# Opportunities in Textured and Dimensional Applications



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#### This session

Question #3 from Marco's session yesterday:

How do we address decreasing margins?

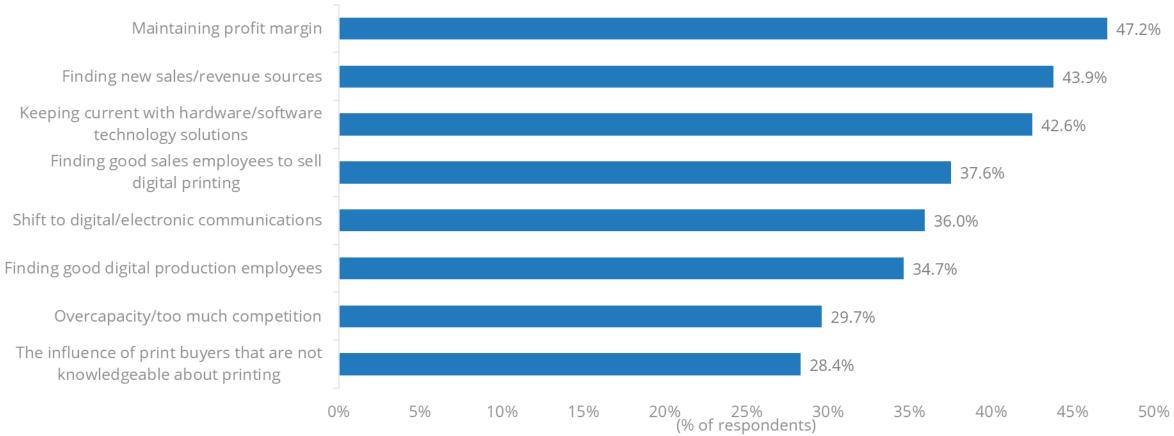






# Primary Challenges to the Printing Market – Print Service Provider View

Please rank what you see as the primary challenges to the digital printing market today.



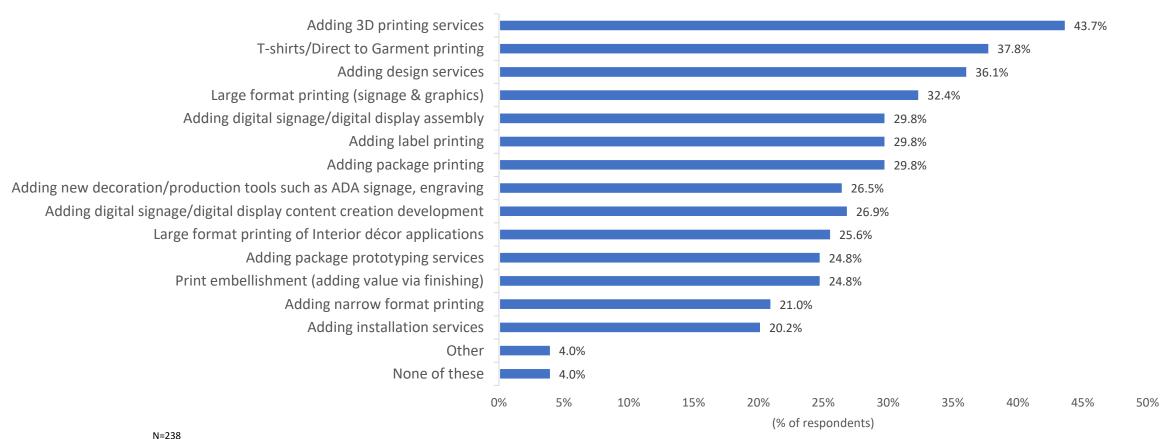
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# Almost 80% of Print Shops Considering New Opportunities ...

Which of the following markets/applications has your organization considered as potential new print market opportunities?



### Day-Night Signage

- Multilayered printing: 3-4-5 layers print
- The image displayed during the day is front-lit by natural lighting, while a <u>white</u> barrier in between printed layers separates a more complex and color-dominant "hidden" image waiting for its evening debut.
- Use the hidden layer to display text, change the color or add more visual effects to design.







