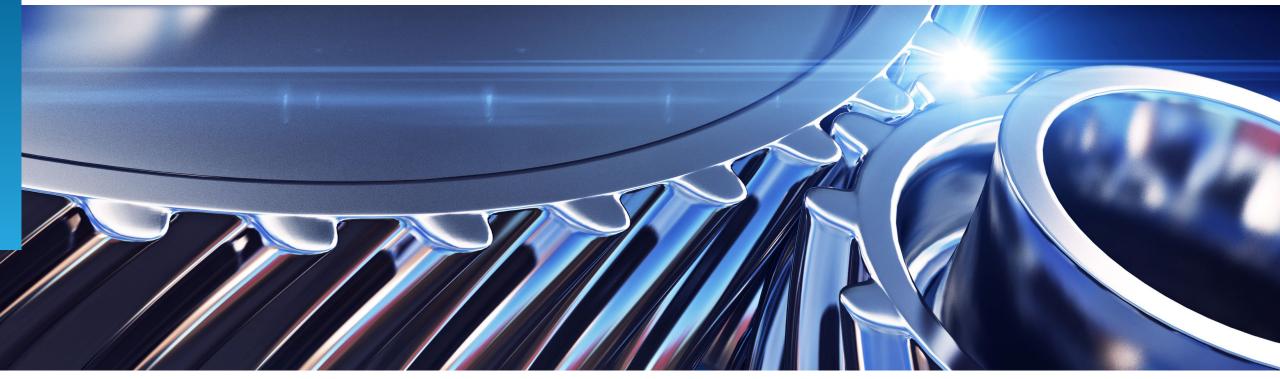


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## **5G Engineering Services – Provider Compendium 2023**

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## Introduction

5G's lower latency and higher bandwidth has unlocked newer use cases for enterprises to explore. Additionally, adoption of 5G is allowing transformation of network infrastructure to make them quickly scalable, leading to higher levels of customization and lower operating costs. Enterprises are primarily exploring the below areas within 5G engineering:

- Decoupling of hardware and software in the form of network function virtualization and automation of network operations to lower the costs of network hardware, accelerate network deployment, and enhance efficiency in establishing networks
- Adoption of open-source components (hardware and software) and benchmarking their performance and operational challenges against proprietary solutions
- Feasibility of 5G-enabled use cases to boost monetization opportunities
- 5G-enabled private networks and edge computing solutions to improve industrial processes through connected IoT devices, improved data security protocols, reduced operational expenses, and faster decision-making

However, the nascent nature of the market is leading to uncertainty and increased complexity for enterprises. As a result, they are looking to partner with service providers to share development risks, lower operational costs, implement system integration measures, bring in a larger talent pool, and leverage the diverse expertise of their partner ecosystem to engineer solutions faster. To address these expectations, service providers are investing in enhancing their 5G engineering capabilities through skillset development programs, CoEs, labs to carry out R&D and showcase their solutions, partnerships with ecosystem players, and strategic investments to gain competencies and expand across geographies.

#### This report includes the detailed profiles of the following 20 leading engineering service providers featured on the 5G Engineering Services PEAK Matrix:

- Leaders: Accenture, Capgemini, HCLTech, Infosys, NTT DATA, TCS, and Tech Mahindra
- Major Contenders: Brillio, Cyient, DXC Luxoft, HARMAN DTS, IBM, LTTS, Tata Elxsi, Tietoevry, VVDN Technologies, and Wipro
- Aspirants: BICS, GS Lab I GAVS, and Sasken

Scope of this report







## **Defining 5G engineering services**

5G engineering services cover all activities involved in development and deployment of commercial and private 5G networks as well as the implementation of 5G-enabled use cases

5G engineering services can be categorized into three broad subsegments:

#### 5G network engineering services 5G equipment engineering services 5G use case engineering services Definition Ideation, development, testing, and support Design, development, testing, certification, Conception, development, validation, and of 5G-capable devices and systems including deployment, network assurance, network implementation services for enablement and core network, access network, and end-user orchestration, and maintenance of commercial enhancement of use cases equipment and private 5G networks Target industry Core network equipment providers • Telecommunication Service Providers (TSPs) TSPs and equipment providers creating participants (Qualcomm, Samsung, Cisco, etc.) (Verizon, DT, SK telecom, China Mobile etc.) packaged use case-enablement offerings • Access network equipment providers • Support systems and services providers (AT&T, Verizon, Huawei, KT Corporation, Telia (Ericsson, Huawei, Nokia, etc.) (HPE, Dell, Cisco, Amdocs, Oracle, etc.) etc.) • End-user equipment providers • Enterprises opting for private 5G network Technology providers developing offerings for (Apple, Samsung, Xiaomi, etc.) deployments implementation of use cases (Toyota, Daimler, John Deere, etc.) • Customer-premises equipment providers (Microsoft, Google Cloud, Cisco, ABB, NVIDIA, (Netgear, Huawei, HTC etc.) GE, AWS, etc.) • Start-ups and niche players focused on 5G use case engineering (Twilio, Immersive Rehab, Valossa, Blue White Robotics, etc.)

