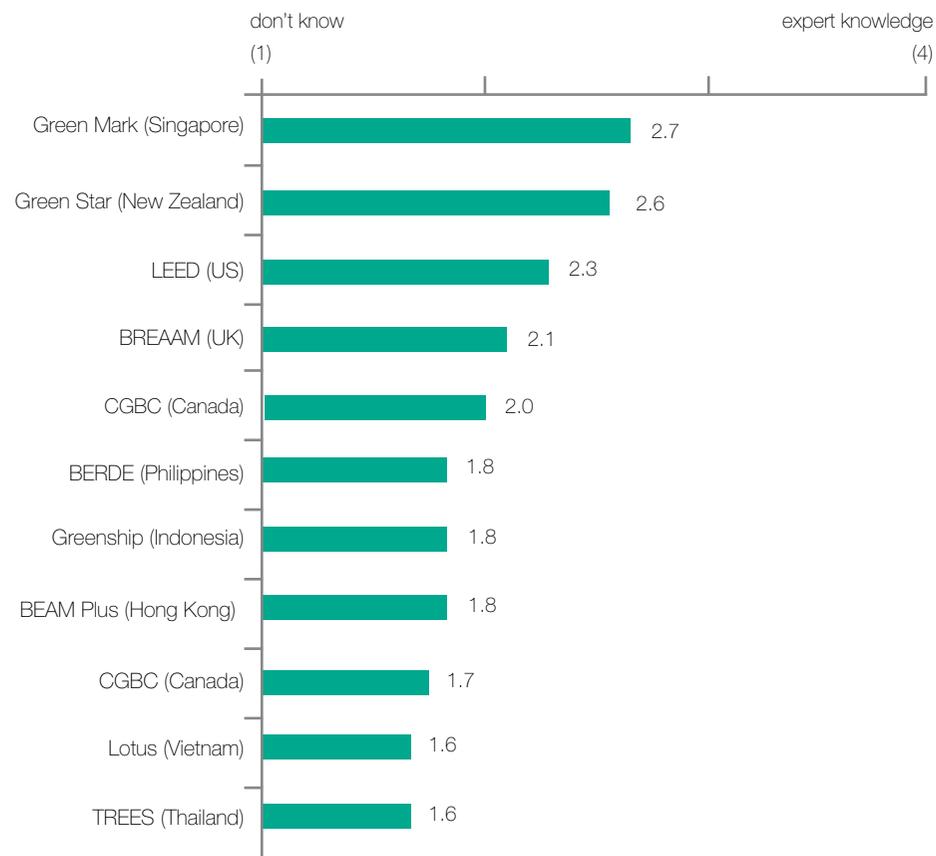


# FAMILIARITY WITH CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS

The responses to the question “how familiar are you with the following certification systems” (relevant to the South East Asia region) were naturally consistent with the answers to the earlier question “which certification systems have you used”. Across the region, the Singapore “Green Mark” had the highest rating with Malaysia’s GBI just a little further back. Their high ratings are not surprising given their countries’ level of involvement with green building although we might have expected that Hong Kong’s BEAM system would have rated more highly.

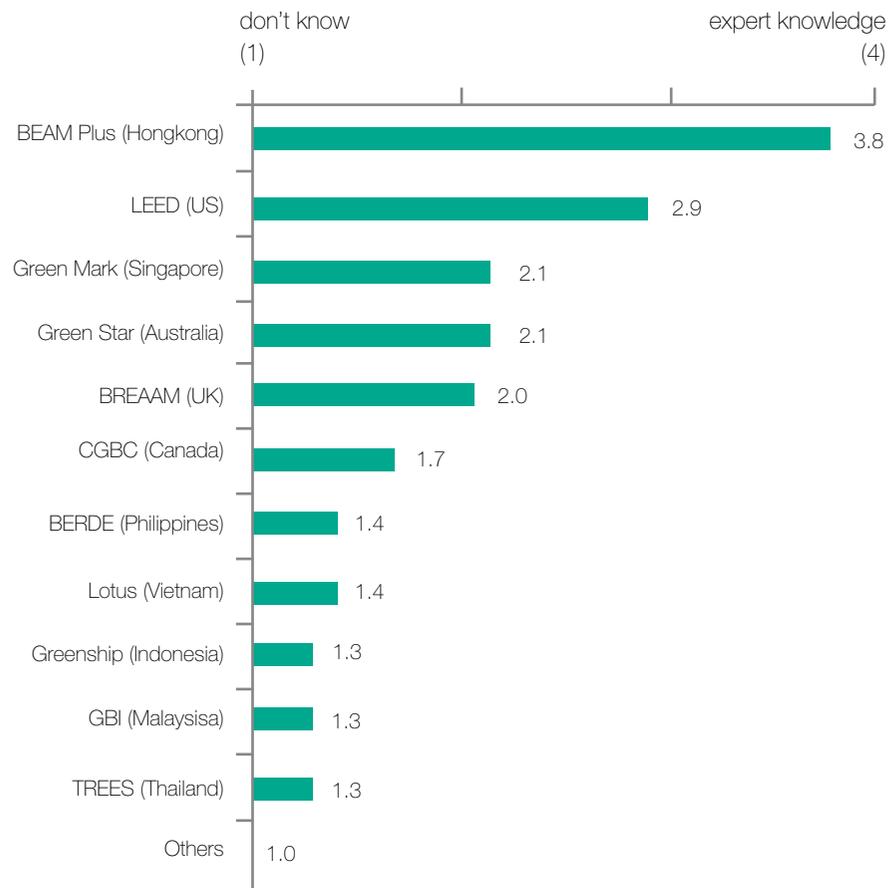
Mention should also be made of the “international” systems, the US LEED, the UK BREEAM and the Australian “Green Star” which all had high levels of awareness across the region.

Naturally, each country favoured their locally based agency. However, the US LEED system and Singapore’s Green Mark frequently took the second and third places behind them suggesting that they may be the “benchmarks” in the region for good green building practice.

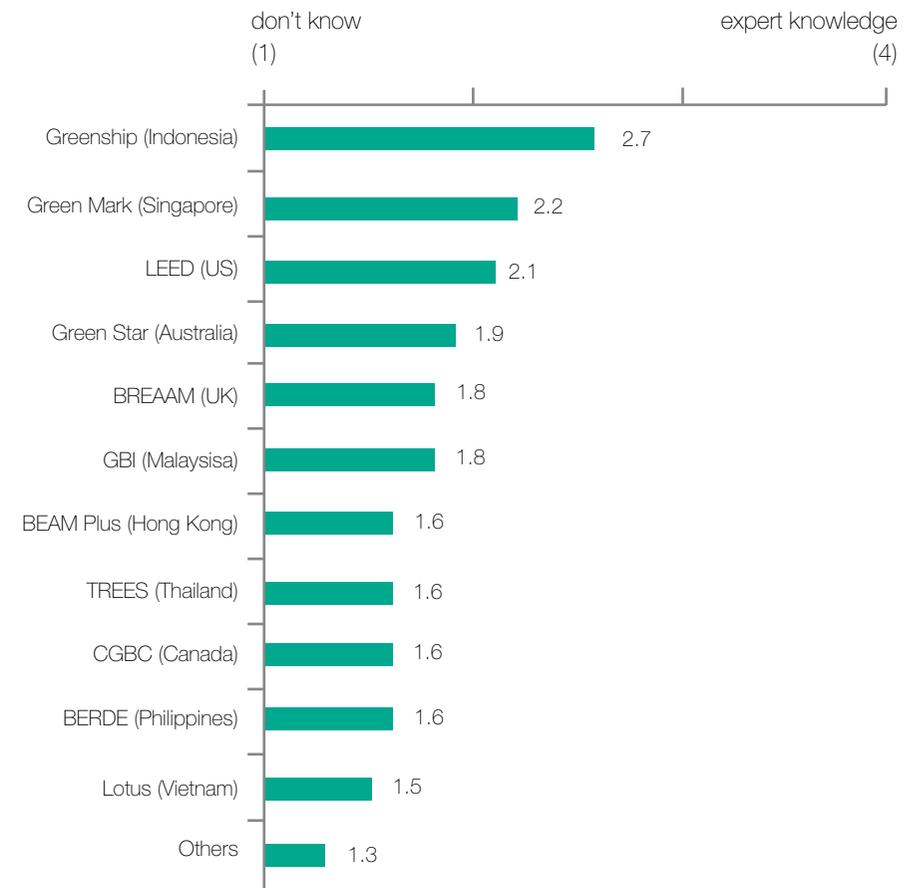


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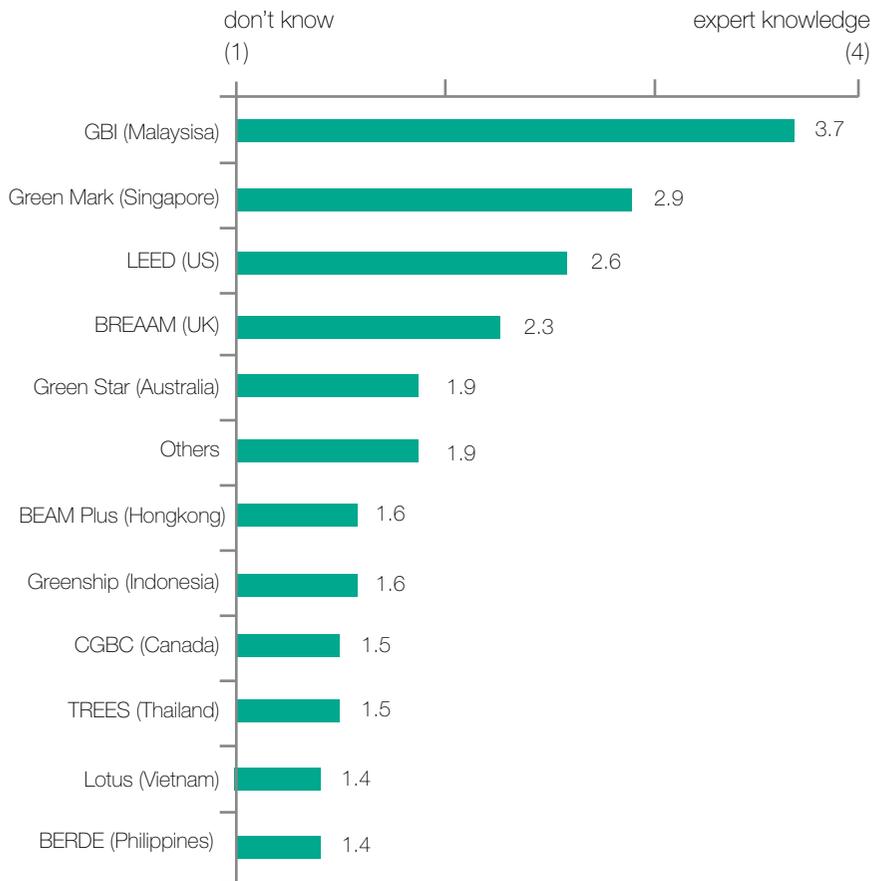


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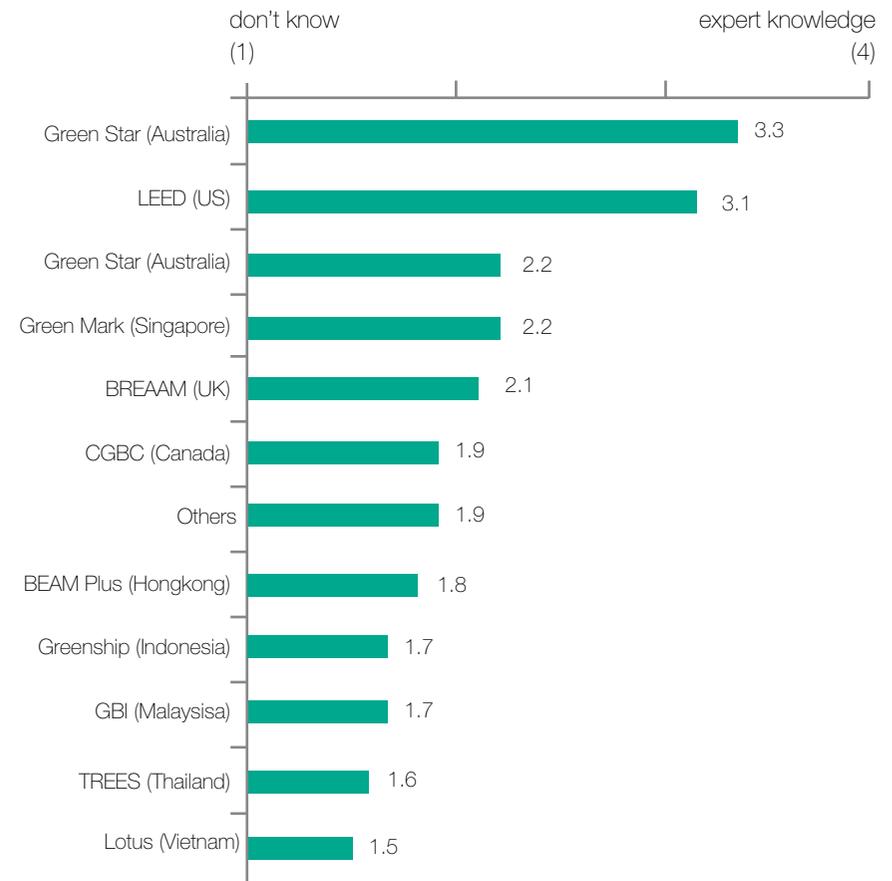


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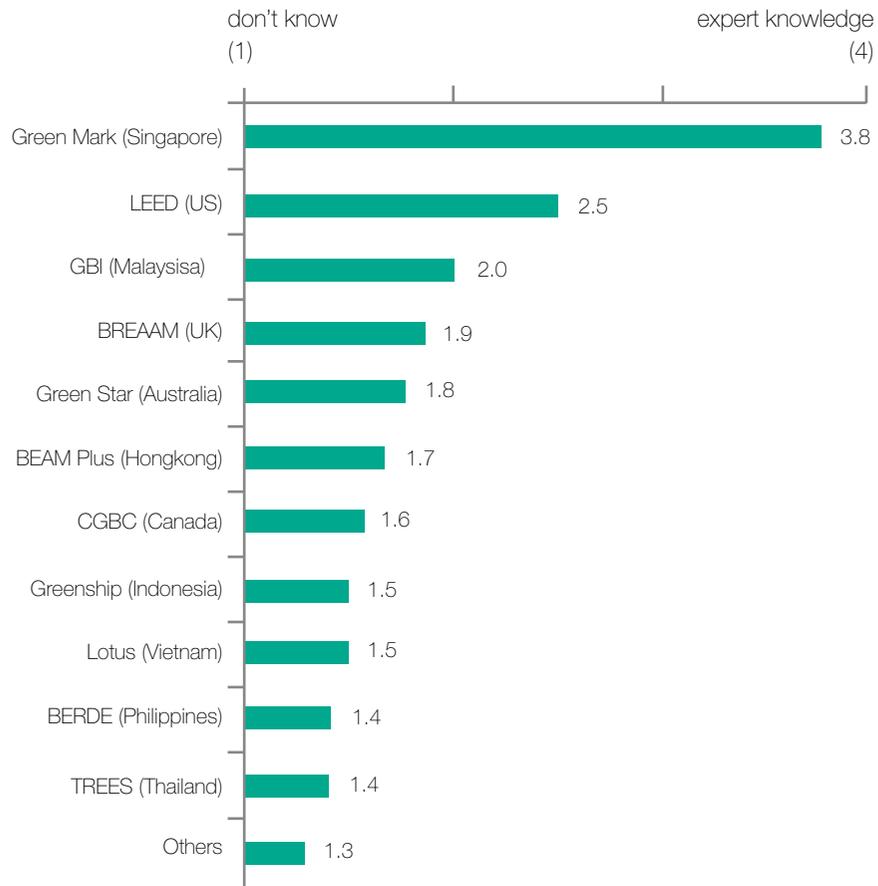


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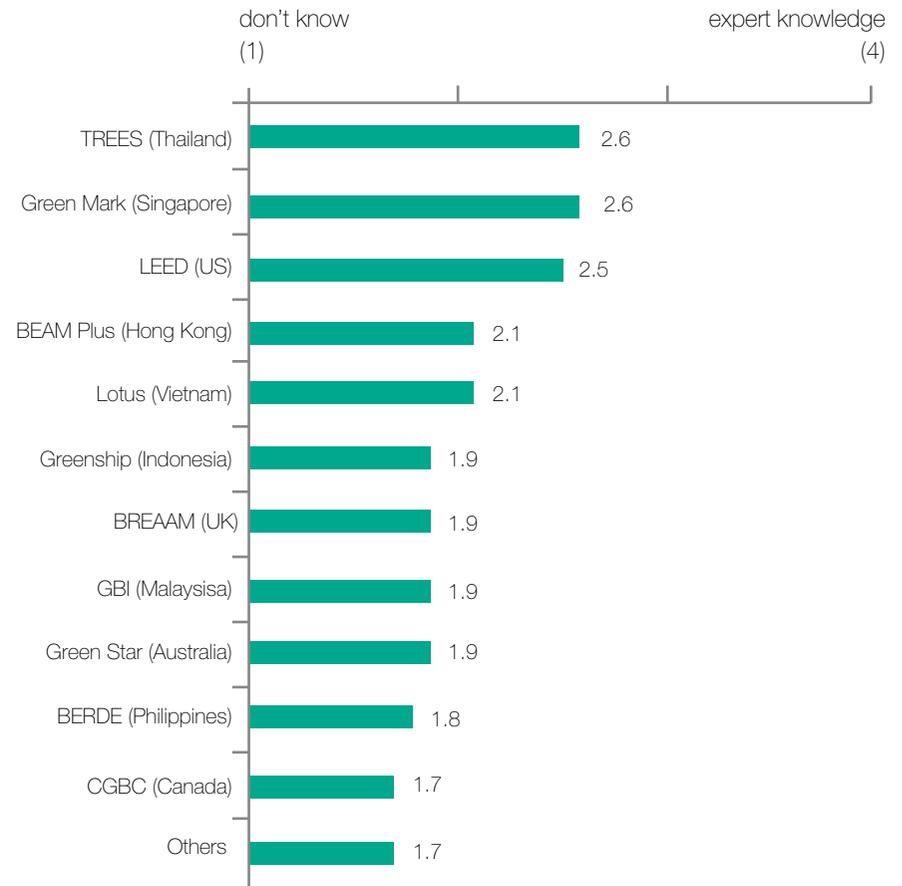


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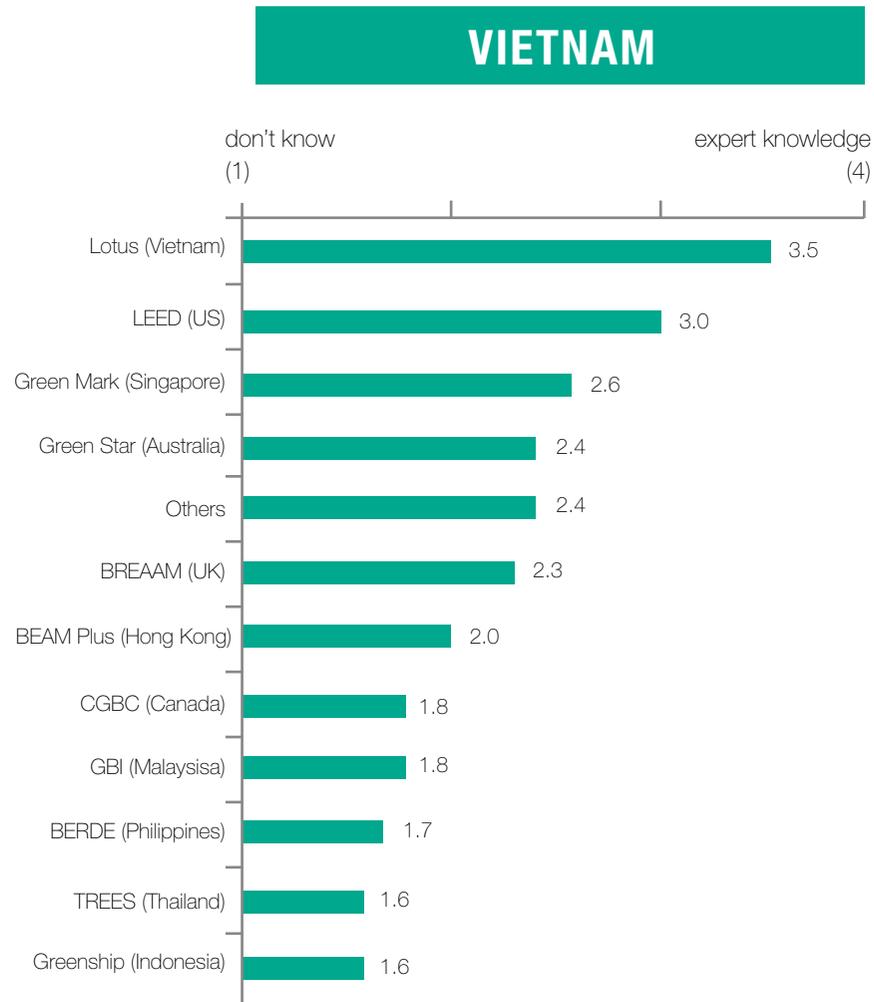
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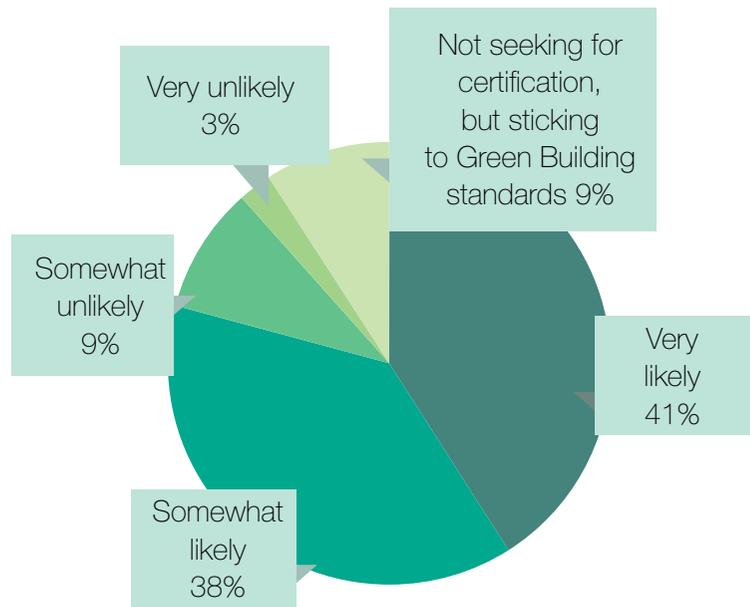


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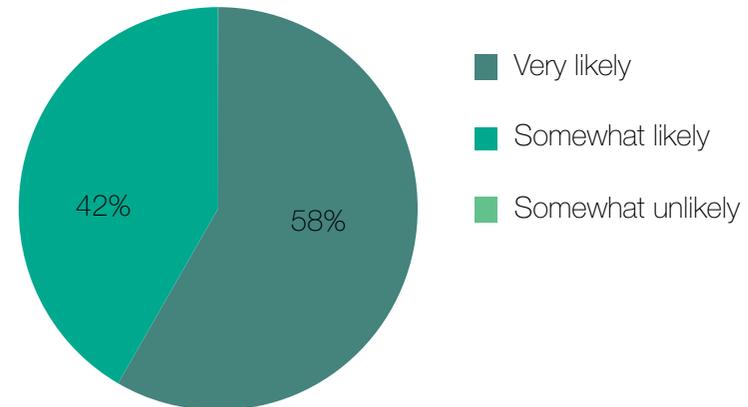
# THE INTENTION OF SEEKING GREEN BUILDING CERTIFICATION

Although less than half the respondents had indicated that they had pursued certification, a substantial 79% indicated that they were “somewhat” or “very” likely to pursue certification in the future. Of course, not every intention is followed through to implementation but this is a healthy leading indicator of growth in green building certification.



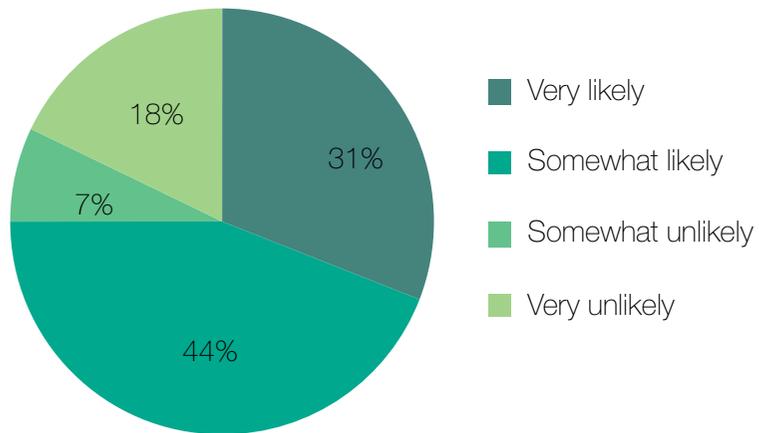
The results country by country were somewhat predictable. In Singapore, Vietnam and Hong Kong, on the one hand, 92%, 91% and even the full 100% of respondents, respectively, stated that they were “very” or “somewhat likely” to strive after green building certification. On the other hand, Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines appear to be still in “catch-up” mode. However the shares of respondents with declared intentions at 75%, 69% and 72% respectively still compare very favourably with their past actual performance (between 21% and 28%).

