

# CONFIGURA INVESTIGATES MODERN WAREHOUSE OPERATIONAL NEEDS

In December 2022, Configura conducted a survey among material handling industry workers in the United States, Germany and Japan to uncover industry trends and topics leading industry decisions.

Respondents included: warehouse managers, engineers, designers, warehouse automation specialists, technology managers, among others.

The survey was designed to assess current trends and attitudes in the material handling industry and the differences amongst Configura's three operational markets.

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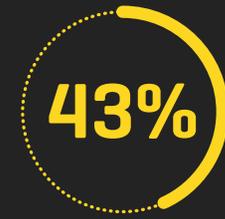
Total respondents

**25**

Total questions



Warehouse of  
101,000-500,000 sq. ft.



Less than 100  
employees per facility



Role of warehouse  
manager



Role of supply chain  
manager



Among the results, **three major themes emerged** that directly impact warehouse planning success today and in the future.



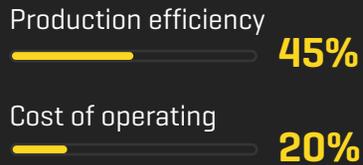
# 3 IDENTIFIED TRENDS IN THE MATERIAL HANDLING INDUSTRY

1. The imminent advancement of automation and digitization

41.4%

believe automation will have the greatest impact on production in the next 5 years

What is the most significant benefit of automation?



2. The time, desire and methodology to design a modern warehouse

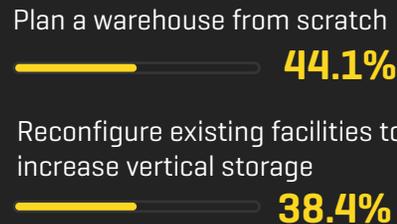
51.5%

say it takes 6 months to a year to design a modern warehouse

88%

say they review layout and warehouse plans presented to them via PDF or PowerPoint; leaving an opening for more immersive review technologies

Would you rather build or reconfigure when expanding facilities?



3. The varying value of compliance and sustainable practices across markets

50%

combined say packaging and waste management are top of mind in facility sustainability efforts

3.8%

ranked compliance as the most prioritized factor in warehouse operations [US Market]

19%

of respondents said most unused material and production waste from the warehouse is not recycled

