

B2B Commercial Cards
Supplier Payments: A Refreshing New Approach

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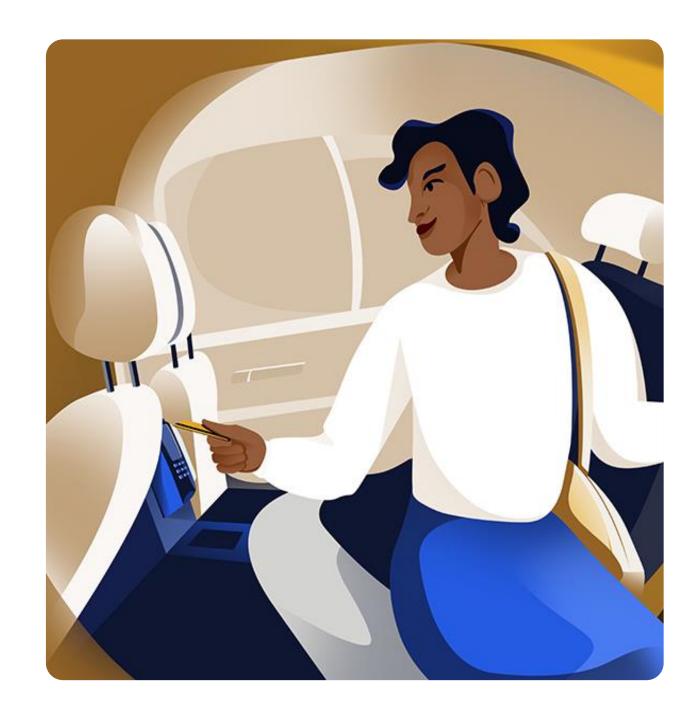
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Launched in 1955, the first Charge Card was issued by Diners Club to cover restaurant bills in NYC.

BONUS FACT!

This Card had a merchant fee of 7%!

Commercial Cards deliver unique value for B2B payments

BUYER Enhanced Reconciliation, Security **Optimisation Omnichannel** Embedment, Working Supplier **Procurement** Orchestration **Automation** Relationships Officer **COMMERCIAL Platform** Global **CARDS Footprint** Consistency Enhanced Data, Variable MDR for Connectivity **Expertise & Product Spend Analytics** Acceptance & Ecosystem Manager **SELLER** Streamlined **Processing** Cashflow Regulations on fair Automated Receivables Payment **Chief Financial** Accounts Receivable supplier payment Officer Visibility Guarantee **EVOLUTIONS FOCUS**



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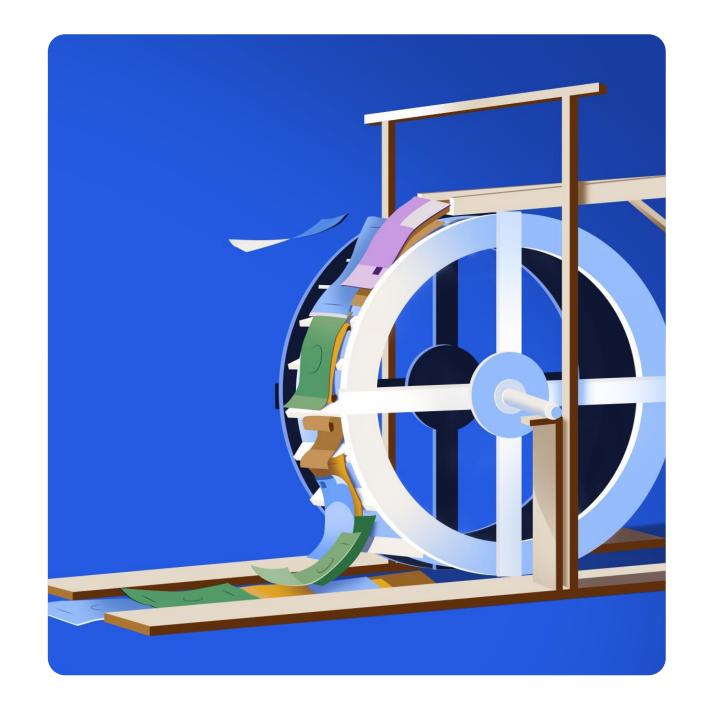
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Growing at ~20% YoY, Virtual Cards became the dominant card type globally in 2023.

