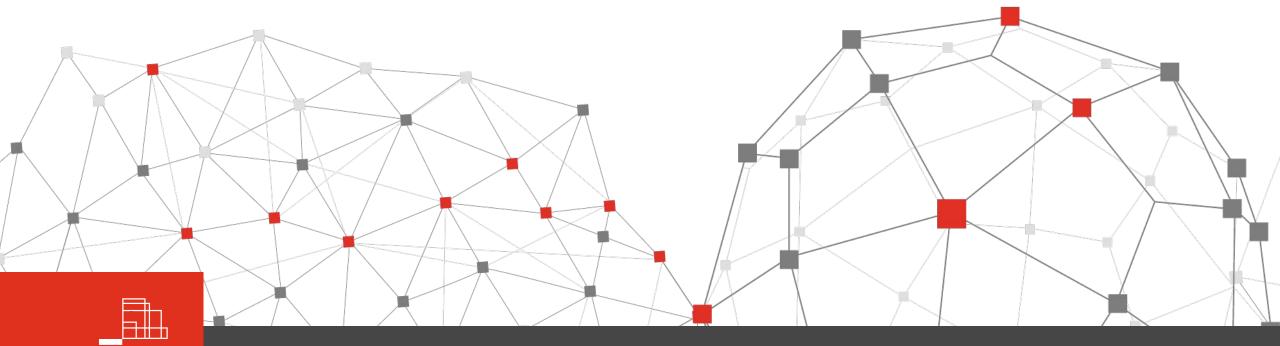
COVID-19

Impact of COVID-19 on demand:

How can B2B organisations protect revenues and build a commercially strong future?



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COVID-19 continues to affect businesses worldwide, and has a significant impact on profitability

COVID-19 global impact

- Since its outbreak in December 2019, COVID-19 has been affecting businesses worldwide
- What we see today is only the beginning impact will likely increase in the coming weeks and months
- Global impact across all nations and sectors / industries, bringing challenges but also opportunities (e.g., modified behaviours, different timing of impact, stimulation of ecommerce)

206

countries affected*

1 trillion \$

potential cost for global economy**



of total world population under quarantine as of March 25***

Key business challenges

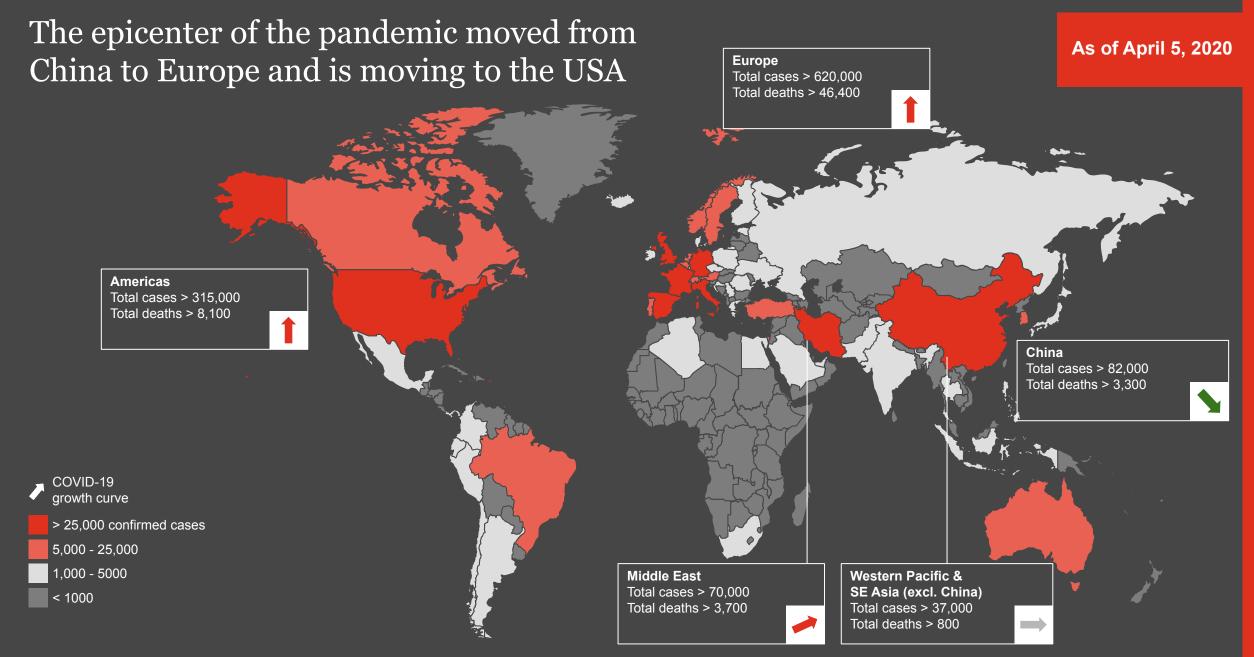
- Potential slowdown or discontinuation of supply and demand, due to:
 - Government containment measures creating significant disruption
 (e.g., quarantines, travel restrictions, schools and offices closure, social distancing)
 - Labor inefficiencies & shortages (e.g., employees infected by virus / under quarantine, home office, travel restrictions)
 - Material delays & shortages (e.g., supply challenges, low forecast and planning accuracy, closed factories, supplier bankruptcies)
 - Economic uncertainty (e.g., low investment rates, fear of recession, economic unemployment, price consciousness, bankruptcies)
- Leading to significant impact on profitability:
 - Reduced incoming cash flows
 - Price fluctuations of required materials / labor
 - Potential claims due to missed contractual obligations
 - Cybersecurity threats as a consequence of remote working

