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Market Data: Quality Over Cost

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Executive Summary:

Over 90%

of study participants cite data accuracy and feed reliability as the top drivers when choosing a market data vendor

64% and 46% of respondents believe the cloud and APIs respectively will emerge as dominant market data delivery methods over the next 3–5 years

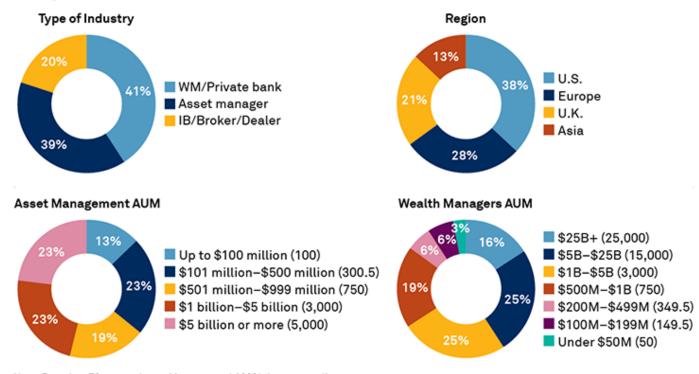
The vast majority of the market is investing more into data. However, far more thought and research is being put into which firm these market participants will work with as a vendor. As sources of data and data types grow, there is the possibility and inclination to engage a wider vendor base without forgoing quality.

Methodology:

During April and May 2023, Coalition Greenwich interviewed a total of 79 global buy-side and sell-side market participants to confirm what drives their choice of market data vendor, what types and frequency of data these firms are buying and consuming, and their views on anticipated future use cases, sources and delivery. The majority of opinions came from professionals working at either asset management firms or wealth management firms/private banks, with experts at dealers and banks making up the balance. Nearly half of asset management firms in our study reported AUM of at least \$1 billion, with about one-quarter of that group reporting AUM of at least \$5 billion. Likewise, respondents tended to work for larger wealth management firms/private banks, over half of which had AUM of \$1 billion or more.

Looking across regions, the majority of participant business is conducted in the U.S., followed closely by Europe. U.K. and the APAC make up a smaller piece of the pie. While buy-side firms are distributed across all regions, nearly all sell-side respondents—which primarily consist of large global banks and dealers—conduct the majority of business in the U.S.

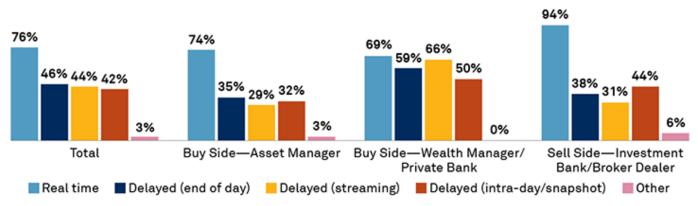
Respondents



Note: Based on 79 respondents. May not total 100% due to rounding. Source: Coalition Greenwich 2023 Market Data Study

In most cases, participants hailing from buy-side firms have between one and 25 people within their area of responsibility or business function using market data. On the sell side, this figure was often much higher, with nearly one-third of participants pointing to over 100 people using market data. When it comes to the frequency of data being used, real-time data stood out from other frequencies as the preferred data type for both buy-side and sell-side study participants. As the market environment becomes more volatile and unpredictable, the value of real-time information grows and is leading capital markets professionals to increasingly rely on higher frequencies of information.

What Frequency of Market Data do you Rely on in Your Role?



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Appendix

Respondent Breakouts for Graphic: "Expected Growth Range in Spending by Data Type Over Next 12 Months"

		TOTAL	Buy Side- Asset Manager	Buy Side- Wealth Manager	Sell Side– Investment Bank/ Broker Dealer
ASSET CLASS	BASE: Equities data	72 5 7%	31 3 10%	31 2 6%	10 0 0%
	BASE: Alternative data	69 5 7%	30 1 3%	30 3 10%	9 1 11%
	BASE: Fixed-income data	73 5 7%	31 4 13%	31 0 0%	11 1 9%
	BASE: Derivatives data (i.e., options, futures, warrants)	72 7 10%	31 2 6%	31 5 16%	10 0 0%
	BASE: FX/Swaps/Rates data	70 4 6%	31 1 3%	30 3 10%	9 0 0%
	BASE: Exchange-traded funds data	71 6 8%	31 3 10%	29 3 10%	11 0 0%
	BASE: Structured products data	69 4 6%	31 1 3%	30 2 7%	8 1 13%

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