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## **Scope of 5G engineering services across the value-chain functions and subsegments**

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Scope of services						
	Conception and consulting	Design and development	Testing and certification	Deployment and support		
5G equipment engineering services	<ul> <li>Hardware consulting for 5G core and access network equipment</li> <li>Ideation of end-user equipment</li> <li>Consulting services for firmware development of 5G-capable devices</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Hardware development for 5G network and user equipment</li> <li>Development of software and firmware stacks for 5G network and customer- premises equipment</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Verification and testing for 5G equipment such as base stations, antenna arrays, and new radio</li> <li>5G equipment validation and certification services</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sustenance and aftermarket support services for deployed equipment</li> <li>5G network equipment life cycle management services</li> </ul>		
5G network engineering services	<ul> <li>5G network (public and private) ideation</li> <li>5G transition roadmap definition</li> <li>Technology consulting across enabling themes such as cloud RAN and virtual core</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Network design and development of 5G ready core and access networks (public and private)</li> <li>Development of virtualized network functions and elements</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Network (public and private) verification and testing</li> <li>Network certification and validation</li> <li>Field testing and validation</li> <li>Virtual elements testing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>5G network (public and private) deployment services</li> <li>Network monitoring and maintenance</li> <li>Intelligent network operations</li> <li>Business and operation support services for 5G networks</li> </ul>		
5G use case engineering services	<ul> <li>Ideation and conception of industry- specific 5G-enabled use cases</li> <li>Use case scope definition and business viability demonstration</li> <li>Proof of Concept (PoC) creation for use case enhancement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use case modeling and prototype development</li> <li>Use case design and development across verticals</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use case prototypes and concept testing</li> <li>Compliance with industry specifications and consortia standards</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use case implementation services</li> <li>Business enablement and deployment of use cases</li> <li>Use case sustenance and maintenance</li> </ul>		

Scope of services

## **Overview and abbreviated summary of key messages**

This report examines the global 5G engineering services landscape and assesses 20 service providers. It focuses on service providers' capabilities and market impact in helping enterprises enable 5G integration through equipment engineering, network engineering, and solution engineering services. It also draws insights on the trends being followed by service providers in 5G engineering services.

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

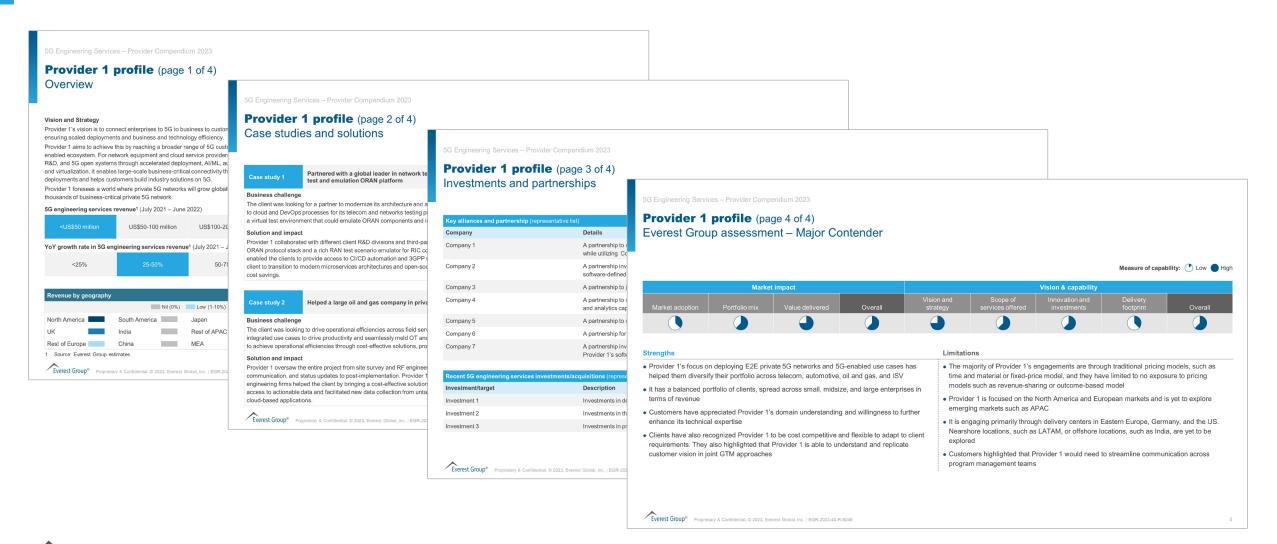
## Service provider position and delivery capability

- Service providers can be categorized into leaders, major contenders, and aspirants on a capability-market-share matrix for 5G engineering services
- Accenture, Capgemini, HCLTech, Infosys, NTT DATA, TCS, and Tech Mahindra are the current leaders in the global 5G engineering services market. However, several service providers are emerging as major contenders
- NTT DATA, VVDN Technologies and Wipro have emerged as the Star Performers owing to the compelling growth momentum showcased by them both in terms of revenue and differentiated capabilities

#### Service provider characteristics

- The Leaders segment includes broad-based global players, which have existing capabilities to build on as well as wide client bases giving them an edge in winning client engagements. They are also investing significantly in enhancing their 5G engineering capabilities in the form of talent upskilling, labs and CoEs, building extensive partner ecosystem that would help accelerate the pace of 5G deployment and streamline operations, and explore current themes in 5G engineering such as virtualization and adoption of open-source components
- The Major Contenders segment comprises both broad-based global players and pureplay firms that have a noteworthy presence in 5G engineering services and showcase expertise in specific areas within 5G. Their distribution of revenue and client portfolio is generally inclined toward specific subsegments, ecosystem entities, or verticals with lower presence across others. Most Major Contenders are small to midsized firms with a fast-growing 5G engineering services business
- Aspirants consist of players whose 5G engineering services business is in nascent stages. They have capabilities in specific stages of the value chain and limited diversity in their client portfolio. They have a smaller employee base and limited geographical presence that hinders their chances at scaling their business rapidly. They have made limited investments in enhancing their 5G engineering capabilities and they are more focused on scaling the current offerings than having a diversified portfolio

## The 5G engineering service provider compendium report has profiles and buyer case studies for 20 leading engineering service providers



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