Bars & Restaurants Casinos Events

\$16/sf







## Braille – ADA Signage



"This thing prints money"

 $3" \times 5" \text{ sign} = $60$ 

4" x 8" sign = \$80

6" x 9" sign = \$120

8.5" x 11" sign = \$130

Don't just "wing it""



Squared Dot (Not acceptable)



Domed Dot (Acceptable)



**BRAILLE DOTS** 





## **Thermoforming**

- Digital transformation of screen-printing market
- Thermoforming UV inks
- Distortion software required
- $22'' \times 28'' = $70 = $16.40/sf$
- \$ Hundreds per piece









Brands
Casinos/Arcades
Trade shows
Sporting events





#### DTG

- USA is the largest DTG market worldwide
- Low-end DTG solutions sell for less than \$5K
- New Kornit DTG solution offers textured print
- Textured T-shirts sold at premium pricing
- KornitX Fulfillers Network become a node on a manufacturing network where they will drive business your way
- Not just T-shirts
- Complete print-cut-sew operations

Raised/textured print



\$24 - \$36/pair



www.divvyupsocks.com

**Industry Print Solutions** 



Scottsdale, AZ



## Digital Direct to Object

Specialized equipment



\$3K adapter for small flatbed UV



Digital transformation of the pad printing market

- Short runs promotional
- On demand production
- Automation available

Wholesale opportunity

<\$1 each – sell for \$8 per glass







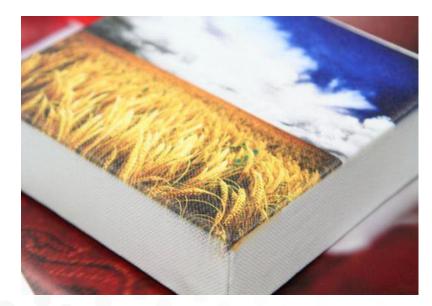






#### Art & Awards

"With the LEF, we could enter new markets without having to bet the farm"



Prestretched canvas ~\$50 per piece



~\$80 per piece for 4-color



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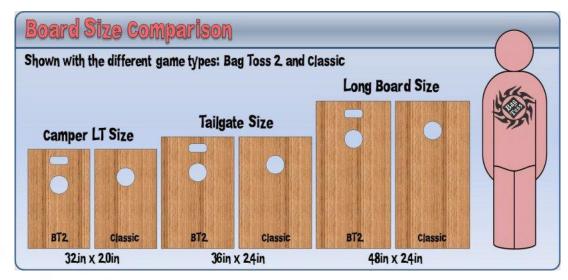


#### Direct to Object

#### Leveraging existing UV equipment







Customized cornhole board 2' x 3' = 12 square feet @ \$229 = \$19/sf





## Direct to Object

#### Leveraging existing UV equipment



Blank hockey pucks - ~2 each



Customized pucks - \$6 each



Lunchbox = \$2 Customized lunchbox - \$12 each







#### Wallcoverings

- Print onto pre-textured papers, create custom textures using UV printing or gloss textured capability
- Gives décor more depth and originality





"We started doing it to support my wife's interior design business, now its about 25% of our volume"

Sir Speedy NW

Roland LEC-series UV printer





#### Furniture & Decor

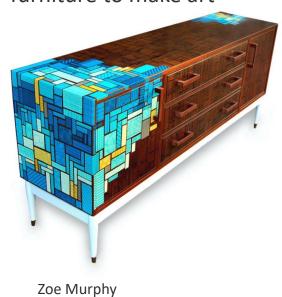
Wood grain on glass



Oriental-style room dividers



Recovering gently used furniture to make art



Raised effect on shower door



\$ Hundreds per piece

Canon Touchstone, enables elevated texture effects for Arizona printers

New FLXfinish – mixed matte and glossy finish – makes those colors and effects really POP

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### Marketing Pieces

Using cutting and production tools to create a 3D display



Hatteras

Not "dimensional printing" – but using the design of the LF display to create dimensions



