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### 2025 Investor Engagement Survey

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# Methodology



### Methodology

CapIntel partnered with Logica Research to conduct the 2025 Investor Engagement Report to explore and understand what investors value in their relationship with financial advisors.

Responses were collected through an online survey during August and September 2024.

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**1,000 Investors** with >\$50K in investable assets who work with a financial advisor





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# Key Findings



### Key Findings



#### Investors seek to build strong and trusting relationships with their advisors

- This trust can be built primarily through accurate financial performance information and an understanding of their clients' goals, and secondarily through personalized advice.
- Aside from investment performance, investors are most likely to say their relationship with their advisor is the most important part of the advising experience.
- When asked about the future, most investors express a desire for more personalized financial advice, especially among Boomers.



#### Investors seek education and good communication with financial advice

- Most investors express a strong preference for investment proposals that are personalized for them as opposed to a single, standardized proposal.
- Investors show a desire for a clear understanding of their finances and want a well-rounded view of their financial health.
- Millennial investors are more likely to communicate with their advisor digitally, via emails or video meetings, and to have higher preference for digital methods.



#### There is an opportunity to modernize how advisors work with investors

- Although PDFs and written documents are the most common methods of receiving proposals today, dashboards are in second place and are most preferred by younger generations. Results suggest that younger generations will find digital dashboards even more useful with education around the benefits.
- Customizable, interactive dashboards provide an opportunity to further increase engagement among investors who want to be active, informed participants with their advisor.

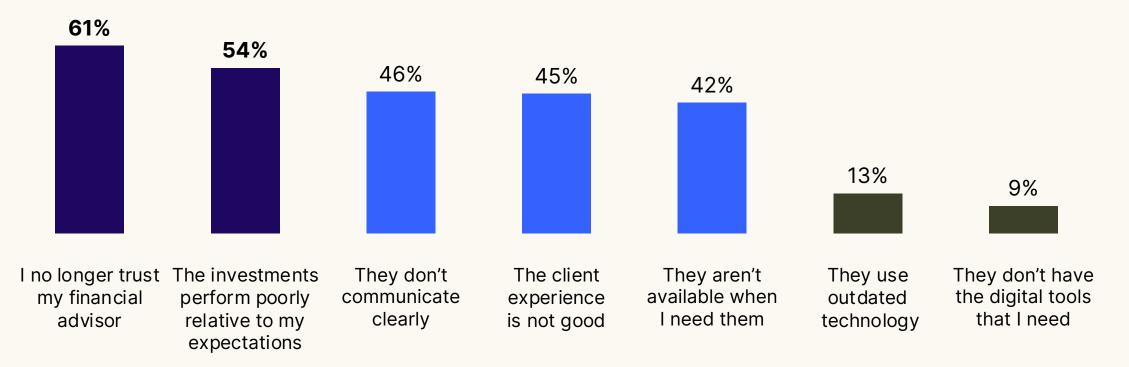






Broken trust is the number one reason investors will look for a new advisor, even before poor investment performance

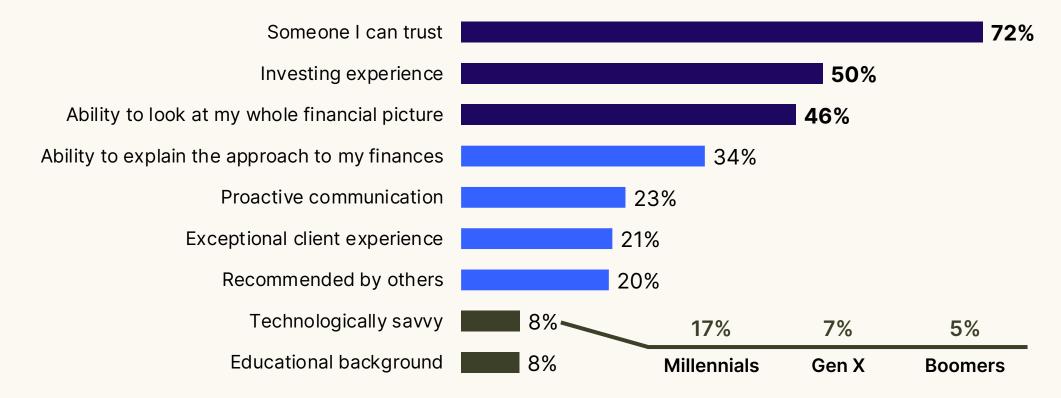
#### **Top Reasons Investors Will Search For A New Advisor**



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When considering an advisor, investors first value trust, followed by investing experience and a holistic view of their finances. Being savvy with technology is also more important among Millennial investors.