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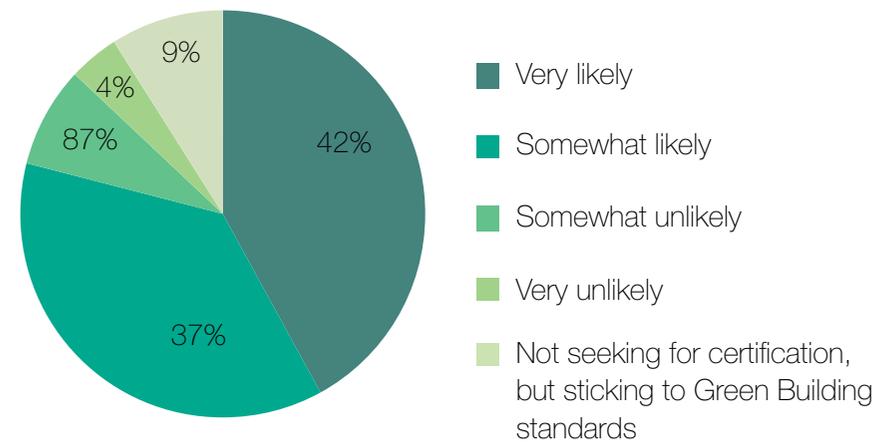


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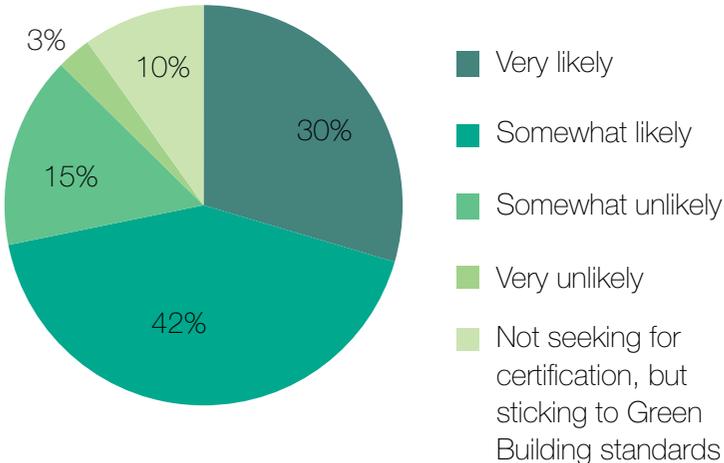
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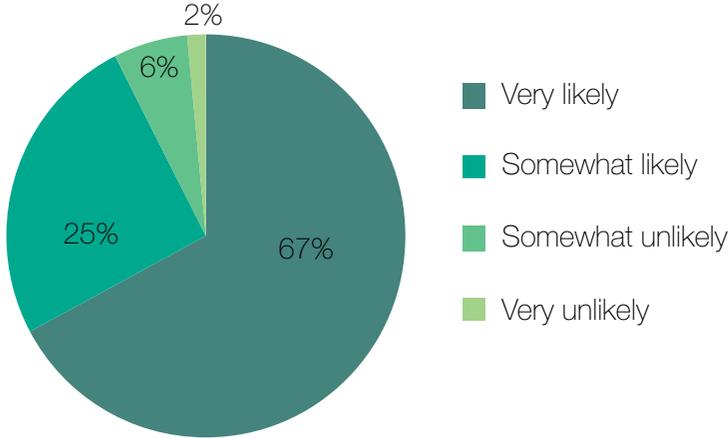
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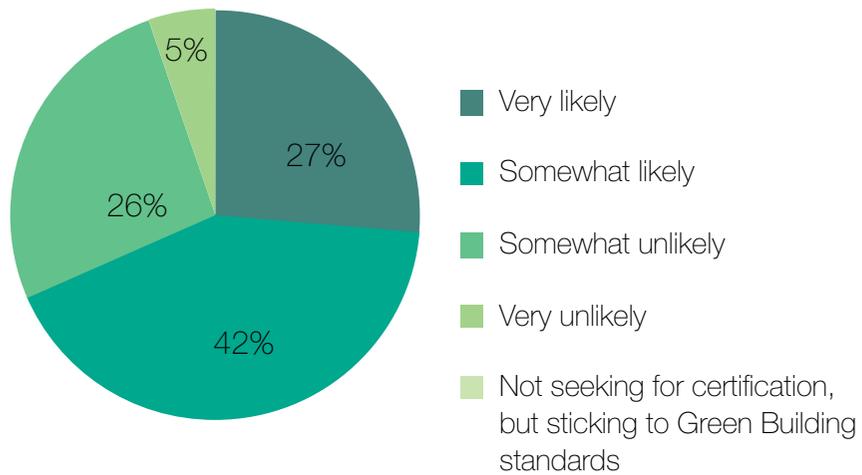


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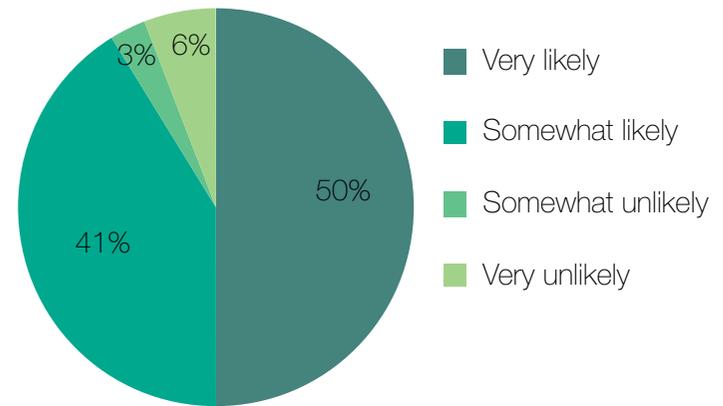


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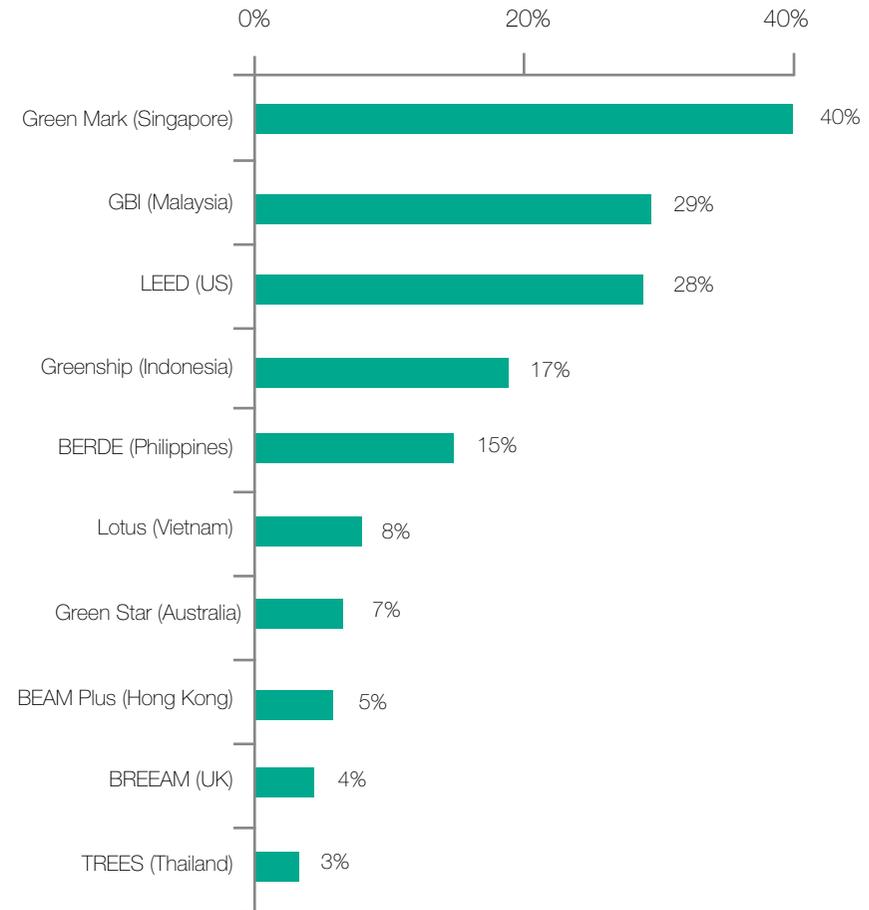
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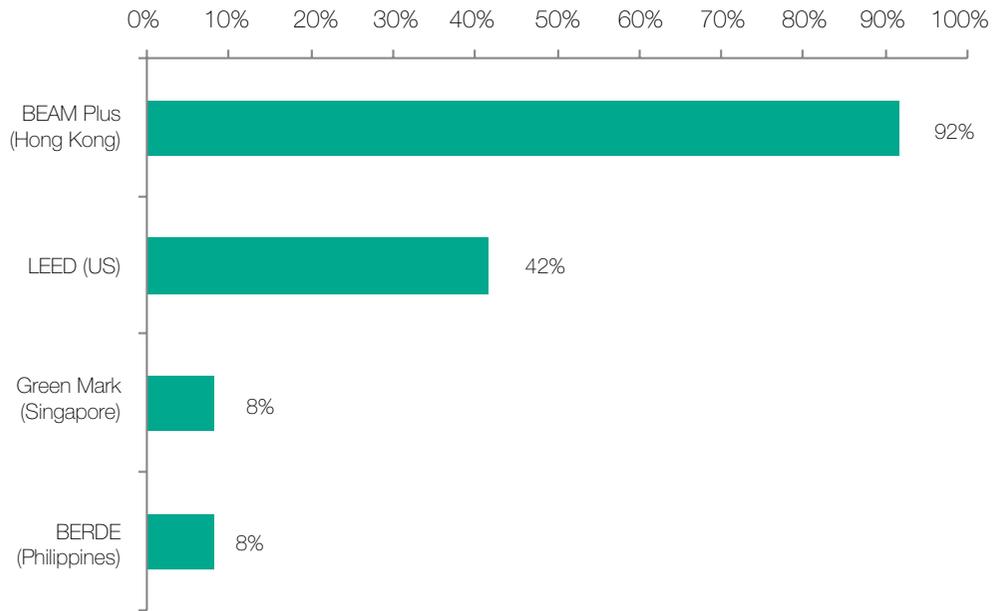
We have asked about familiarity with the various systems but here we have asked bluntly of those respondents who have indicated they are prepared to pursue green building certification, which one will they choose? Not surprisingly, the respondents tended to go with the systems with which they are familiar and accordingly, the three top choices were “Green Mark” (Singapore), “GBI” (Malaysia) and “LEED” (US).

Naturally enough, preference went to the system administered by the country’s own agency. However, it becomes clear the LEED system of the US and the Green Mark from Singapore are the most important back-up choices.

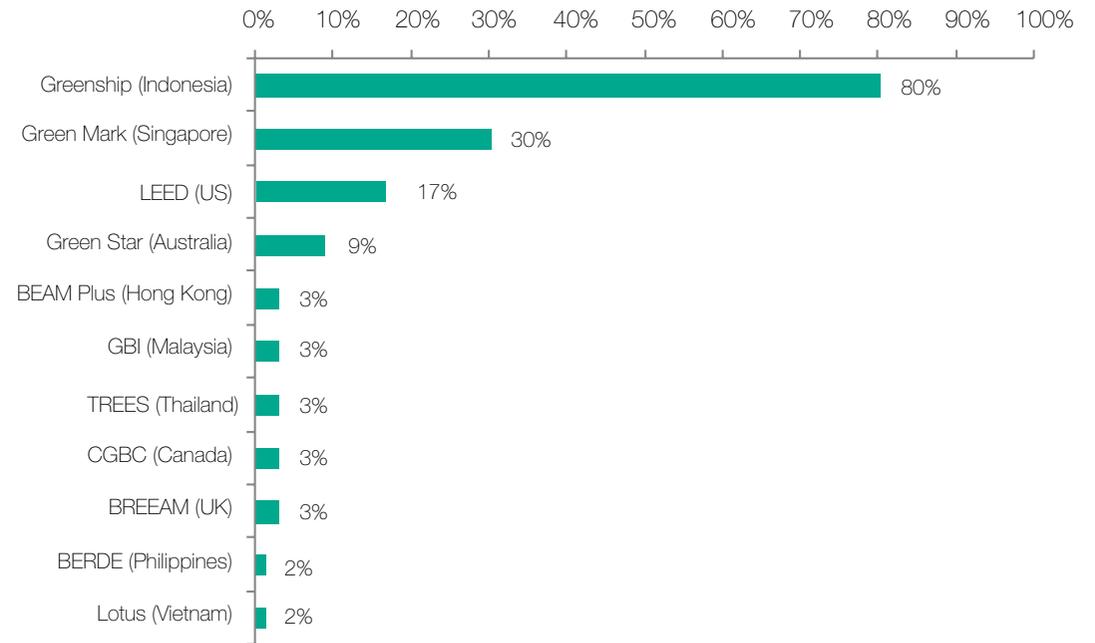


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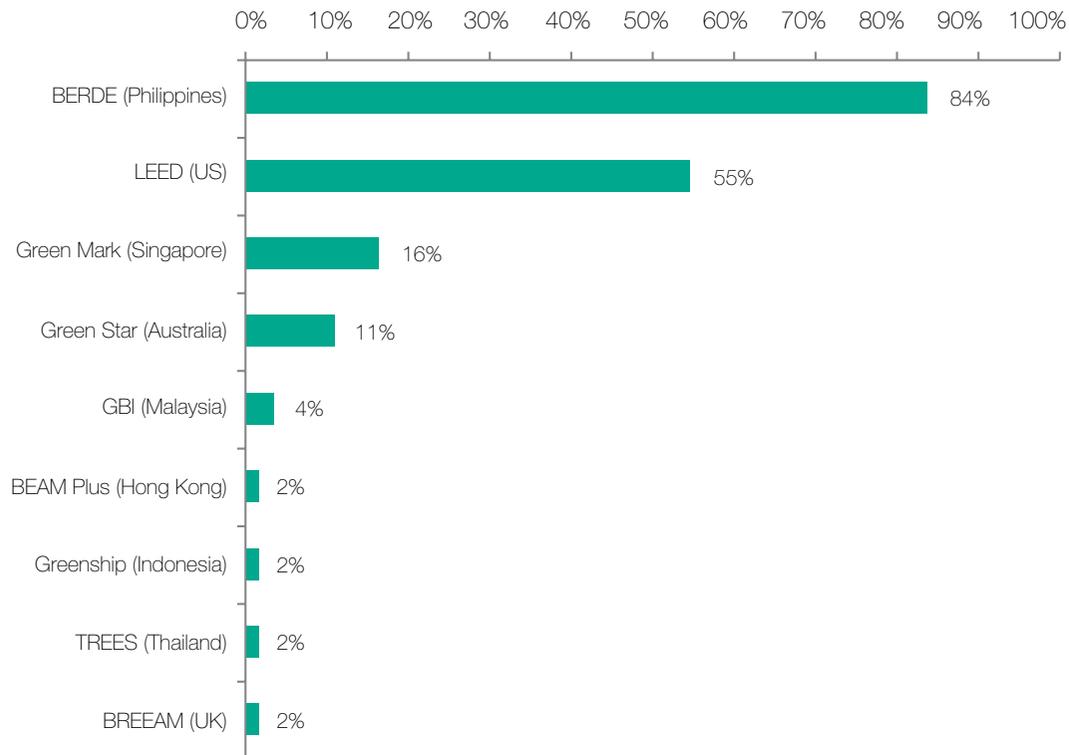


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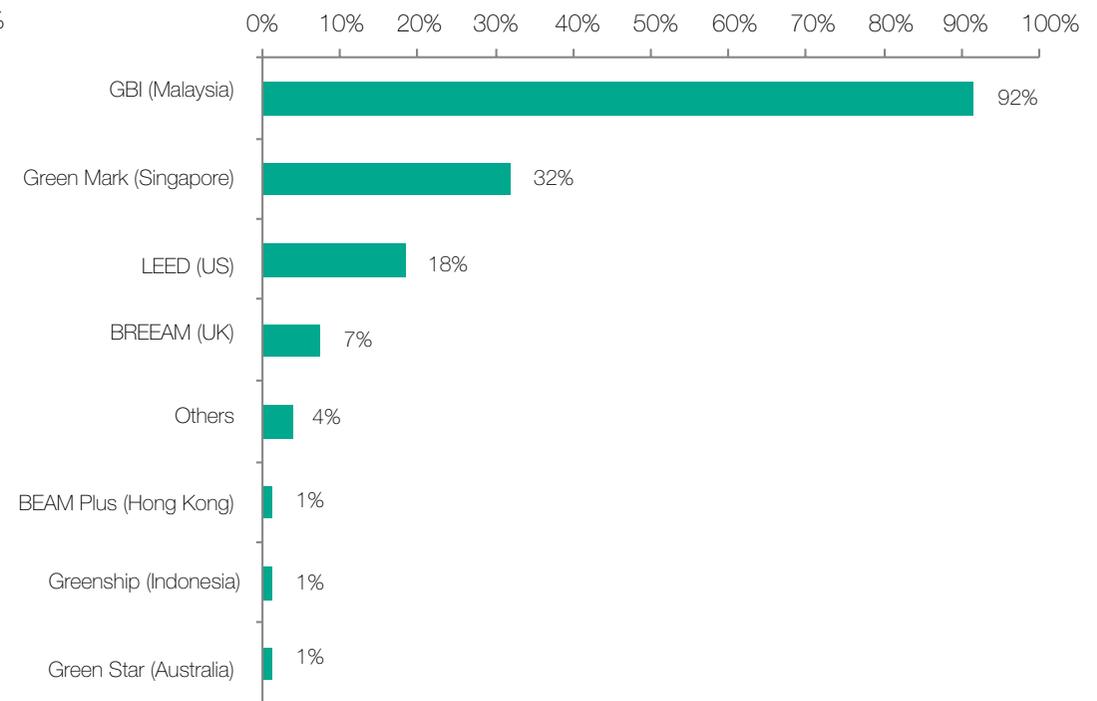


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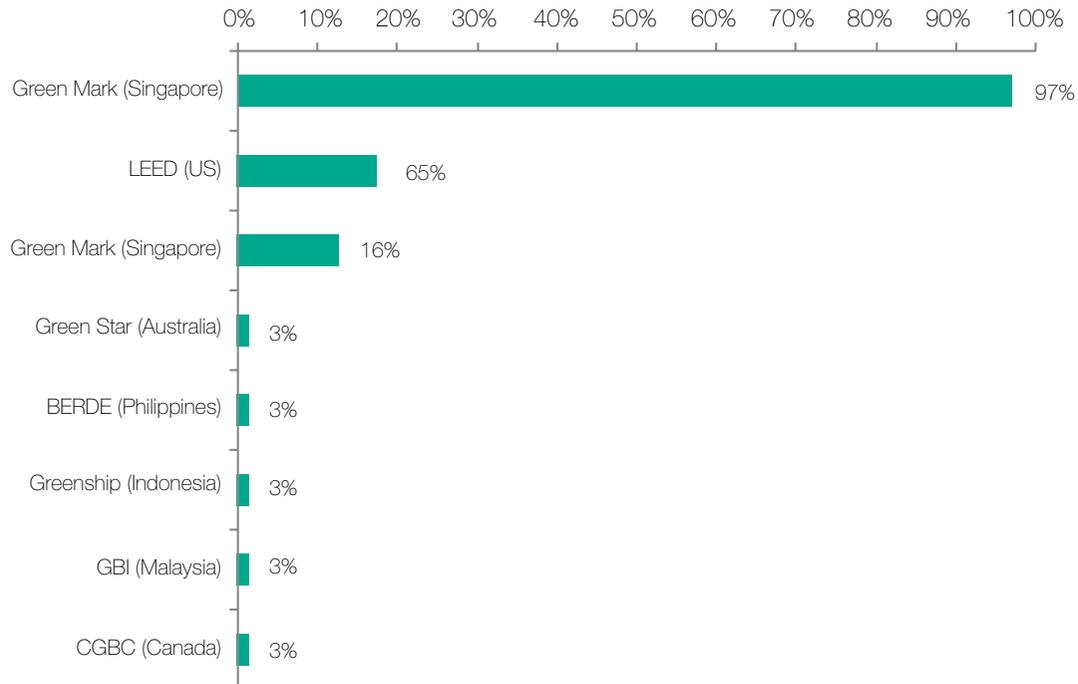


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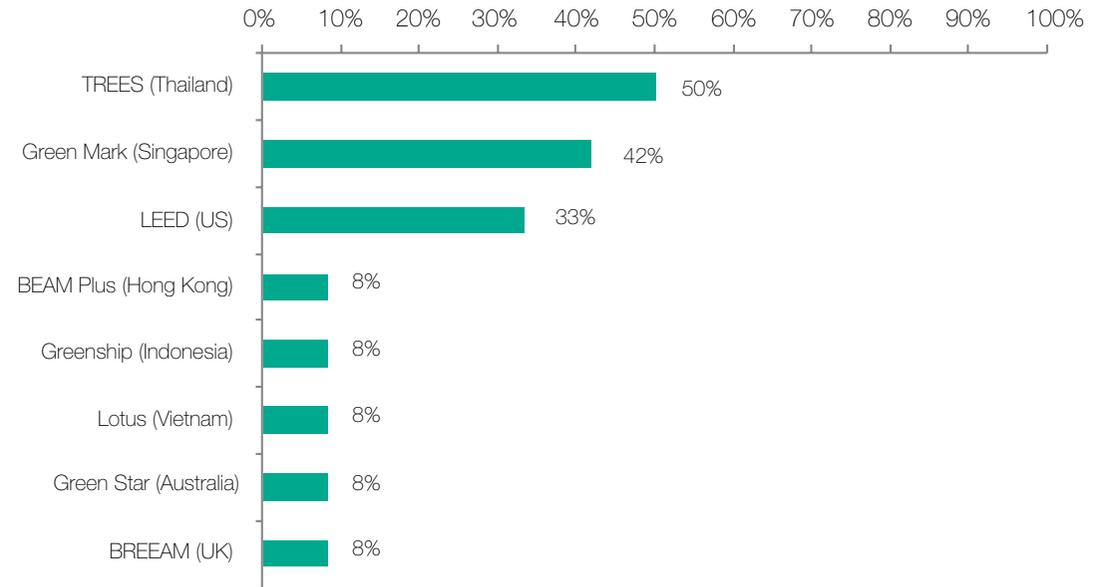


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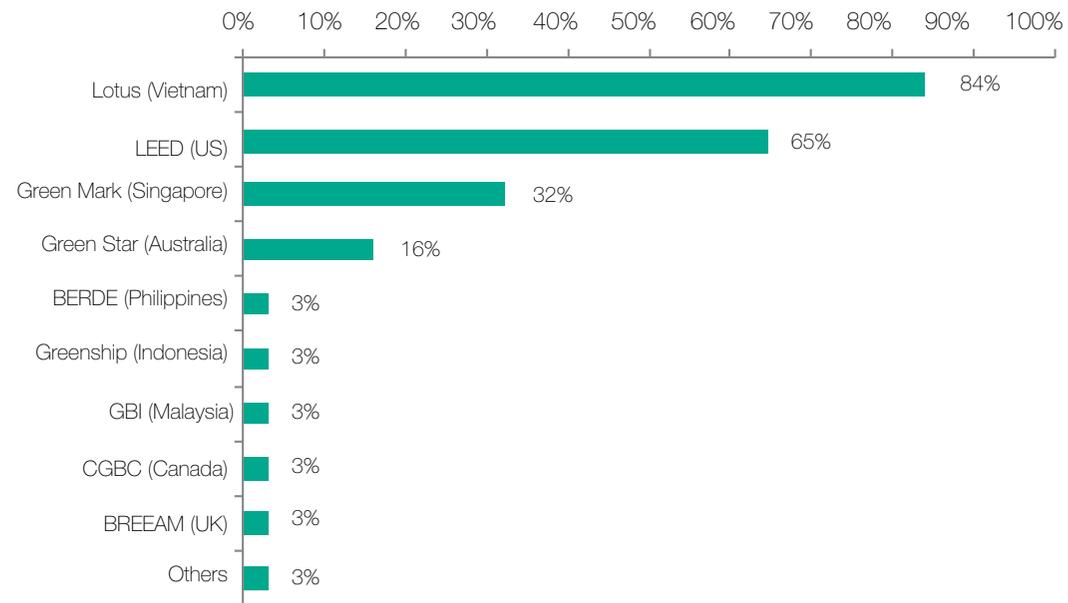
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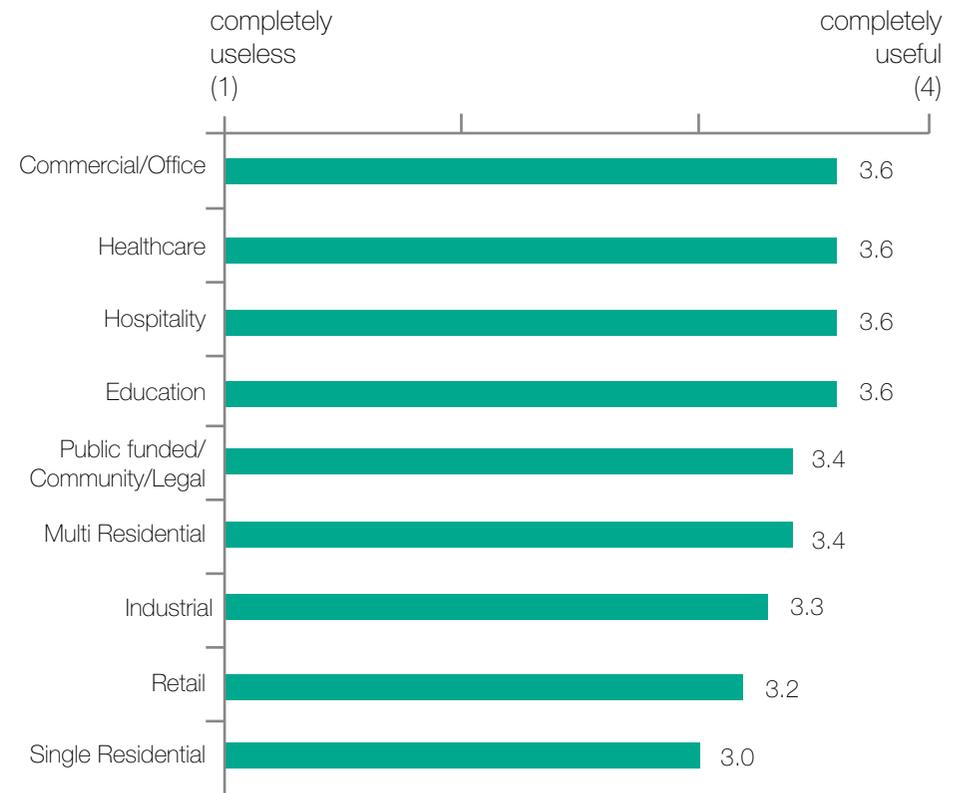
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## PERCEIVED USEFULNESS OF CERTIFICATION BY BUILDING CATEGORY

We wished to determine whether the industry professionals regarded certification as being more useful for certain building categories than others. Across South East Asia there appears little to choose between the top 4 categories, namely commercial/office, healthcare, hospitality and education.

