



# COVID-19: Risk Management Challenges for Finance Leaders in H2 2020

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# Agenda



Impact of COVID-19

Key Global Risks for Businesses

How to Prepare Your Organisation to Survive, Recuperate And Thrive

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# Key questions that business leaders are asking

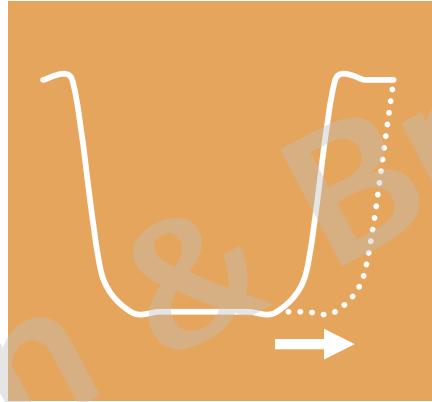
## Depth of Disruption

How deep are the demand reductions?



## Length of Disruption

How long could it last?



## Shape of Recovery

What shape could recovery take?

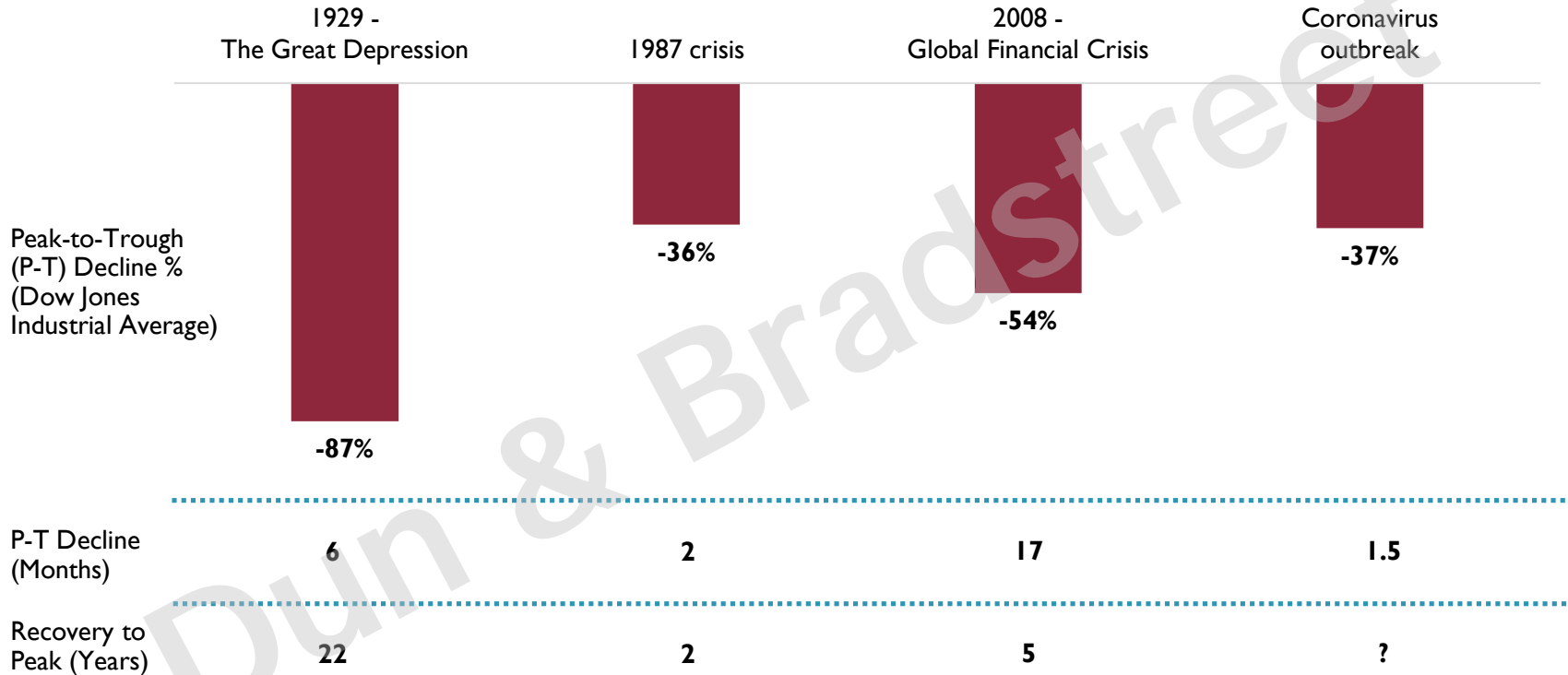


## New Normal

How to survive and thrive?



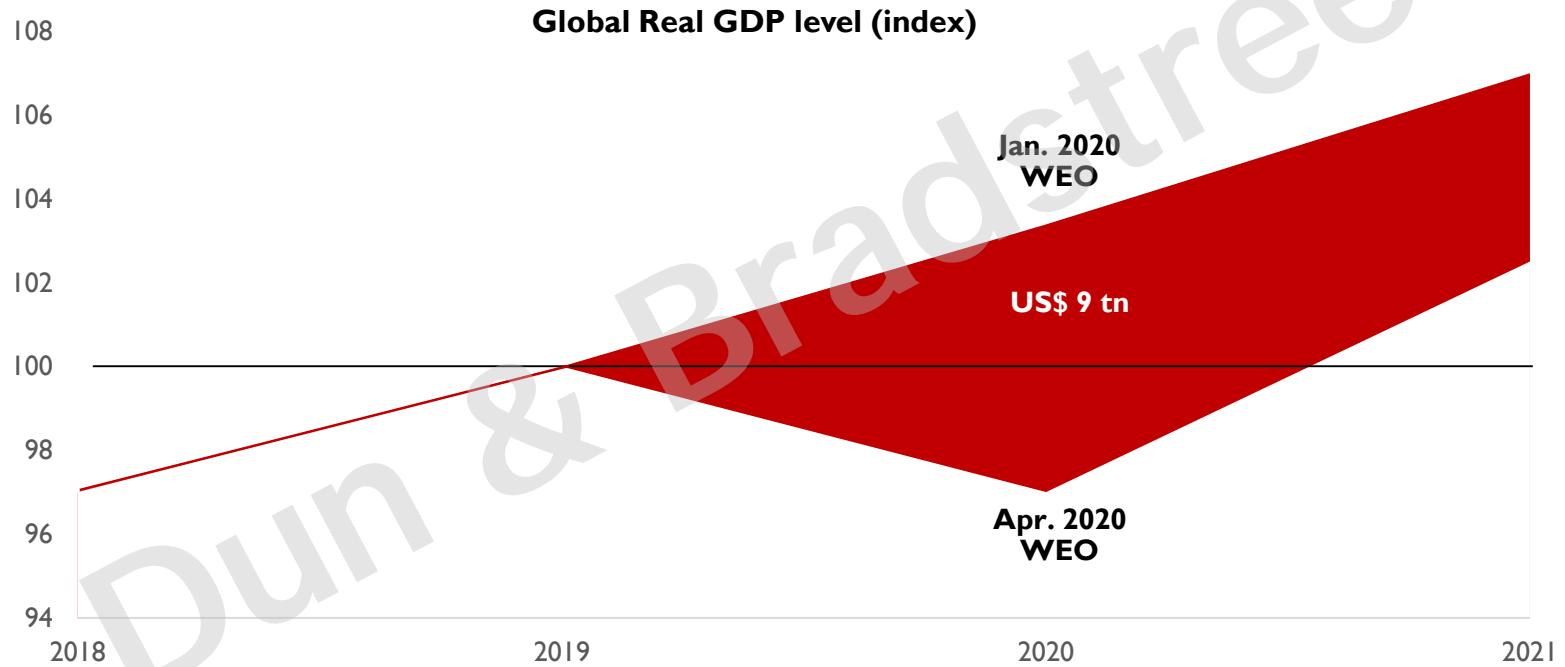
## The pandemic has resulted in acute market volatility



