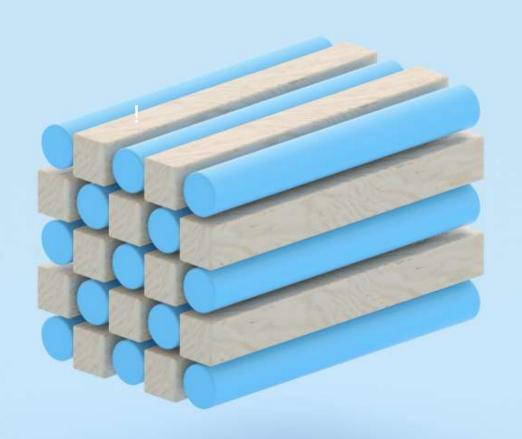


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NETAPP EXCELLER®TOR The **NetApp Excellerator** program is NetApp's global open innovation offering, connecting small businesses with the resources and support they need to succeed. The program offers equity-free grants, access to technology, business mentorships, and investor connections to divergent thinking start-ups looking to create value and innovate in their ecosystem. The offering launched in India in 2017 and continues to create tangible business outcomes.



Founded in 2002, **Zinnov** is a leading global management and strategy consulting firm, with core expertise in Product Engineering, Digital Transformation, Innovation and Outsourcing Advisory. Over the past 18 years, Zinnov has successfully consulted with over 250+ Fortune 500 customers to develop actionable insights that help them in their transformation journeys. Zinnov is committed to empowering leading technology companies drive meaningful business outcomes, leveraging a combination of consulting and platforms to deliver value.

Foreword







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In the last few years, the Indian start-up ecosystem has exploded globally, with B2B start-ups truly coming into their own by creating and offering enterprise-grade solutions. Between 2014 and 2019, B2B start-ups clocked in strong growth at 36% CAGR. The number of B2B unicorns (start-ups with a valuation of USD 1Bn and more) 14 out of 32 Indian unicorns – reflects this consistent high growth. Also, out of the total 4200+ B2B start-ups in India, nearly 63% of them are working on Enterprise Tech, Banking, Financial Services & Insurance (BFSI), Healthcare, Retail, and Automotive verticals.

B2B start-ups can play a major role in accelerating digital tech adoption in large enterprises across verticals, given the increasing leadership mindshare that digital technologies and Digital Engineering are gaining. With Digital Engineering spend expected to witness double digit growth, enterprises across verticals are focused on harnessing digital technologies, with AI and Data Analytics being adopted across the value chain.

To fully tap into the potential offered by B2B start-ups, enterprises are increasingly leveraging structured collaboration programs that open a variety of use cases and solutions. Currently, R&D centers in India run about 60+ active innovation programs across 18 different industry verticals. While these programs are helping start-ups scale quickly, they also enable enterprises to accelerate their digital journeys and explore newer use cases and solutions.

Focused on B2B start-ups, the NetApp Excellerator is a global program launched by NetApp. The program actively partners with start-ups to create tangible business outcomes. So far, NetApp Excellerator has engaged with more than 1600 start-ups and facilitated several go-to-market opportunities.

This report provides insights and views on the B2B start-up ecosystem, the digital focus of enterprises, and the role of collaborations. The report shows how enterprises like NetApp are creating value through structured innovation programs.

The Indian B2B technology start-up ecosystem is growing rapidly. Not only they constitute 44% of all the total base, but also 43% of all Indian unicorns are B2B. The fact 3 of 7 unicorns in 2020 (YTD) are B2B start-ups very well reflects the rapidly maturing ecosystem.

Digital transformation is central to every large enterprise core strategy. As large enterprises make extensive investments there is a clear preference for use of big data, analytics and AI/ML to protect existing business and find new growth strategies. Start-ups have proven to be a key enabler of digitalization goals of large enterprises.

On-going experience has clearly highlighted the need for a new-age digital infrastructure for corporates to unlock new opportunities and for need of structured start-up programs to drive effective collaboration for tangible business outcomes. Both are a must-have in today's day and age.

NetApp Excellerator is one example of how a corporate can accelerate its digital strategy by collaborating with start-ups to not only solve internal business requirements but also deploy solutions for customers too.



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43% of all Indian unicorns are B2B



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32 Total Unicorns





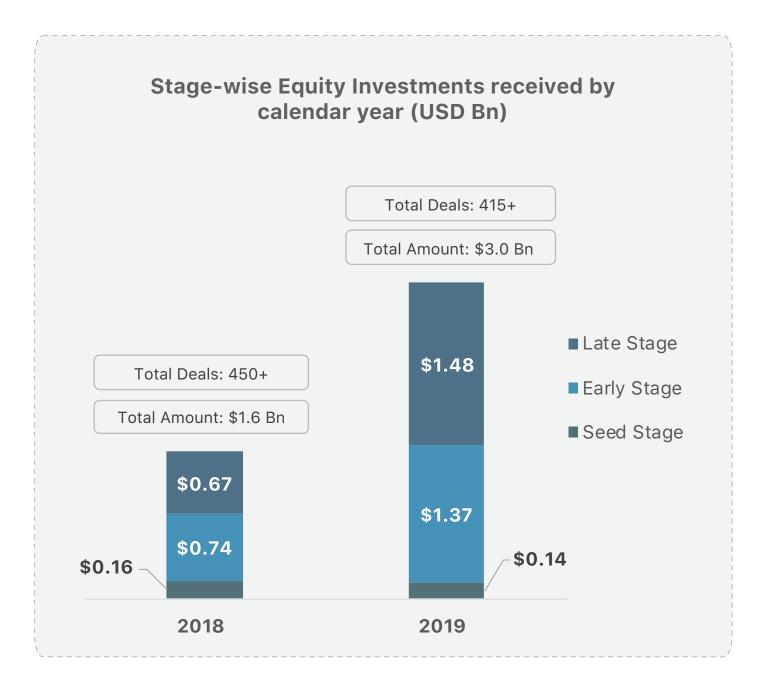
Source: Zinnov CoNXT Research and Analysis. A unicorn refers to a privately held tech start-up valued at \$1 Bn or more. For purpose of this report and to cover unicorns, we are not considering our definition for tech start-ups. i.e. Companies incorporated in 2014 and beyond. Unicorns are updated as of 7 Sep 2020

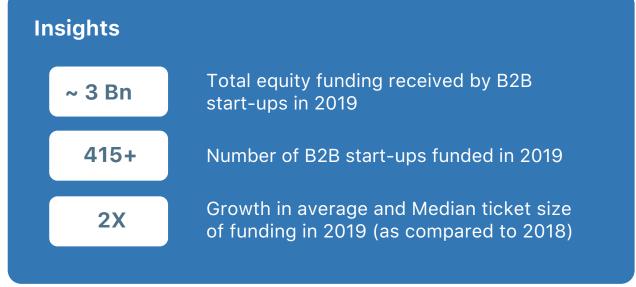
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2019 witnessed significant early and late stage investments in B2B start-ups





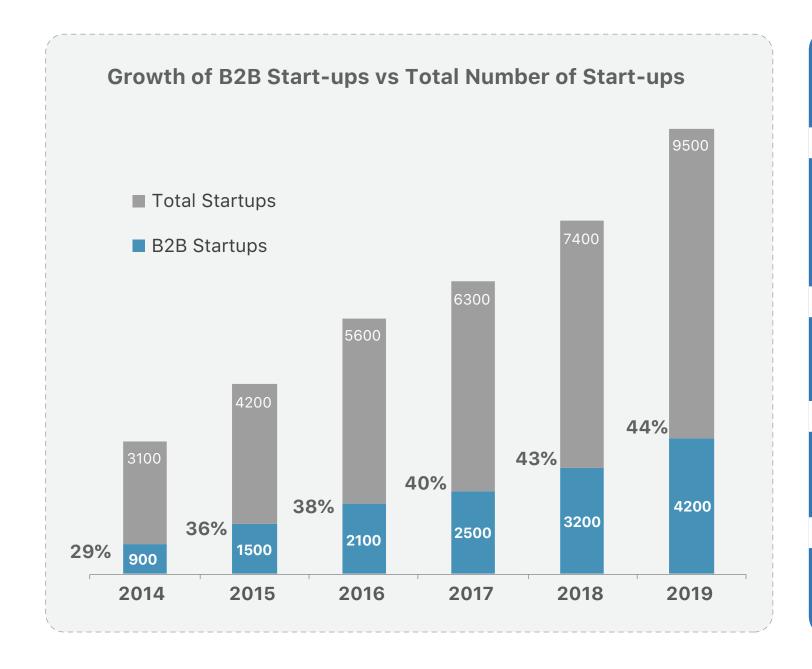






Overall, share of B2B start-ups continues to rise each year







Rise of Digitalization

- Global Digital Engineering Spend was ~30% of the total ER&D Spend in 2019
- Cloud-born technology start-ups are enabling enterprises to build innovative business solutions

