

UBS Investor Watch on the Year Ahead UAE Insights

Decisions, decisions

UAE investors uncertain now, but optimistic for the future

Investors look to the year ahead with caution ...



82%

"I think we'll see more volatility."



88%

"The investment environment is **more challenging** today than it was five years ago."



59%

"I see a **big market drop** before the end of 2020."

... as geopolitical events create uncertainty



"Geopolitics are driving markets more than business fundamentals."



"The world is more interconnected than ever."

Top concerns for UAE investors







56%

53%

53%

Cyber-security and data privacy

US-China trade conflict

Market volatility

How investors plan to protect their portfolios



72%

"Increase cash ...



26%

... of my assets are already in cash."

78%

"Rebalance currency exposures."

77%

"Buy more high quality stocks."

Investors see "mega-trends" impacting life in the next 10 years



93%

Changing work environment



92%

Smart technology



92%

Climate change



91%

Automation



91%

Artificial intelligence

Investors embrace the future

85%

optimistic about returns in the next decade

AND

98%

want to align their portfolios with **future trends**

Sustainable investing interest and adoption are very high



98%

are interested

AND

78%

are invested

Gender matters

Male investors most highly interested in aligning portfolios with "mega-trends"





Do you have clear direction for the year (and decade) ahead. Talk to your UBS Client Advisor today.

About the survey: For this edition of UBS Investor Watch, we surveyed more than 3,400 high net worth investors (with at least \$1 million in investable assets). The global sample was split across 13 markets: Brazil, mainland China, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Singapore, Switzerland, Taiwan, UAE, the UK and the US. The UAE sample consisted of 184 investors. The research was conducted between August 2019 and October 2019.

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