Note: Data as on March 23, 2020

Source: Dun & Bradstreet Analysis, WSJ, fedprimerate.com

The cumulative output loss over 2020 and 2021 from the pandemic crisis could be around **US\$ 9 tn**. The world economy will experience the worst recession since the **Great Depression of 1929**



Note: Estimates as on April 14, 2020

Source: IMF, World Economic Outlook; and IMF staff calculations

# Different scenarios of recovery

## Most likely



Growth recovers within a few quarters but leads to some permanent loss of output

*Pandemic and containment peaks in the 2nd quarter, and recedes in the 2nd half of this year*

## Plausible



Growth recovers quickly with no/small permanent loss of output

*Pandemic and containment peaks in the 2nd quarter, and recedes quickly*

## Unlikely



Growth takes several quarters to recover leading to heavy permanent loss of output

*Deterioration in public health leading to prolonged lockdown*

## Can't rule out

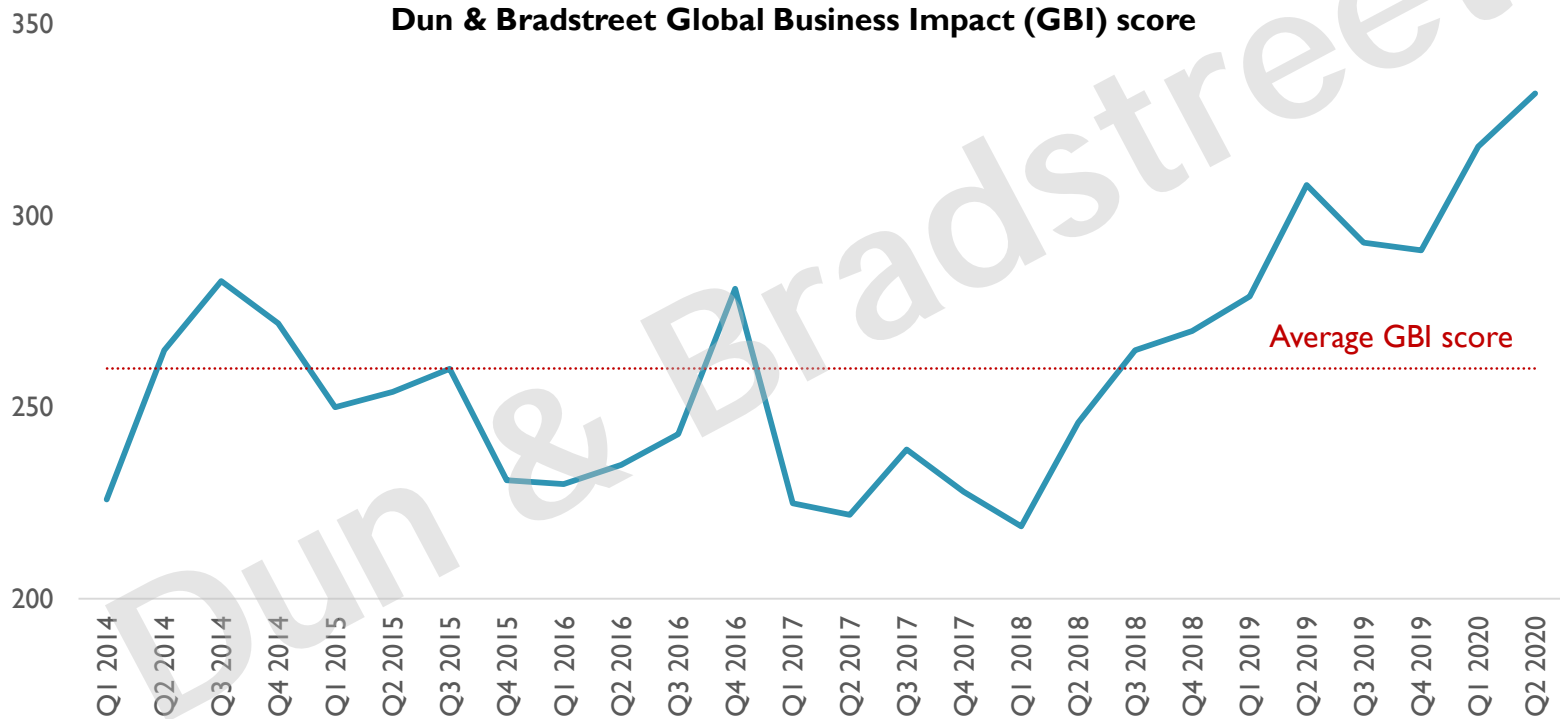


Growth recovers very quickly but plunges again leading to some permanent loss of output

*Easing of lockdown initially boosts activity but growth plunges due to 2nd wave of COVID-19 or ineffective policies to prevent bankruptcies and extended job losses*