Made in India, for the World

• With the advent of Cloud technologies, entrepreneurs are building enterprise products for the world from India

Proximity to R&D centers of Global MNCs

 India has 1450+ Global MNCs contributing and driving global Digital Transformation mandates for HQ

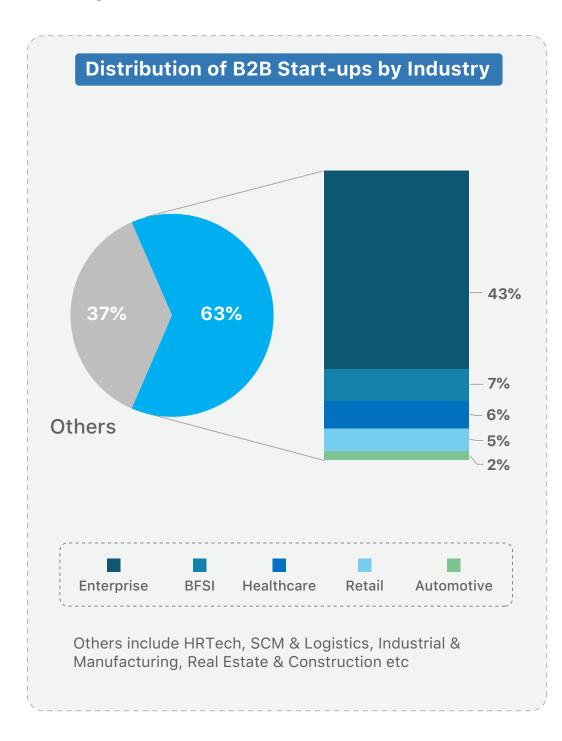
Presence of Digital Talent

Abundant presence of digital technology talent in India

Enterprise, BFSI, Healthcare and Retail are dominant sectors in B2B ecosystem







Growth Drivers



Enterprise

- Rapid digital adoption and transformation of enterprises
- Inherent cost advantage in scaling products & solutions as compared to B2C



BFSI

- Increasing adoption of digital solutions by Banks
- Gradual shift to open banking model



Healthcare

- Adoption of technology-centric solutions
- Rise in ICT use cases with digitization of Hospitals & Clinics



Retail

- Increasing traction for Ecommerce enablers & change in consumer buying behavior
- Digital transformation of SME's

Illustrative Examples



- Yol 2006
- Last Funding Series B Round for 125 Mn in 2020
- Description AI-enabled software that automates payments, receivables, and treasury processes

Web**Ξngage**

- **Yol** 2011
- Last Funding Seed Round for \$171K in 2018
- Description Multi-channel predictive marketing automation suite

ARazorpay

- **Yol -** 2014
- TotLast Funding –
 Series C Round for 75

 Mn in 2019
- Description Integrable payment gateway solutions for organizations

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- Yol 2014
- Last Funding Series D Round for 42 Mn in 2019
 Description - Provides
- provides working capital for SMBs in India



- **Yol** 2015
- Last Funding Series C Round for 19 Mn in 2019
- Description -Enterprise data operations and orchestration software



- Yol 2016
- Last Funding Series A round for 16Mn in 2020
- Description Al-based decision support tool for diagnostic images



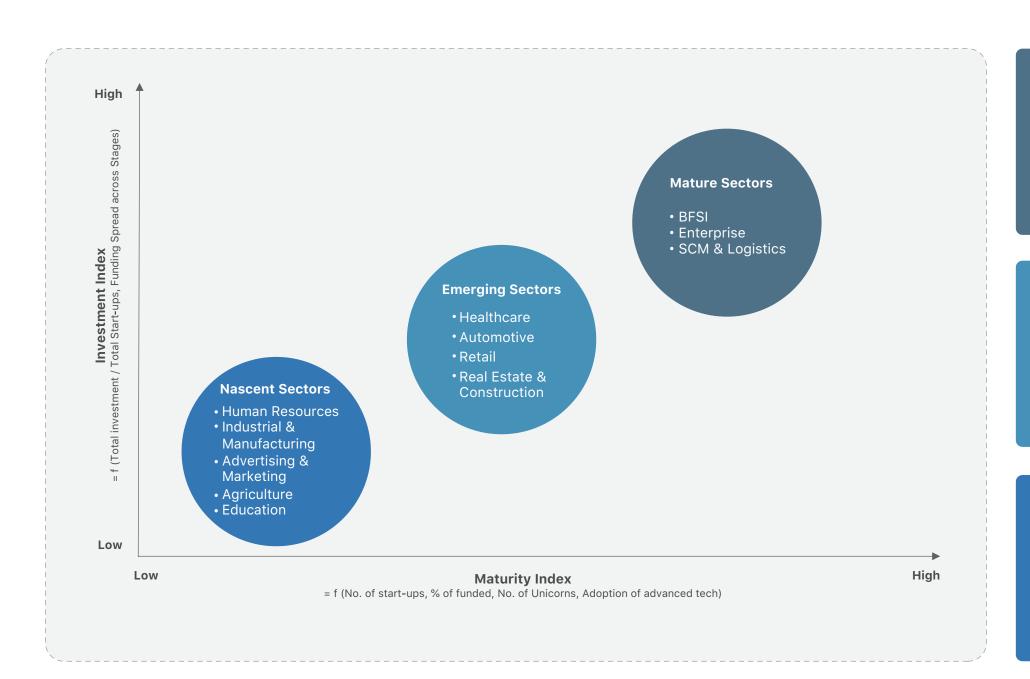
- Yol 2011
- Last Funding Undisclosed Series A Round in 2017
- Description Cloud based data visualization and analytics platform



- Yol 2012
- Last Funding SeriesB Round for 5.5 Mn in 2019
- Description Provider of Albased pricing optimization solution

BFSI, Enterprise, SCM & Logistics are the most mature sectors with strong participation from entrepreneurs and investors alike





MATURE SECTORS

Sectors with a high percentage of funded start-ups, number of unicorns with high adoption of advanced tech, and hence high investor activity

EMERGING SECTORS

Sectors with a relatively low percentage of funded start -ups, number of unicorns with medium to high adoption of advanced tech, and hence medium to high investor activity

NASCENT SECTORS

Sectors with a low percentage of funded start-ups, with low to medium adoption of advanced tech, and hence low to medium investor activity

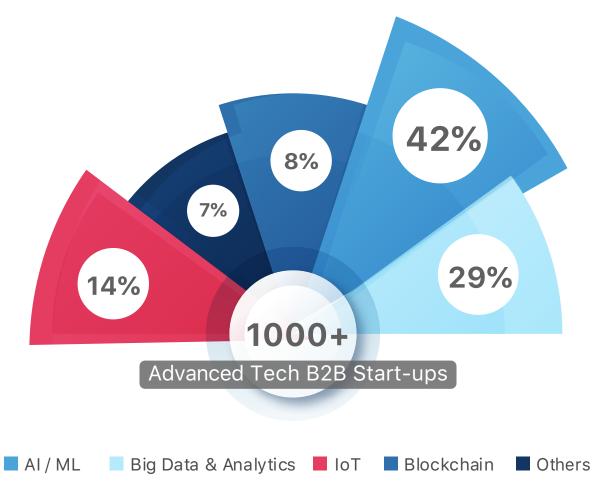
B2B start-ups are driving adoption of advanced technology in Indian ecosystem