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Citi's largest VCA program reached \$1,6B€ in 2023.



Cards' Evolution from Expense on Plastic, to Procurement on VCA

PURCHASING CARD



+90%

Spend as share of corporates activated annual revenue



Working Capital Optimization



Fraud & Misuse Protection



Instant Payment Confirmation



Enhanced Level 3 Data

VIRTUAL PURCHASING CARD



~7%

+55%

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Real-time Payment Issuance



Tailored Card-Level Controls



Custom Data & Reconciliation



Automation & Embedment

SUPPLIER INVOICES¹





MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

SOFTWARE & CLOUD



TAX **PAYMENTS**

MARKETING & ADS.





EQUIPMENT

CORPORATE UTILITIES



FLEET & **FUEL**

MEETINGS, **EVENTS**



OFFICE SUPPLIES



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The ATV on virtual cards exceeded 2.000€ in 2023, having more than doubled in the past 5 years.

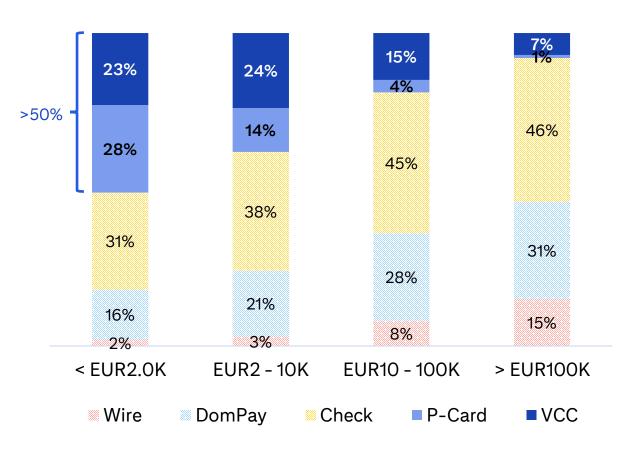
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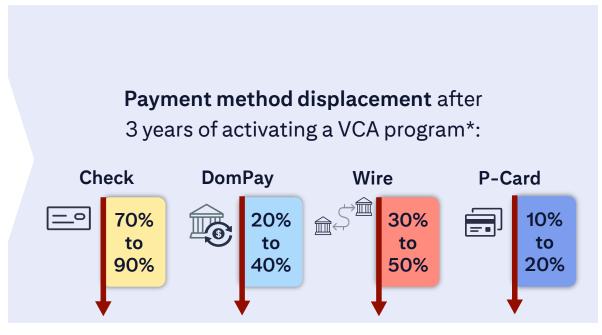
Citi's largest VCA transaction was a \$98MM tax liability payment.



Market Trends: Commercial Cards displace traditional methods

B2B Form of Payment adoption across transaction values:







With rising interest rates, cashflow is a priority for merchants...