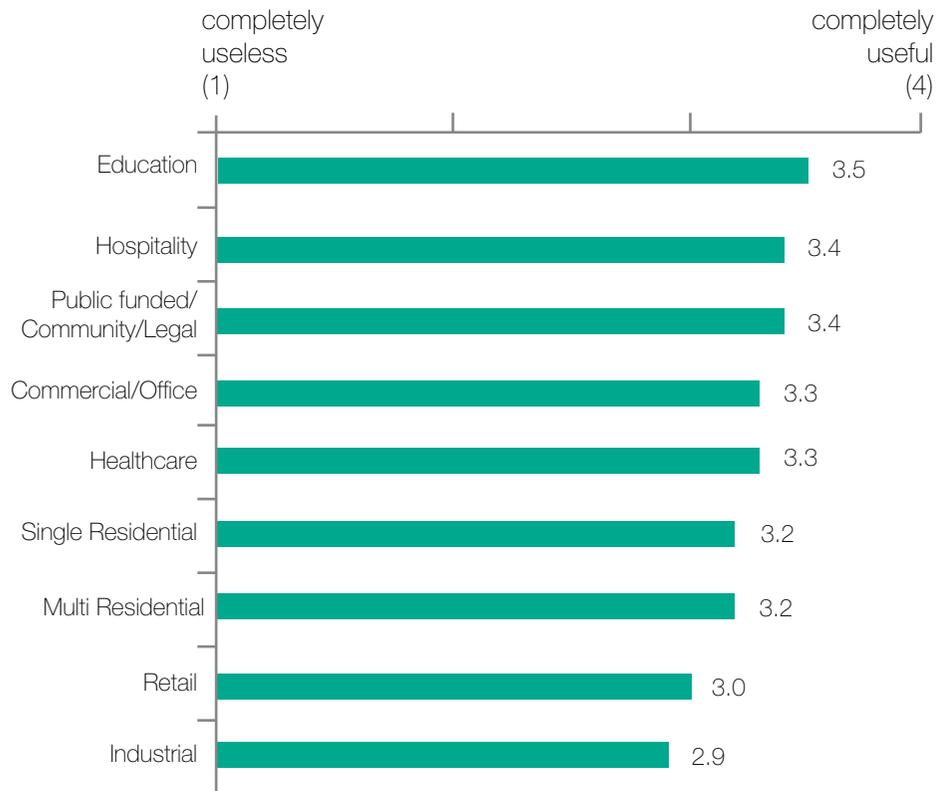
Not that far behind come publicly funded projects (including community and legal), multi residential and industrial. However, certification does not appear to be regarded as valuable for retail and single residential developments.

The profiles for each country do bear some similarity with the overall picture, however, there are some interesting variations reflecting differences in market opportunities.

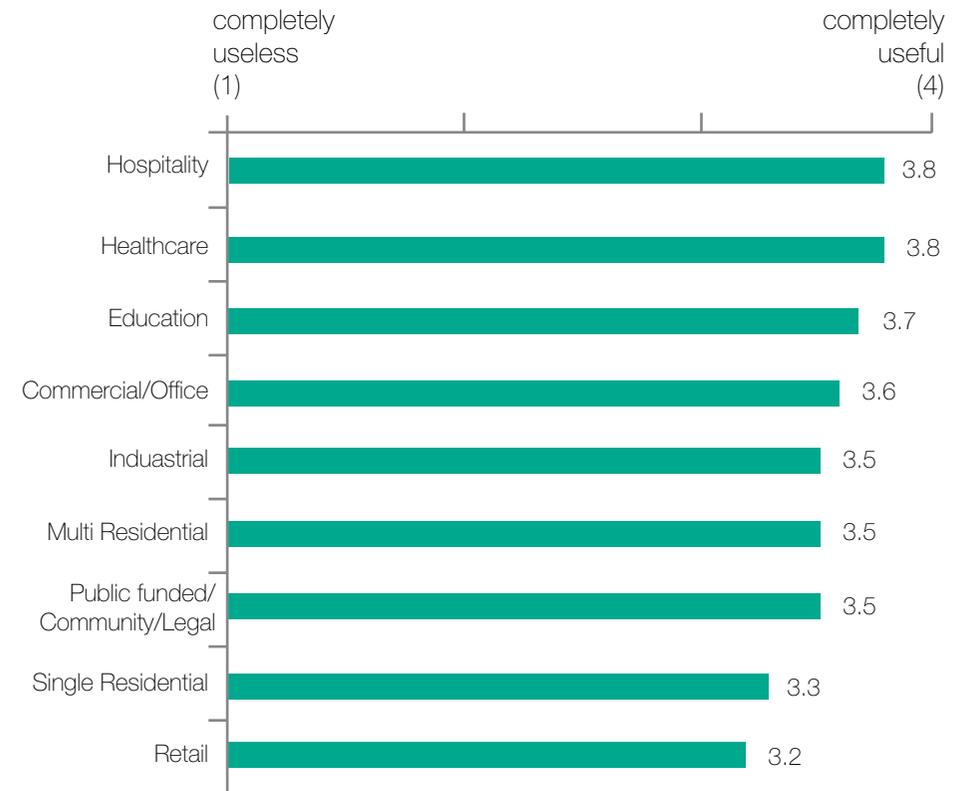


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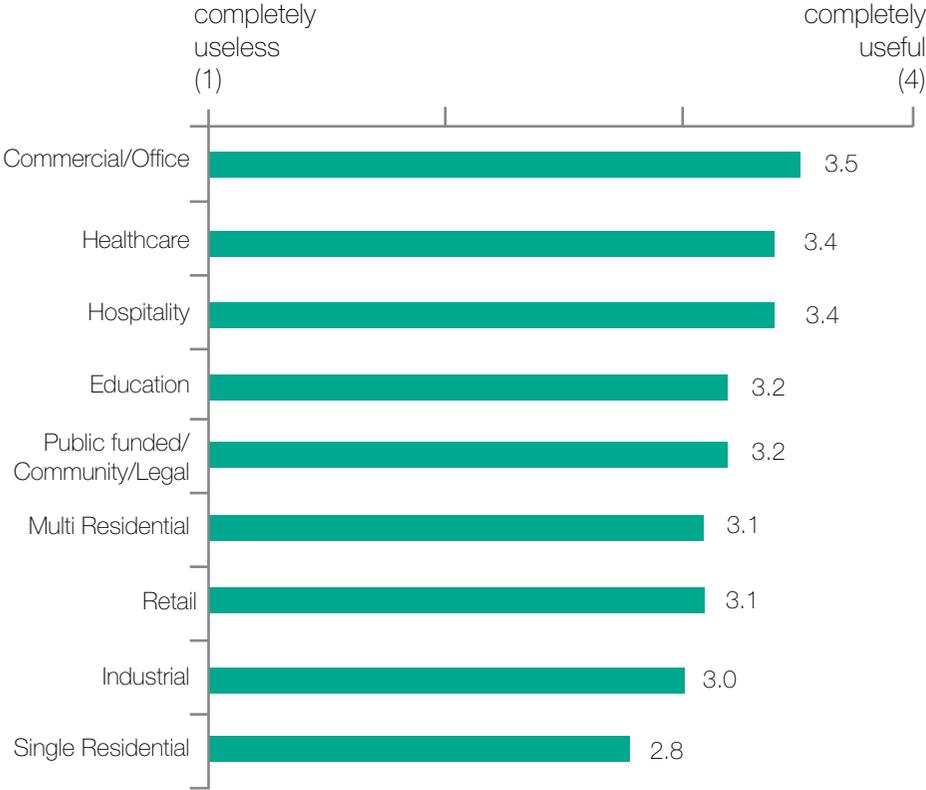


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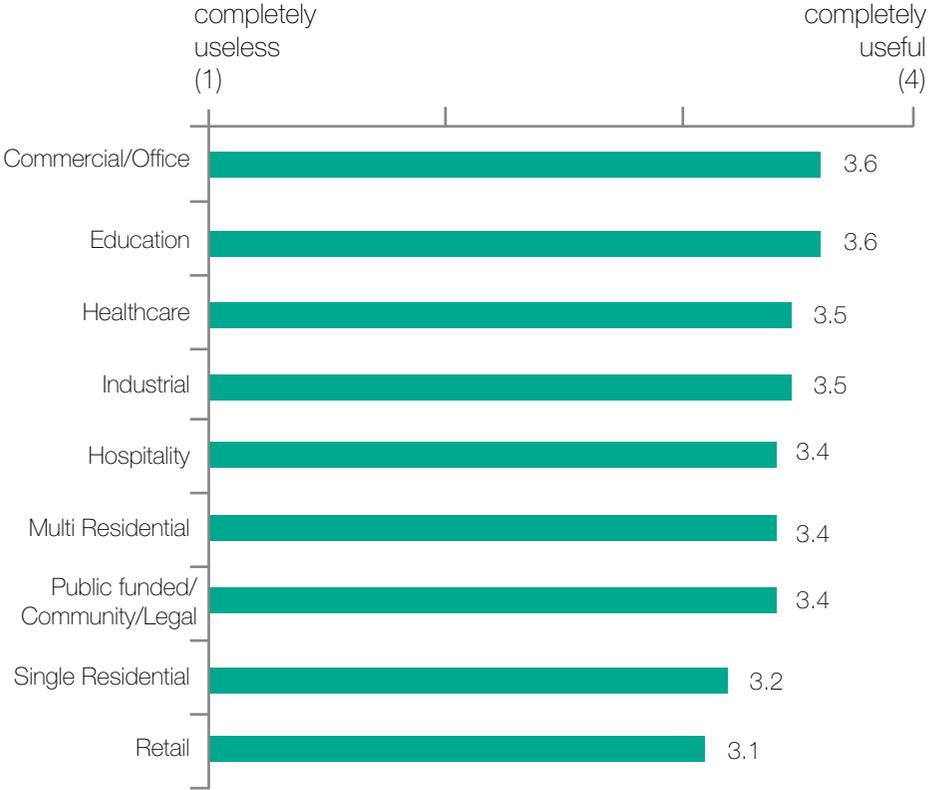


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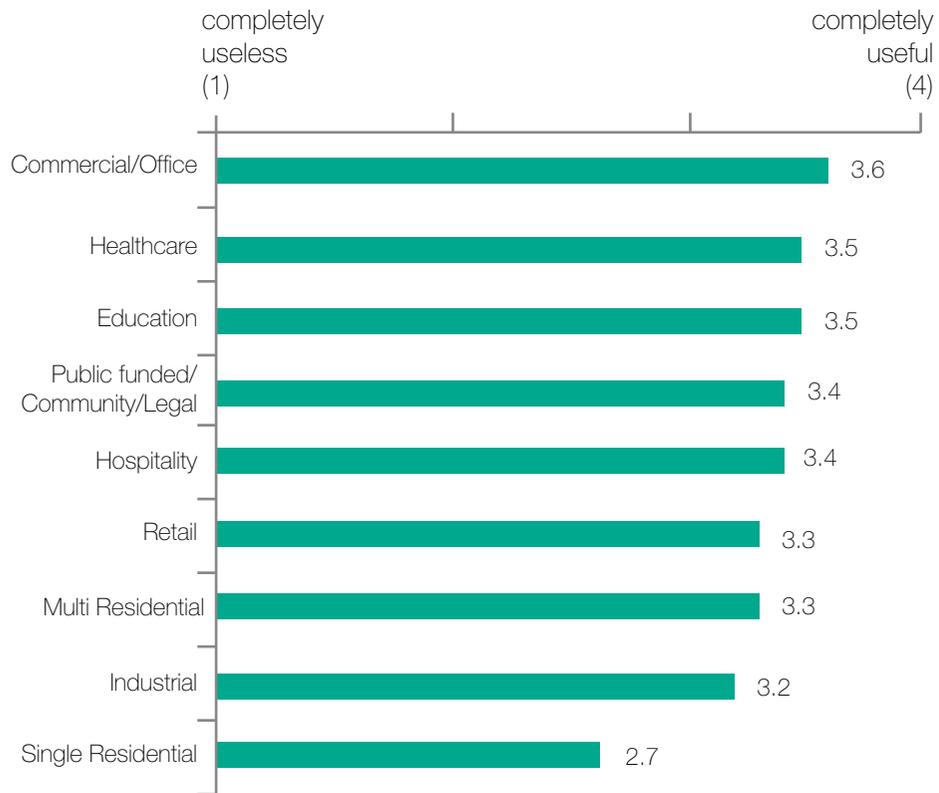


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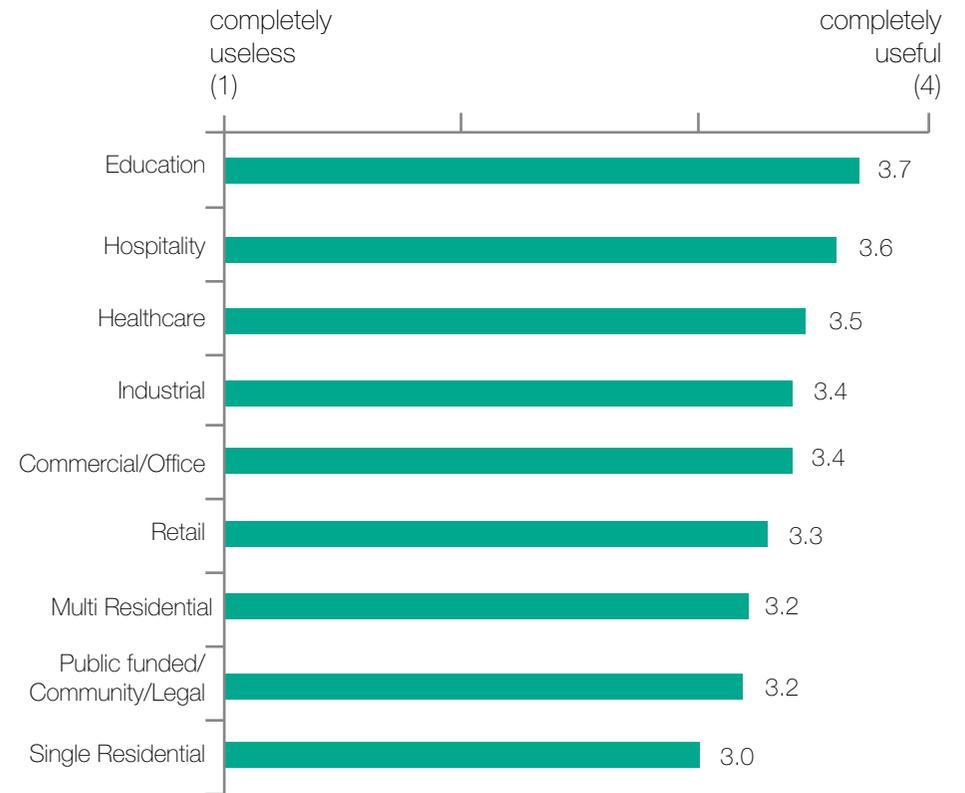


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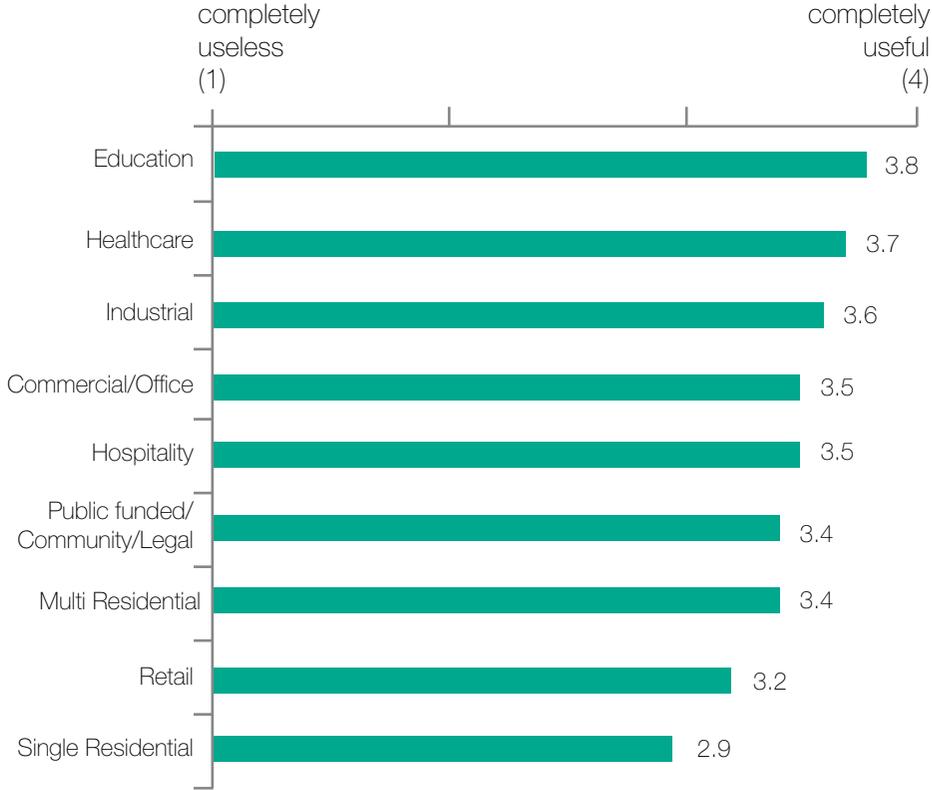


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# PERCEIVED USEFULNESS OF CERTIFICATION BY BUILDING CATEGORY

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## THE MAIN REASONS FOR NOT SEEKING CERTIFICATION

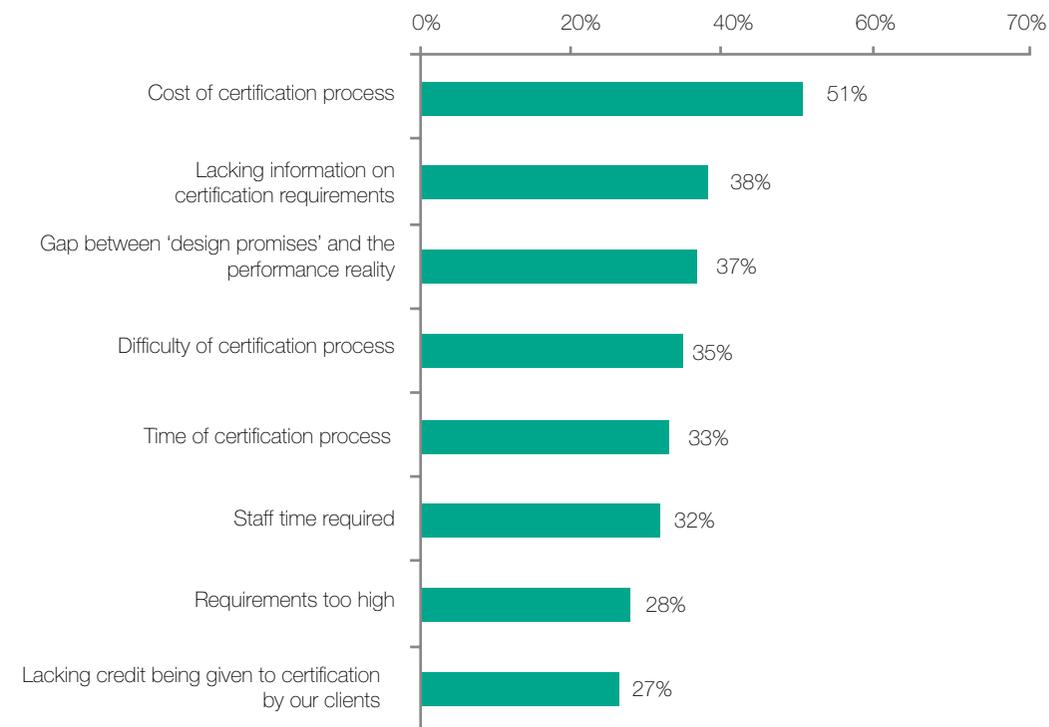
The sheer upfront cost is clearly the favourite reason for not seeking certification. Having considered the benefits and opportunities afforded by achieving certification, we now need to address the obstacles to making the commitment. Clearly our respondents have demonstrated strong intentions for having their projects accredited but the level of action has fallen far short.

Overall, the leading objection by a sizeable margin and cited by just over half the respondents to our South East Asia survey, is the cost of the certification process.

The second most frequently mentioned reason is the lack of knowledge as to what is required to obtain certification and a close third place was taken by the sense that design promises espoused in the certification process do not match the performance reality when the building is operational.

Bunched fairly close behind are the objections because of the difficulty of the certification procedures, the length of time the process requires and the amount of staff time that needs to be dedicated.

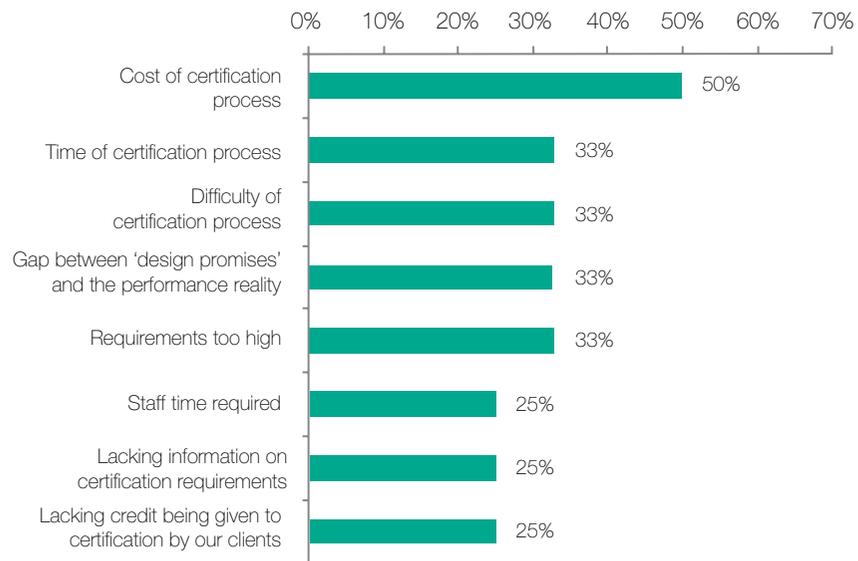
A small but significant number of respondents felt that the certification requirements were too demanding and a similar number reckoned that their clients did not place much value on having their buildings certified.



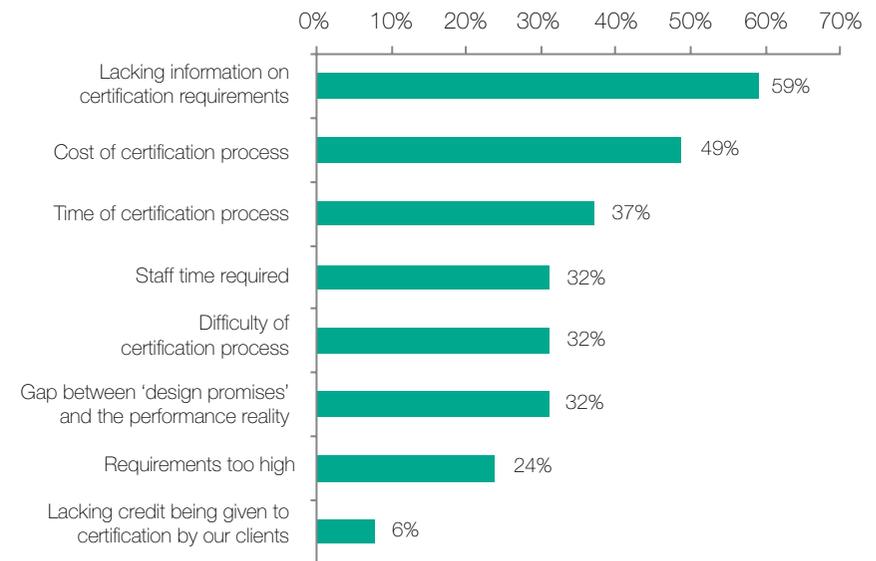
Although the major objection overall, certification costs were not top of every country's list. In Indonesia the main obstacle elicited by our survey was the lack of information regarding what the certification process required. The respondents in Thailand mostly referred to the difficulty of the certification process, whereas in Vietnam, the main objection was that there was a gap between design promises and actual building performance.