#### **Top Qualities Investors Look For In An Advisor**



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Q.6: Beyond investment performance, what are the top qualities you look for when choosing a financial advisor? Base: Total (n=1,000), Millennials (n=175), Gen X (n=352), Boomers (n=444)

Advisors can build trust by presenting information in a clear way and showcasing an understanding of investors' current financial health and goals

#### **Top Ways Advisors Can Build Trust With Investors**

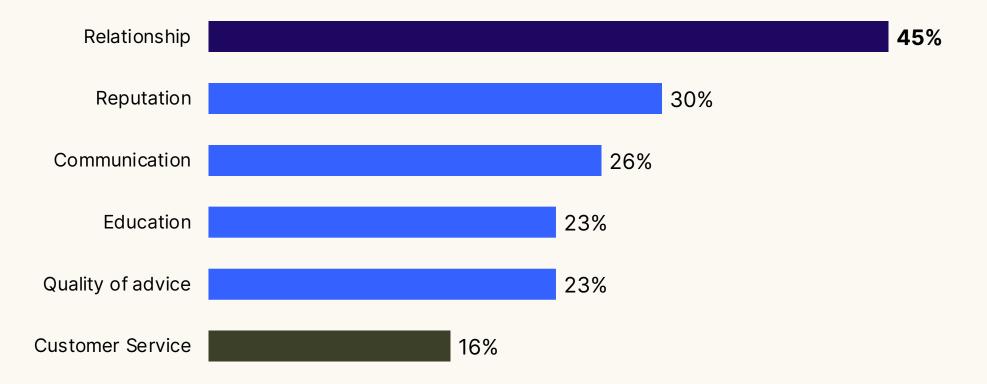
Shows they understand my financial health and goals	<b>46</b> %
Clear and accurate information on my financial performance	46%
A proven track record	39%
Equips me with knowledge to make informed decisions about my finances	31%
Personalized advice	31%
Clear, documented advice	24%
Recommended by people I trust	24%
Helps me feel empowered to be an active participant in my planning	22%
Provides me with financial education	18%

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Q.7: What are the best ways a financial advisor can earn your trust? Base: Total (n=1,000)

Beyond investment performance, investors identify the relationship they build with their advisor as the most important aspect of the experience

The Most Important Elements of the Financial Advisor Experience



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Q.25: Aside from investment performance, please describe the most important part of your experience with your financial advisor and why that is important to you. Base: Total (n=1,000)

## Communication



Clear communication and personalized, organized advice rise to the top for investors when asked about the most important aspects of the advisor experience

#### Key Aspects Of The Financial Advisor Experience



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Q.10: When thinking about your experience with a financial advisor, how important are the following to you? < Summary of Very Important > Base: Total (n=1,000)

85%

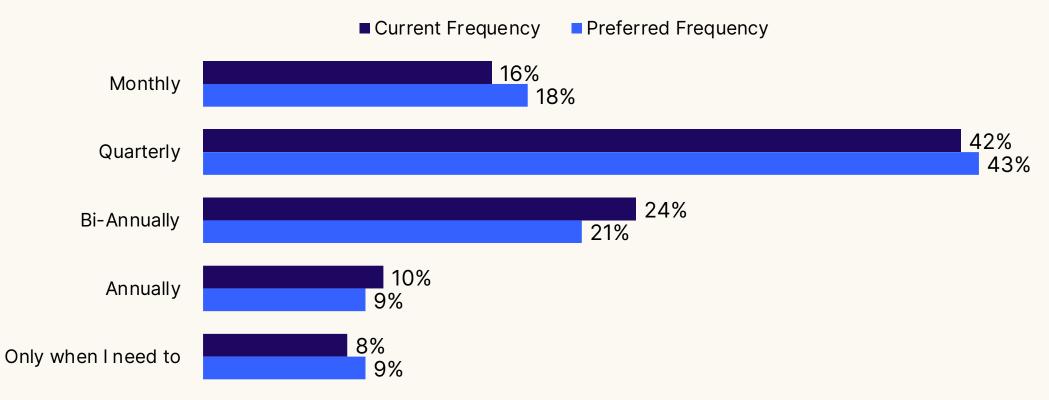
of investors feel it is very important that their advisor provides clear communication about their financial picture... But only **62%** 

of investors rate their advisor as "excellent" at clearly communicating their financial picture



