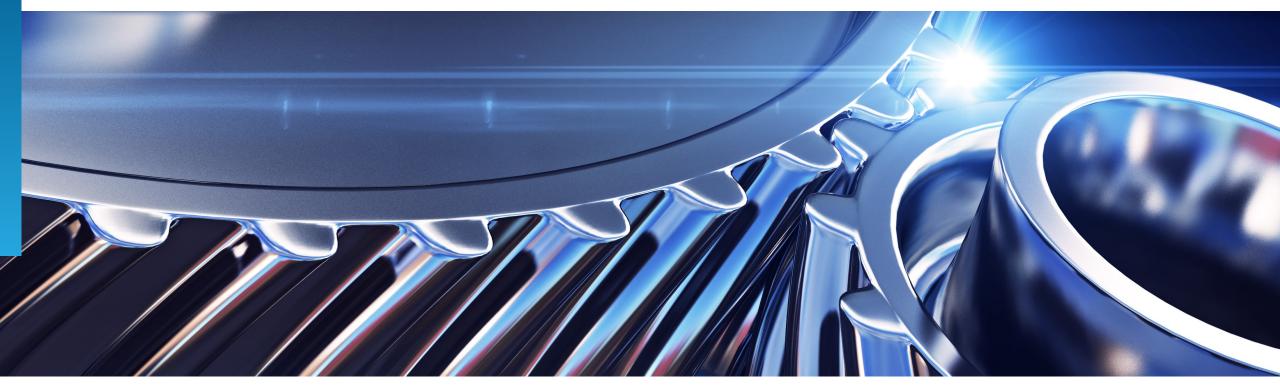
Leading the Pack: Trends for the Top 200 Engineering Research & Development (ER&D) Enterprises 2021

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Background and scope of the research

Background of the research

- The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the way businesses functioned in 2020, with enterprises compelled to adopt remote working models and roll out new software offerings to continue to cater to consumer needs and stay relevant in the market
- COVID-19 has had a varying impact across verticals, with enterprises in verticals such as software products & internet, semiconductors, and consumer electronics having increased their ER&D spending, while enterprises in verticals such as automotive and aerospace & defense had to postpone their ER&D initiatives
- This research was conducted for the top 200 ER&D enterprises, most of which (99%) fell into nine key verticals as mentioned below. The enterprises were analyzed by factoring in their ER&D spend growth trends and key investment areas for 2020
- This report captures the key investment areas of enterprises in 2020 across each of these nine verticals. The report also provides insights into ER&D spend intensity (ER&D spend as a percentage of revenue) for enterprises across verticals and assesses the impact of COVID-19 on the assessed nine verticals
- The focus of this research is only on business-financed ER&D spend. It excludes non-ER&D spend (e.g., clinical ER&D expenditure in pharmaceuticals and biotechnology and molecular development ER&D expenditure in chemicals) as well as government-sponsored ER&D spend
- Enterprises that do not specifically report ER&D expenditure in their annual reports have been excluded from this analysis. Enterprises cutting across more than one industry have been featured under the industry where the proportion of ER&D spend is the highest

Scope of this report:





Industry

Market trends across nine industries: software products & internet, automotive, consumer electronics, semiconductors, industrial products, TEPs, aerospace & defense, medical devices, and TSPs



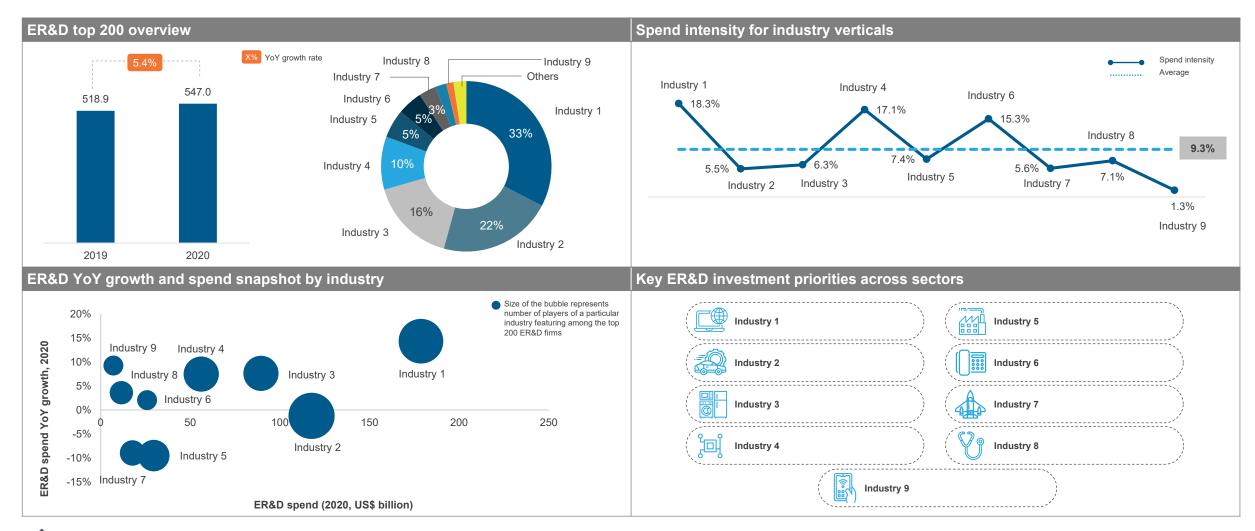
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Summary of key messages

- Enterprises in the ER&D top 200 list across the nine verticals spent US\$547 billion on ER&D in 2020, an increase of 5.4% from 2019. The top 200 enterprises accounted for 43.5% of the total business ER&D spend
- In 2020, the software products & internet vertical recorded the highest ER&D spend of US\$178.7 billion at a YoY growth rate of 14.3%, the fastest among all the industry verticals. The automotive and aerospace & defense verticals on the other hand, experienced a decline in their E&RD spend, primarily because of COVID-19
- The ER&D top 200 enterprises spent an average of 9.3% of their revenue on ER&D. Enterprises from the software products & internet, TEPs, and semiconductor verticals had an ER&D spend intensity of more than 15% while the enterprises from the medical devices, consumer electronics, automotive, and aerospace & defense had a spend intensity of around 6%
- Automotive vertical had the highest number of enterprises (43) featuring in the ER&D top 200 list, followed by software products & internet (40). Consumer electronics and semiconductor verticals both had 25 enterprises in the top 200 list
- Enterprises across all nine verticals continued to increase spending on digital technologies such as cloud, AI/ML, IoT, and cybersecurity to develop next-generation smart solutions for customers. Among the asset-heavy industries, connected products and electrification continued to remain a relevant investment theme



This report includes ER&D spend analysis along with insights on key investment priorities for enterprises across nine key industries



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