# THE MAIN REASONS FOR NOT SEEKING CERTIFICATION

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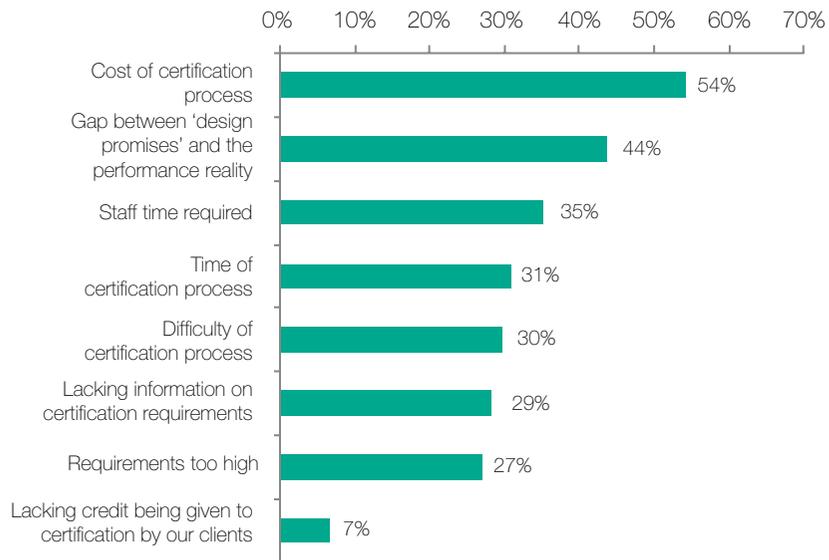


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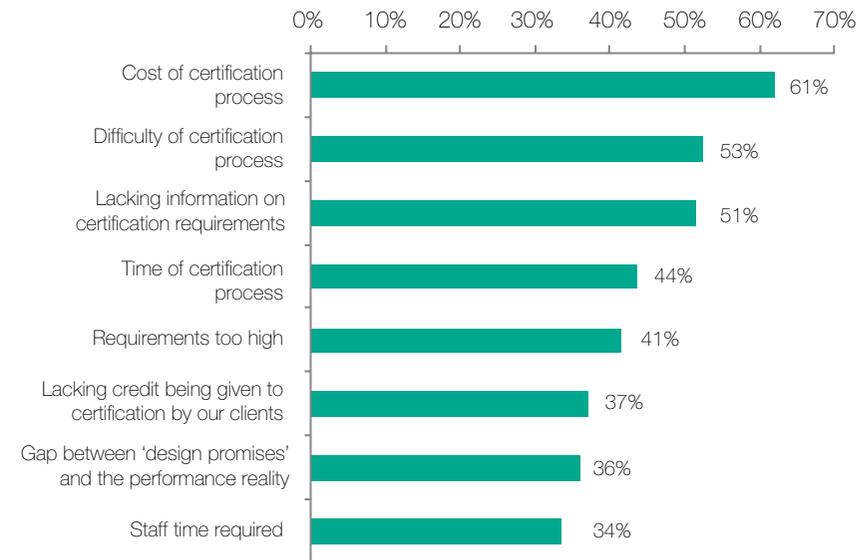


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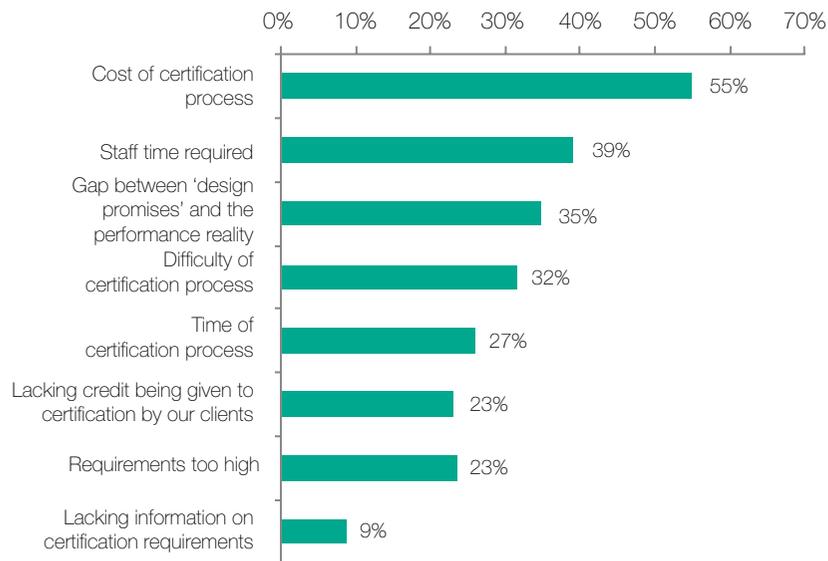


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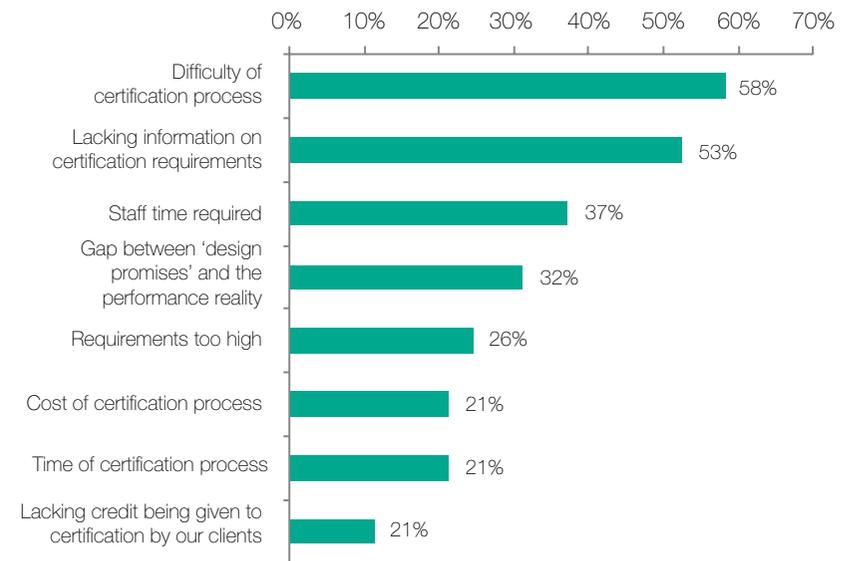


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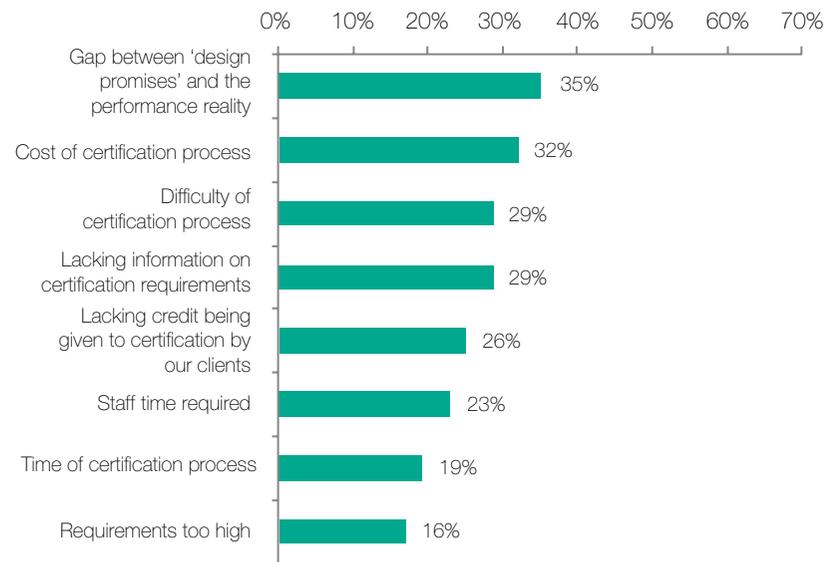


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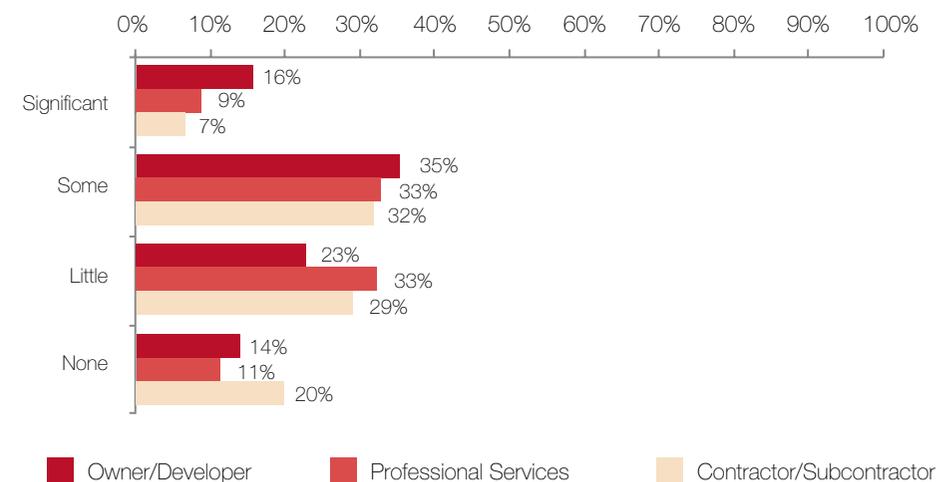
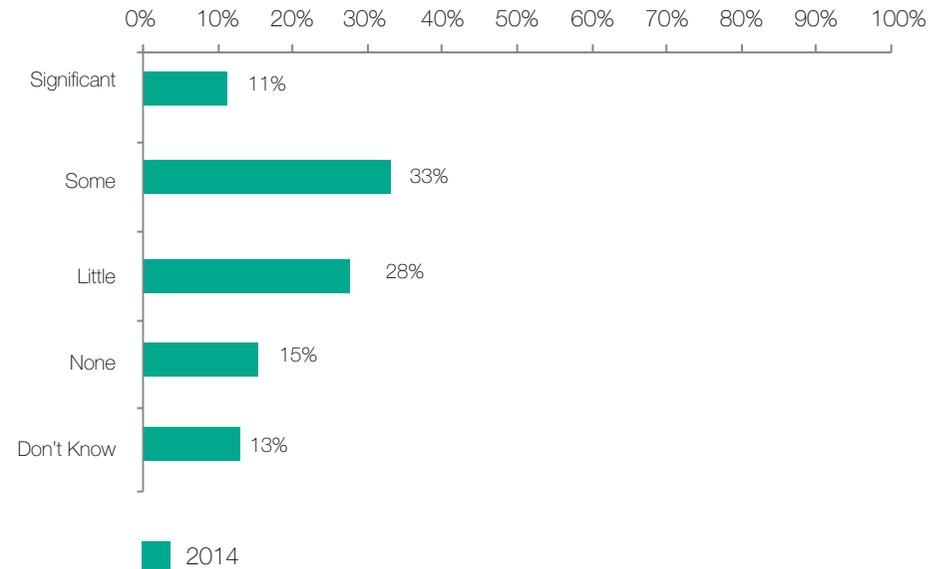


# SALES GROWTH ATTRIBUTABLE TO GREEN BUILDING

As mentioned above, there is a growing awareness of the commercial benefits of adopting green building principles. Our survey enquired whether this had translated into additional revenue for those companies getting involved.

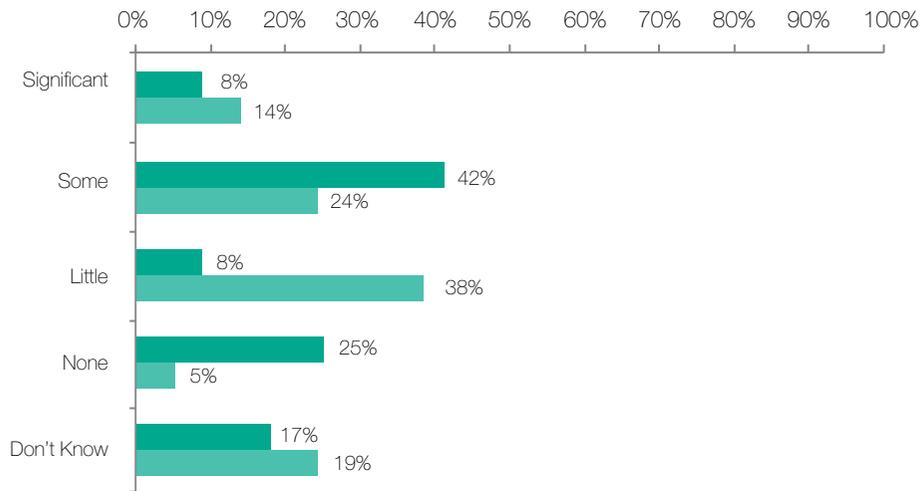
Only 15% reported that there had not been any sales growth (with a further 13% who could not say). A little bit of growth was noticed by 28% whereas 34% of respondents claimed some measurable growth with a further 10% who reported the sales growth attributable to green building to be significant

Analysing the results by respondent type, owners and developers appeared to have the highest percentage of significant growth with contractors and subcontractors notably “less fortunate”.



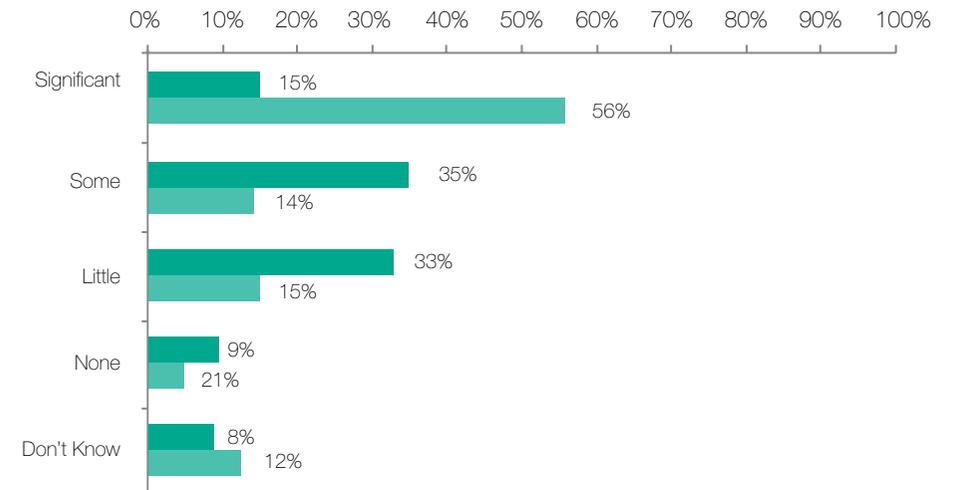
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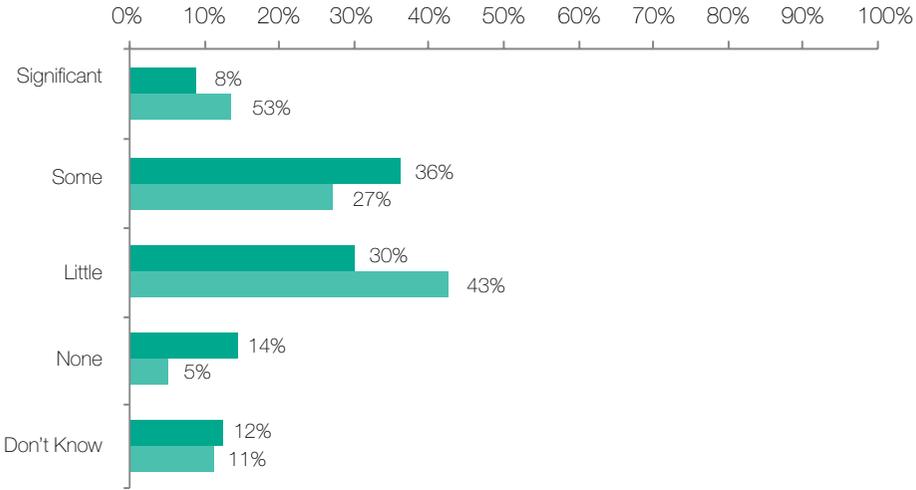
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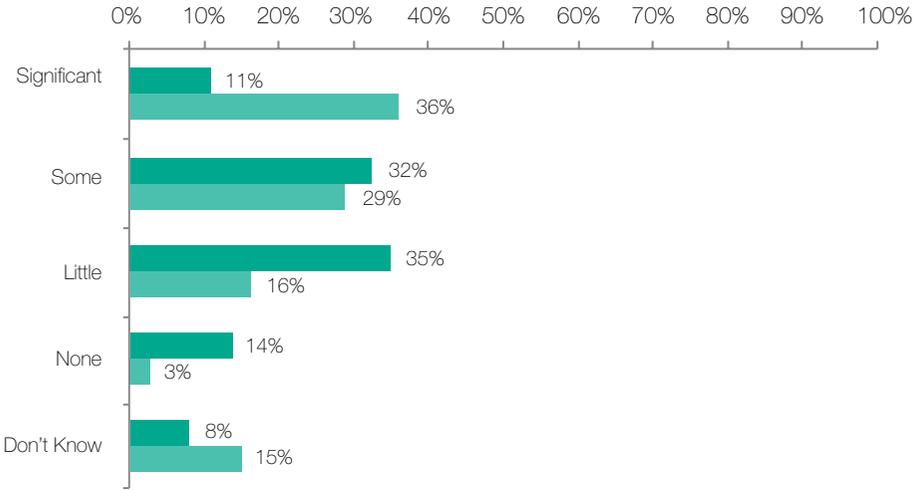
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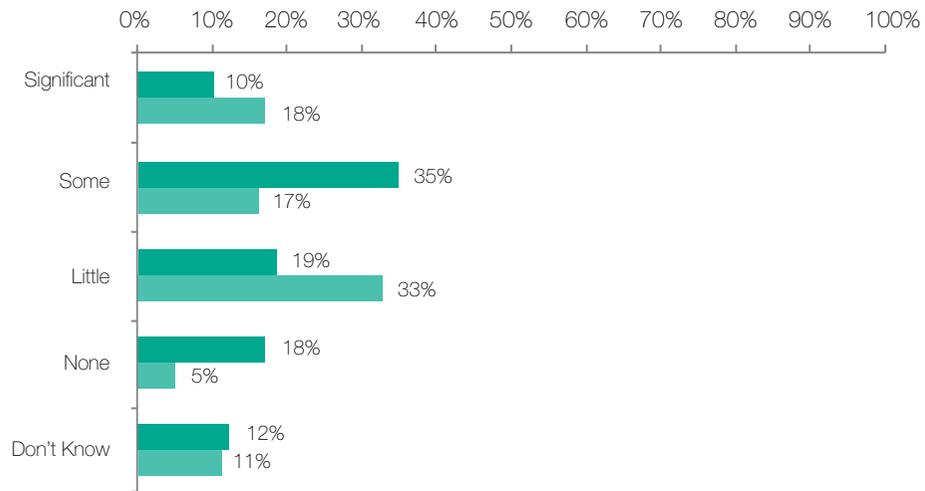
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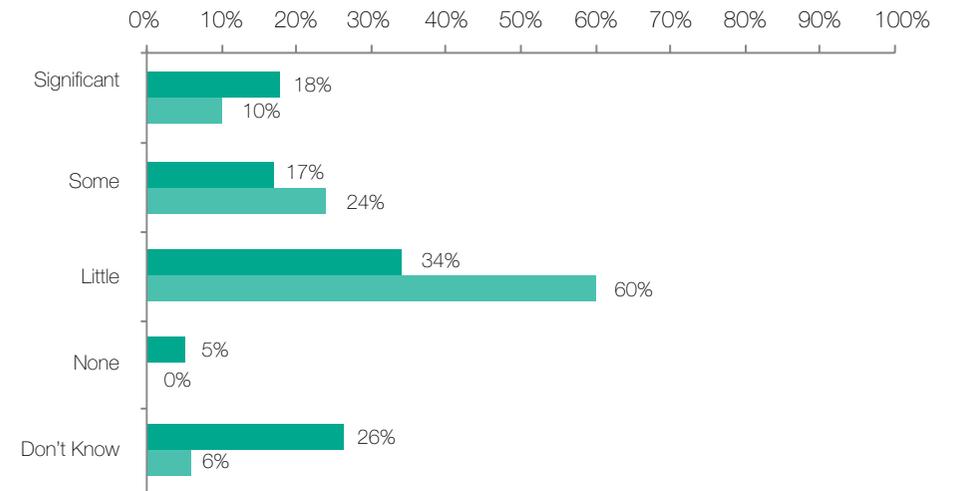
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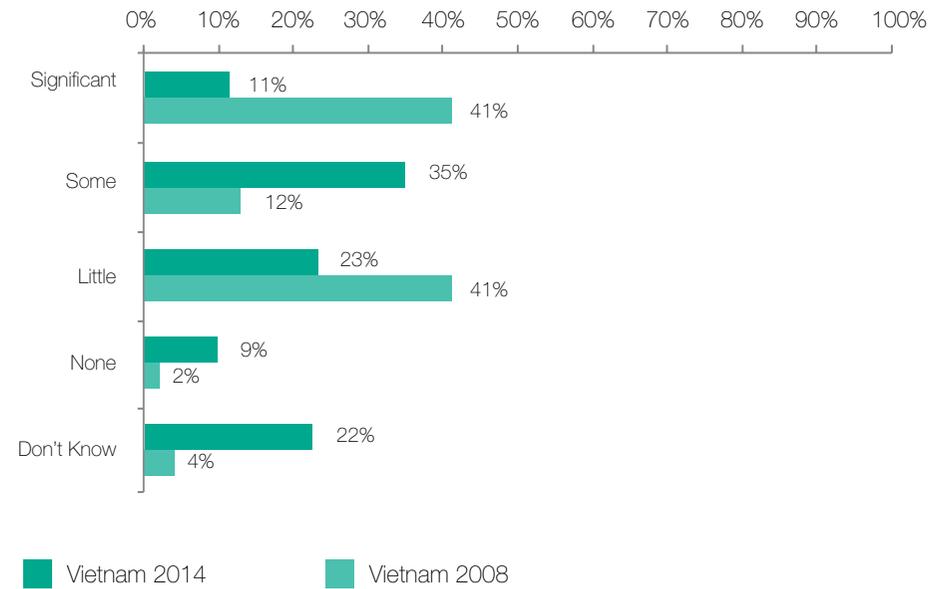
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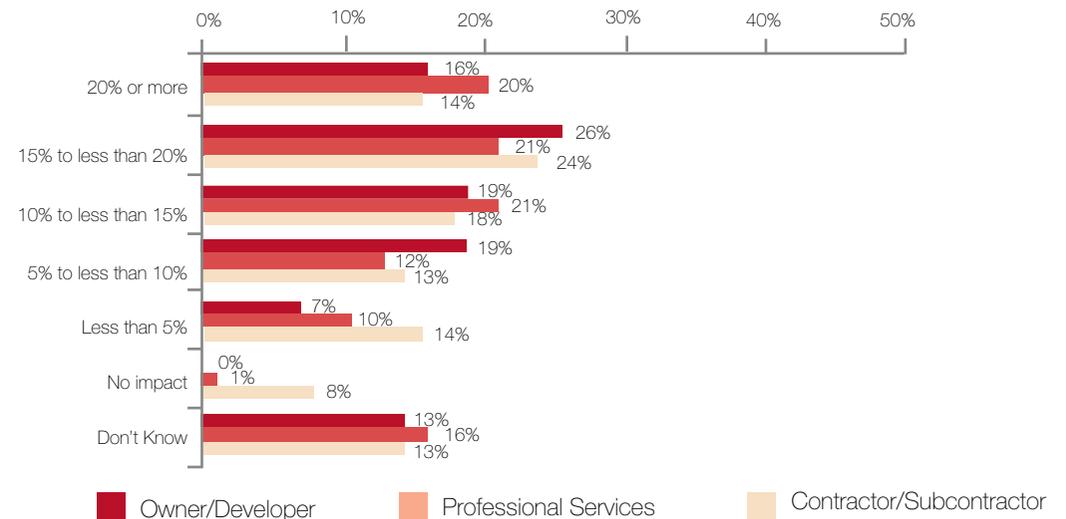
# ADDITIONAL UPFRONT BUILDING COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO GREEN BUILDING

It has always been taken for granted that green building would involve additional building costs. It has also been frequently cited that the extra expense was a major factor inhibiting the uptake of green building design principles. In 2008, our survey reported on what the industry professionals thought the extra cost might be but in 2014 we asked what their actual experience was which gives us the opportunity to compare the reality with the expectation.

An interesting observation is that in 2008, 27% of respondents could not provide an estimate of the additional costs whereas in 2014, the “Don’t Know” response was only 16%, affording us reasonable confidence in the reliability of our data.

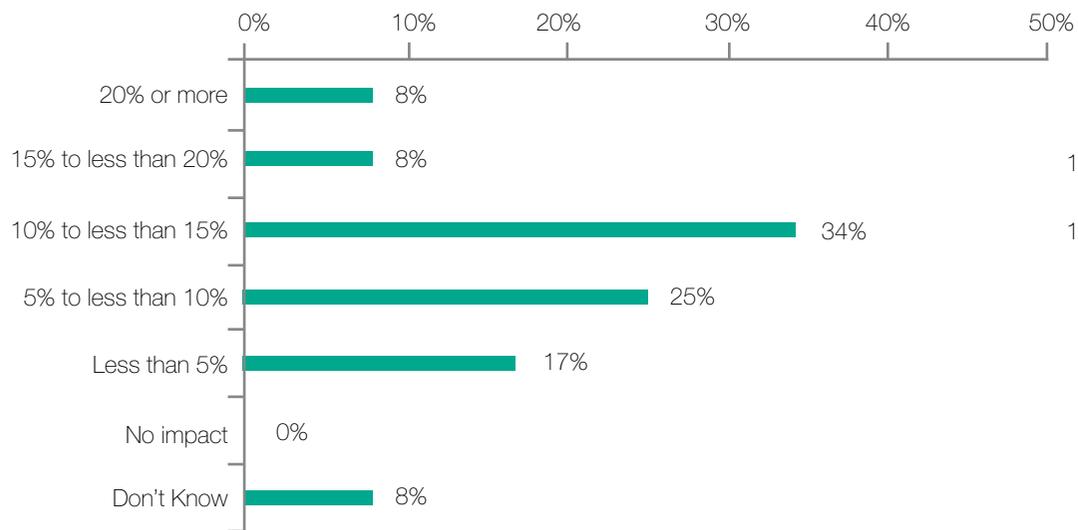
It is clear that there is a premium to be paid for delivering a building according to green principles with only 4% claiming there was no cost impact. However, there is a spread of values for the extra costs reflecting the different levels of certification. At the top end, 17% of the projects incurred at least 20% of additional costs. Another 20% of the estimates put the incremental cost at between 15% and 20% with 20% more between 10% and 15%.

