



# **BRITAIN** **EXIT**

survey results

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# Introduction

## Brexit Survey

**B**rexit is constantly in the headlines, with many polls and statistics, but what does the business community really think? Menzies teamed up with our international accountancy network, HLB International, during December 2017 to give the UK business community a chance to have their say in a national survey and find out how other likeminded businesses are reacting. The survey was by no means intending to be scientific, but was completely anonymous.



## About HLB

HLB International are a dynamic network of independent professional accounting firms and business advisers.

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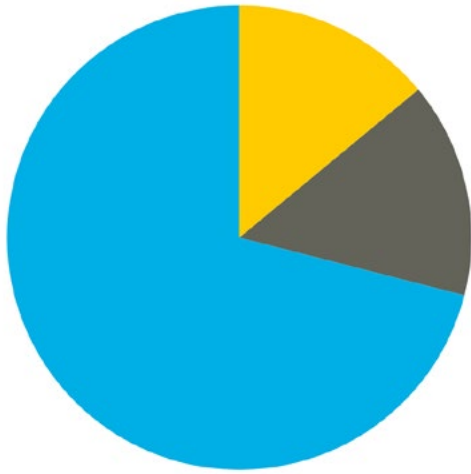
Menzies is one of the South East's leading accountancy firms. We are a top 20 accountancy and business advisory firm who deliver our services through a network of local offices. Each office is a strong member of the local business community and delivers the personal service normally associated with smaller firms.

Brighter Thinking is how we sum up the difference we make to our clients. It encompasses our finance and accounting expertise, combined with strategic commercial thinking. We use our in-depth sector knowledge and our advisory-led approach to challenge our client's objectives and find solutions that guide their business growth.

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# UK key results



■ Good business practice (14%) ■ Don't know (15%)  
■ Bad business practice (71%)

## Economic forecast

Q: David Davis recently informed the Parliamentary Brexit Committee that the Government had not prepared an economic 'forecast' of what will happen to the UK economy after Brexit. Do you think the Government's lack of a forecast is:

## Leaving the EU

Q: Assuming Brexit happens, do you think we should leave the EU entirely or remain as part of a Customs Union or Single Market?

64%

remain in Customs Union and Single Market

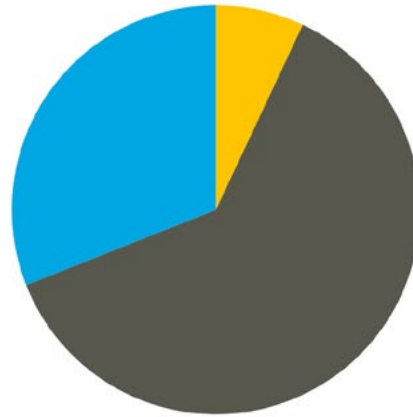
30%  
leave EU entirely



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## Hard Brexit

Q. Would you have preferred the UK to go for a 'Hard Brexit'



■ Don't know (7%) ■ No (62%) ■ Yes (31%)



