

Conversational AI – State of the Market 2023 – Update

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Background and scope of the research

Conversational AI is a network of advanced technologies and solutions that integrate and communicate with each other to share information across systems and is a key enabler of front-and back-office automation. Businesses worldwide are realizing the importance of conversational AI solutions to serve customers across different industries on a spectrum of digital channels and fulfill customer needs, as well as support internal processes such as HR support, IT helpdesk, sales, F&A, and marketing. The demand for self-service solutions such as conversational AI is at an all-time high and is expected to gather greater momentum as enterprises show a greater propensity to leverage these solutions to provide superior Customer Experience (CX), drive customer acquisition, and create market differentiation. The recent advancements in generative AI have the potential to significantly enhance the capabilities of conversational AI solutions, thereby making conversational AI more effective for use cases and increasing customer satisfaction. For the scope of this study, we are covering leading global technology providers that offer these solutions on an independent licensing basis.

In this study, we investigate the state of the conversational AI technology provider market and focus on:

- Conversational Al synopsis
- Impact of generative AI and LLMs on conversational AI solutions
- Market size and adoption trends across buyer geography, size, industry, and business function
- Buyer expectations, barriers to adoption, and best practices
- Conversational Al provider landscape and partnership ecosystem
- Outlook for 2024

Scope of this report









Overview and abbreviated summary of key messages

This report focuses on the growth in the conversational AI market, the impact of generative AI and LLMs on conversational AI solutions, and adoption trends that are categorized by industry, geography, process areas, buyer size, channel, and commercial model. It also focuses on buyer insights, provider landscape, and partner ecosystem.

Some of the findings in this report, among others, are:

Market size and adoption trends

- The conversational AI market is growing steadily and is expected to reach US\$2-2.1 billion by the end of 2023. Although conversational AI is mainly adopted for end-consumer interactions, adoption for use cases in the B2E and B2B sectors is also growing rapidly
- BFSI and healthcare and life sciences are the major industries adopting conversational AI; healthcare and technology are experiencing the highest growth. In terms of geography, North America continues to be the major adopter; APAC, Latin America, and UK are growing quickly
- Large enterprises continue to be a major adopter of conversational AI solutions; midsize and small buyers are also growing rapidly

Impact of generative AI and LLMs on conversational AI

- The recent generative AI developments hold the potential to profoundly influence the current conversational AI market by enhancing conversational capabilities, agent-assist functionalities, conversational AI design and training, and augment data analytics capabilities
- Generative AI can enhance both conversational AI performance and business benefits metrics. However, providers must address concerns around data privacy and security, regulatory hurdles, and associated costs to seamlessly integrate generative AI within their existing capabilities

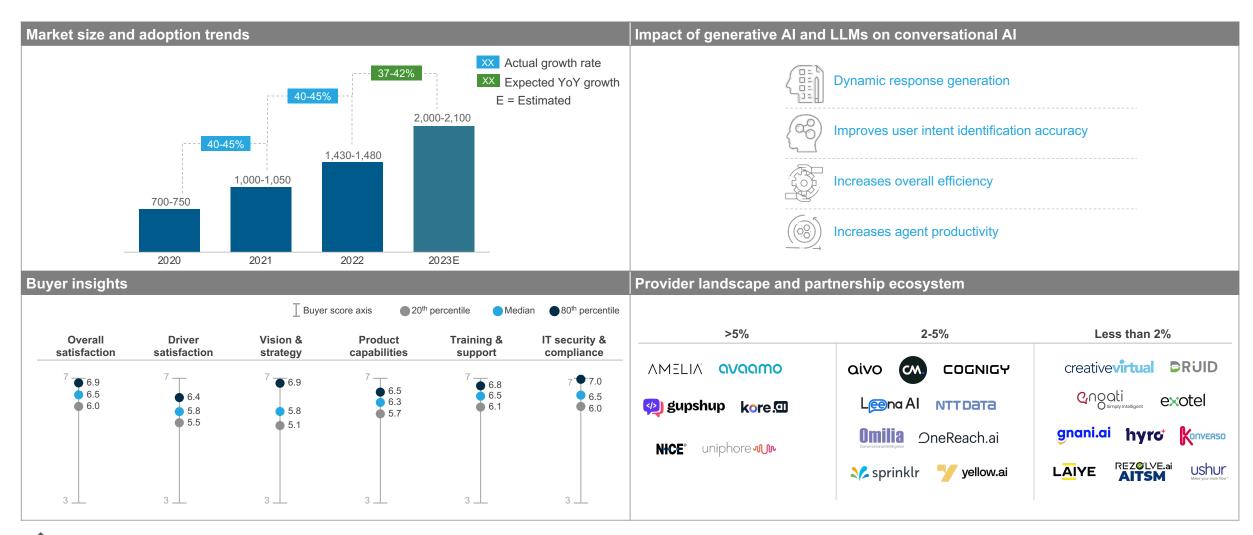
Buyer insights

- Improving customer satisfaction, enhancing employee productivity, and reducing costs are the top drivers of conversational Al adoption
- Buyers are fairly satisfied with overall performance of conversational AI providers, especially with the training and support provided for the product and the IT security and compliance features
- Buyers seek improvement in product vision and roadmap, agent-assist capabilities, and analytics from conversational AI providers

Provider landscape and partnership ecosystem

- Amelia and Kore.ai are top providers in all major industries; Gupshup is another leading technology provider across many industries. Kore.ai is one of the top providers across five of the major geographies while Amelia and Gupshup dominate Continental Europe and APAC respectively
- Conversational AI providers have made strategic investments in constructing partner ecosystems aimed at expanding the capabilities and integrations of their products, as well as facilitating training and implementation of their solutions for enterprises

This study offers six distinct chapters providing a deep dive into key aspects of the conversational AI market; below are four charts to illustrate the depth of the report



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