This compares favourably with the expectations reported in 2008 where the percentage believing that costs would be in excess of 20% was up to 27%. Yes, there is a premium for building green, but the price tag is not as scary as it was thought to be.

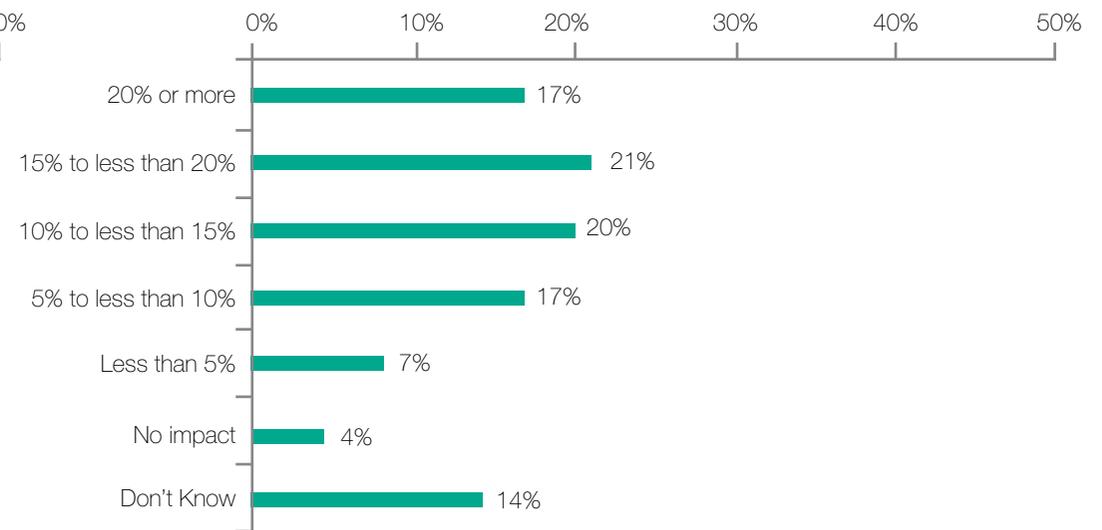


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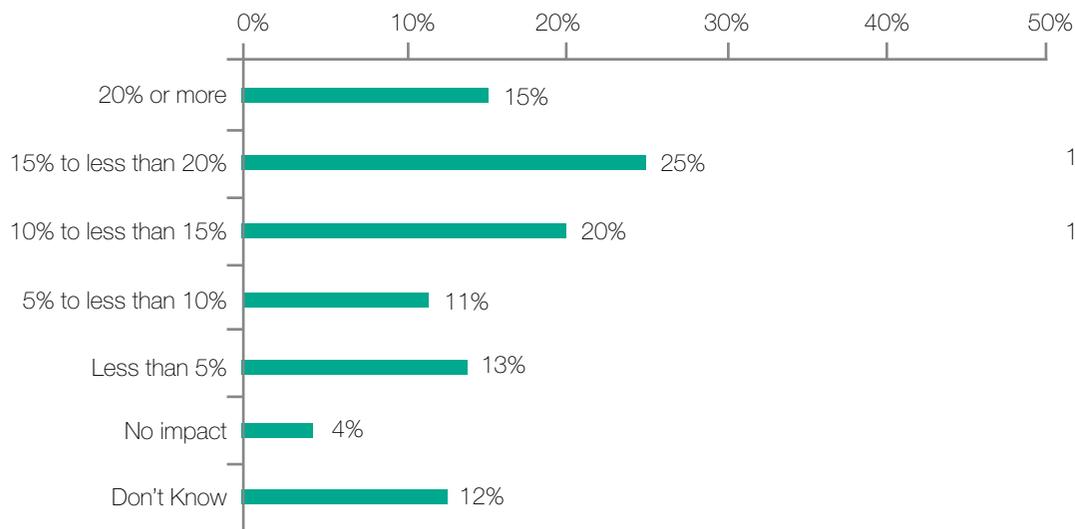


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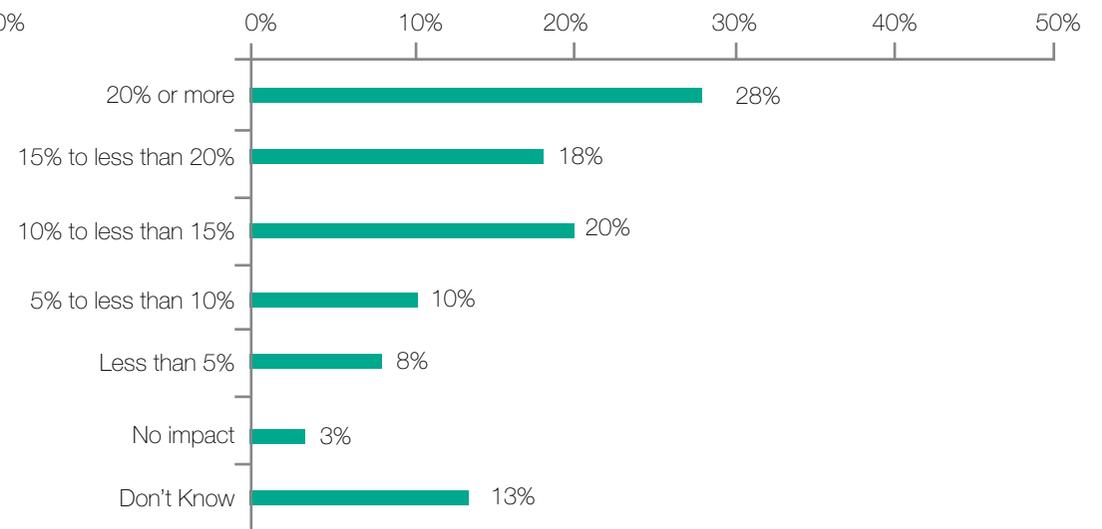


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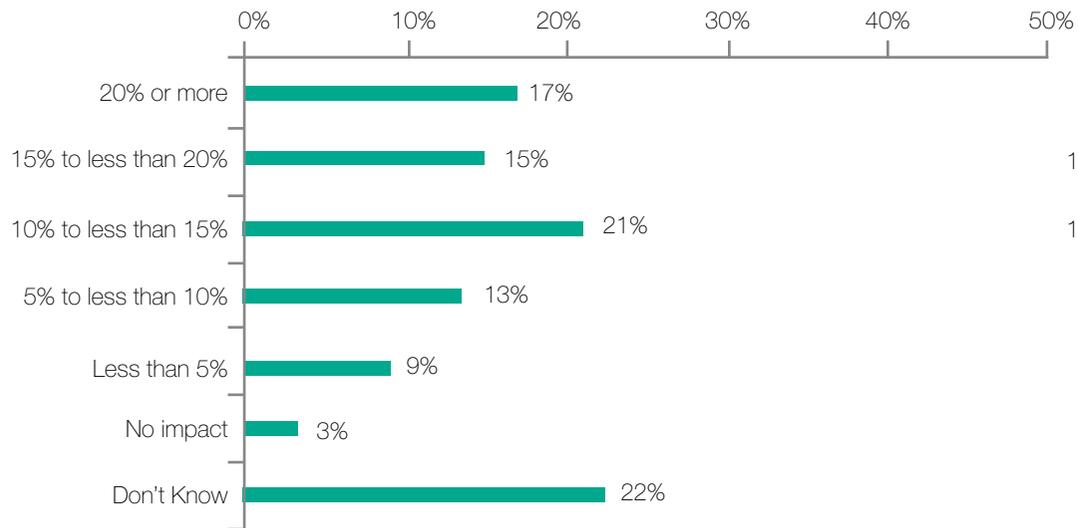


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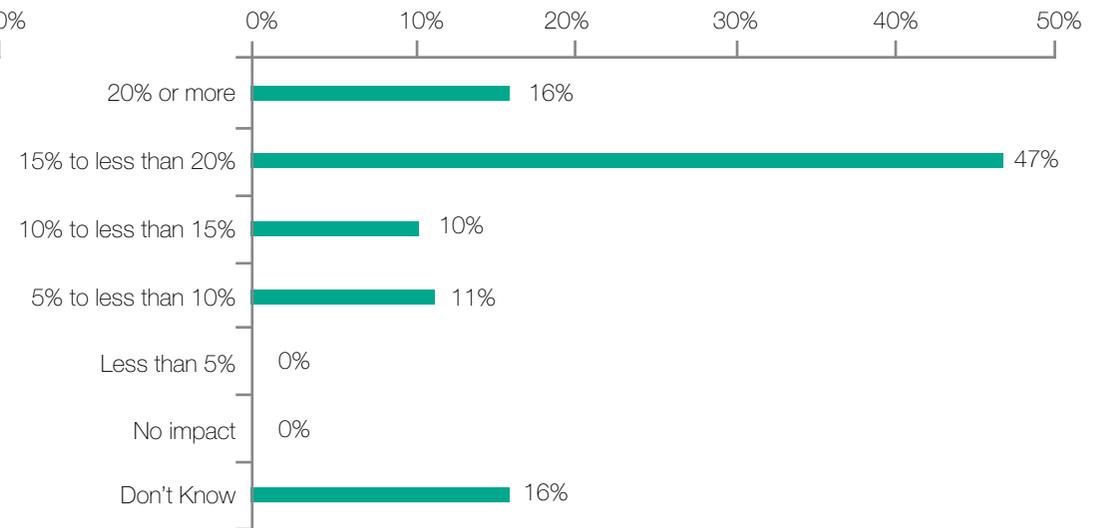


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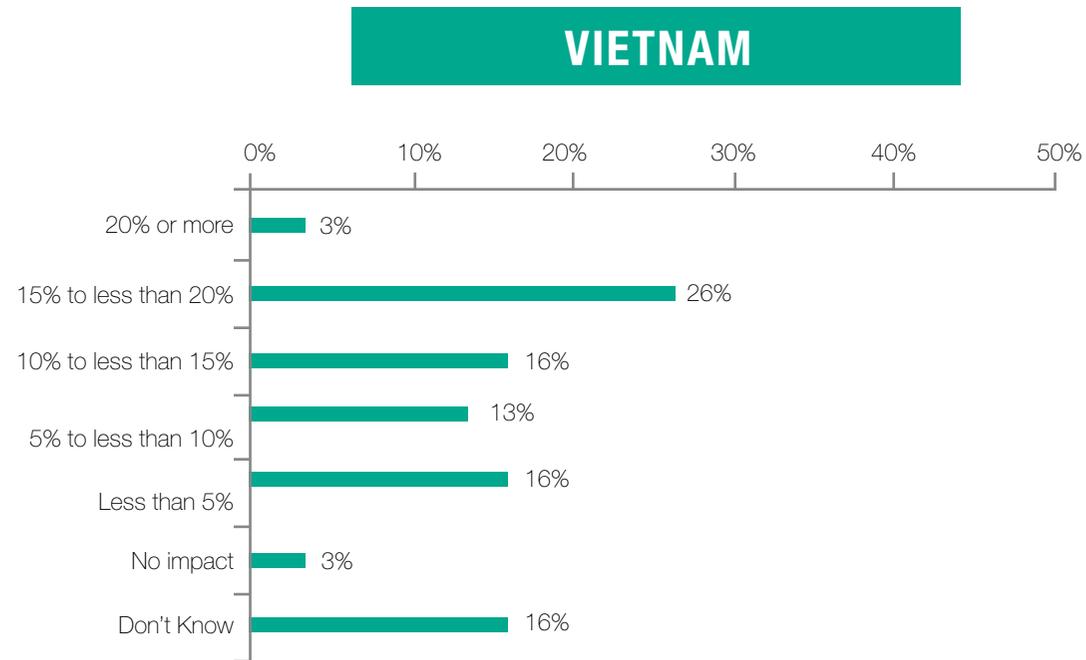
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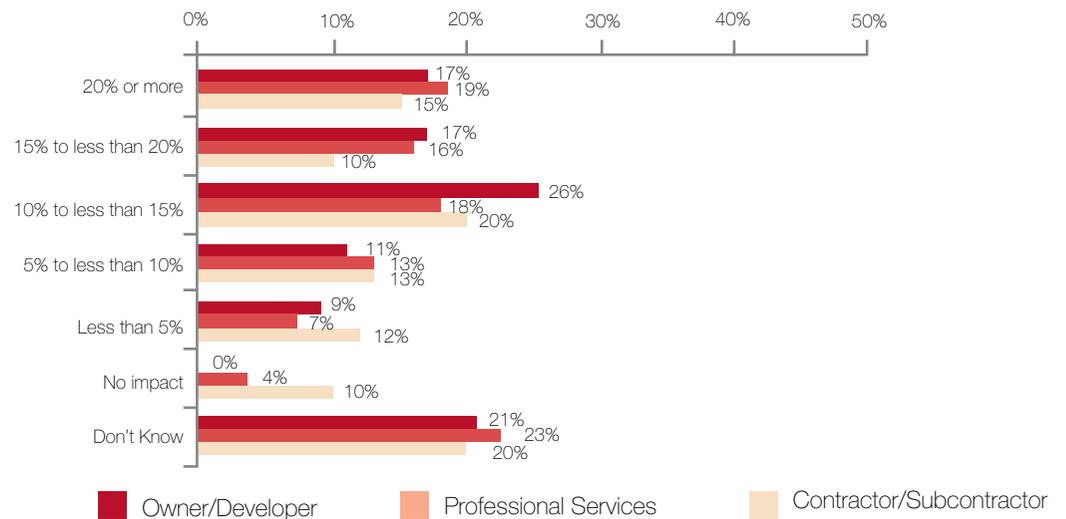
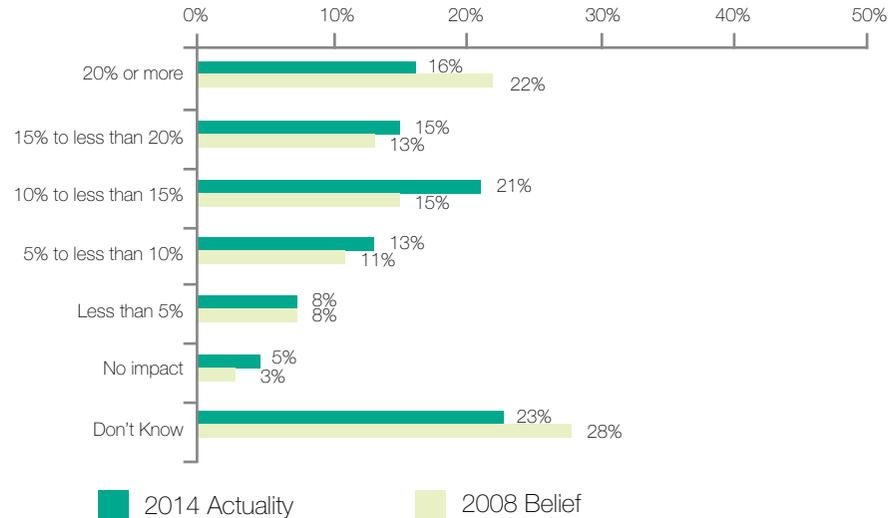


# SAVINGS IN OPERATING COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO GREEN BUILDING

As mentioned above, a major commercial motive for embracing green building principles has been the belief that these would lead to significant savings in operating costs, in particular, the lower consumption of energy and water. Notably, in this year's survey we enquired as to the actual savings that had been experienced whereas in 2008 we could only ask about the outcomes expected by the industry professionals.

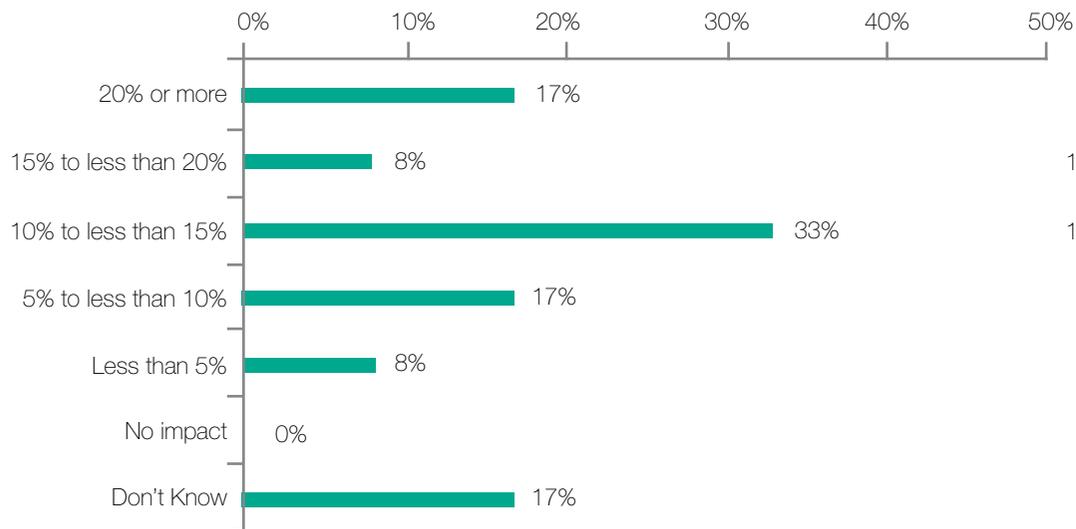
Although our conclusions are somewhat dampened by a degree of uncertainty (we registered a "Don't Know" result of 23%) they are nevertheless very encouraging. Only 5% of respondents had apparently not observed any impact, whereas over half claimed savings of 10% and more.

The comparison with the expectations we recorded in our 2008 survey is quite favourable. As might be expected, the earlier results displayed a degree of optimism, hence a higher percentage of respondents (22%) anticipated savings of at least 20%. The distribution of actual results may show a slight downwards shift but the share of respondents reporting savings of 10% and over has been maintained.

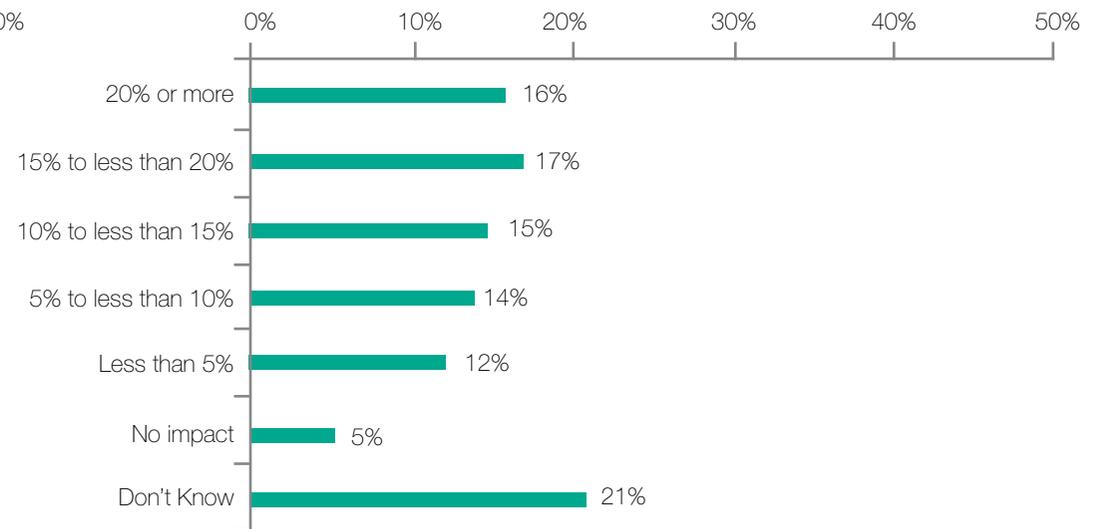


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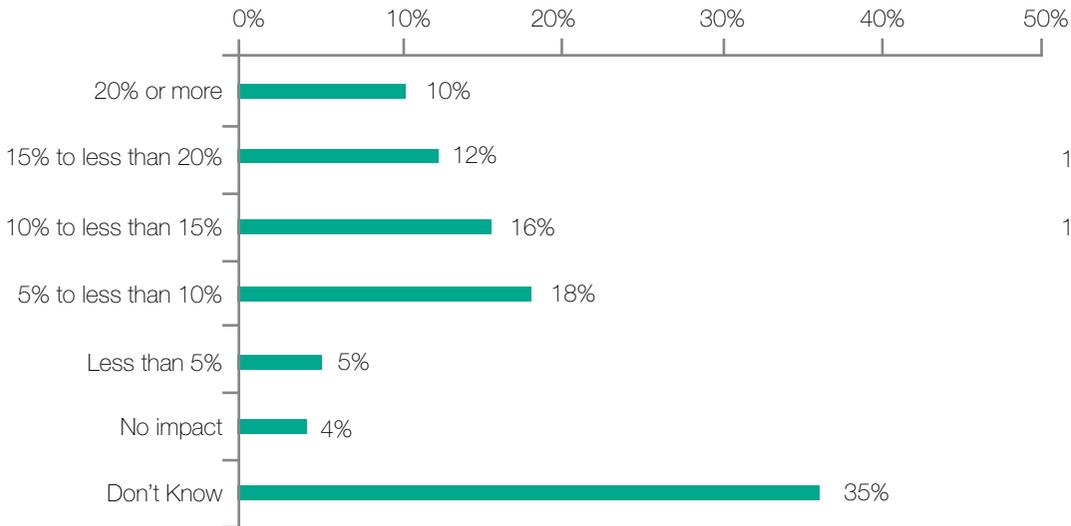


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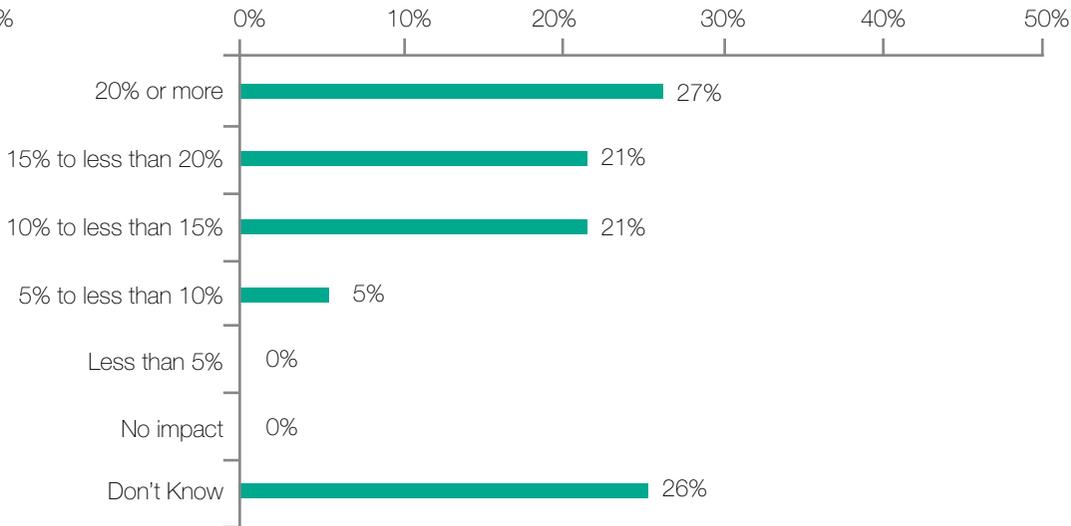


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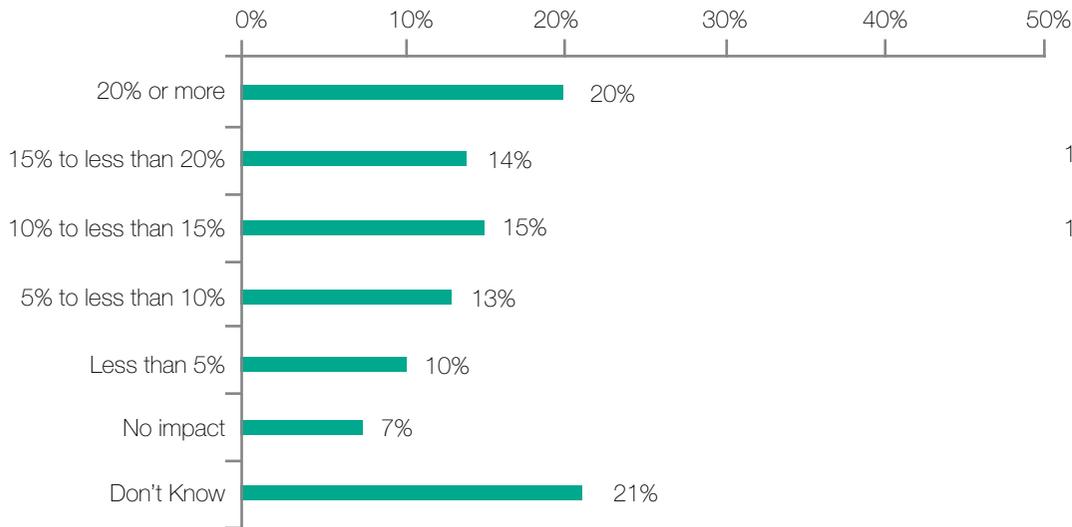


