



## **Digital Services State of the Market Report 2021: Fostering Value through Rearchitecting Change Management**

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## **Background of the research**

- The pandemic's effect on the acceleration of digital transformation was profound across industries, with enterprises shifting gears to get on the digital bandwagon to not just digitize operations and offerings but create a digital DNA for business resilience. This was evident from the investments in mature, industry specific use cases and increased investments in pandemic-stemmed use-cases such as 'at-home' shopping experiences, end-point security, process automation and supply-chain digitization. From these digital initiatives alike, enterprises experienced outcomes such as unrealized ROI, late ROI, short-lived adoption of new processes and technology and inertial resistance to change in technology, processes and culture.
- About 68% enterprises that embarked upon digital transformations have not realized the envisioned outcomes creating a need to rethink the approach and investments in such projects. Unfolding technology initiatives in a vacuum have put a spotlight on the incomplete approach to implementing digital transformation. Budding from low adoption trends within the organization and propagating to unfavorable cultural dynamics, low job satisfaction, incomplete and slow value realization from digital transformations, enterprises are realizing the need to bring in effective change management strategies and execution, bundled within digital initiatives.
- Organizational change management, a lever that goes much beyond technology adoption has now gained the spotlight. Galvanized by the remote-hybrid work model, enterprises accredited the deviation in achieving outcomes from digital transformations to undefined and/or ineffective change management strategy.
- As enterprises charter their journey towards becoming a digital entity, they will have to rethink, rearchitect, and fortify a change management strategy to accomplish the transformational goals.









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## Summary of key messages

### **Digital services landscape**

- The digital services landscape evolved in maturity and saw acceleration in adoption in the last year. There were increased and scaled engagements leveraging next-generation technologies for business continuity and resilience
- Reinventing stakeholder experience, improving operational efficiency, and modernizing application and infrastructure were the key objectives of investments in digital services



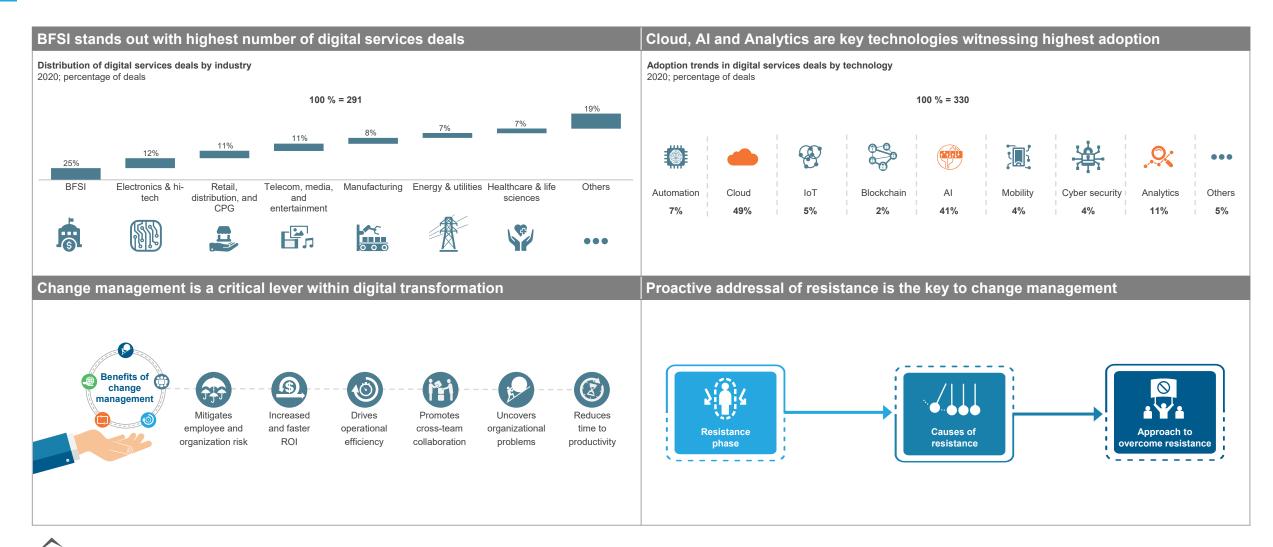
#### Accelerated transformations, unrealized outcomes

- As digital transformations became the default route to remain relevant, enterprises faced incomplete value realization, manifesting in slow adoption, resistance to change, eventually taking form of attritions, unfavorable organizational culture and negative transformation outcomes
- To counter the resistive forces, enterprises need to implement a fit-for-purpose change management strategy, that ensures early and active involvement of internal stakeholders, manages resistance proactively, leverages technology to smoothen the change curve and creates an ecosystem to embrace the change



- As enterprises realize the need to shift focus toward managing change and ensuring success from digital transformations, innovations in the change management strategy become imperative
- Investment in facilitating technology, governance initiatives, data literacy, effective coaching, and innovating communication channels ensure that the organizational change management strategy is adopted and embraced without resistance

## This study offers 3 distinct chapters providing a deep dive into key aspects of digital services market; below are four charts to illustrate the depth of the report



## **Research calendar** Digital services

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