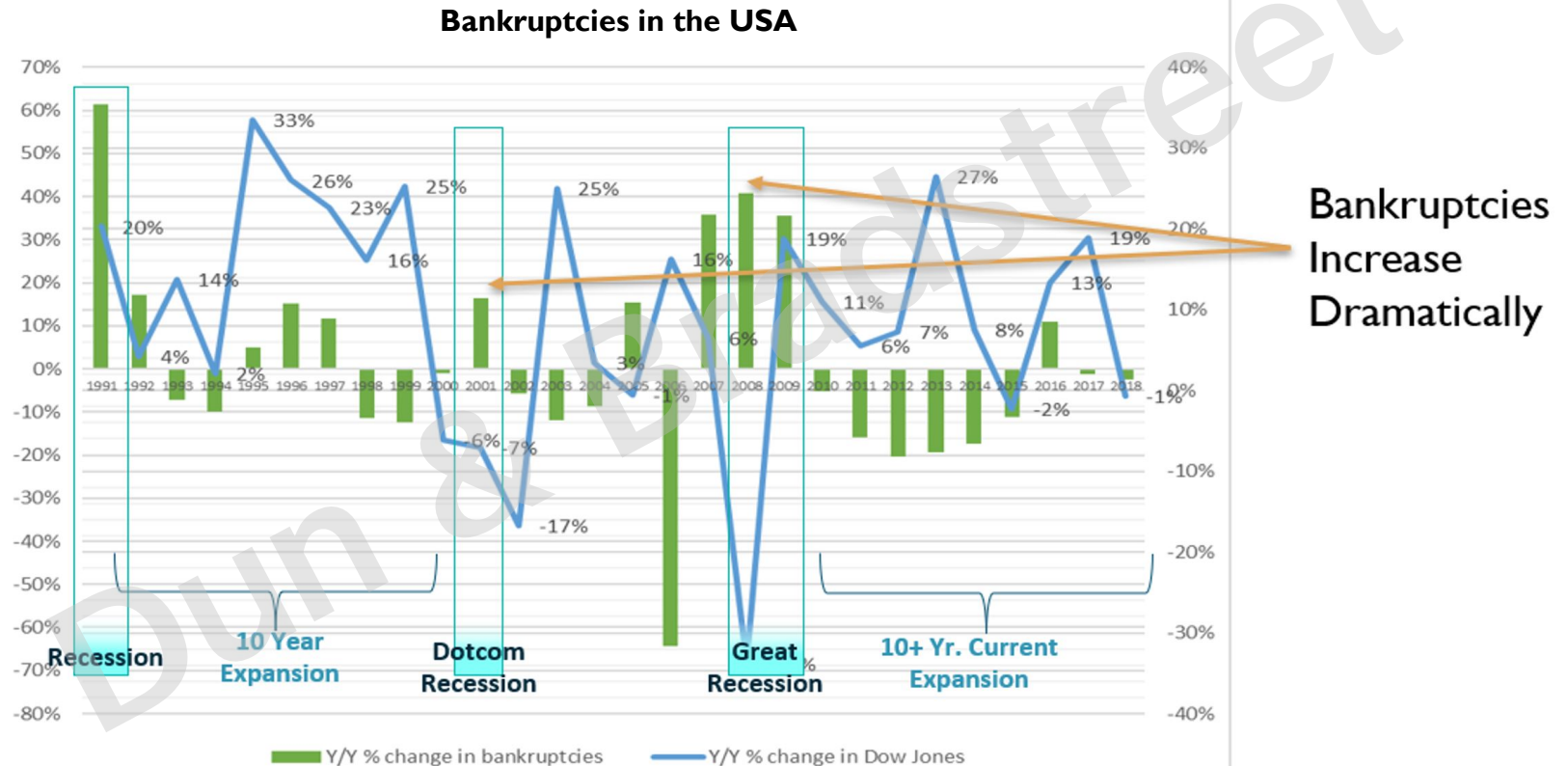
Source: Dun & Bradstreet

For the second successive quarter, Dun & Bradstreet's GBI score worsened to its highest-ever level. This rise indicates the high level of uncertainty facing businesses that operate cross-border



Source: Dun & Bradstreet

# D&B research shows that the past two recessions, in 2001 and 2008, have been accompanied by precipitous increases in bankruptcies



Source: Dun & Bradstreet



## Ten Key Global Risks for Businesses

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The COVID-19 pandemic brings an unprecedented fiscal emergency damaging all grades of sovereign creditworthiness for the medium term

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US-China relations deteriorate, impeding global public health co-operation and damaging equity values through the return of higher geopolitical risk premia

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The continuation of protective trade policies emanating out of the US puts additional pressure on global supply chains

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As leading economies struggle to return to normality in Q3, global equity valuations fail to recover from their collapse in Q1 2020

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The deterioration in fiscal positions of governments around the globe creates long-term funding challenges including public and social projects and programs, resulting in deteriorating infrastructure quality undermining global business opportunities

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The Federal Reserve loses control of overnight borrowing rates in the Repo market, sending the overnight rate back to September 2019 highs, severely disrupting global capital markets

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The fallout from COVID-19 raises unemployment significantly, heralding in populist governments with nationalist identities in the democracies and increased anti-government protests in authoritarian countries

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The increased government debt stocks, caused by coronavirus rescue packages leads to a renewed euro zone crisis, disrupting global supply chains.

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The further decline of the automotive sector causes problems for Europe's industrial sector, with knock-on effects for global supply chains

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Threats of cyber-attacks, data theft, fraudulent activities by state and non-state actors, and the risks of outages of information and networks rise continuously, thereby undermining the global business environment

## A downturn response should address all three levels though the level of focus may vary depending on the company's financial and strategic position



### Maintaining Viability

*Businesses need to ensure that they remain viable. They can do so by establishing a spend control tower, divesting unprofitable business, undertaking cost transformation programme, etc.*



### Building Resilience

*Businesses need to ensure that they become resilient. They can do so by focusing on their core, promoting inclusive work culture, securing funding to strengthen core areas, etc.*