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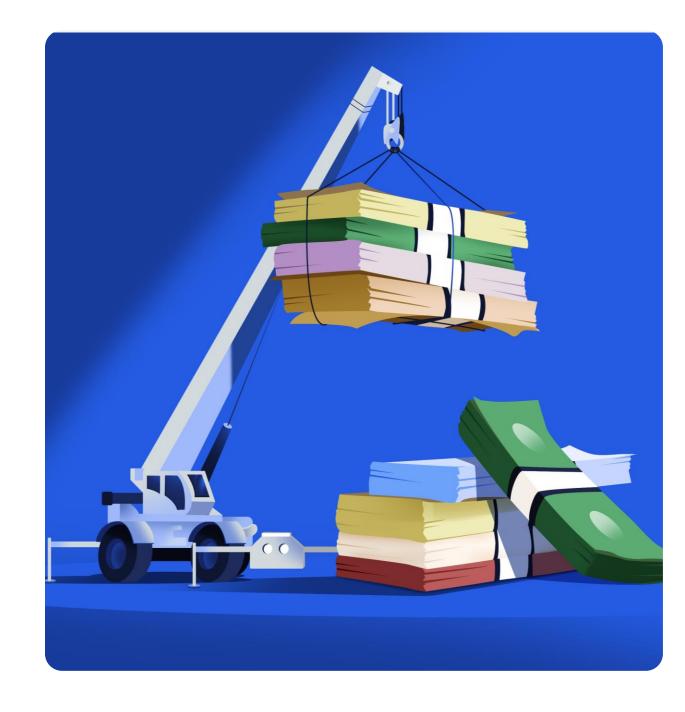
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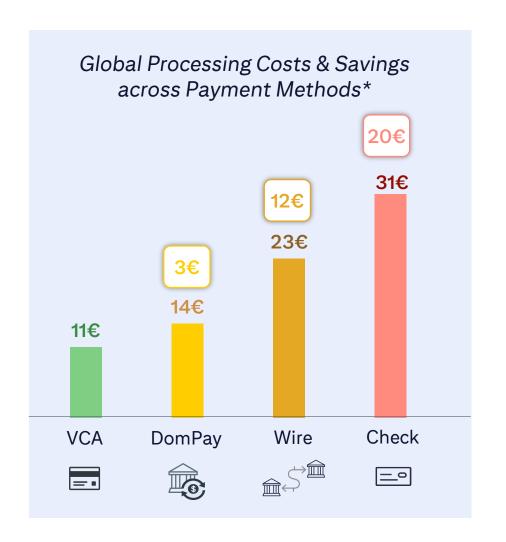
Having increased by a further 3 days since the pandemic, global average DSO is currently at 49 days*.

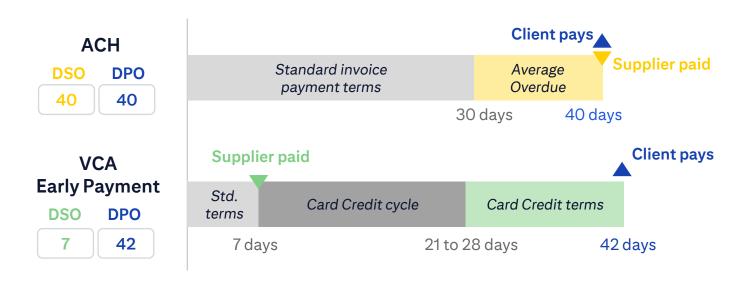
NOT SO FUN FACT

Invoices are paid on average with a delay of 12 days.



Buyer's Viewpoint: VCA adoption driven by financial savings





With VCA...





Buyers gains 1 to 2 weeks in Days Payables





to Buyers via rebates

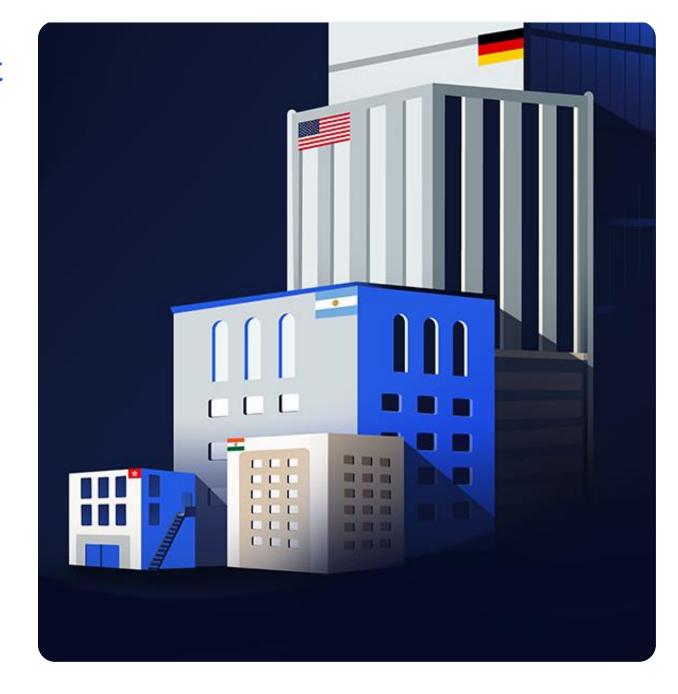


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Over 40% of supplier invoices are paid late, twice more than before the pandemic*.