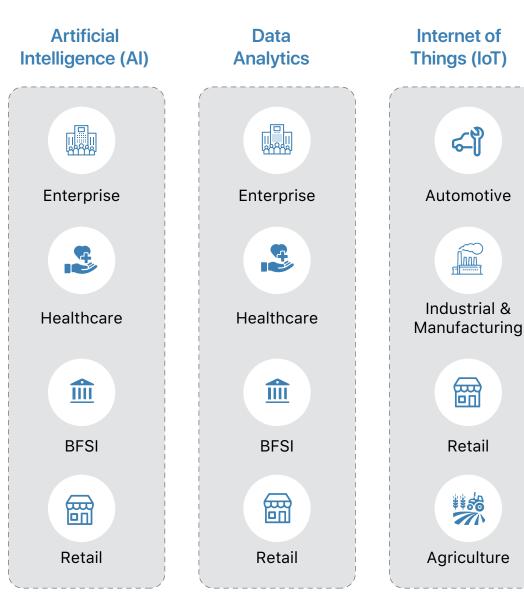


18% of all start-ups in India are Advanced Tech start-ups Share in B2B pool – 24% Share in B2C pool – 11%



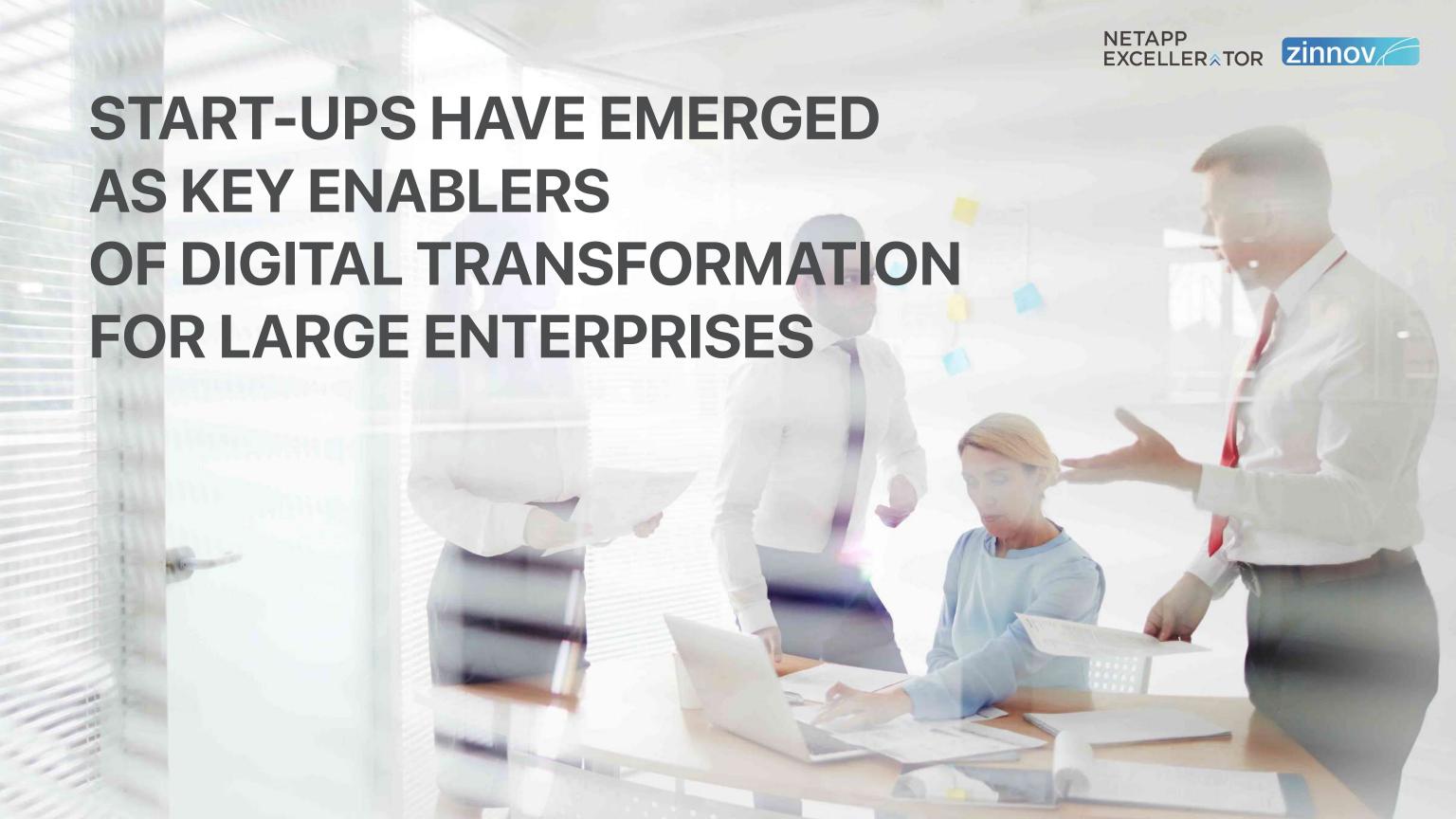
Others include Drones, AR VR,3D Printing, RPA, Chatbots, etc.

Adoption of Advanced Technologies by Industry verticals



Blockchain Ш **BFSI** SCM & Logistics Healthcare 翩 Retail

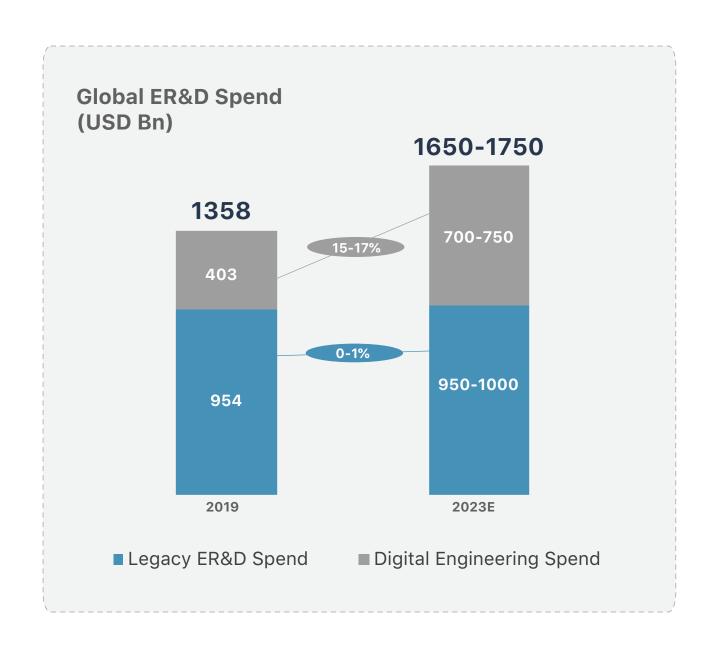
Adoption depicted for top four industry verticals

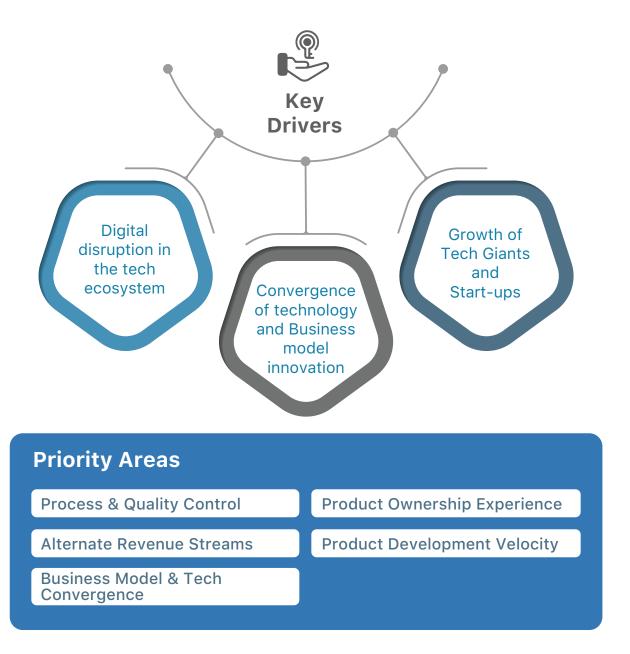


Global Digital Engineering R&D Spend is expected to reach USD 700-750bn by 2023









Technology is re-defining business across all industry verticals





Automotive

Autonomous Vehicles

Connected Cars

25Bn

• ADAS



32Bn

BFSI



- Payments Tech
- Telematics-based Insurance
- Robo-Investment Advisory

Healthcare

18Bn



- Remote Patient Monitoring
- Diagnosis Prediction
- Patient Experience **Platforms**