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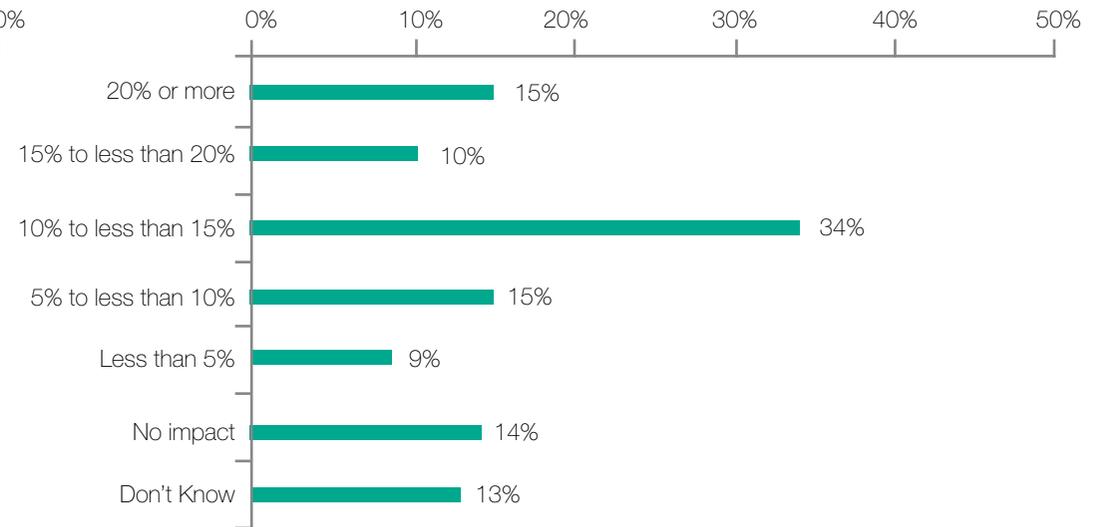


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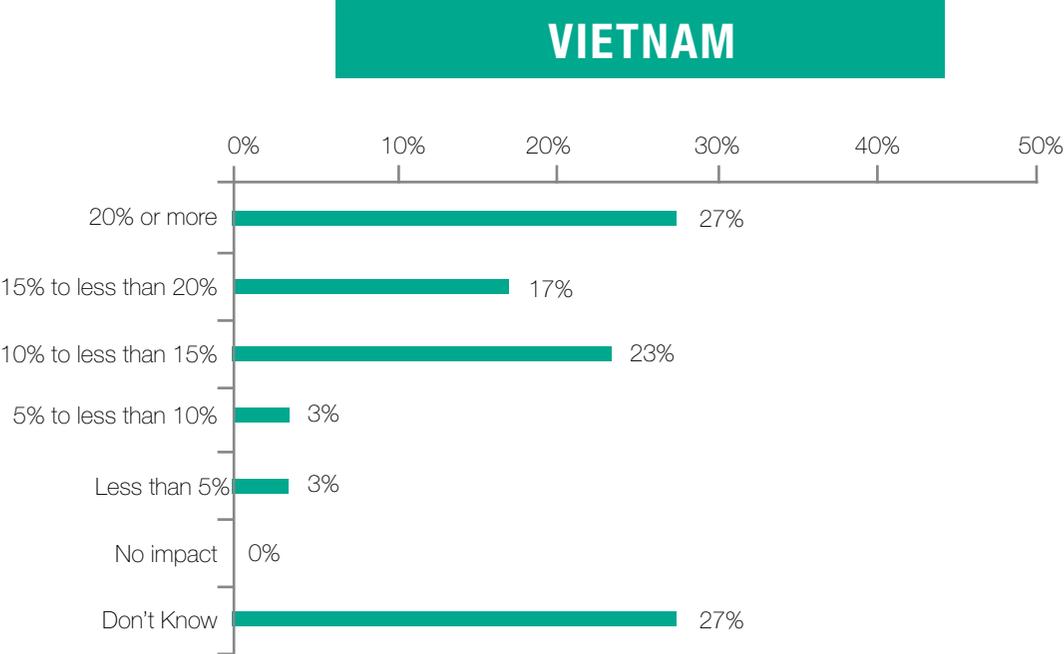
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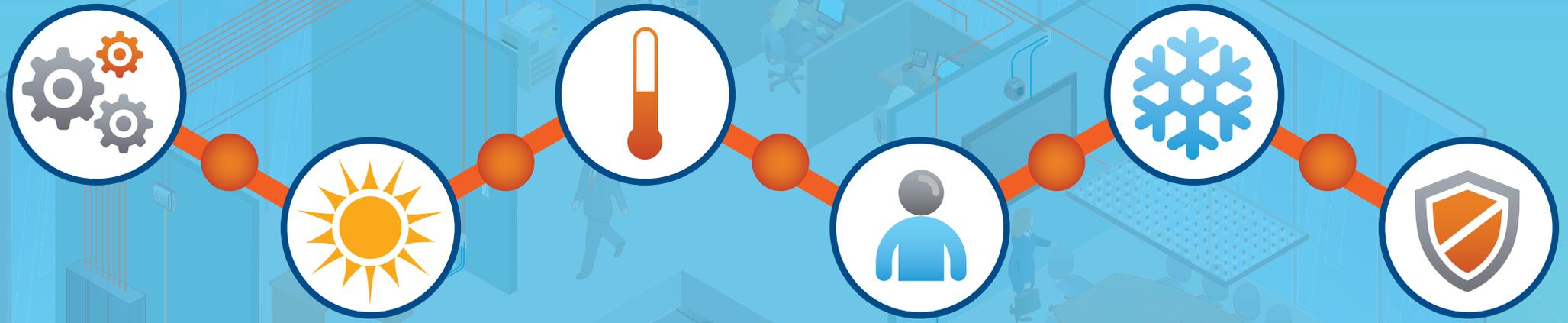


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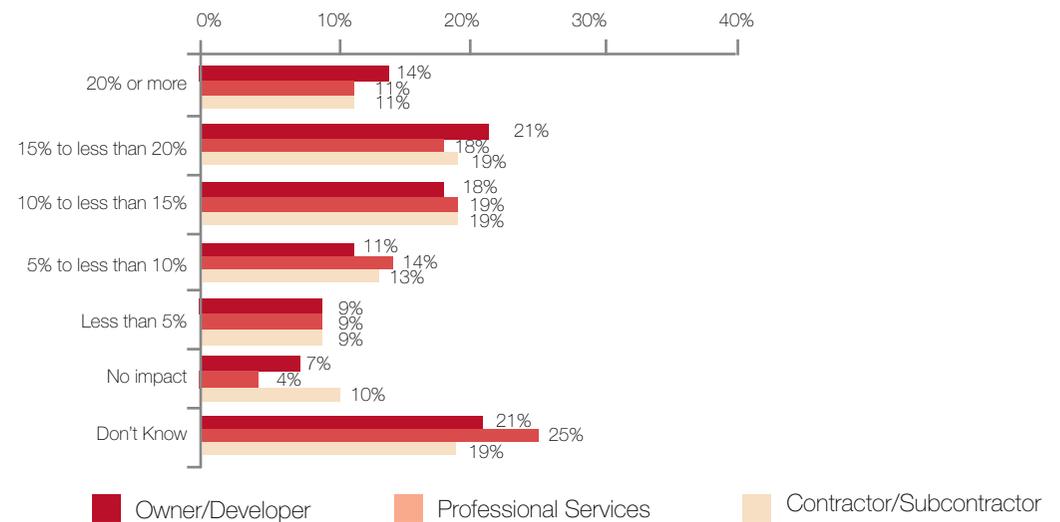
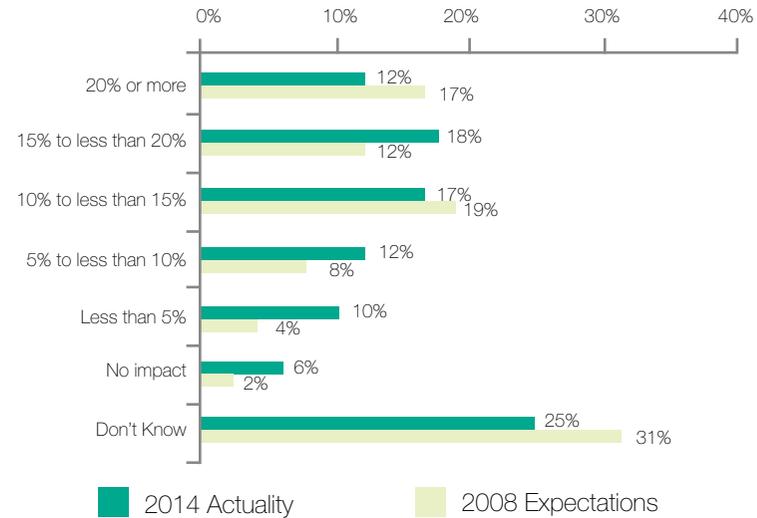
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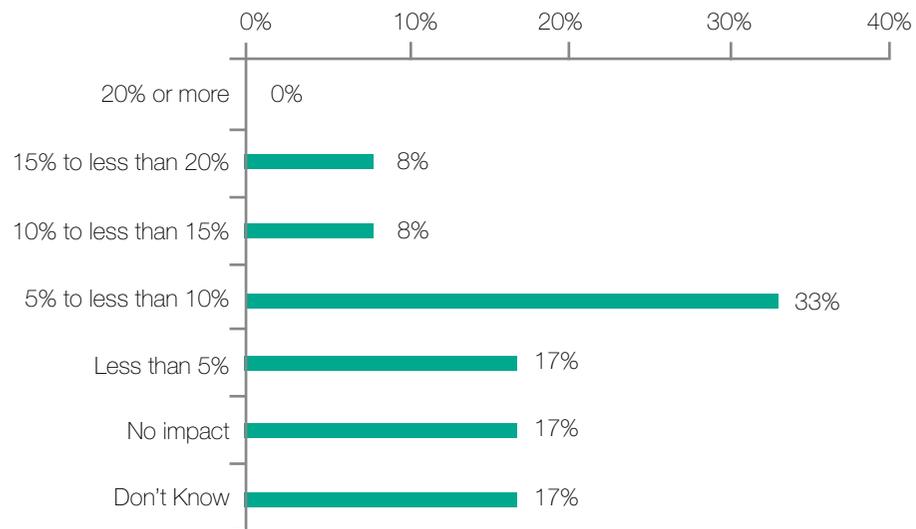
The second ranked commercial motivation for developing a building to green standards was found to be the increase in value of the end product and naturally we wanted to know the extent to which this was realised. Again we should acknowledge a degree of uncertainty (25% of respondents were unable to provide any estimate) but the outcome does look to be very positive. Although 6% of the industry professionals we surveyed claimed there had not been any impact on the building value, 12% advised their buildings were worth at least 20% more because of their green credentials. In all, just under a half of the responses put the increase in building value at a minimum of 10%.

2008 results were “Expectations” may have proved somewhat over optimistic but the reality check we have conducted in 2014 is far from disappointing.

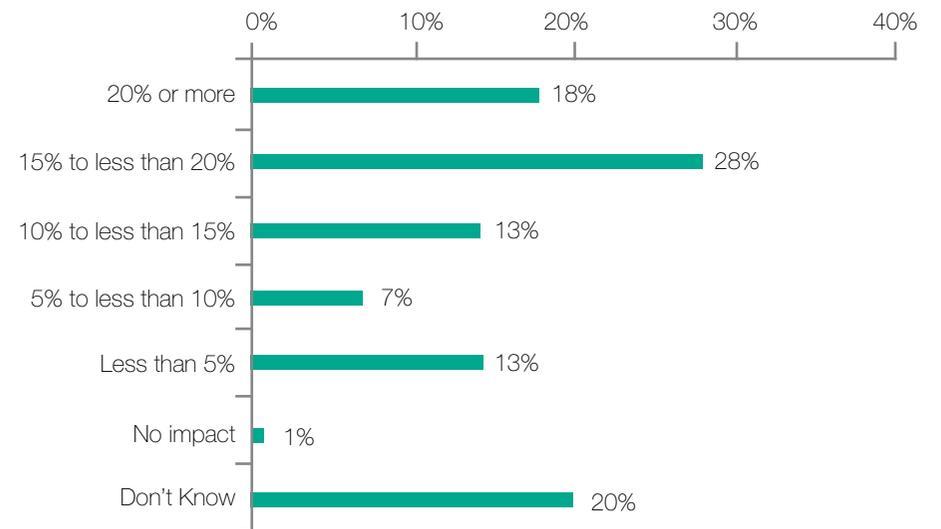


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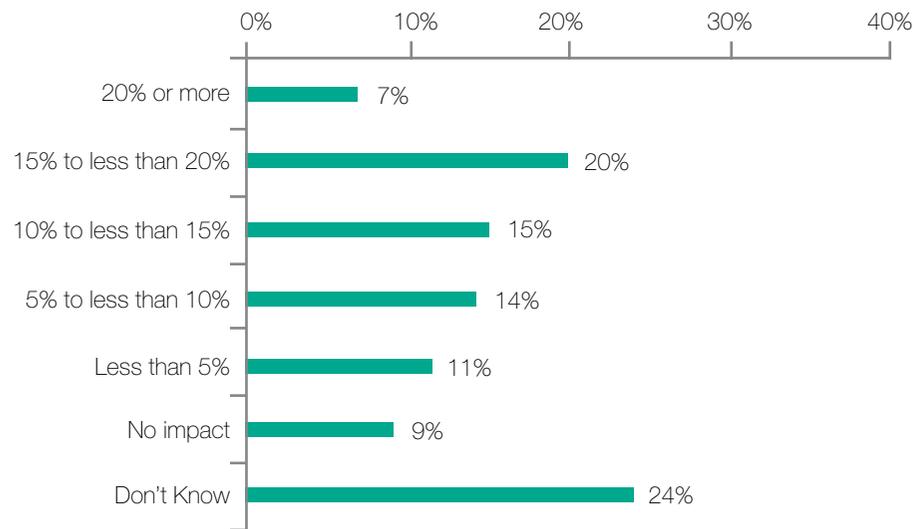


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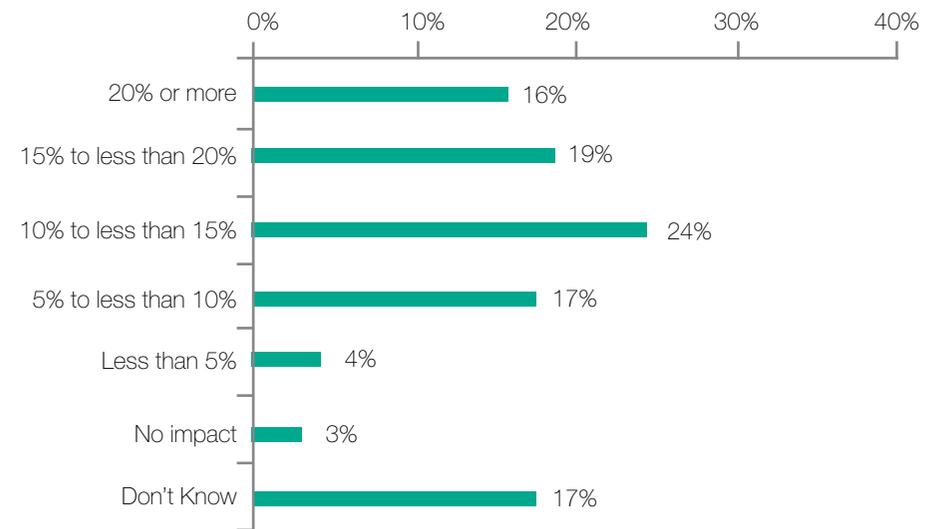


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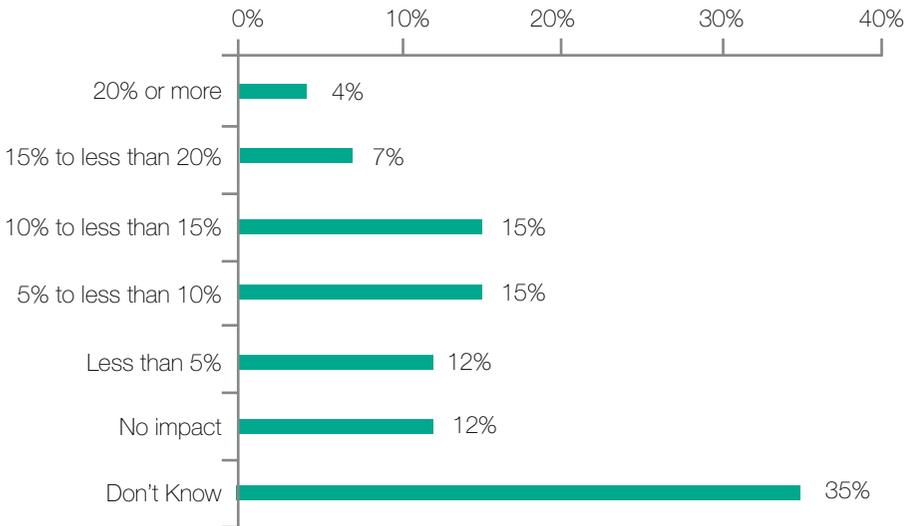


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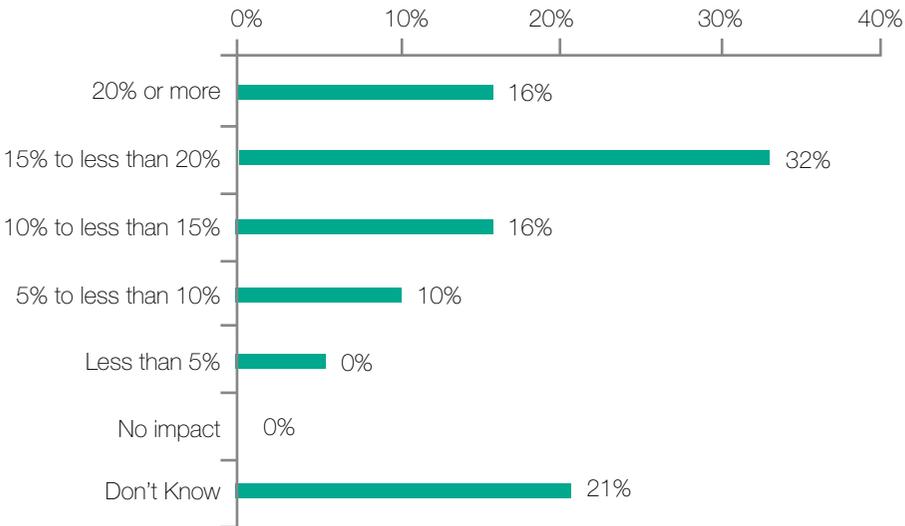


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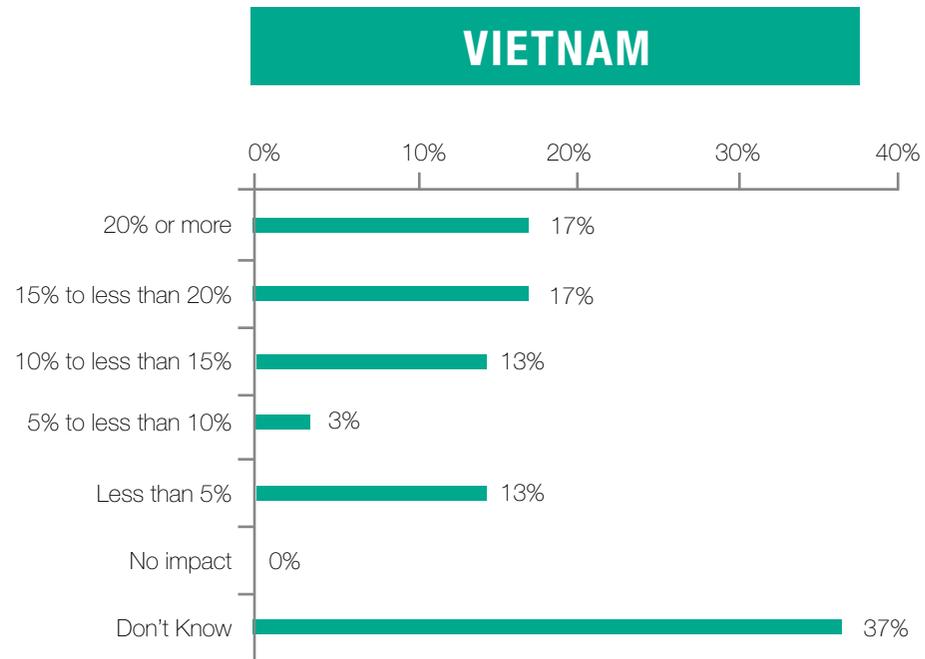
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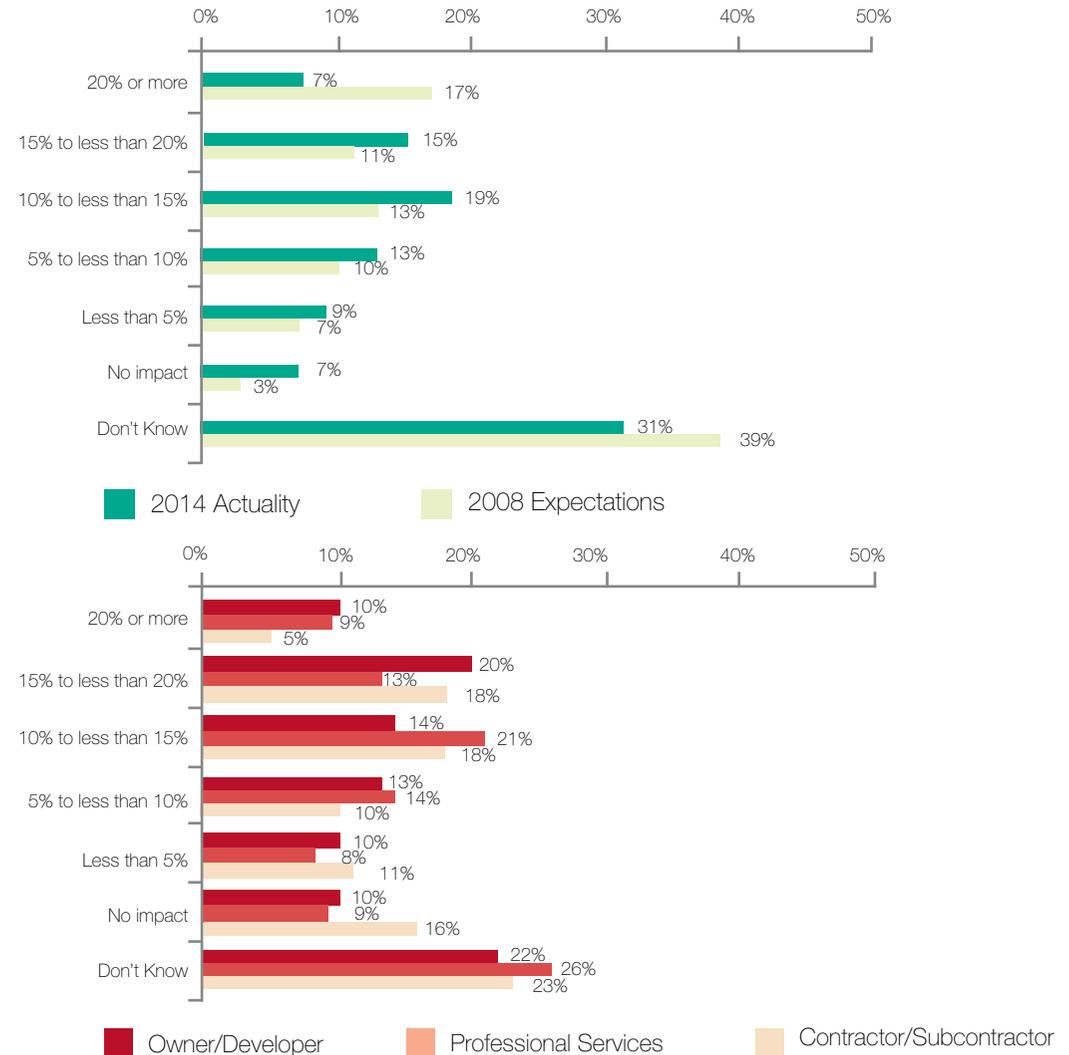
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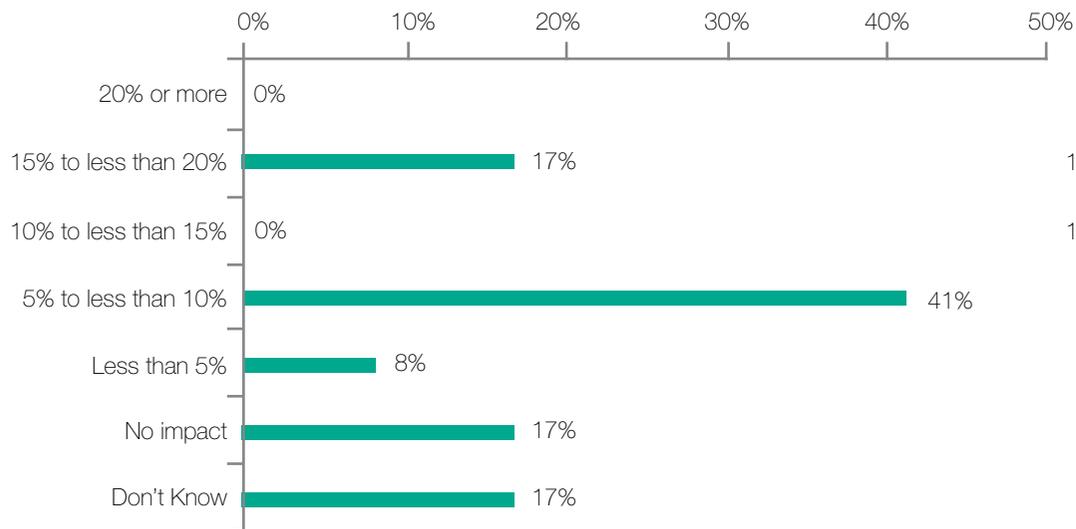
The extent by which green building has enhanced the ROI of their building projects is clearly not easy to calculate with 31% of our respondents unable to provide us with an answer. Nevertheless, this degree of uncertainty (slightly better than the figure of 39% encountered back in 2008) is not severe enough to detract from our confidence in reporting a positive outcome with over 40% of our respondents reporting improvements of at least 10%.

As with the previous two survey topics, the industry's optimism may have been tempered in the light of experience but was by no means ill-founded.