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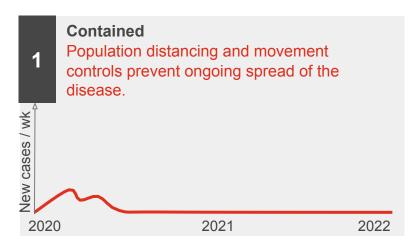
^{*}Source: World Health Organisation, as of April 3 2020

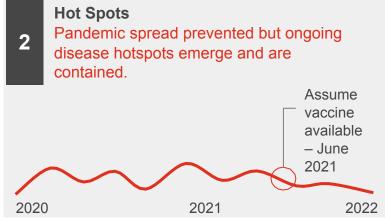
^{**}Source: UN's trade and development agency

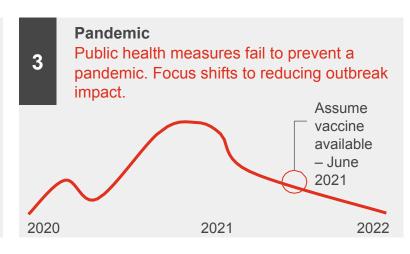
^{***}Source: AFP database, April 3 2020



Different scenarios concerning the evolution of the COVID-19 crisis need to be taken into consideration







Assumptions:

- Near 100% case detection rate in all countries, including mild cases.
- Successful contact tracing and quarantine measures in all countries.

Impact:

- Economy: Uncertainty has a short term impact on markets. Affected countries more significantly impacted.
- Workforce: Home working and travel restrictions in affected countries as disease is contained.
- Supply chain: Reduced output from affected countries impacts supply chain in the short term.
- Timeframe: 3 to 6 months.

Assumptions:

- Not all cases are detected, allowing spread at a reduced frequency.
- Successful contact tracing and quarantine measures around emerging cases prevent a pandemic.

Impact:

- Economy: Ongoing uncertainty has longer term impact on markets. Affected countries more significantly impacted.
- Workforce: Home working and travel restrictions in existing and newly affected countries.
- Supply chain: Reduced output from affected countries impacts supply chain.
- Timeframe: 12 to 18 months.

Assumptions:

- Contact tracing and population movement controls are unsuccessful in containing outbreak.
- Commercially available vaccine necessary to stop spread.

Impact:

- Economy: Increased risk of global recession dependent on the severity of the pandemic.
- Workforce: Major global disruption, including home working, travel restrictions and morbidity and mortality in the workforce.
- Supply chain: Global shortage of some goods due to production slowdown.
- Timeframe: 12 to 18 months.

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Rapid changes in consumer behaviour are mostly negatively impacting global demand

Fear of long-term recession

Consumer Behaviour

- Increase in savings
- Reduced consumption of unessential goods
- Delay of large purchases (e.g., car)

Economic unemployment

- Lower income
- Smaller spending budget (e.g., travel)

Stay-at-home measures

- · Reduced in-store traffic
- Cancellation of events (e.g., trade fairs)

Focus on short distribution circuits

 Changing consumption patterns (e.g., consume less or consume local)

Digital acceleration

- Switch from offline to online purchases
- Grow of online services (e.g., entertainment, collaboration tools)





















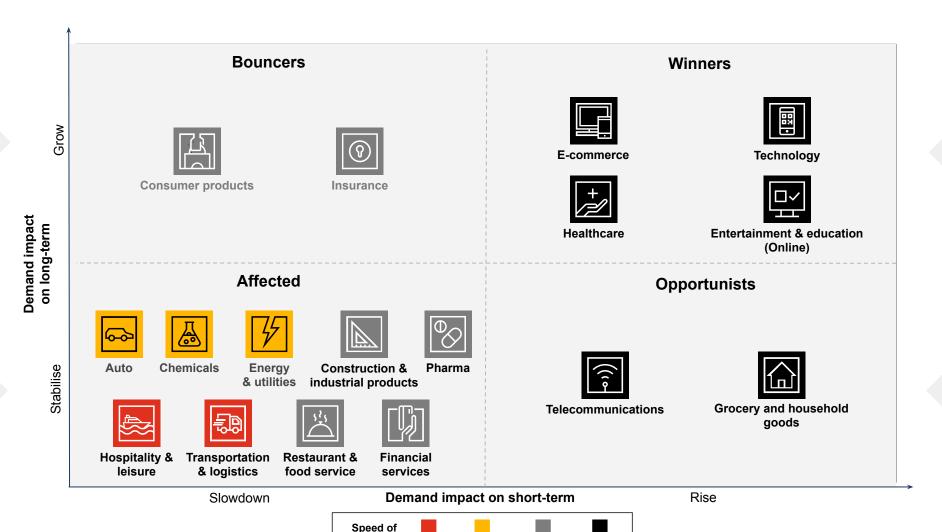


Companies will experience strong demand fluctuations on short- and long-term, and a varying speed of recovery