Retail

19Bn



- In-store Shopping Experience
- Omnichannel Experiences
- Connected Products for Monitoring

Industrial

• Industry 4.0

Digital Twin

11Bn



Predictive Maintenance





- 5G
- SDN/NFV
- Automation
- Al

Software Internet



160Bn

- Platform engineering
- Big Data Analytics
- Cybersecurity
- AI/ML

Medical **Devices**



12Bn

- Remote Patient monitoring
- Robotics
- Preventive Healthcare

Consumer **Electronics**



13Bn

- Connected Products
- AI/ML
- AR/VR

Media



11Bn

- OTT
- AI/ML based content recommendation
- Targeted advertising using intelligent platforms

Semiconductor



11Bn

- Artificial Intelligence Chips
- Internet of Things
- 5G

Aerospace and Defence



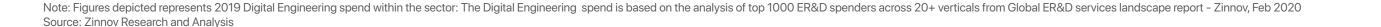
2Bn

- Digital Twin
- In-flight connectivity,
- Predictive maintenance,
- Industry 4.0

Use cases

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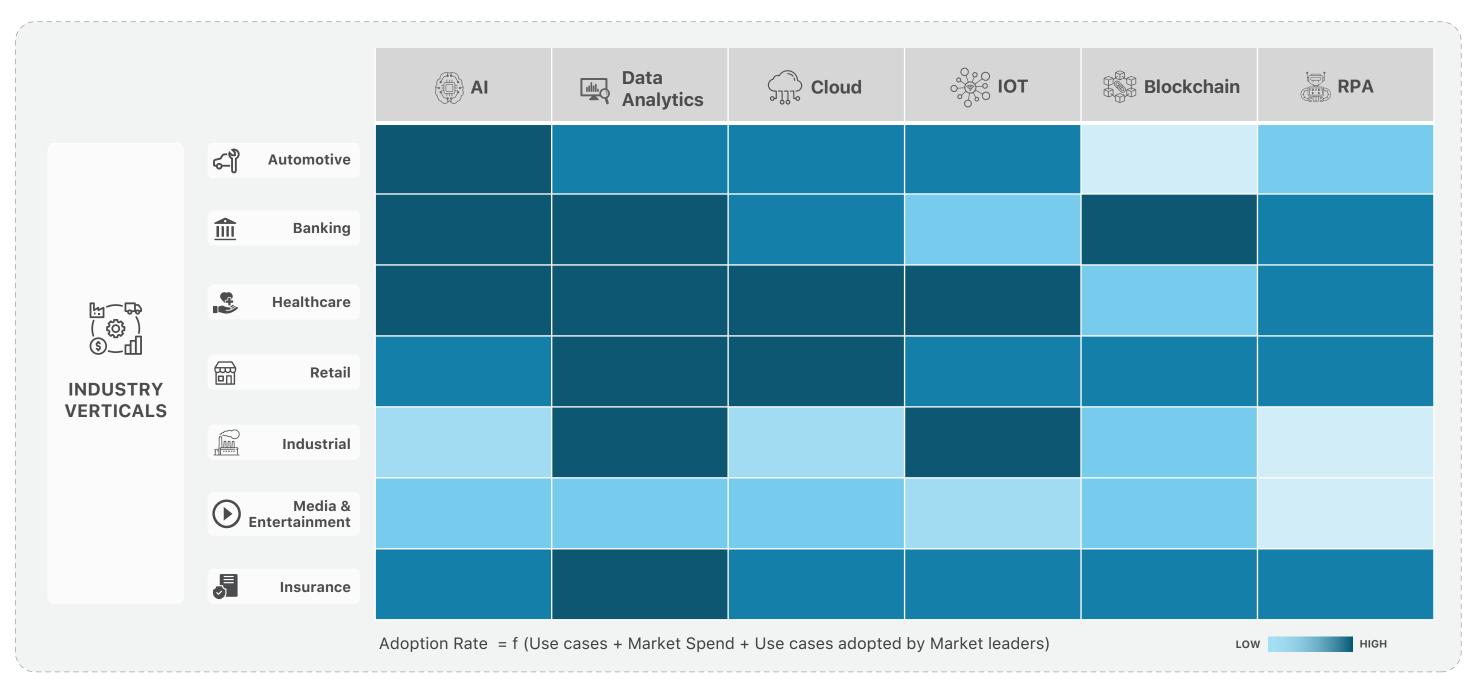


Al and Data Analytics are a priority for almost every industry





DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES



Integration of AI and Data Analytics with other technologies is unlocking new use cases















BFSI

- Security & Surveillance
- Damage Inspection
- Payment Processing
- Tracking Document Ownership
- Investment Tracking
- Payment Tracking
- Automated KYC process
- Enhance Customer Experience
- Claims Management
- Automated Workflows Intelligent automation in **Call Center Operations**

A china based Crypto marketplace uses Al Robo-advisors which helps the investors in cryptocurrency investment





Automotive

- Smart Warehouses
- Predictive Maintenance
- Digital Twins
- Autonomous Vehicle Data Security
- Digital Identity
- Supply Chain Tracking
- Document Digitization
- Personalized Targeting
- IT Management **RPA** in Business Applications (ERP, HRM, Procurement, etc.)

Japanese Automaker partnered with MIT to explore blockchain technology for autonomous vehicle data sharing in real-time safer



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Retail

- Smart Mirrors
- On-demand Goods
- Smart Warehouses
- Autonomous Stores & Checkout
- Customer Identity
- Inventory Tracking
- IT Management
- RPA in Business Applications (ERP, HRM, Procurement, etc.)
- Intelligent automation in **Call Center Operations**

Global Online retail major has deployed IOT sensors and AI in new format stores for checkout free shopping experience



Healthcare

- Guided Surgery
- Augmented Diagnosis
- Identification of **Counterfeit Medicines**
- In-transit Monitoring of Pharmaceuticals
- IT Management
- RPA in Business Applications (ERP, HRM, Procurement, etc.)

A Fortune 500 pharma Company has Partnered with IBM for streamlining of drug discovery and enabling automation of processes



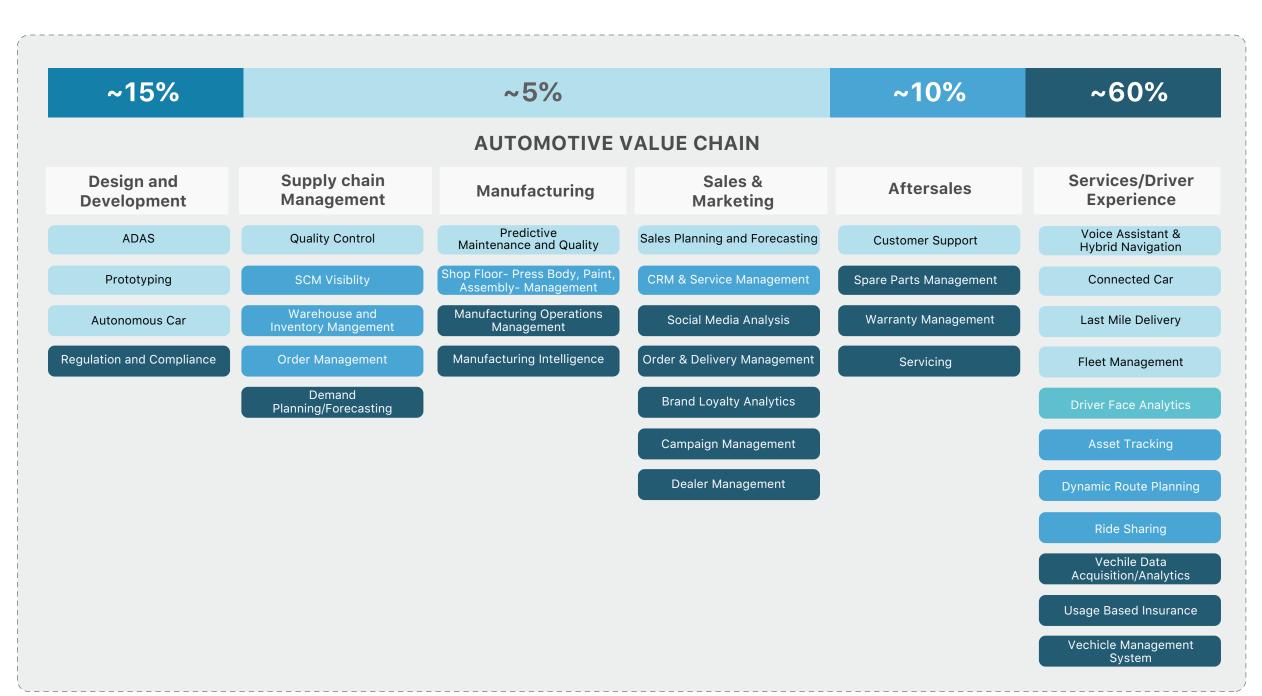


Legend: IOT

In Automotive, start-ups are focused pre-dominantly on services and driver experience