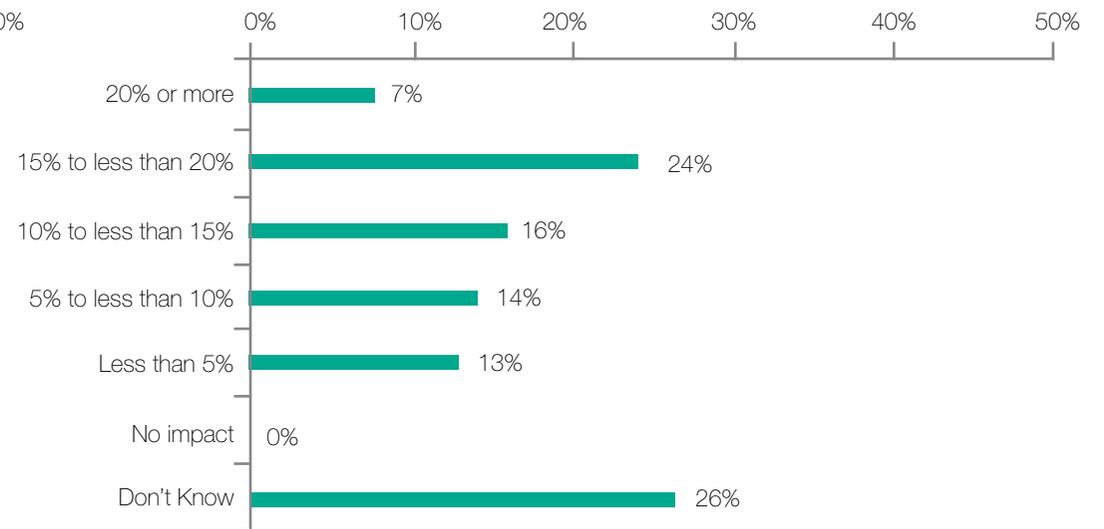


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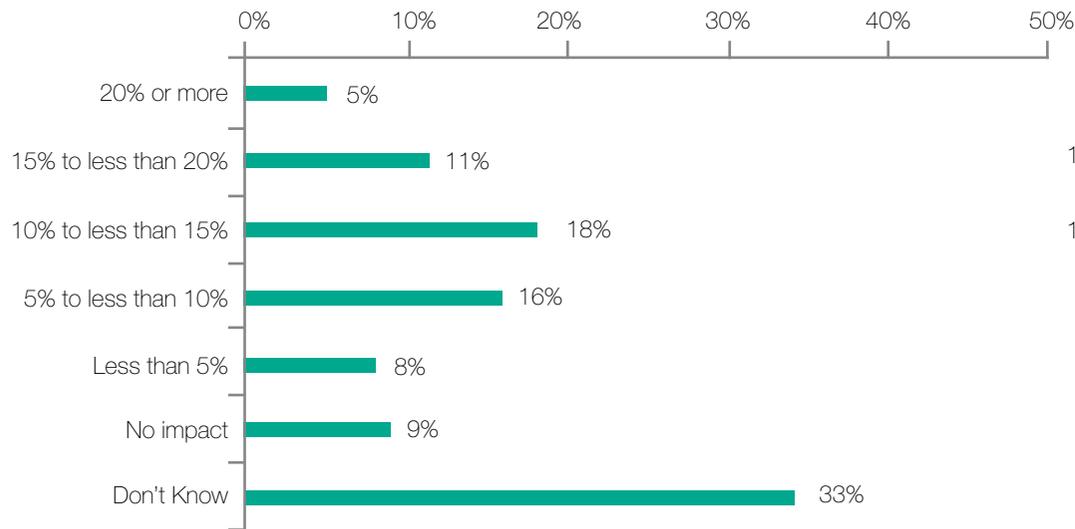


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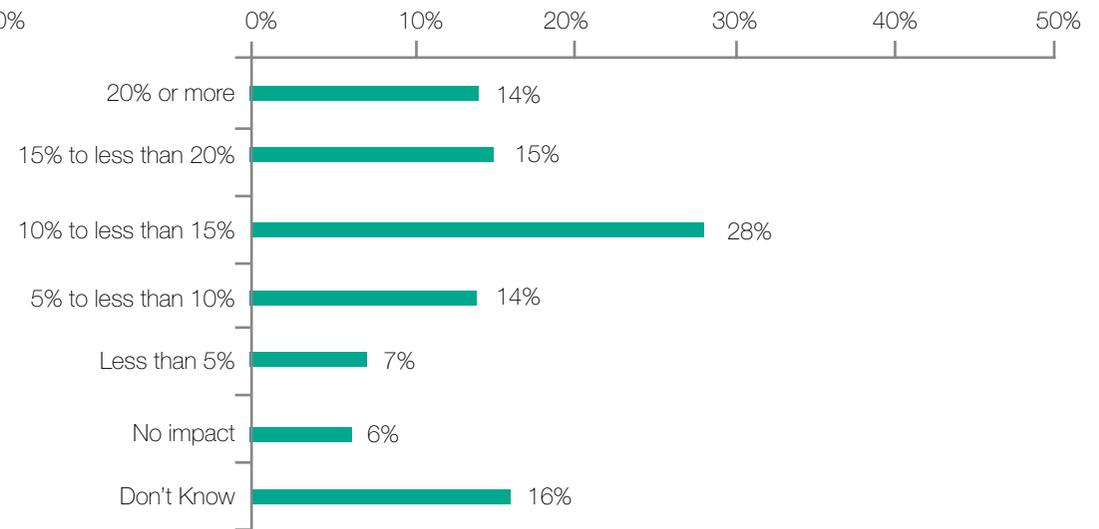


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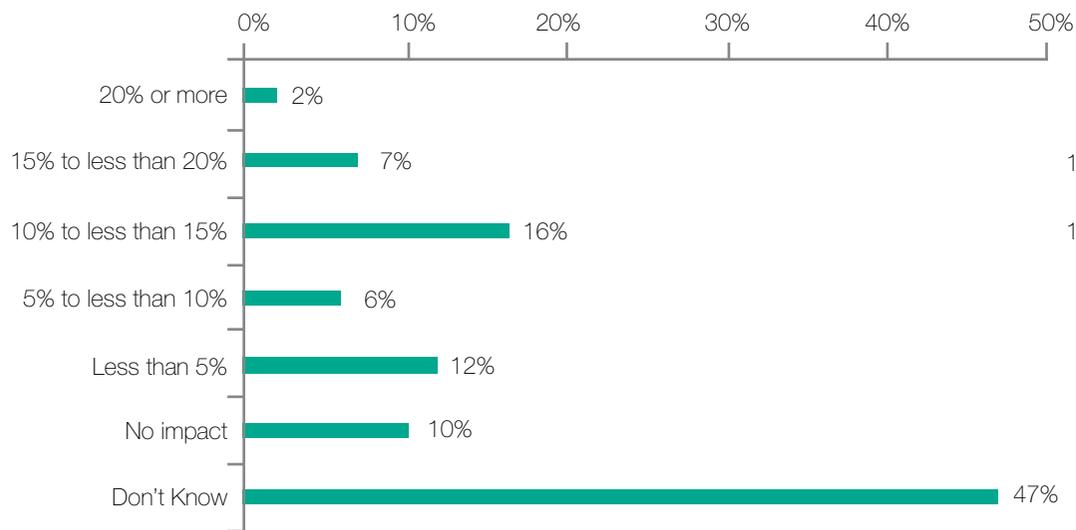


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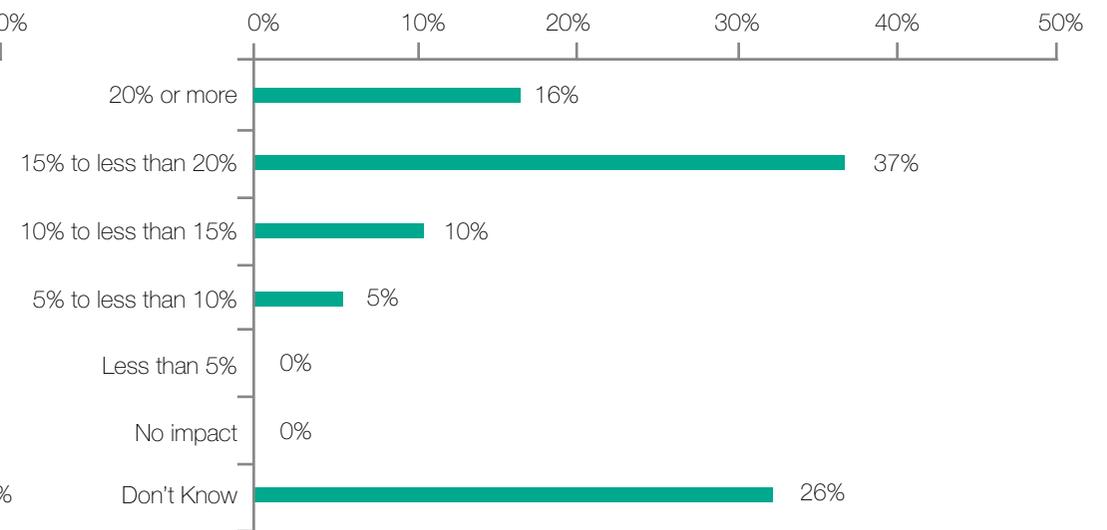


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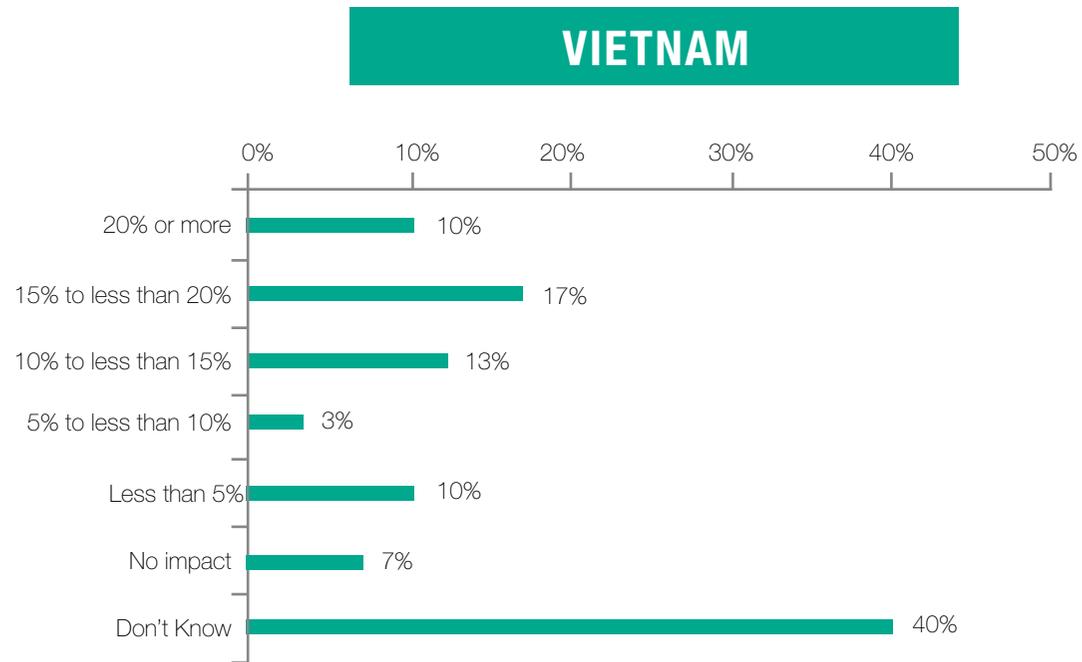
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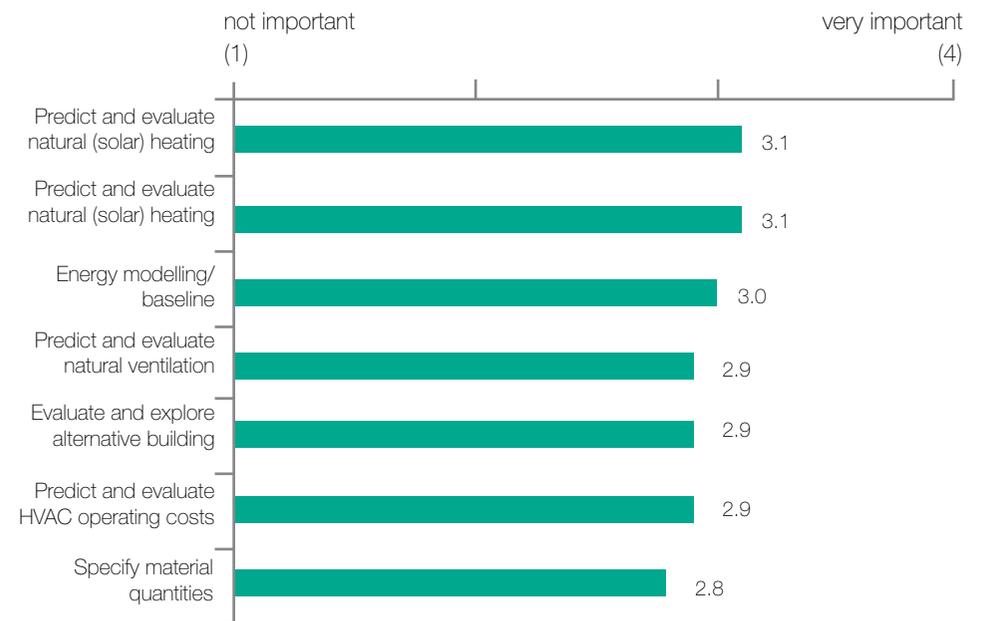
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# THE IMPORTANCE OF DESIGN SOFTWARE TO OPTIMISE ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

Given the development advances in computer aided design (CAD) and building information modelling (BIM) software, these digital tools have achieved wide acceptance within the South East Asian construction industries. Therefore, we wanted to investigate in which ways they are contributing to the adoption and integration of green building principles.

We posed the question “how important is the use of design software to optimize the environmental performance of your projects?” and nominated seven key tasks to be rated from 1 (not important) to 4 (very important). At the end of the day, there was little to choose between those tasks in terms of the benefit to be derived from using design software, although, overall in South East Asia, prediction and evaluation of natural (solar) lighting and energy modelling (baseline analysis) were the two areas benefitting the most from the digital tools available.

The overall results are instructive but represent the averaging across the countries in the region with their individual preferences. There are some similarities between the profiles for each country, however, the differences are instructive as they represent the local influences of the various climactic conditions, the relative costs of power, water and other resources and, to some extent, product availability.



# TECHNOLOGIES EMPLOYED IN GREEN BUILDING PROJECTS

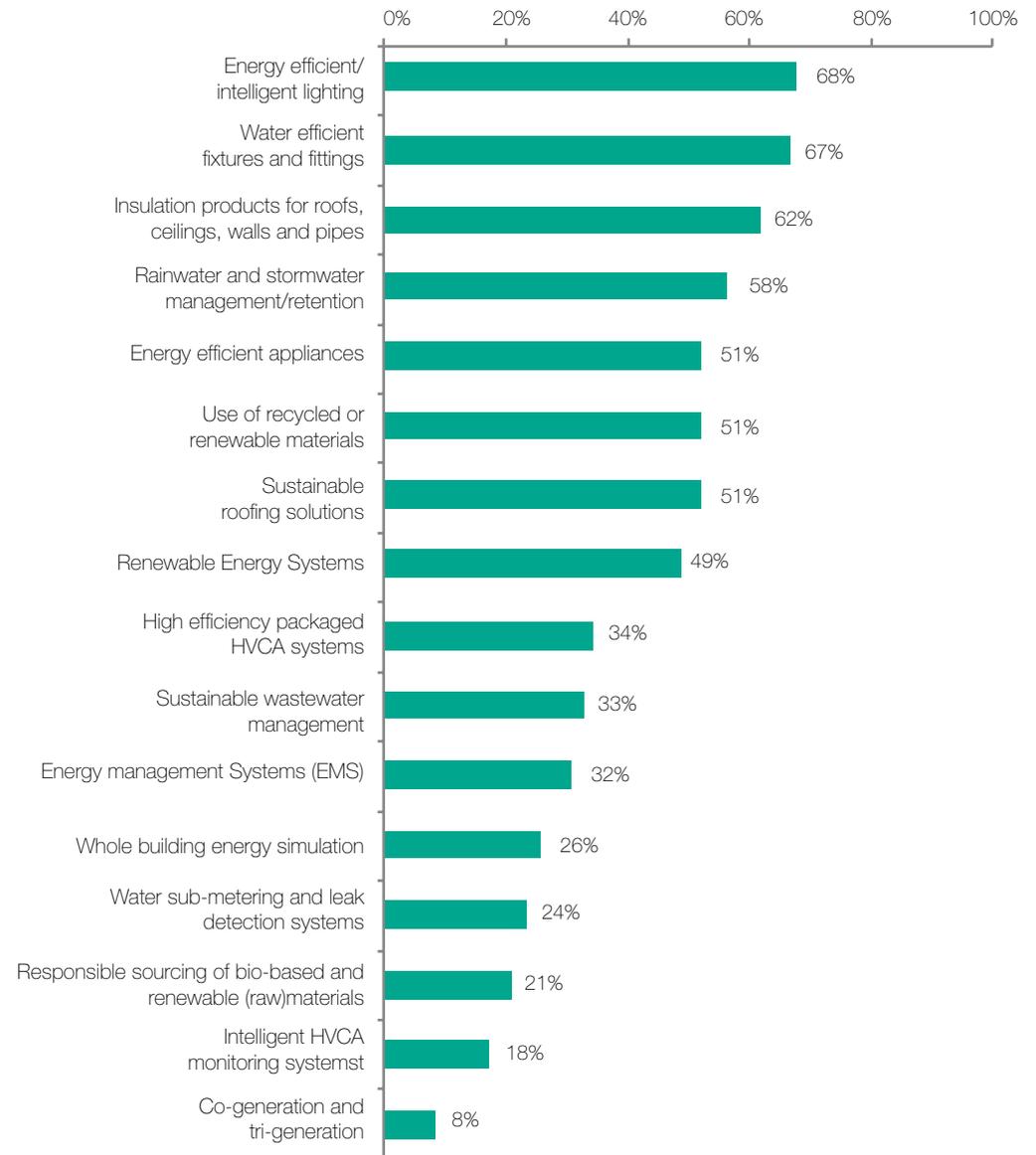
To assess the relative significance of the various technologies available for achieving green building credentials, we asked our respondents to indicate what they had actually used at least once in any of their projects.

Overall in South East Asia, the most frequently mentioned items were:

- Energy efficient/intelligent lighting
- Water efficient fixtures and fittings
- Insulation products
- Rainwater and stormwater management/retention

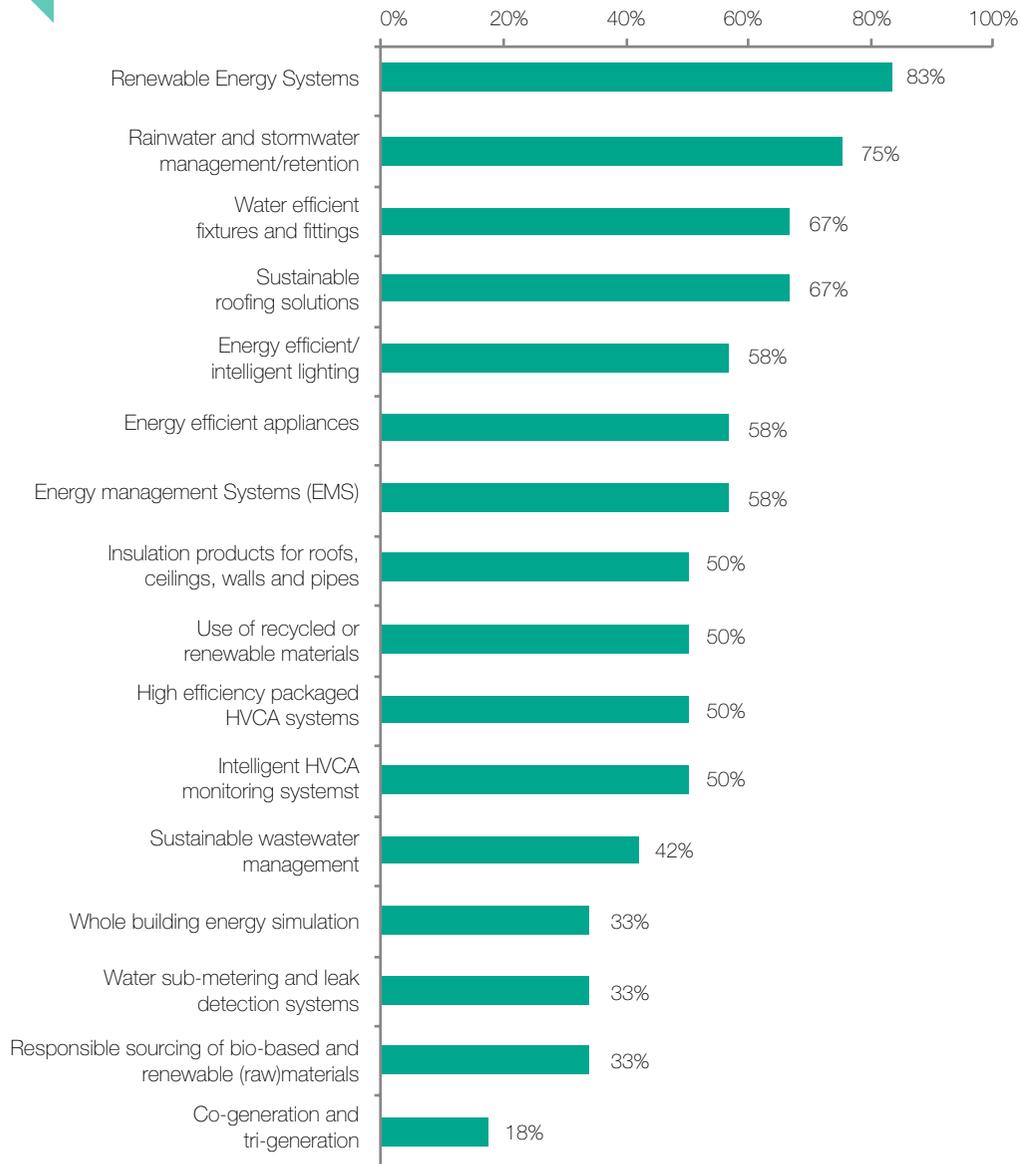
However, sitting just behind this group with around 50% frequency of mention were:

- Energy efficient appliances
- Use of recycled or renewable materials
- Sustainable roofing solutions (including reflective and green roofs)
- Renewable energy systems