54%  
Yes

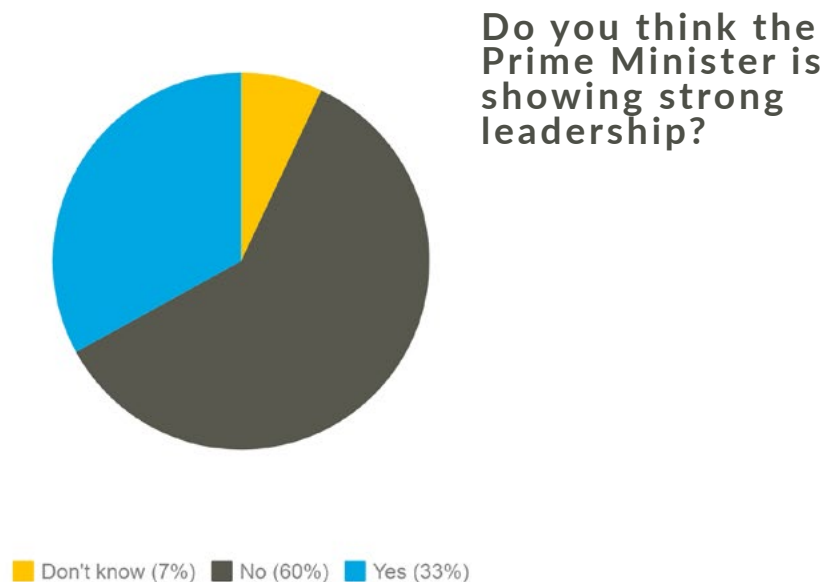
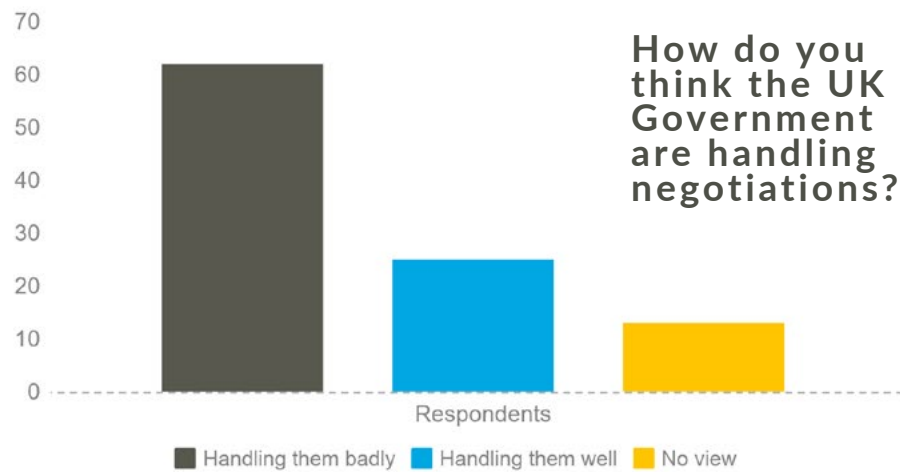
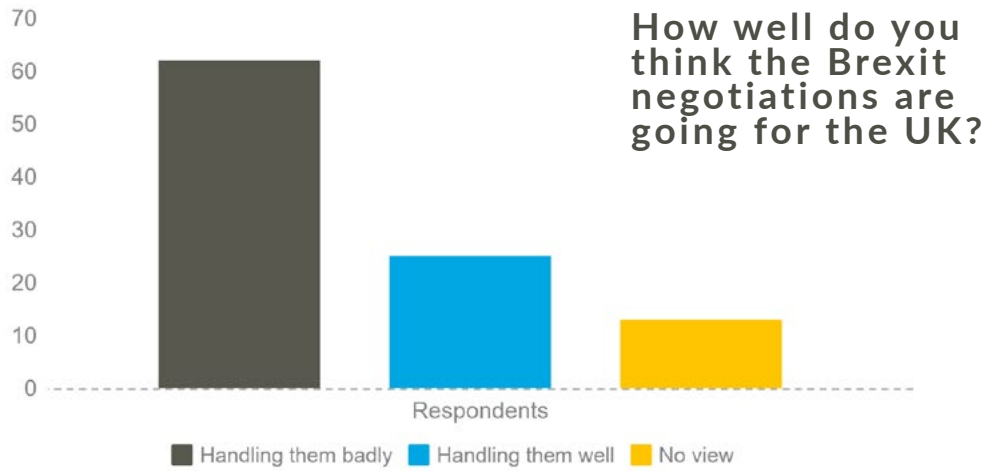


44%  
No

## Divorce Bill

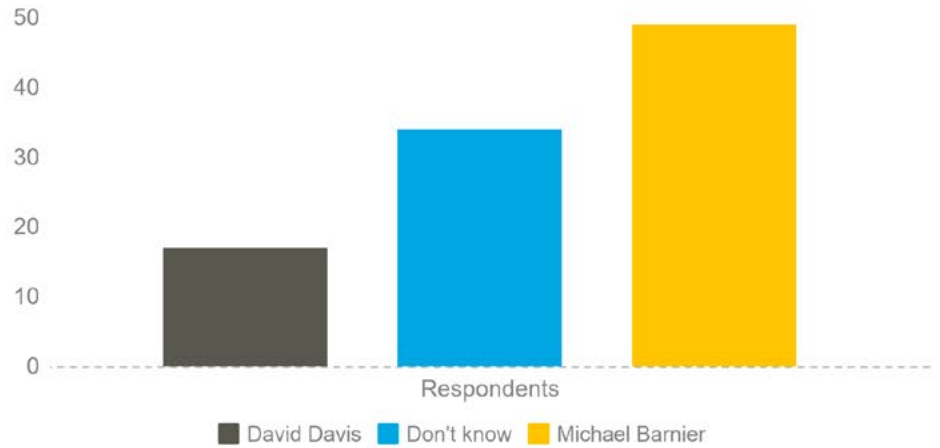
Q. Would you have preferred the UK to go for a 'Hard Brexit' at the time of the Brexit vote?

