What digital leaders do to accelerate results

Insights from the 2023 Voice of Our Clients

The CGI Voice of Our Clients (VOC) presents the findings from our in-depth interviews with 1,764 executives across the industries and geographies we serve. These strategic conversations provide a unique view into how organizations view the impact of macro trends, industry trends and priorities, innovation investments and more.

While the vast majority of executives we interviewed have digital strategies in place (92%), only 30% say they are producing expected results. This compares to 25% producing such results in 2022.

What actions can organizations take to accelerate returns on their digital investments?

In examining the insights from the 30% of executives whose organizations are producing expected results, we find that these digital leaders have a number of common attributes. We highlight some of these attributes on the next pages.
## Attributes of digital leaders

**Digital leaders**
- those producing results from digital strategies

**Digital aspirants**
- those building or launching digital strategies

### Strategic alignment

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<td>See culture change as a challenge to achieving priorities</td>
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<td>Highly align* business and IT operations to support strategy</td>
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<td>Highly integrate* business and IT operations to execute strategy</td>
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### Digitization and agility

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<td>Cite high impact* of digitization on their business model</td>
<td>77%</td>
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<td>Have highly agile* business models to address digitization, integrate new technology</td>
<td>31%</td>
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<td>Extend their digital strategy to the external ecosystem</td>
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### Modernization and cloud

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<td>See legacy systems as very challenging* to digital implementation</td>
<td>35%</td>
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<td>Modernize &gt; 20% of their applications portfolio</td>
<td>48%</td>
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<td>Holistically manage multi-cloud solutions</td>
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* score of 8+ out of 10
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### Cybersecurity and data privacy
- **Digital leaders**
  - Produce results from their cybersecurity strategy: 64%
  - Produce results from their data privacy strategy: 63%
  - Extend their cybersecurity strategy to the external ecosystem: 50%
- **Digital aspirants**
  - Produce results from their cybersecurity strategy: 30%
  - Produce results from their data privacy strategy: 27%
  - Extend their cybersecurity strategy to the external ecosystem: 35%

### Automation and AI*
- **Digital leaders**
  - Are in progress with or have implemented:
    - Robotic process automation (RPA): 72%
    - Algorithmic automation: 42%
    - Artificial intelligence: 28%
- **Digital aspirants**
  - Are in progress with or have implemented:
    - Robotic process automation (RPA): 45%
    - Algorithmic automation: 19%
    - Artificial intelligence: 9%

### Sustainability
- **Digital leaders**
  - Cite high impact* of the fight against climate change: 53%
  - See sustainability as highly core* to creating future value: 59%
- **Digital aspirants**
  - Cite high impact* of the fight against climate change: 44%
  - See sustainability as highly core* to creating future value: 53%

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