Hatteras

Talking about additional dimension creates value-add discussion opportunity with customers





## 3D Printing

www.my3dselfie.com





12-inch models = \$750 - \$2,650









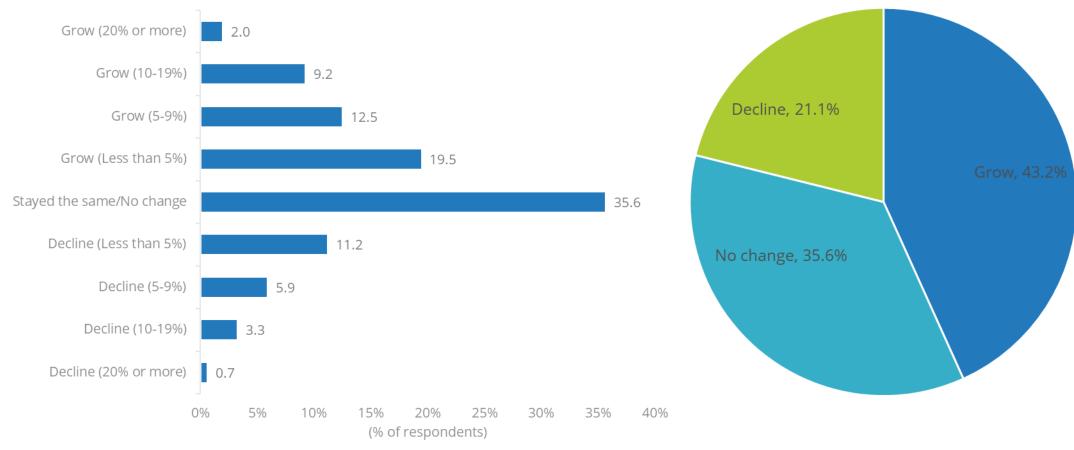
Brought in entertainment industry and brand business they couldn't get before





### Profit Margin Expectation for Next 12 Months

How do you expect your organization's OVERALL PROFIT MARGIN for printing services to change over the next 12 months?



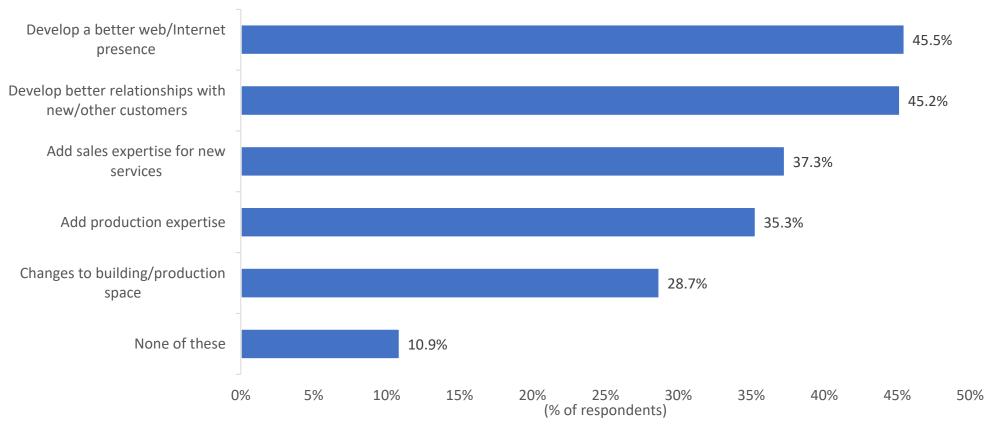
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# Actions Required to Expand into New Applications or Markets

Which of the following changes would your organization need to make to expand into new applications or markets?



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### Summary & Takeaways

- Improving profit margin doesn't just happen
- Scalable solutions exist
- If you have the idea that you could add something to your business ...
  - Possible to leverage existing equipment, space, know-how, and interests to add these types of printing services
  - Leverage existing vendor relationships
  - Even relatively minimal investments can result in new revenue streams w/high profit margins







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