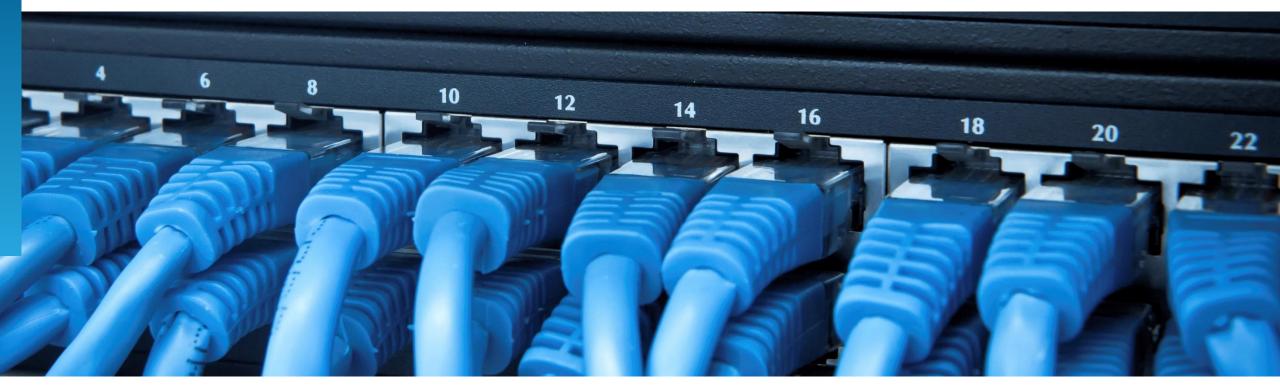
# Secure Access Service Edge (SASE) Spotlight: Exploring the Top 10 SASE Technology Providers

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# **Background of the research**

# Technology providers for SASE

With the rise in digital transformation, enterprises have adopted more Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) applications, higher cloud-based workloads, and Work From Anywhere (WFA) policies. This has led to enterprises looking for reliable security services that can assist them in navigating the challenging modern enterprise IT and network landscape.

Technology providers have responded with Secure Access Service Edge (SASE) solutions, a unified cloud-based platform integrating multiple security functions and networking landscape providing better control, security, and visibility over users, traffic, and data. The SASE market is still in its early stages; however, it is expected to grow significantly in the coming years as more organizations adopt this new cloud-based product.

In this report, we present the current state of the market related to leading SASE product offerings in the market, enterprises expectations and challenges, and best practices for enterprises.

Additionally, this report provides a fact-pack view of the top 10 SASE technology providers.

Scope of this report







# Overview and abbreviated summary of key messages

This report highlights the growing interest in SASE adoption, emphasizing its pivotal role in addressing network and security challenges arising from cloud adoption and supporting digital transformation initiatives. The report provides an outlook on the global SASE market, key growth drivers, and enterprise concerns while adopting SASE, and offers insights into top SASE technology providers, drawing on Everest Group's comprehensive analysis.

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

# Global SASE market overview

- The need for modern network and network security architecture is on the rise, with 67% of global enterprises indicating that more than 60% of the current workload is in the cloud while 57% of enterprises believe their WAN and security infrastructure is suboptimal for cloud deployments
- SASE demand is driven by digital transformation, distributed workforces, and enterprise focus on zero-trust architecture
- Enterprises are facing some challenges while adopting SASE such as Integration complexity and resource-intensive upgrades or replacements of existing infrastructure

# Provider landscape and SASE offerings

- While technology providers offer integrated cloud-native SASE platforms, service providers deliver fully managed SASE solutions, leveraging technology providers' platforms
- The current macroeconomic conditions and ongoing vendor consolidation are steering enterprises away from multi-vendor SASE solutions, prompting a preference for singular vendor adoption
- The top 10 SASE technology providers offering SASE, a cloud-based security and network architecture to help organizations reduce network complexity and cybersecurity challenges

# This study offers insights and analysis on the global SASE market, focusing on the demand drivers and provider landscape; below are three charts to illustrate the depth of the report

#### **Enterprise demands driving SASE market** SASE provider landscape Different types of providers involved in the current SASE market landscape Global SASE market Global SASE SASE market US\$ billion Technology providers Service providers market size (2023) CAGR (2023-26) E = Estimate XX% CAGR Service providers offer fully managed SASE that brings US\$4.0-4.2 billion 14-15% Technology providers offer the cloud-native SASE platform that integrates SD-WAN with an extensive network and cybersecurity services to security functions including ZTNA, SWG, CASB, deploy, build, manage, and maintain a comprehensive ~14-15% SASE market drivers and NGFW into one service. SASE solution offered by technology providers. 6.3-6.5 Continuous acceleration in digital transformation projects Illustrative players Illustrative players As digital transformation takes precedence, the widespread uptake 5 5-5 7 of SaaS and cloud-based applications significantly amplifies the **HCLTech** O NTT Forcepoint Netskope **///** paloalto intricacies surrounding enterprise network security services. 4.7-4.9 **vm**ware TATA COMMUNICATIONS 4.0-4.2 Distributed workforce Companies are poised to sustain the shift from pre-pandemic Single vendor SASE vs multi-vendor SASE business strategies, with a continued high number of employees anticipated to do WFA, reflecting a lasting change in work dvnamics. Different types of SASE offerings from technology providers Single-vendor SASE Multi-vendor SASE Investment toward zero-trust and Al-driven offerings Leading providers are strategically investing in advanced Organizations seeking integrated solutions from a single provider, which Offers flexibility and best-of-breed solutions, allowing organizations to choose can offer a unified platform for networking and security-related services different technology providers for specific networking and security components technologies such as zero-trust architecture, Al-powered threat Offers ease of deployment, centralized control, and potential cost savings • Provides specialized capabilities and customization options tailored to specific detection, and behavior analytics, aiming to fortify and elevate their security defenses. Challenges: however, some concerns exist regarding vendor lock-Challenges: managing multiple vendors and ensuring seamless integration 2023 2024 F 2025 F 2026 F in, limited choice, and potential dependency on a single provider between components can present challenges that must be addressed effectively Increasingly complex threats Why there is a shift toward single-vendor SASE? Cyberattacks are becoming increasingly sophisticated in today's The surge in adoption is particularly For consistent performance and low latency

pronounced among small and midsized

enterprises with fewer siloed branches

across global Point of Presence (PoP), the

streamlined management provided by a

single-vendor SASE proves essential in

optimizing the overall PoPs efficiency



attacks

threat landscape, and enterprises must have the capability to

detect and respond to threats quickly to minimize the impact of

security technology providers expanding its

respective portfolio to offer a complete SASE

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