Demand slowdown during outbreak, with mid- to long-term demand levels likely higher than pre-crisis demand levels

Demand slowdown during outbreak, with mid- to long-term demand levels likely going back to pre-crisis demand levels

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Medium

recovery

Acceleration of demand during outbreak, with midto long-term demand levels likely higher than pre-crisis demand levels

Demand increase during outbreak, with mid- to long-term demand levels likely going back to pre-crisis demand

levels

Source: PwC analysis

Fast

N/A

Companies should act fast and prepare for the new normal to minimise the negative impact on revenue...



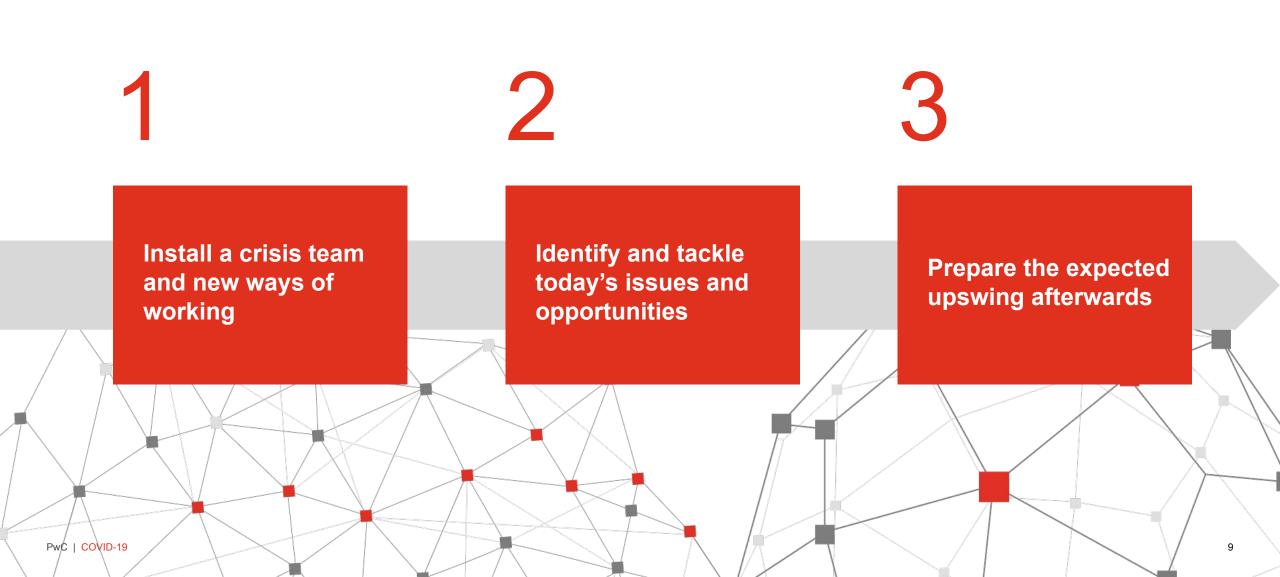
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...and can undertake a number of actions to stabilise their business and accelerate the recovery

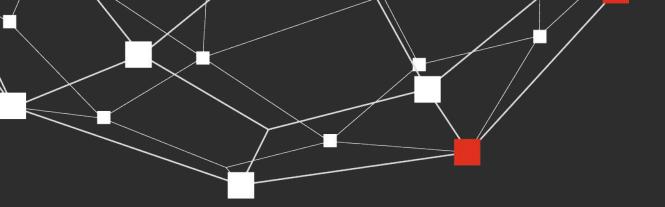
		Stabilise	Recover
	Protect revenue	 Closely monitor sales pipeline and fluctuations in demand Set up governance (e.g., daily sales check-up) for fast-decision making on sales planning, communication and pricing 	 Prepare delivery to prioritised segments when demand picks up Assess customer experience and launch targeted churn and win-back action program
\	Capture online demand	Enhance digital presence (e.g., online search, landing page) and capture online demand	 Build or enhance eCommerce capabilities Define digital strategy and fit for growth target operating model
	Engage with customers	 Shift customer support to remote work-from-home set-up Connect with clients, show empathy and take actions to support them (e.g., no penalty for order cancellations) 	 Grow self-service capabilities and promote digital adoption Monitor customer satisfaction along the customer lifecycle
	Empower your sales force	 Ensure safety and wellbeing of your sales force, perform daily coaching and reassure top performers Set up remote working guidelines and tools 	 Measure and enhance sales force effectiveness via training (e.g., virtual sales playbook) and tools (e.g., digital signature) Define future way of working and culture, and realign workforce
4	Optimise your costs	 Restrict or freeze sales, marketing and general expenses Reallocate sales and marketing budget on most relevant items 	 Embed structural cost-containment measures (e.g., travel allowance) Optimise channel mix to reduce cost-to-serve and cost-to-acquire

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There is no time to waste...







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