Indian
Start-up use
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Valuechain

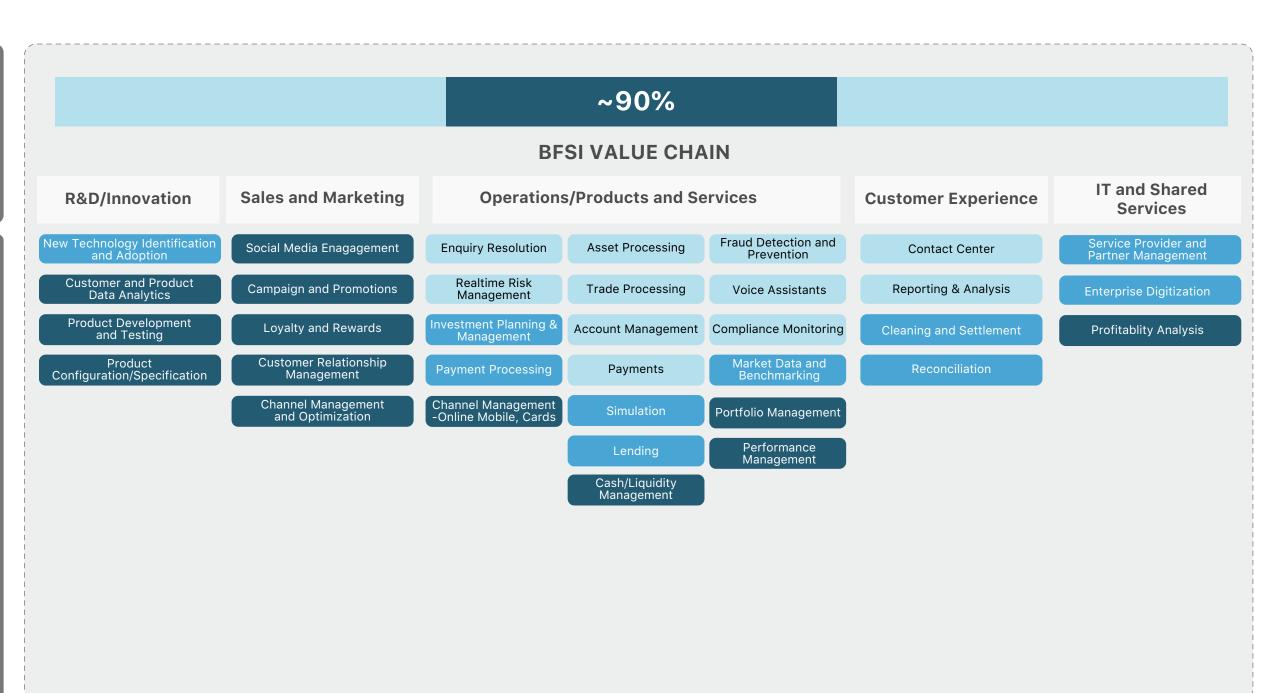


Significant portion of BFSI value chain is witnessing high interest from start-ups





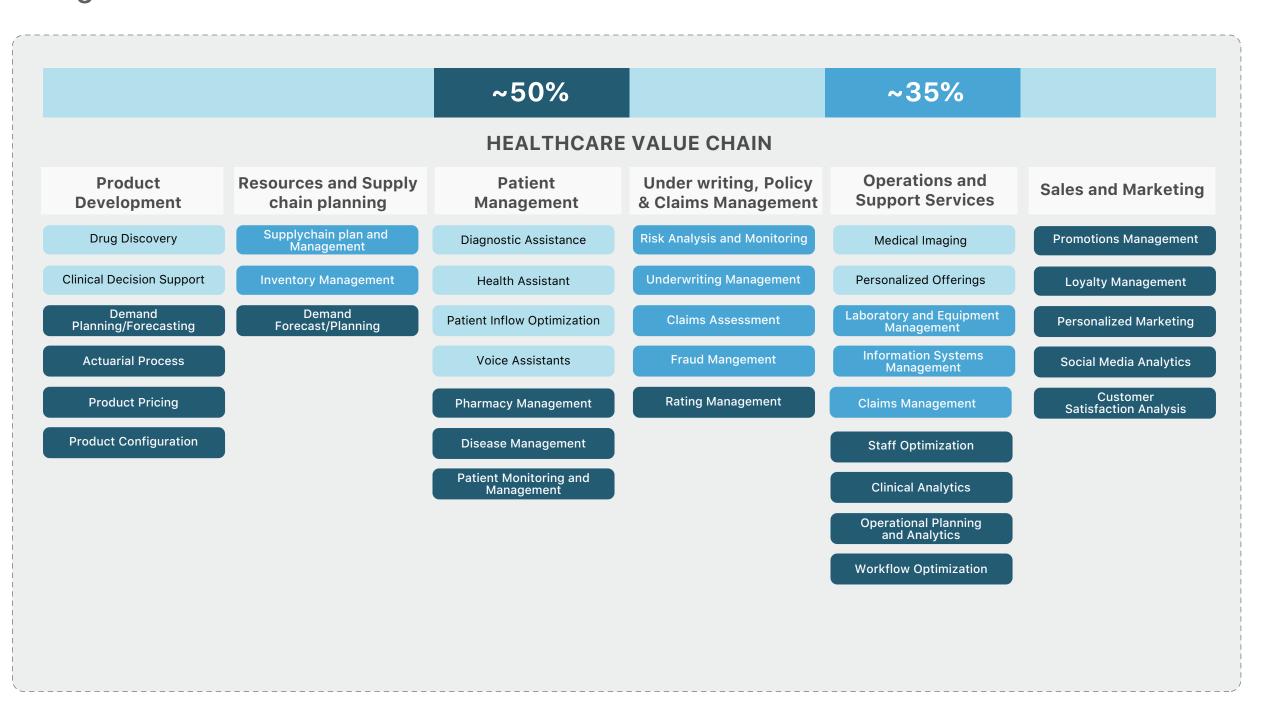




In Healthcare, start-ups are predominantly focused on patient management and operations management solutions



