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How CEOs Are Feeling -- Market Talk

15:46 ET - Corporate leaders are feeling slightly less optimistic, according to a new survey. Accounting and advisory firm Marcum LLP surveys chief executives of middle-market companies each quarter. For the second quarter of 2018, it found that 96% of the 315 CEOs surveyed pinned their business outlook at "neutral to positive" -- a bit down from 99% the previous quarter. The share of CEOs who said they felt negatively about business increased to 3.5% from 0.8% in the in the first quarter. Recruiting talent remains on the minds of CEOs; 36% said it was their top priority. Workforce training was the second highest priority for the surveyed CEOs.

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