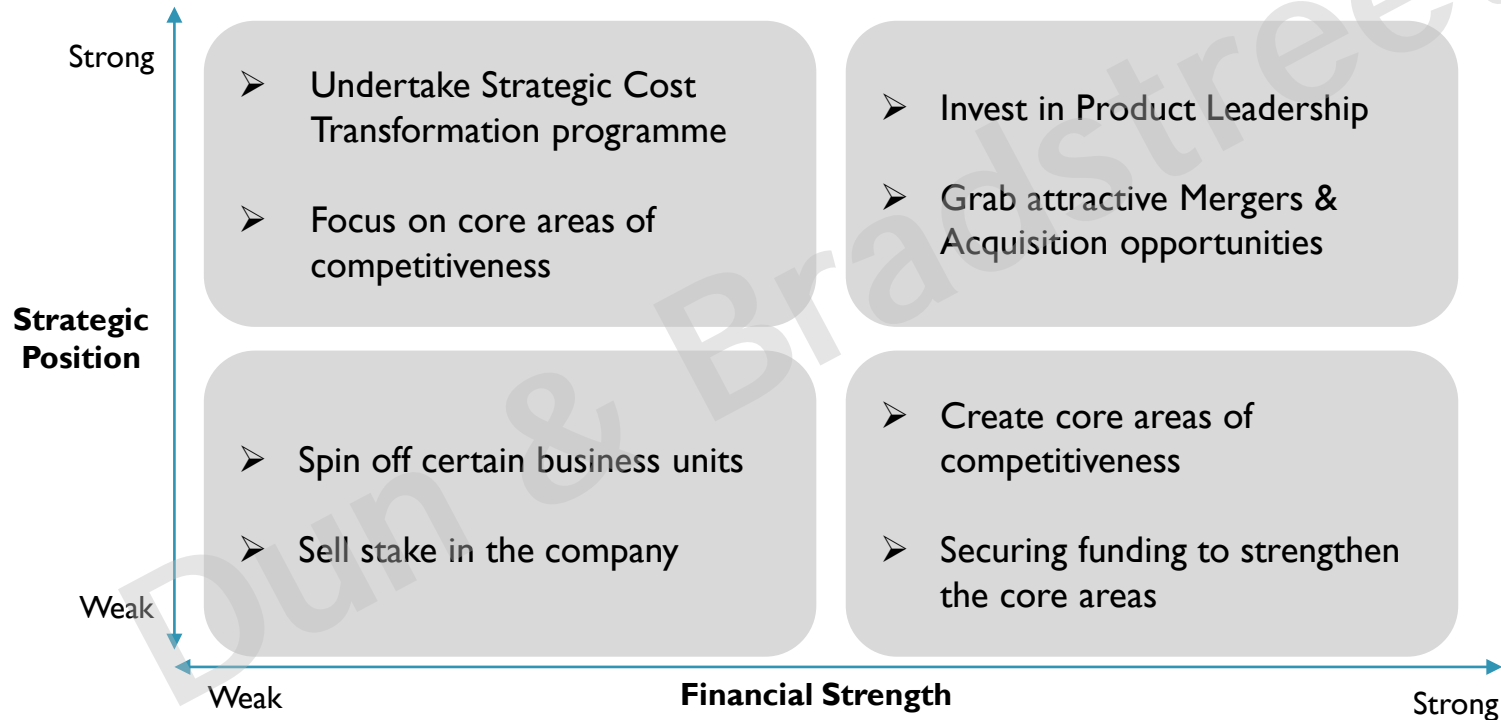
### Increasing Vitality

*Businesses need to ensure that they are able to thrive. They can do so by investing in product leadership, grabbing attractive mergers and acquisition opportunities, etc.*

Source: Dun & Bradstreet, Various articles

## Key considerations for your organisation

### Recession Recovery Decision Matrix



Source: Dun & Bradstreet, Various articles

# In the last downturn, 'Resilient companies' did three things to create an earnings advantage



## Cleaned their balance sheets

*They reduced their debt by more than \$1 for every dollar of total capital on their balance sheet, while peers added more than \$3 of debt. During the recovery phase, they shifted to M&A, using their superior cash levels to acquire assets that their peers were dumping in order to survive.*



## Cut costs ahead of the curve

*Resilients focused primarily on operational effectiveness, reducing their cost of goods sold, while maintaining selling, general, and administrative costs roughly in line with sales.*