## Advisors are currently communicating with investors at their preferred frequency

#### **Current and Preferred Frequency of Communication with Advisor**



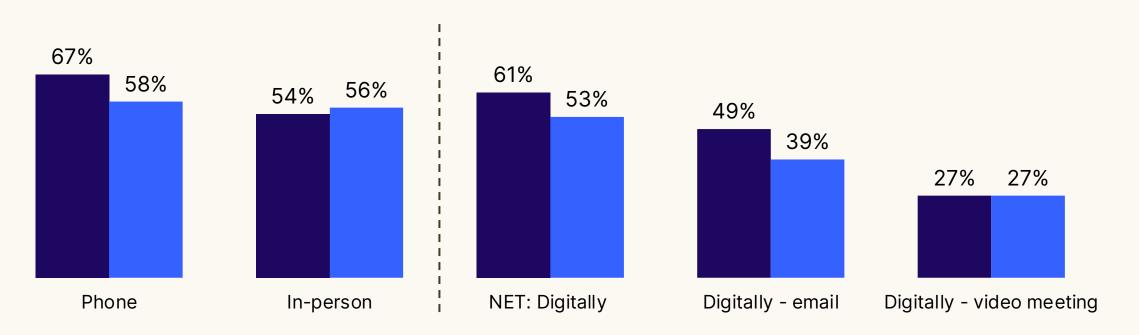
Q.12: How frequently do you communicate with your financial advisor? Base: Total (n=1,000) Q.13: How frequently would you prefer to communicate with a financial advisor? Base: Total (n=1,000)

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Investors typically communicate with their advisor by phone, with in-person and digital meetings close behind

#### **Current and Preferred Method of Communication with Advisor**



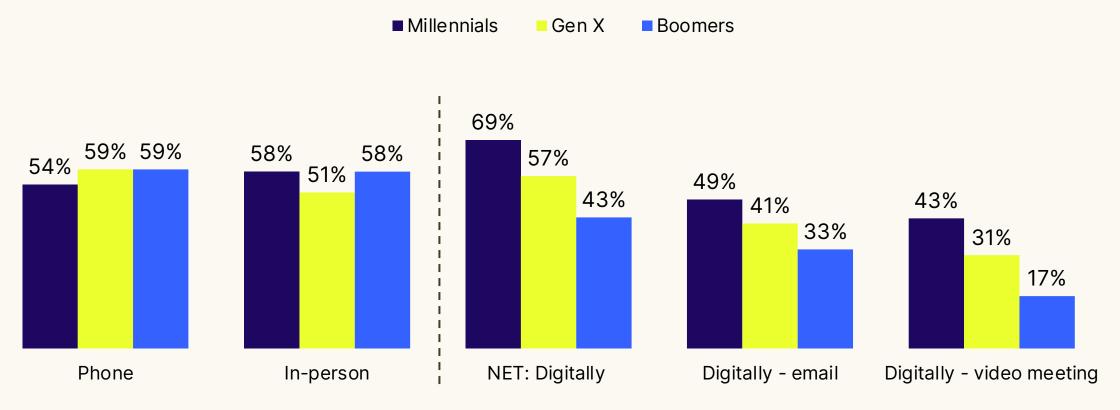


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Q.14: In what ways do you currently communicate with your financial advisor? Base: Total (n=1,000) Q.15: In what ways would you prefer to communicate with a financial advisor? Base: Total (n=1,000)

Millennial investors prefer to communicate with advisors through digital channels more than older generations

#### **Communication Preferences Through Digital Channels**



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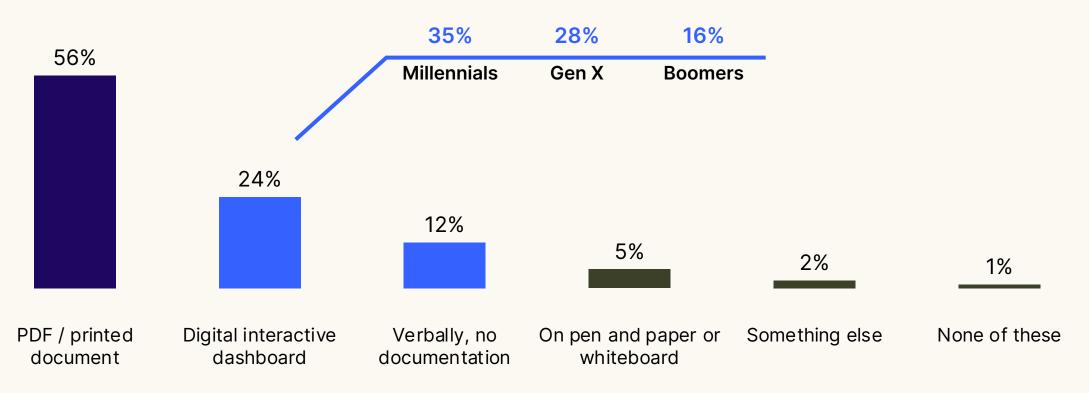
Q.15: In what ways would you prefer to communicate with a financial advisor? Base: Total (n=1,000), Millennials (n=175), Gen X (n=352), Boomers (n=444)

## Personalized Advice



While most investors are used to a PDF or printed documentation for their financial advice, Millennial investors express increased preferences for digital dashboards