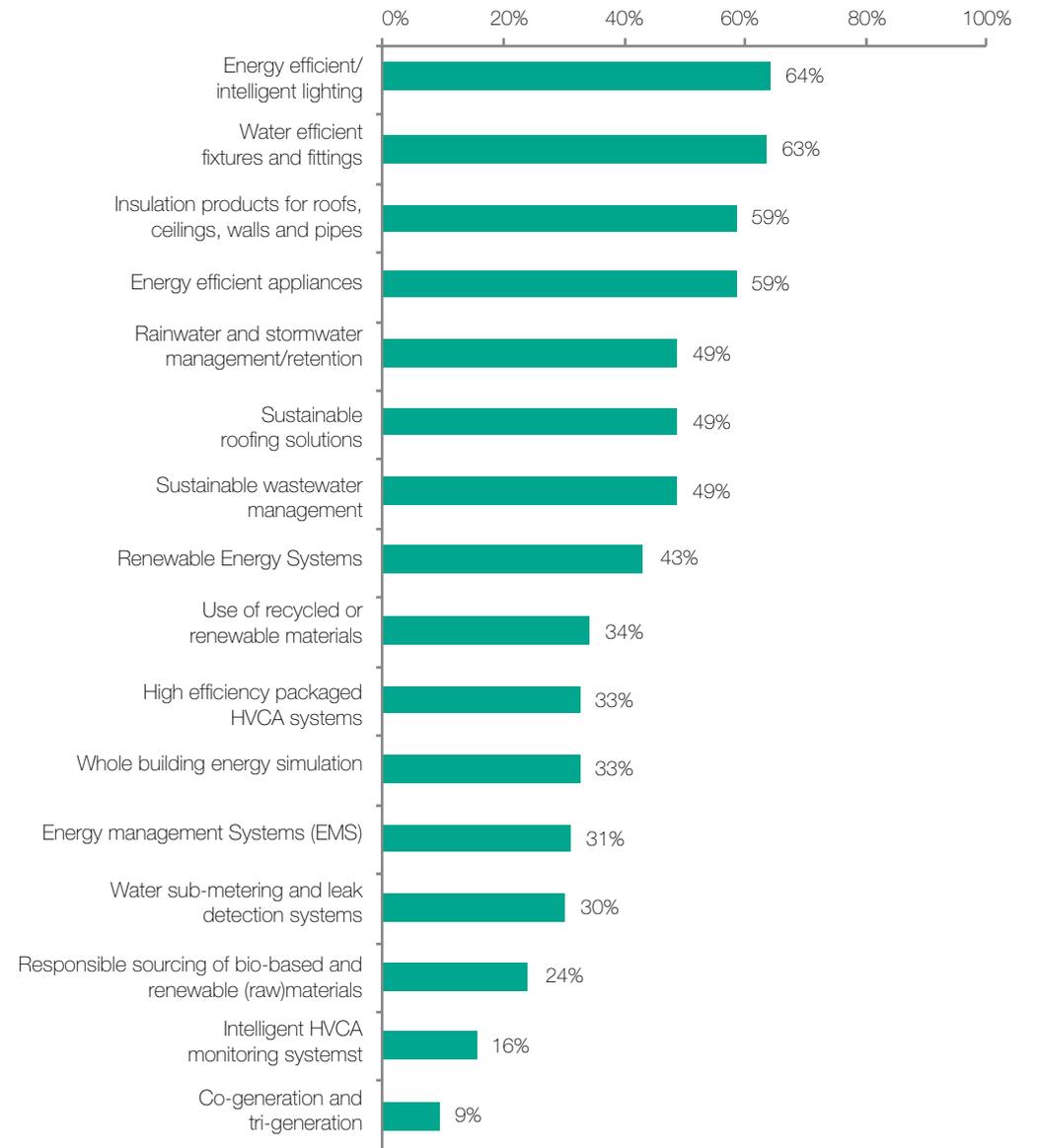


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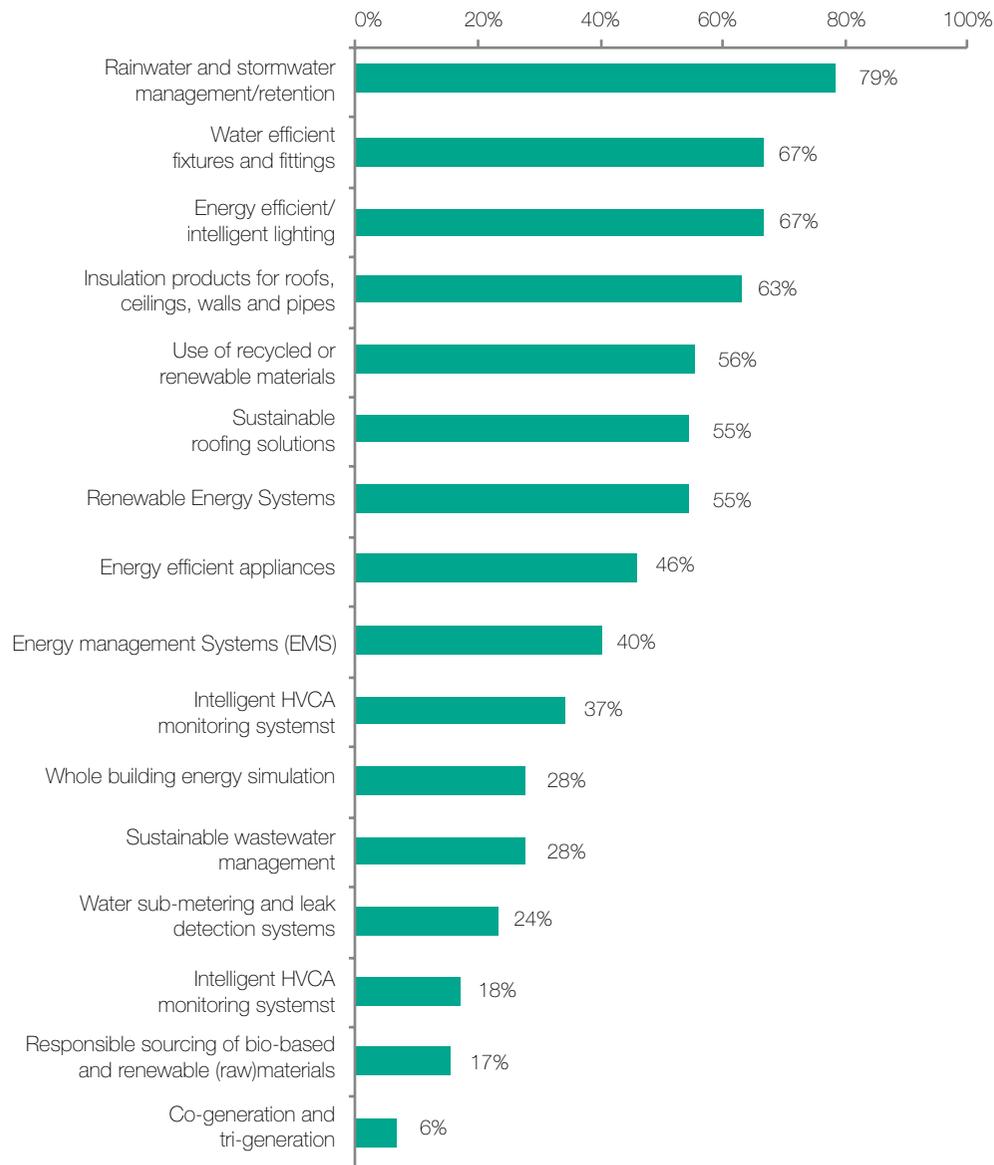


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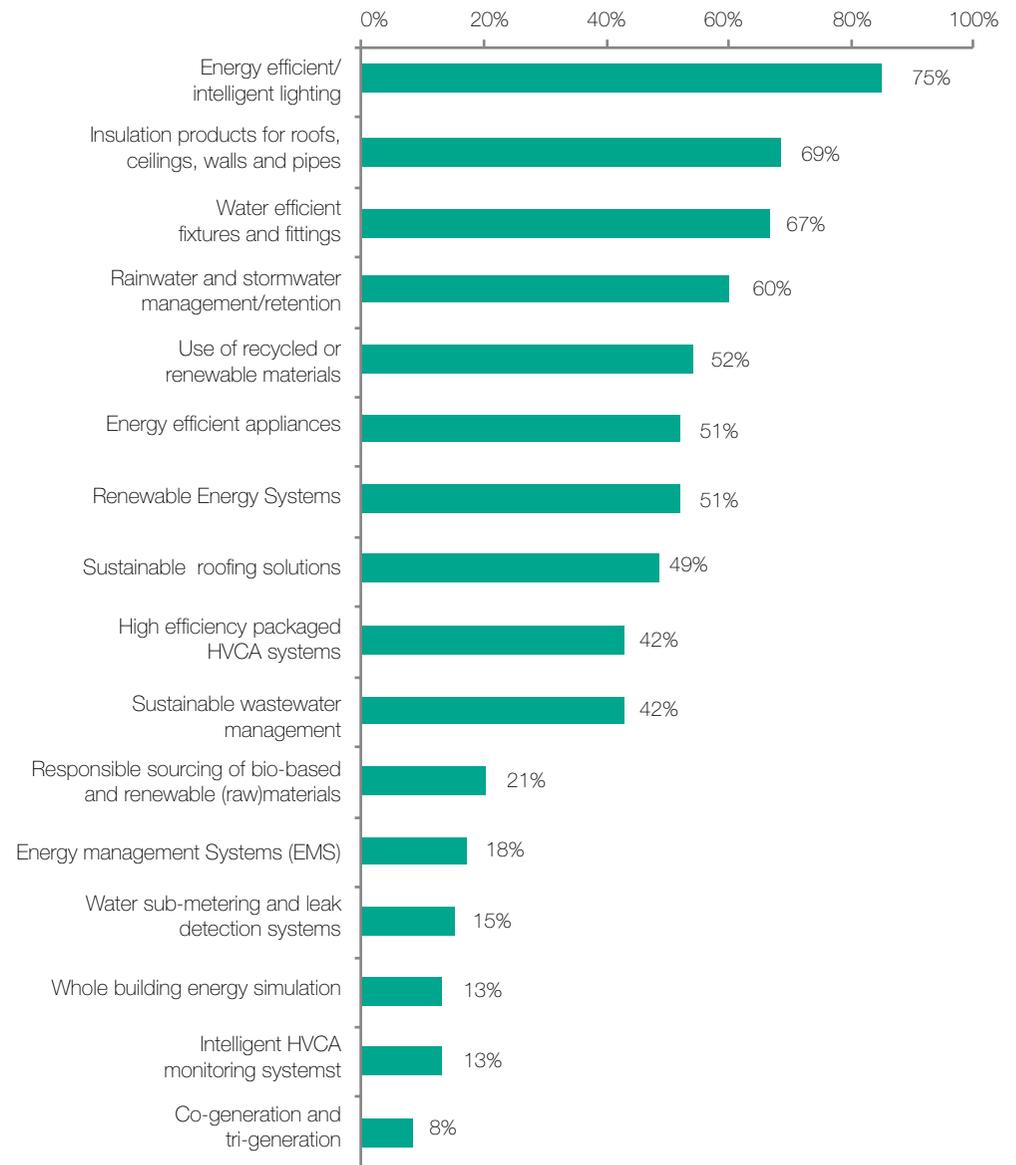


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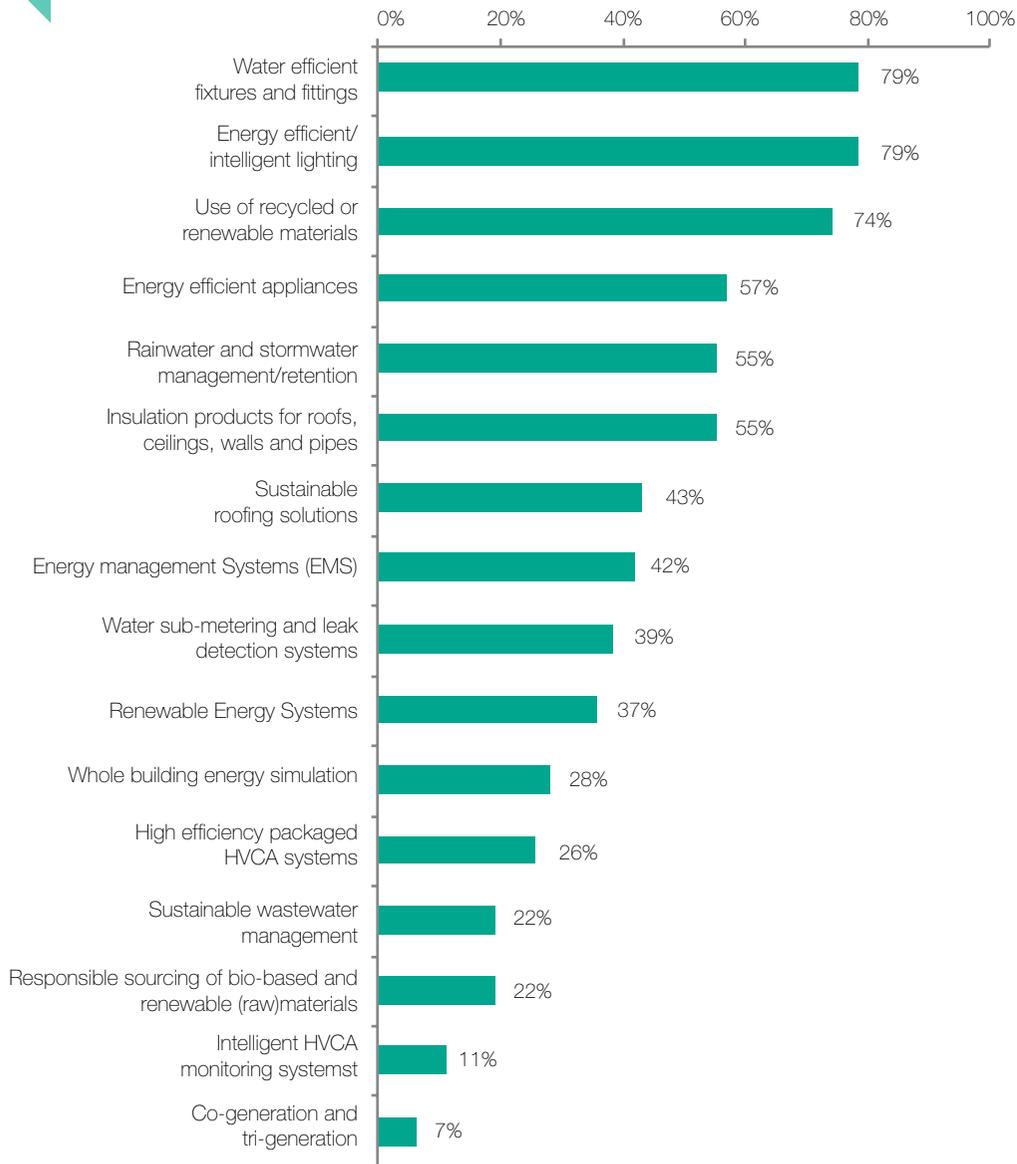


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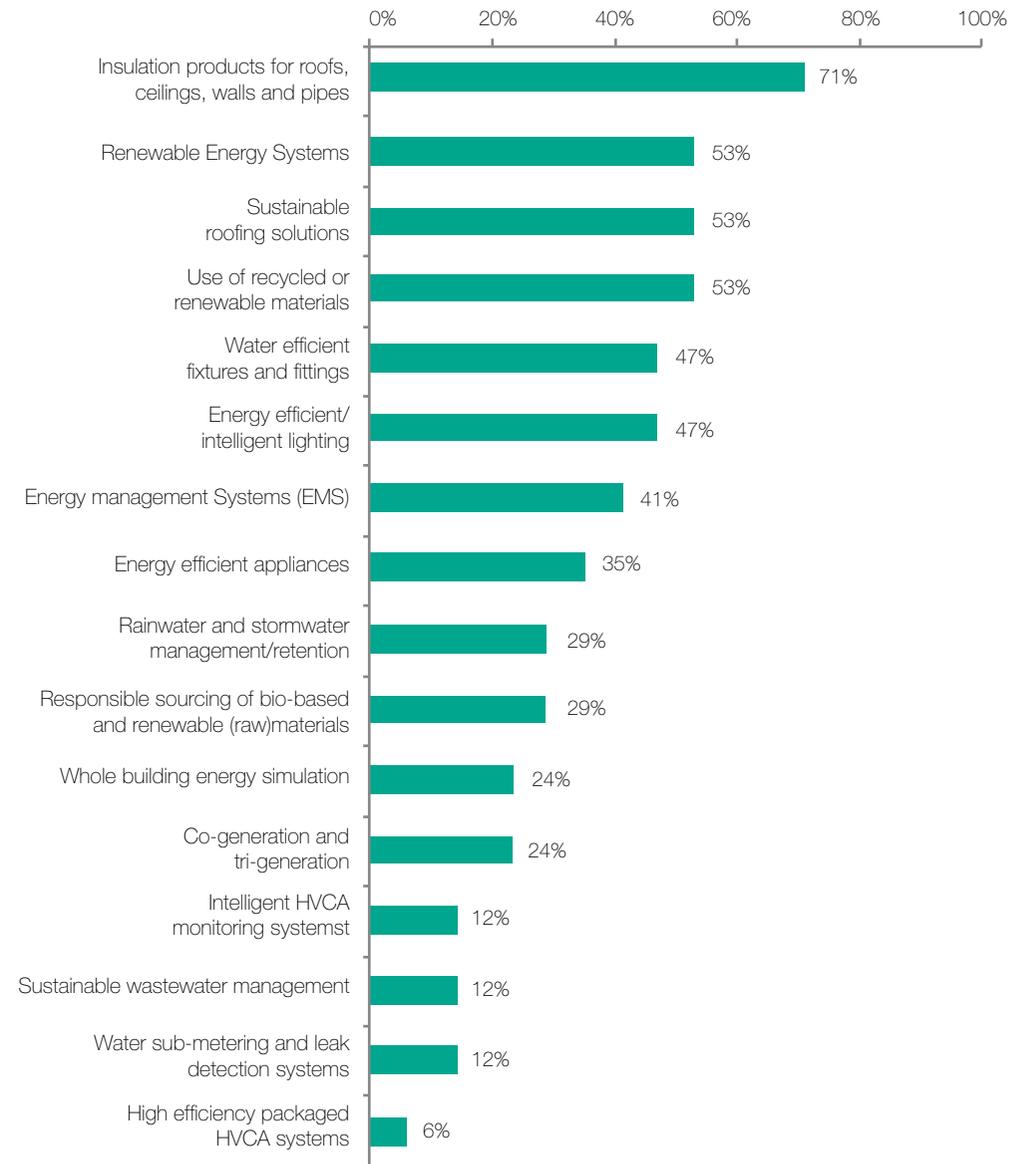


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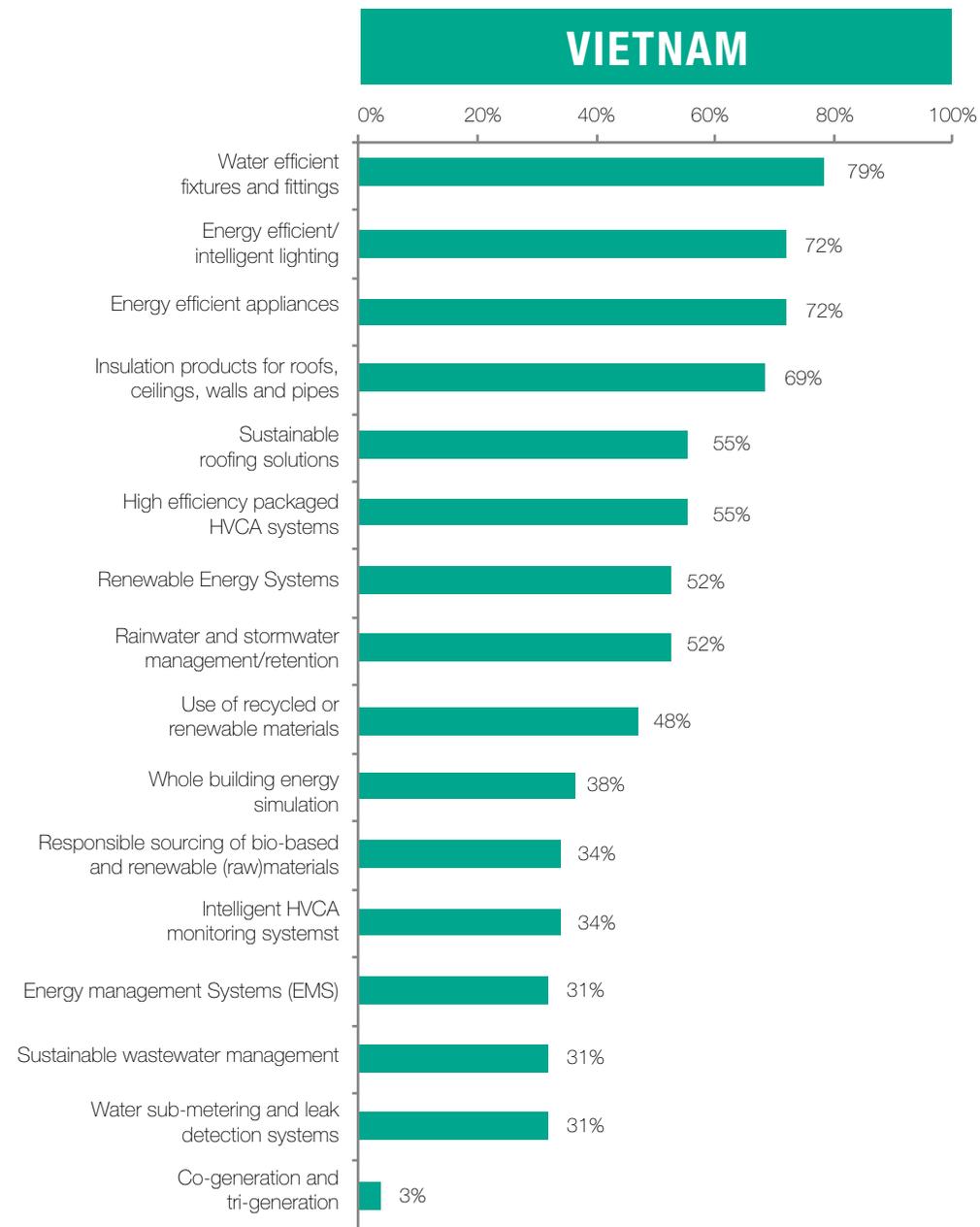
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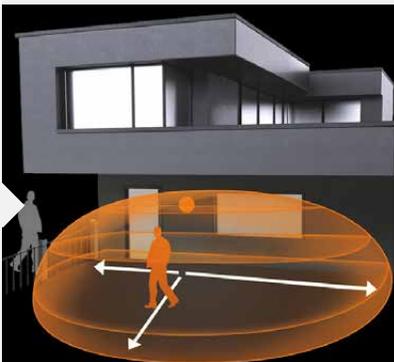


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## Products and Technologies - Brand Recognition

We asked our respondents to nominate 2 to 3 brands for each of the technologies that we had previously identified. We then collated the responses and have listed the brands according to the frequency of mention.



## GREEN BUILDING MARKET REPORT FOR AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND 2014

While BCI Economics was surveying the green building market in South East Asia, we were also analysing responses from 243 developers, architects, main- and sub-contractors in Australia and New Zealand to a questionnaire about their views on and experiences with green building.

In this survey, we found that virtually 90% of respondents in Australia and just over 80% in New Zealand have been involved in a project that entailed “green” building elements during the period 2008-2014.

In contrast with their South East Asian counterparts, only 34% of Australian and 24% of New Zealand respondents were prepared to proceed with green building certification.

Attitudes for and against the adoption of green building principles in general as expressed by the Australian and New Zealand respondents were fairly comparable with those in South East Asia with the additional costs incurred in green building being balanced against the perceived commercial benefits. Interestingly, although the additional upfront costs were perceived to be lower in Australia and New Zealand than in South East Asia, the financial benefits were also seen to be proportionately less.

Across the countries, water efficient fixtures and fittings stood out as being frequently incorporated into green building projects together with energy efficient/intelligent lighting and insulation products although the individual rankings did vary. And, as has been done for South East Asia, we have reported the popular brands identified by the participants in the Australia and New Zealand survey.

If we have sparked your interest you can easily access the results of the survey by logging on to:

<http://www.bciaustralia.com/bci-economics/green-building-market-report-2014/>



***And we are happy to advise that the report may be downloaded free of charge!***

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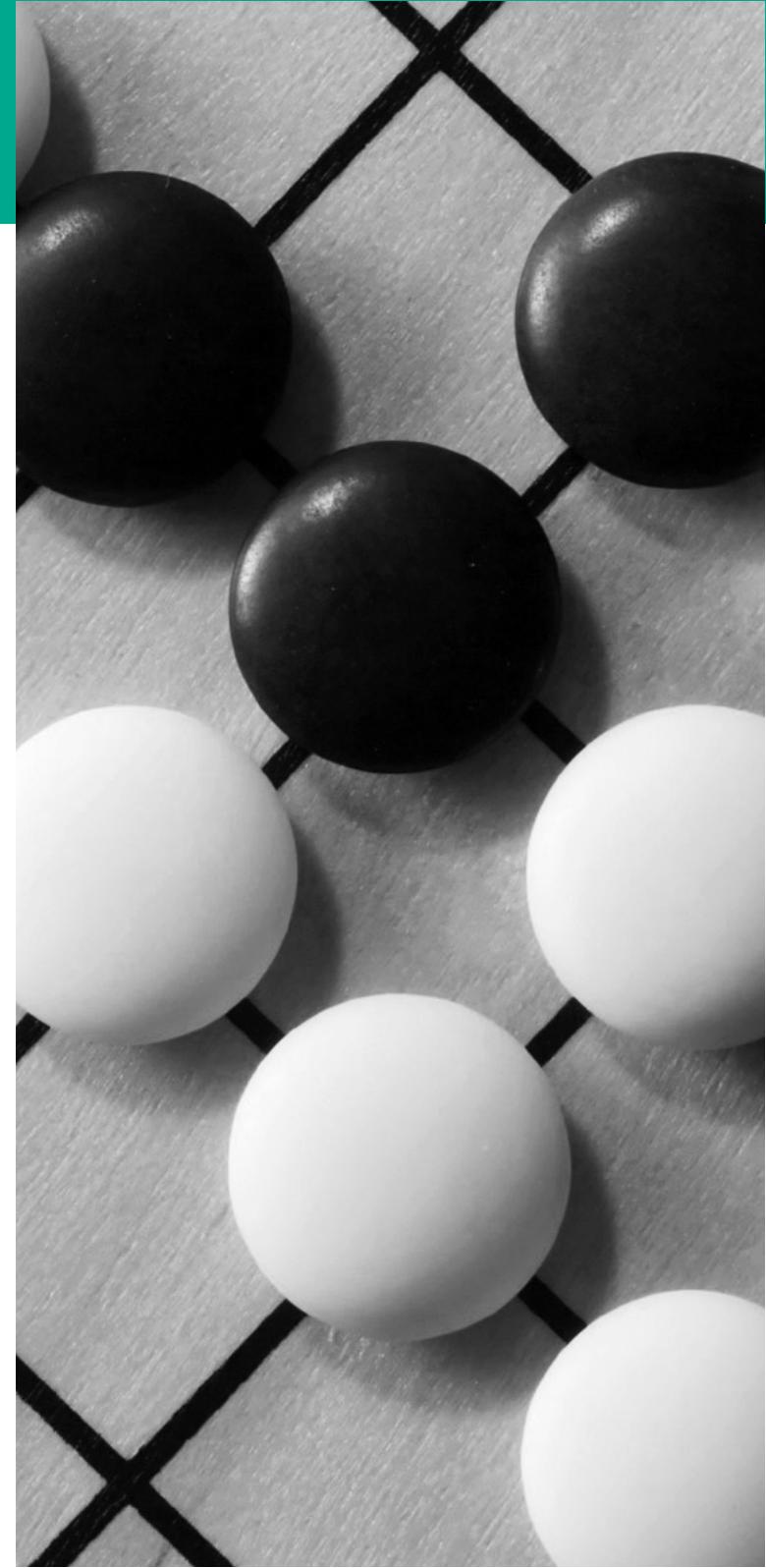
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Research for this report was conducted under the supervision of Dr Matthias Krups PhD, Chairman of BCI Media Group and spearheaded by Petra Berning, General Manager of BCI Economics.

The survey was taken online and analysed by BCI Economics' in-house analysts. Between March and May of 2014, invitations to participate in our online survey were sent out to a random sample of contacts drawn from BCI's highly sophisticated industry database. Given that the decision to participate in the survey was out of interest in the topic of green building, it is fair to assume that our sample would be likely skewed in favour of sustainability principles.

In order to compare the 2014 results with the results ascertained in the prior surveys in 2008, we utilised a questionnaire that was similar to the previous surveys. A few changes were made to take account of the new conditions in the market.

For those issues where value judgements were canvassed, a 4 or 5 point Likert scale was adopted with '1' representing a very negative rating and '4' or '5' a very positive rating.





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