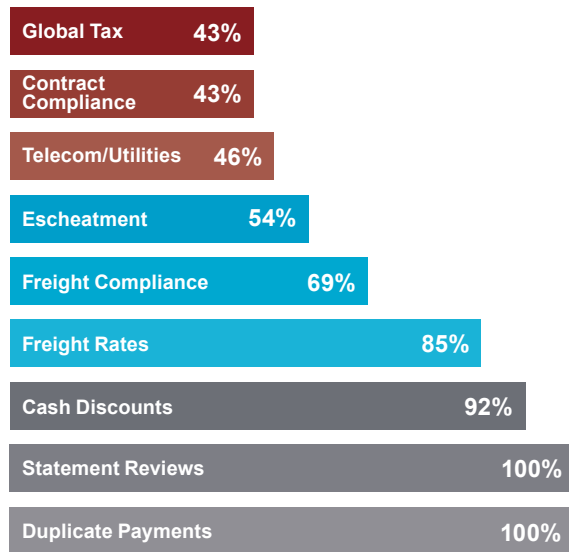


Are You Keeping Pace with the Changing Retail Landscape?

It is clear change is underway in the retail landscape. Intense competition and an unrelenting focus on cost control and profitability are causing retail merchandising and payment teams to upend the status quo. They are adopting new operating models, controls and technologies and are expanding into a host of new audit arenas to reduce risk, protect spend and strengthen their bottom lines.

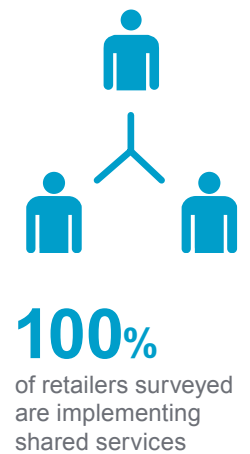
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AUDIT BEST PRACTICES EMERGING



SHARED SERVICES NOW THE NORM



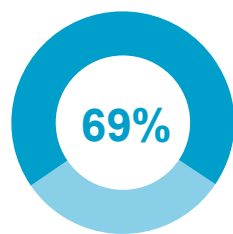
TECHNOLOGY TRENDS REFLECT CHANGING BUSINESS NEEDS

New Tech Investments Becoming Critical

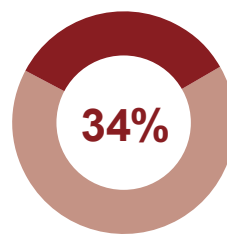


45% say their current business systems are inadequate

New Audits Leverage Automation



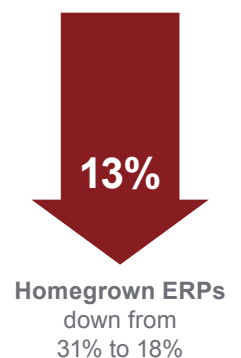
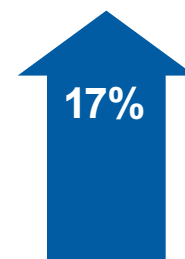
69% of retailers use custom-built algorithms as part of their post-audit methodology



34% use data mining to uncover deal details

Commercial ERP Solutions on the Rise

Packaged ERPs up from 65% to 82%



Source: apexanalytix Compass™ Benchmark Survey; Aberdeen Group, "ERP in Retail."