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Business Outlook Index Q4 2025 Shows Cautious Optimism Amid Ongoing Economic Pressures

The Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce (TT Chamber) in partnership with the Arthur Lok Jack Global School of Business (ALJGSB), is pleased to announce the results of the Business Outlook Index (BOI) for Q4 2025, marking the reintroduction of the country's national business confidence measure.

Formerly known as the Corporate Confidence Index, the survey reflects a broader and more modern approach to capturing private sector sentiment in an evolving economic and policy environment. This is a bi-annual survey, as such, the next release is expected in April 2026.

Key Findings

The Q4 2025 Business Outlook Index reveals a private sector navigating short-term strain but demonstrating guarded optimism over the medium term. Fifty-four (54) percent of executives reported worsened financial performance in the last six months yet remain confident about financial and investment prospects for both the next 6- and 12-month horizons. Employment expectations are steady in the short term and turn positive over the year ahead, signalling cautious expansion intentions. Confidence in the local economy remains negative across most sectors, underscoring persistent structural challenges, while views on the global economy shift from short-term pessimism to medium-term optimism. Notably, executives remain uncertain about the new government's likely areas of positive impact, with no clear consensus emerging.

Overall, the data suggest that despite current pressures, firms are positioning for recovery and investment-led growth, albeit within an environment of domestic economic uncertainty. See attached for full results of the survey.

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