# UK summary

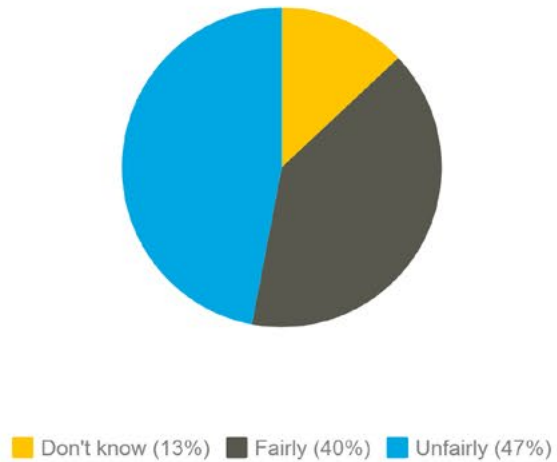


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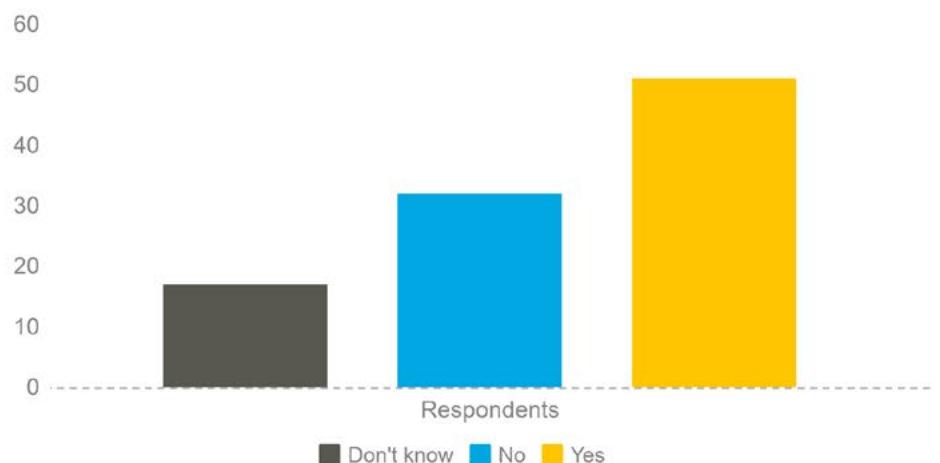
Who do you think will negotiate the better deal - David Davis or Michel Barnier?



Do you think the EU are behaving fairly or unfairly in the negotiations?



Do you think that after Brexit having no hard border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland would be workable?