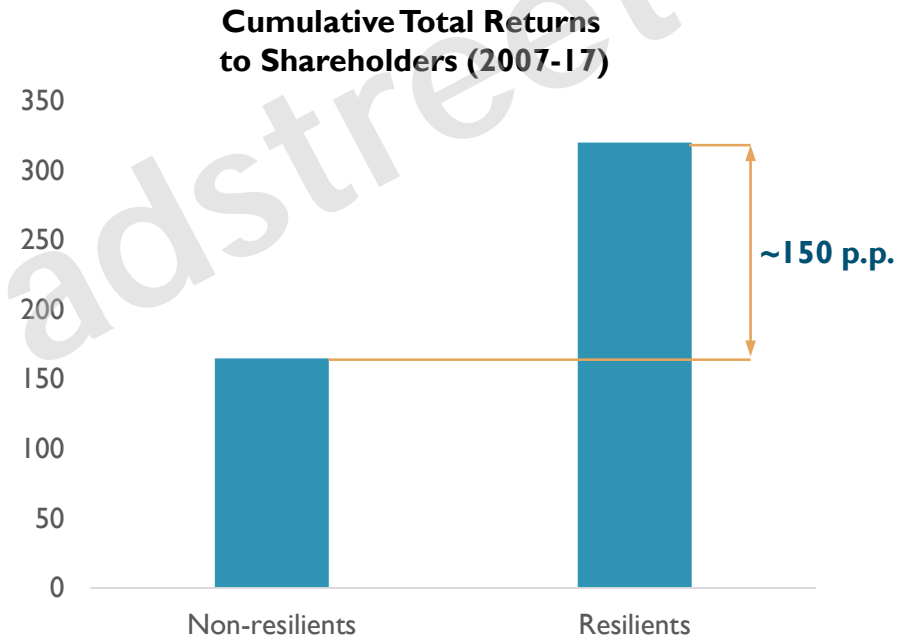
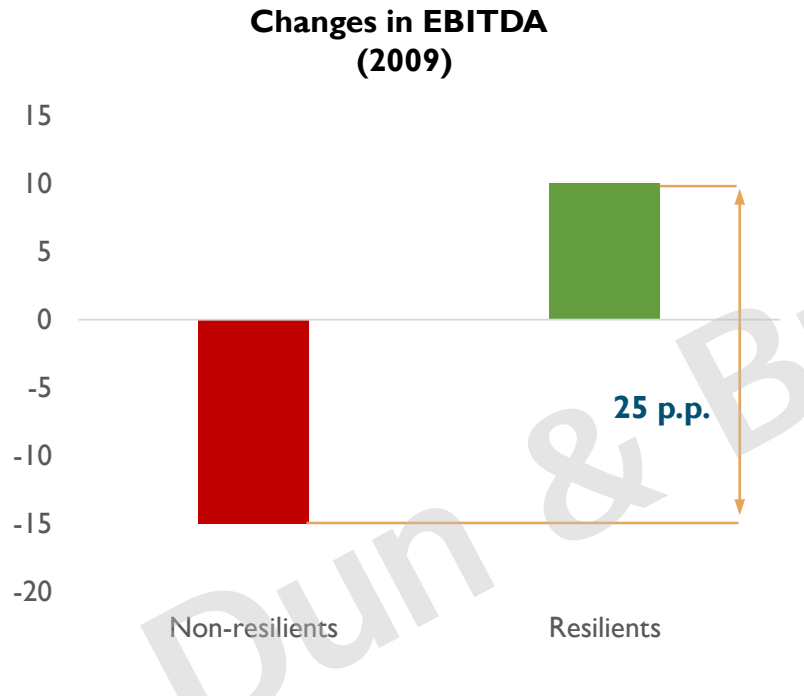


## Focused on their core

*Resilients in countercyclical sectors focused on growth, even if it meant incurring costs.*

Source: Dun & Bradstreet, Various articles, McKinsey

## The results of their actions are:



Note: Total returns to shareholders (TRS) calculated as average of subsectors' median performance within resilient and non-resilient categories; excludes financial companies and real-estate investment trusts. Resilient companies defined as top quintile in TRS performance by sector. EBITDA - Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization  
Source: Dun & Bradstreet, Various articles, McKinsey

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