Indian
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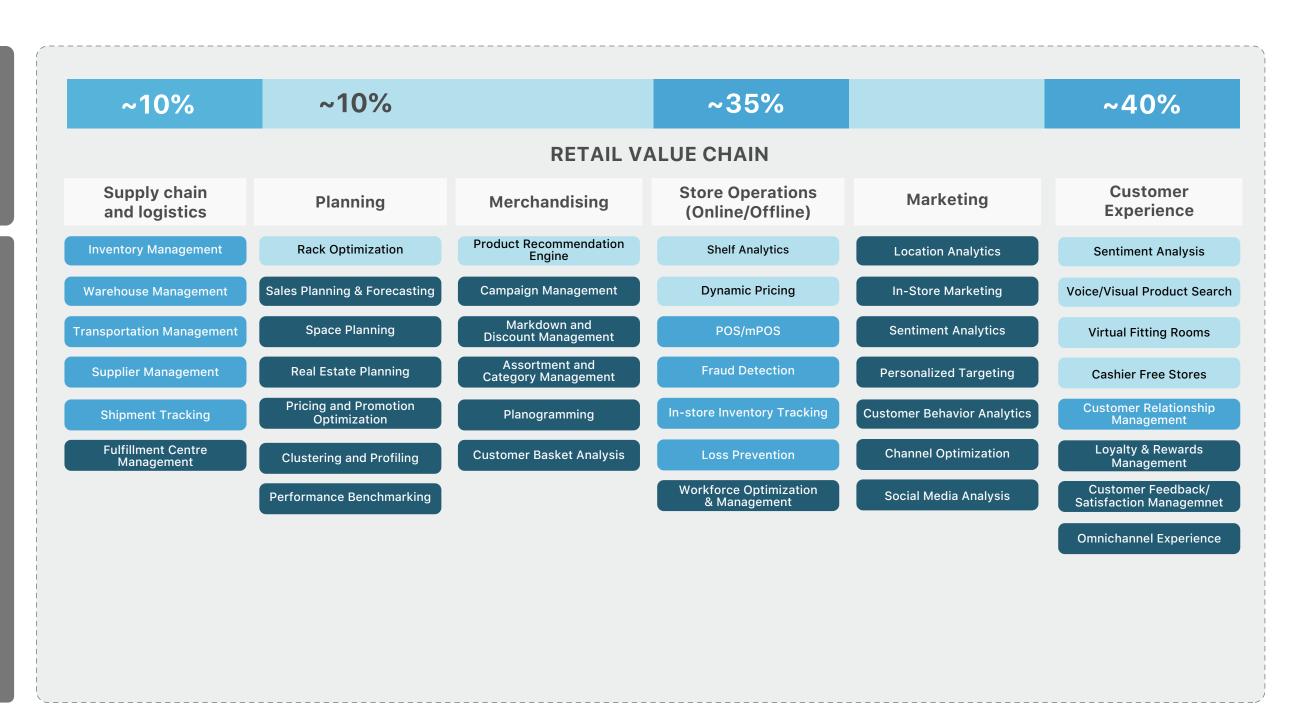


Start-ups, with solutions across value chain, have emerged as a vital partner in Retail





Indian Start-up use cases across the Retail value chain







TO EFFECTIVELY LEVERAGE START-UPS, NEW-AGE INFRASTRUCTURE AND STRUCTURED PROGRAMS ARE **ESSENTIAL FOR CORPORATES**

NEW-AGE DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE TO UNLOCK USE CASES

STRUCTURED COLLABORATION PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE ODDS OF SUCCESS

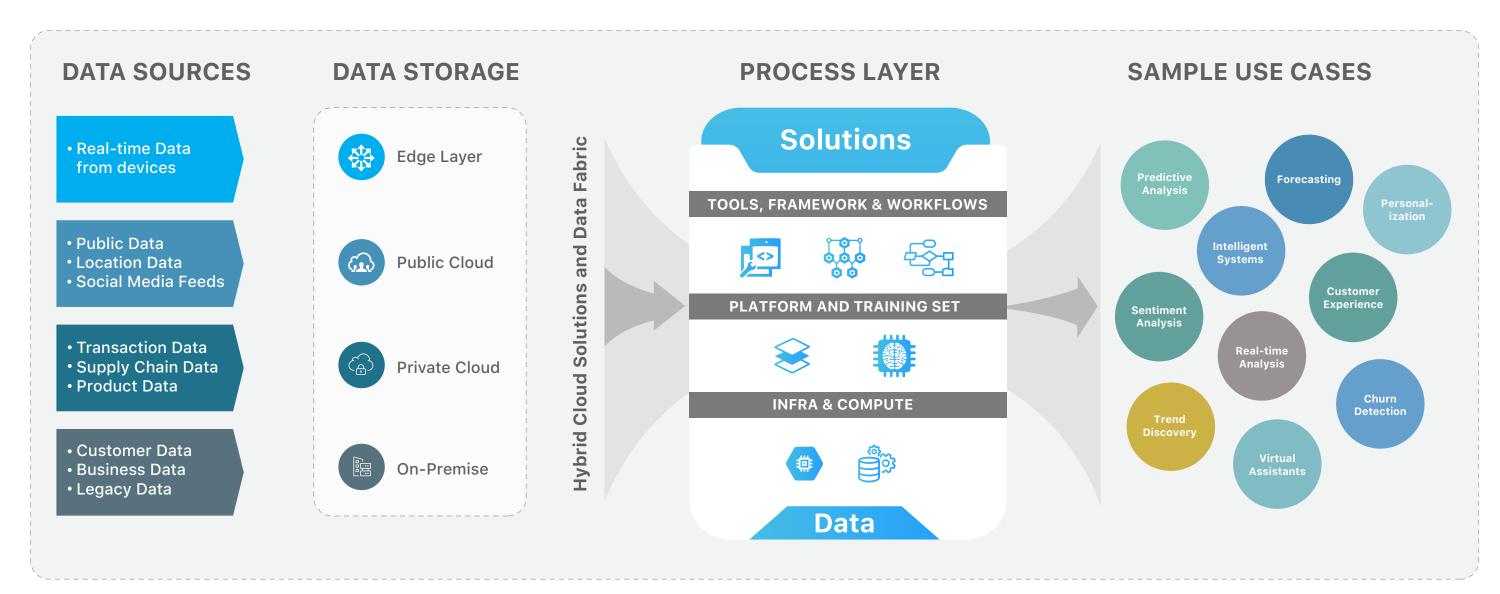
New-age infrastructure is essential for data driven transformation initiatives to unlock new use cases







NEW-AGE INFRASTRUCTURE



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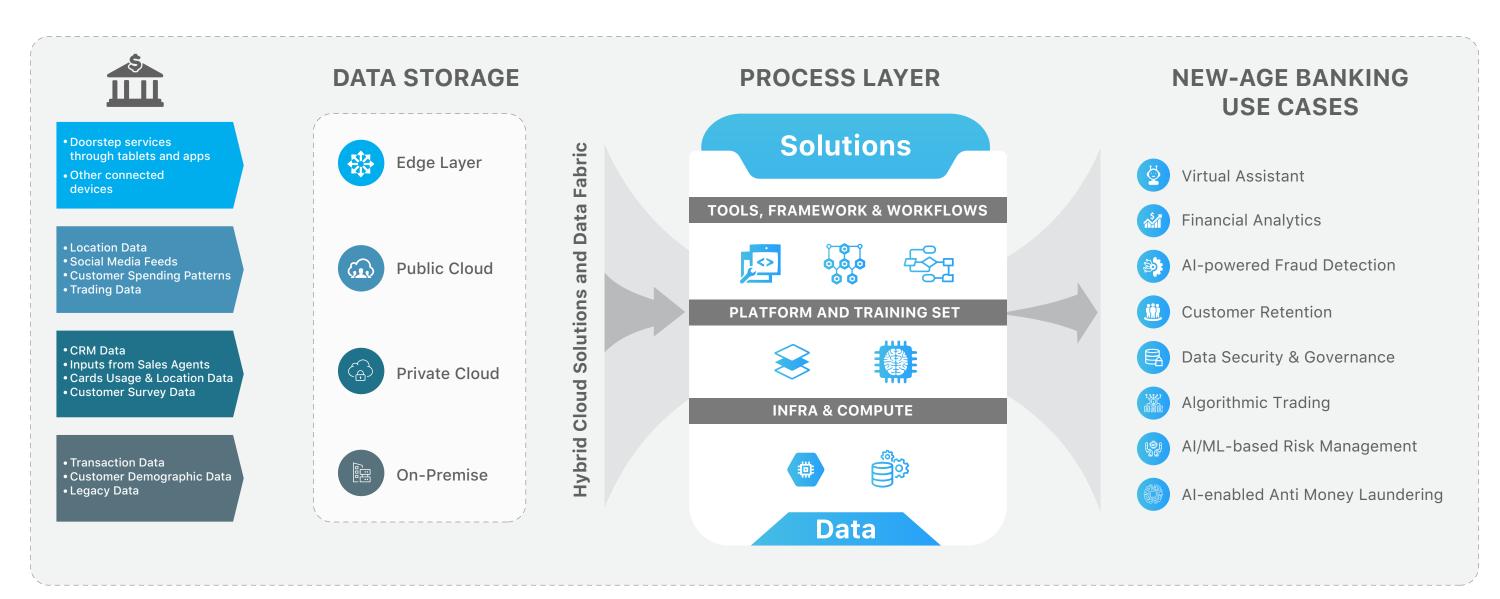
Case Study: BFSI industry leaders are breaking the data silos to provide new products and services