#### How Investors Prefer to Receive Financial Advice

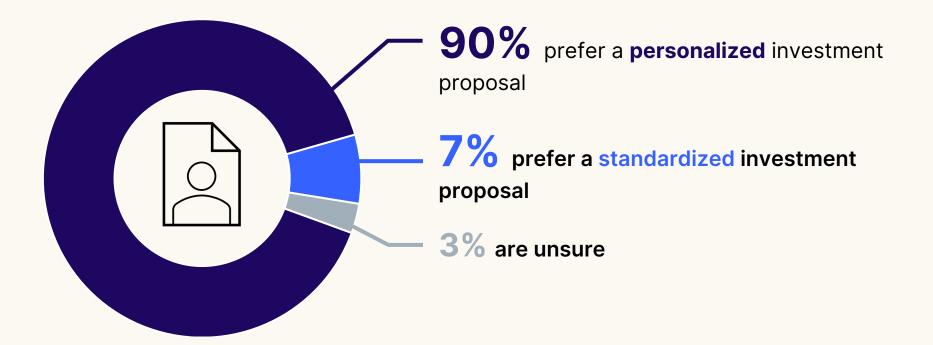


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Q.17: How would you prefer to have financial advice delivered to you by your financial advisor? Base: Total (n=1,000), Millennials (n=175), Gen X (n=352), Boomers (n=444)

## Investors overwhelmingly want personalized investment proposals from their advisors

**Preference for Investment Proposal from Advisor** 



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Q.23: When considering financial advice from your advisor, would you prefer to receive a personalized investment proposal or a standardized investment proposal? Base: Total (n=1,000)

Advisors can show they care about an investor's financial future by giving them accurate information, personalized advice, understanding their goals, and being available for them

**68%** 

67%

66%

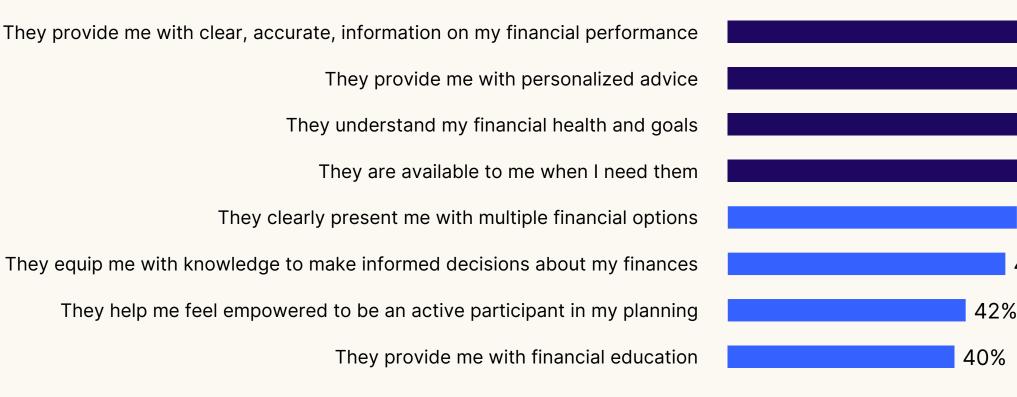
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61%

51%

49%

#### How Advisors Show They Care About an Investors' Financial Future



Q.24: How do you know your financial advisor cares about your financial future? Base: Total (n=1,000)

## There is an opportunity for advisors to provide Millennials and Gen X investors with educational resources to manage their finances

#### How Advisors Show They Care About an Investors' Financial Future

	Millennials	Gen X	Boomers
They provide me with clear, accurate, information on my financial performance	63%	66%	73%
They provide me with personalized advice	61%	66%	71%
They understand my financial health and goals	58%	64%	70%
They are available to me when I need them	46%	60%	70%
They clearly present me with multiple financial options	51%	50%	52%
They equip me with knowledge to make informed decisions about my finances	49%	49%	48%
They help me feel empowered to be an active participant in my planning	43%	43%	40%
They provide me with financial education	46%	45%	33%

#### Q.24: How do you know your financial advisor cares about your financial future? Base: Millennials (n=175), Gen X (n=352), Boomers (n=444)

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Looking to the future, all generations hope to receive personalized advice from their advisors in the future, while Millennials have the strongest preferences for technology and digital dashboards

Investors' Hopes for the Future		Millennial s	Gen X	Boomers
Highly personalized advice that relates to my specific situation and goals	75%	67%	73%	80%
Real-time communication with my financial advisor on changes I want to make to my portfolios	50%	46%	51%	52%
Access to the best technology for managing my finances	34%	46%	39%	26%
Live digital dashboards to view my full financial picture	31%	42%	36%	23%
Access to top-notch financial education tools	25%	35%	29%	18%

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Q.26: What do you hope to see from your financial advisor in the future? Base: Total (n=1,000), Millennials (n=175), Gen X (n=352), Boomers (n=444)