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Uncollectable invoices have also more than doubled vs 2019.



Supplier's Viewpoint: VCA use progressing from need of certainty





Citi offers Card solutions to address a wide range of needs



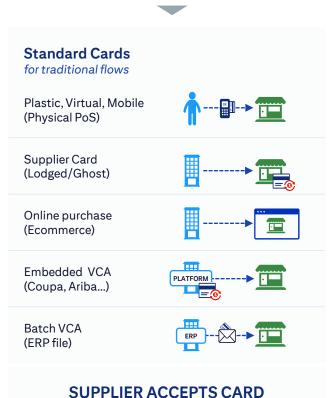
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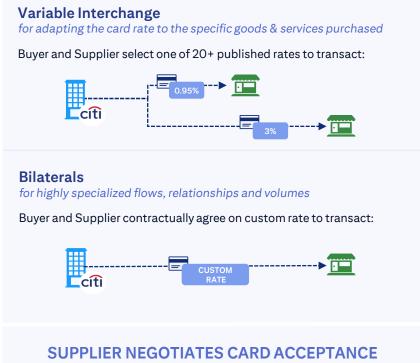
Identify new opportunities to leverage commercial card payments

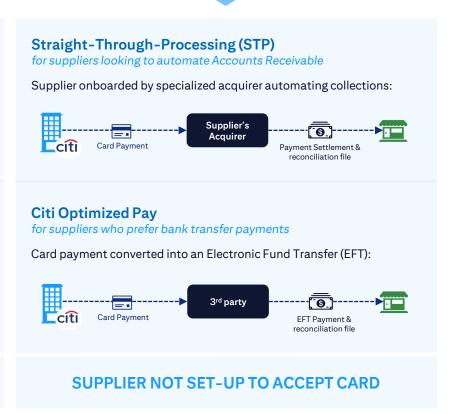


SUPPLIER ACTIVATION

Activate new flows on the client's commercial card program through Citi's Supplier Enablement expertise and wide range of hybrid payment solutions, to maximize supplier adoption









Citi Optimized Pay Drivers of Adoption and Case Studies



Citi Optimized Pay - Drivers of Adoption

Challenging commercial card acceptance landscape in EMEA



Low Supplier willingness to invest in card accepting Technology



Prevalence of pricing structures hindering commercial card acceptance



High cost of acceptance: 2.50% – 3.50% MDRs

Optimized Pay: Buyers benefit from card payments; Suppliers do not have to incur high fees











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Working Capital benefit for Buyers – extended DPO Increased card spend

Increased operational efficiencies

No supplier onboarding

Reduced DSO / improved liquidity for Suppliers



Citi Optimized Pay Case Study - Working Capital Benefit

Client

A large leading global life sciences and diagnostics innovator operating in the Healthcare sector

8 Legal Entities

Onboarded

€ 17 Million

Processed in 2024 (Aug YTD)

Working Capital

Supplier Onboarding

Early Payment Discounts

Before

Cash flows subject to periodic fluctuation



Expensive supplier onboarding



Lengthy onboarding campaigns



Limited understanding of client cost structure

Optimized Pay



Extended DPO for our client Reduced DSO for suppliers



No supplier onboarding resulting in significant savings
Straight forward implementation with basic Purchase Card



Scalability of early payment discount flows across vendors with lengthier payment terms

Clear understanding of client's cost structures and margins Actively approached vendors with potential liquidity issues



Citi Optimized Pay Case Study - Tail End Spend

Client

Multinational financial institution and a leader in provision of investment management services

17 Legal **Entities**

Onboarded

€7 Million

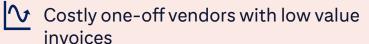
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Maximize operational efficiencies

Access to rebates

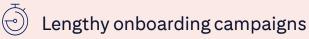
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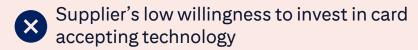
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Citi Optimized Pay



Process automation savings per PO/Invoice



Supplier Rationalization



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Switch to *Commercial Cards* to maximize the value of your *supplier payments*!



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