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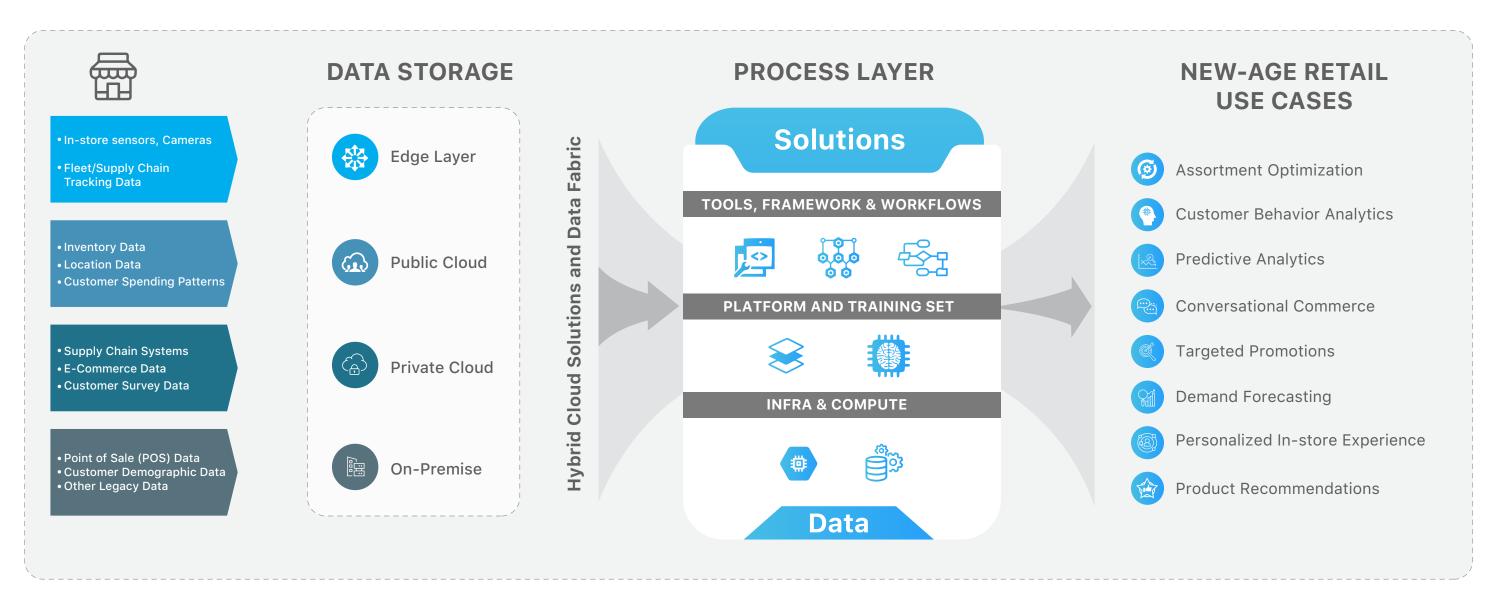
Case Study: Retail enterprises are harnessing data to optimize operations and deliver delightful customer experience







NEW-AGE INFRASTRUCTURE



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Corporates are using a multi-pronged approach to expand their innovation portfolio with start-ups





B START-UP PROGRAM

Collaboration models are a combination of build, buy, and partner



Platform **Evangelization**

Corporates offer access to their platforms to start -ups



License or Vendor Agreement

Corporates and start-ups enter a license agreement to create solutions



Joint Go-To-Market

Corporates partner with start-ups to cross-sell solutions



Co-Innovate

Start -ups and corporates collaborate to co-create new solutions



Acqui-hire

Corporates acquire start-ups for the talent alone



Equity Investment

Corporates make capital investments in start-ups



Acquisitions

Corporates acquire the start-ups

Different approaches that corporates leverage to drive collaboration

Ecosystem Outreach

Corporate hosted event for start-ups and developers, often in the form of competition or hackathons

Accelerator

Business support program for start-ups – could be with or without equity

Partner Program

Any commercial agreement focused on creating joint value

Corporate VC

Direct investments in a start-up from a corporate in exchange for equity

M&A

Acquisition of a start-up by a corporate

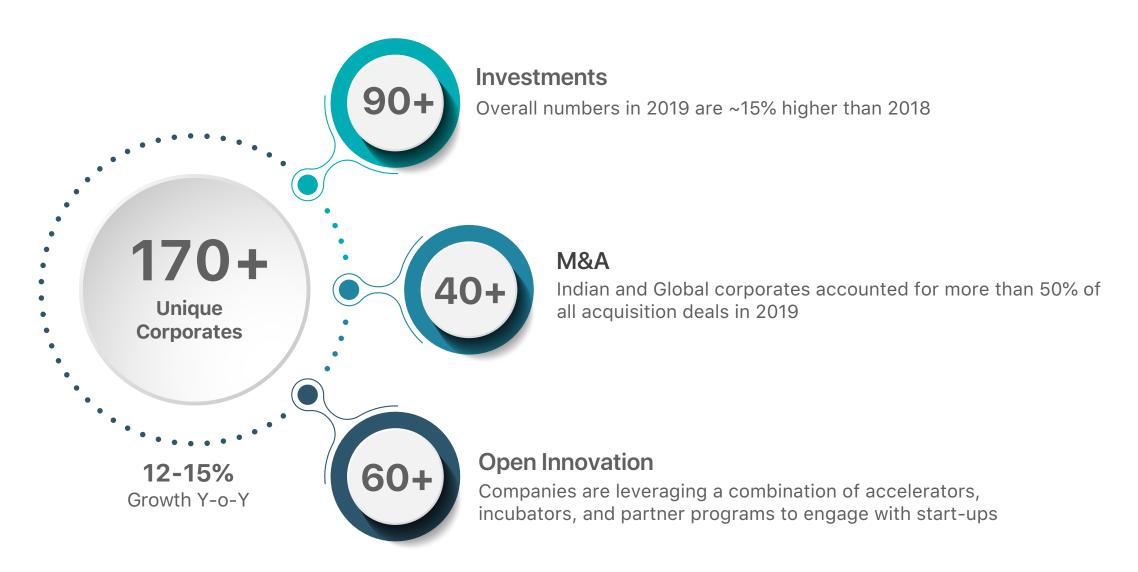
Corporates are using multiple approaches to leverage the Indian start-up ecosystem





B START-UP PROGRAM

There is an increase in the number of unique corporates collaborating with the Indian start-up ecosystem



Structured Collaboration Programs have burgeoned as a preferred approach





START-UP PROGRAM

Corporates are leveraging start-ups to solve business challenges to deliver revenue growth, cost savings, and/or improve customer experience

Corporates are increasingly building structured programs to build repeatable and replicable processes to collaborate, at scale

60+

Number of Active Open Innovation programs run by corporate R&D centers in India

18

Number of industry verticals across which corporates are collaborating with start-ups

60%

Of all corporates are Global MNCs with R&D centers in India



Incubator

A fixed term, 6 to 24-month-long, cohort-based program for pre-seed start-ups, typically focussed on idea stage opportunities. Invariably, these are equity-based programs for corporates to get early access to a large pool of ideas/solutions.



Accelerator

A fixed term, 3 to 6-month-long, cohort-based program for pre-growth and growth stage start-ups. During the program, the emphasis is on building proofs-of-concept (POCs) and/or on integrations to determine long-term engagement.



Partner Program

A requirement-based program, where corporate business units define problem statements they are looking to solve, and partner with growing, mid, or late stage start-ups to build complimentary solutions in exchange for a financial commitment.