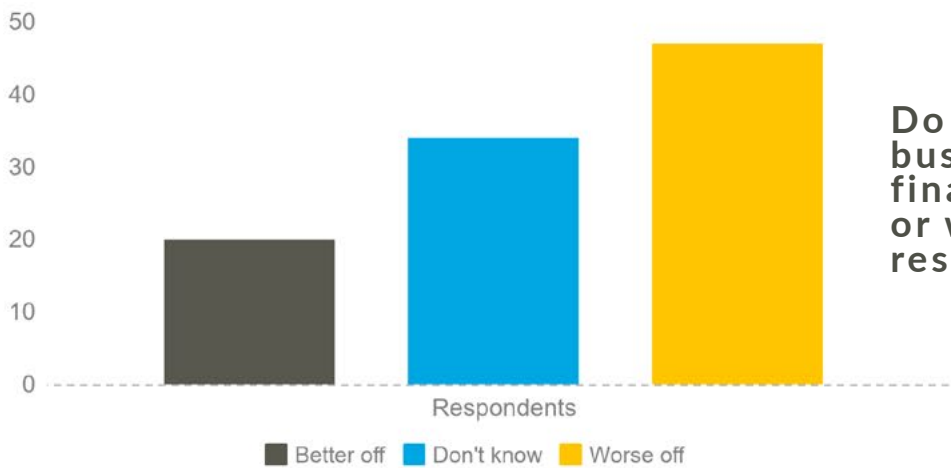


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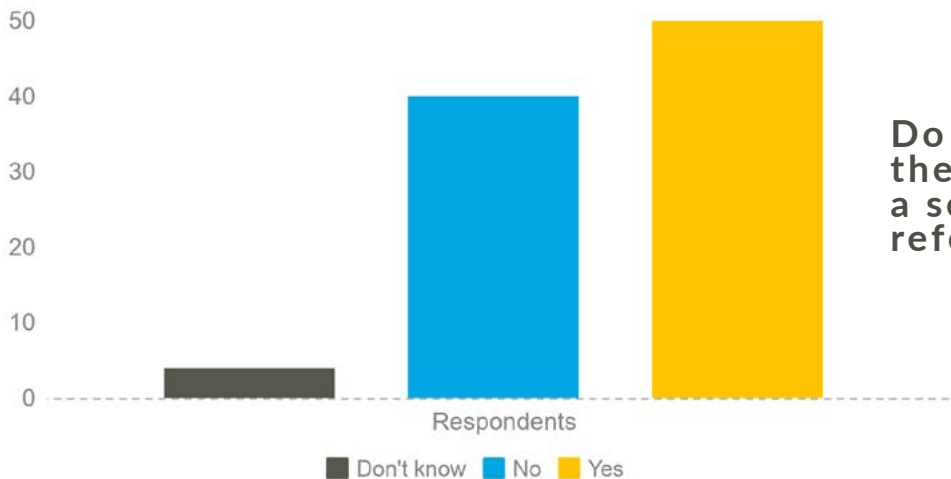
Do you think the UK economy over the next decade will do better or worse as a result of Brexit?

■ Better (33.33%) ■ Don't know (10.75%) ■ Worse (55.91%)



Do you think your business will be financially better or worse off as a result of Brexit?

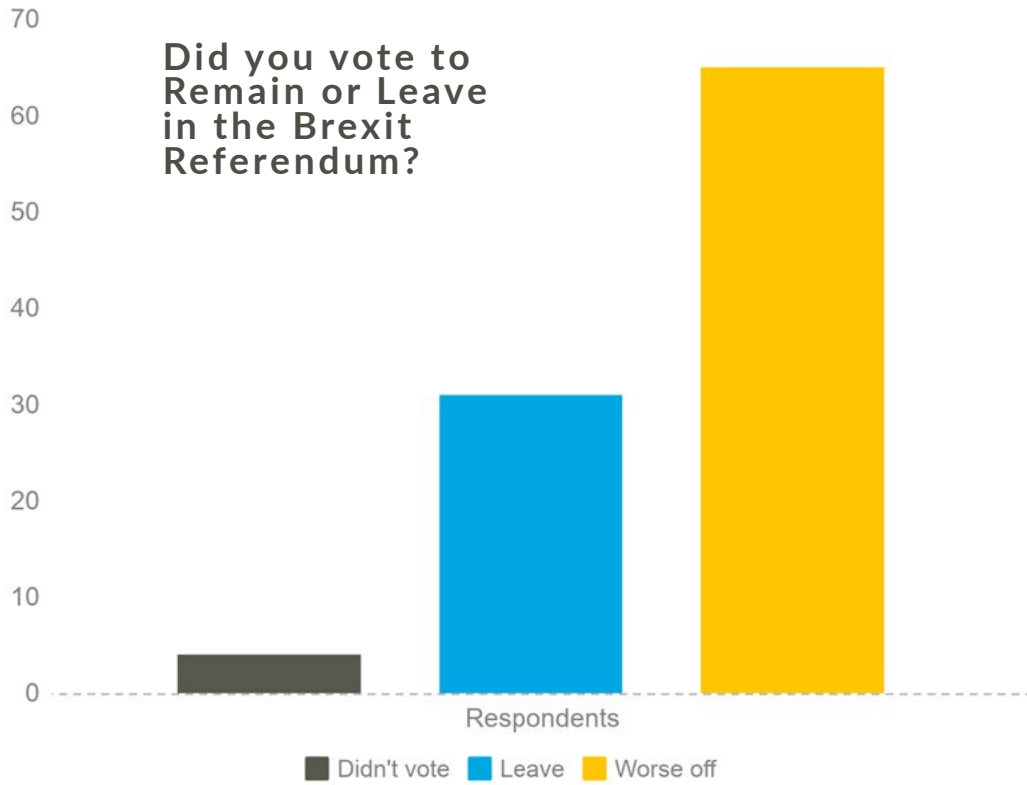
■ Better off ■ Don't know ■ Worse off



Do you think there should be a second Brexit referendum?

■ Don't know ■ No ■ Yes

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### Geographical spread of respondents