Collaboration Programs are increasing rapidly because of their capacity to drive multiple outcomes for a corporate





B START-UP PROGRAM

Stage gated process to optimize resource allocation and to drive tangible outcomes

Select a start-up Validate potential impact via a pilot in a controlled environment Based on validated Problem Statements Validate potential impact via a pilot in a controlled environment

Decide on further engagement



Agreement
(internal use, white-label, data partnership)



Co-Creation
(joint Go-To-Market, co-develop solution)



Equity Investment



Mergers & Acquisitions

Relevant to India and Global mandates



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Deep Dive

Prototype

Iterate

> Final Demo

With clear **Business Impact**

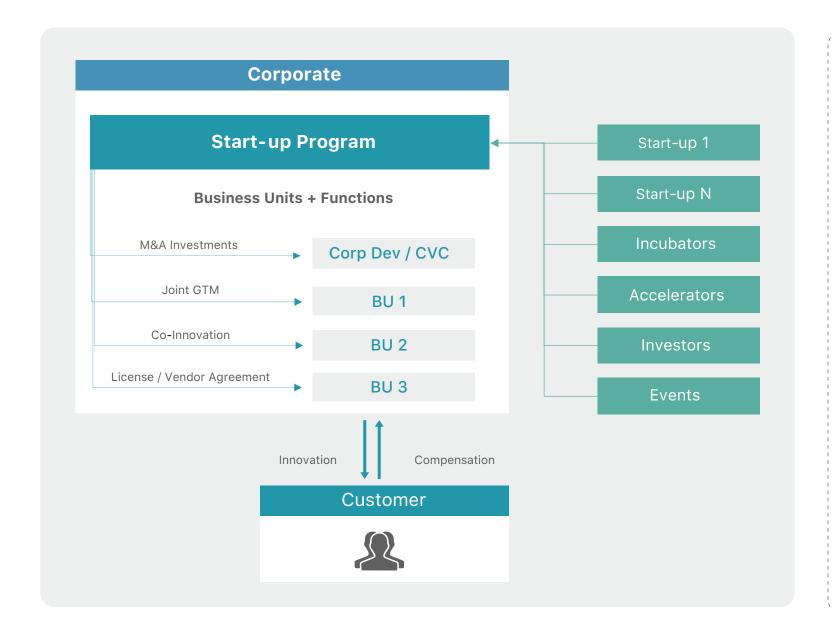


Technical and Business mentorship to deliver final demo in expected timeline (3-12 months)

Collaboration Programs also provide a unified approach and flexibility to drive tangible outcomes







Advantages

- Unified and scalable process(es)
- Best in class practices which are repeatable and replicable
- Efficient and compounds capabilities over time
- Clear value articulation and smooth customer experience
- Drive multiple outcomes
 - Extrinsic Value license or vendor or joint go-to-market agreements
 - Intrinsic Value equity investments or acquisitions
- Enable additional value
 - Intrinsic Value acqui-hiring, typically few months after the program, in case the start-up doesn't scale

Enterprises across verticals are running Structured Programs to collaborate with start-ups to leverage new-age use cases





MAJOR VERTICALS

CORPORATE PROGRAMS





BANKING & INSURANCE













SOFTWARE & INTERNET



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AUTO & AERO















TELECOM & NETWORKING









RETAIL















HEALTHCARE









Others













Blockchain Solutions, Advanced Analytics, InsurTech, e-Wallet, KYC, Digital Onboarding, Fraud Prevention

Cloud, IOT, Analytics, Machine Learning, Virtualization, Data Security, Sector-agnostic Solutions

Advanced Analytics, Al, Blockchain, Mobility, Industrial IOT

Connected Devices, AI, Wireless Technologies, AR/VR, Industrial IOT

Location Analytics, IOT, Al, Mobility, Omnichannel, Supply Chain, AR, VR, 3D Scanning

Al-based Healthcare Applications & Devices, Radiology, Ultrasound, and Oncology Solutions

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NetApp Excellerator – a Global Open Innovation Program built from India







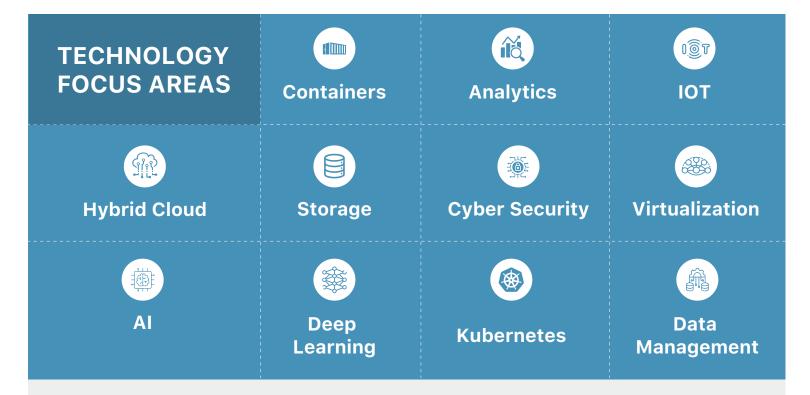
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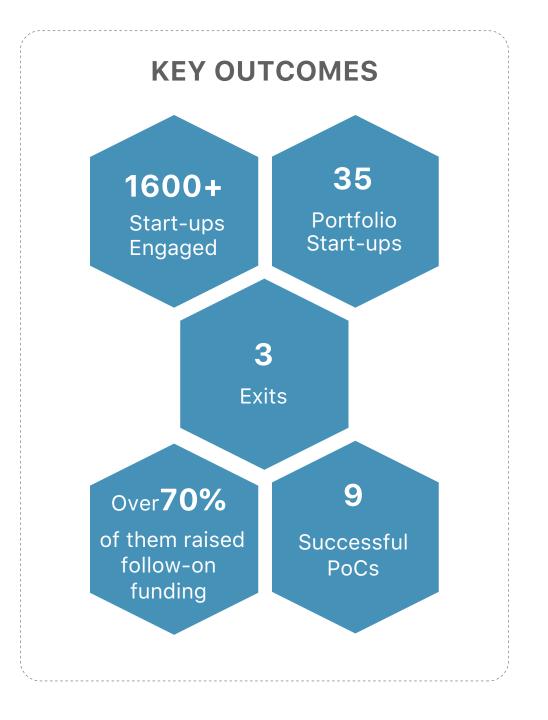
B2B Start-ups



PROGRAM OFFERINGS

- Paid PoCs
- Technology Mentorship
- Business Mentorship
- Access to Tools & Customers

- Co-working space
- Investor Connects
- Technology and Business support



Case Study: Delivering better customer experience





Client:

UK Health Insurance Company



Context:

Client team had followed a sluggish manual process in cleaning the data & identifying root causes from the pool of data sets, which resulted in delayed informed insights & customer service.



Approach:

Zscore, a start-up part of NetApp Excellerator worked on 1,80,000+ rows of client data across three data sets. The start-up helped the client in cleaning the errors and identifying the root cause. And they also recommended the client on how the data quality can be improved.

Zscore worked on the problem statement and took just 12 days. If it could have done manually it will take 6 weeks to clean the 10% of the data sets handled by Zscore.



Outcomes:

Zscore expertise helped the client to make better informed insights with clean data with reduced time. The timely insights helped the client to improve the service and customer experience

Source: NetApp Excellerator

Start-ups from the NetApp Excellerator Program













































































Methodology



The report is jointly created by Netapp and Zinnov to understand how large enterprises are leveraging start-ups to unlock digital opportunities. During the course of the study, research team conducted primary and secondary research for the analysis and key insights. Initial analysis targeted to understand the growth of Indian B2B Start-ups, unicorns, investment trends & categorization of start-ups across mature, emerging and nascent sectors.

We did a detailed analysis to understand, how digital technologies are adopted by enterprises across major industry verticals. The adoption rate is determined based on market spend, quantum of Industry use cases & use cases adopted by the market leaders in the industry. Also, we have mapped the Indian Automotive, BFSI, Healthcare & Retail sectors with start-ups across industry value chains.

We have showcased how enterprises can leverage data across platforms to drive transformation initiatives with new age infrastructure. Additionally the report provides a POV on structured collaboration programs in India.

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Age:

5 YEARS

Active technology product/platform companies incepted in the last 5 years (in 2014-2019)



Origin:

INDIA

Founders of Indian origin, with HQ or core product development in India



Differentiation:

INNOVATION

Innovation in technology, business process or business model being executed at speed



Stage:

PROTOTYPE +

The start-up must have at least a prototype or MVP; idea stage start-ups are not considered



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