## Future-readiness means conquering marketing complexity

The marketing dynamic is more complex than ever. Marketers today are expected to deliver the right customer experiences at the right time with every interaction. To achieve this, marketing organizations must become future-ready.

**Future-readiness brings organizations** a competitive edge and agility The four levels of operations maturity **Future-ready** Intelligent **Predictive** Insights-driven **Efficient Automated Stable** 59% Foundational of organizations 1% are in the futureready category. but only a few are reaping those rewards today.

## Deploying the ultimate marketing machine

The marketing function can only be as successful as its operational maturity. When marketers reach a future-ready state, they are empowered to identify customers across multiple platforms and channels, as well as align their messaging, creative collateral, execution and brand consistency at speed. They have designed and deployed the ultimate "marketing machine." And the more efficient the machine, the greater the results.

> Higher efficiency for future-ready organizations.\*

Higher profitability for future-ready organizations.\*

\*Future-ready organizations exhibited 6.4 percentage points higher profitability and 13.1% greater efficiency, on average.

## There are gains from moving up even one maturity level

in added global profitability has been left on the table due to insufficient operational maturity.

## No one-size-fits-all, but there is a path to value

Future-ready organizations take advantage of transformational value.\*\* They increase performance in efficiency and profitability, as well as improving innovation, strengthening ecosystems and delivering excellent customer and employee experiences.

\*\*Transformational value is calculated using proprietary modeling and experience-based investigation to determine a scientific, holistic calculation of value.



know to become future-ready.

# **Know the** ultimate goal

Marketing organizations should take a bold approach by asking critical questions:

Is their marketing technology ecosystem working hard enough and achieving the right outcomes?

consider some transformational solutions.

As they answer these questions, marketers must

Are they upskilling employees to run smarter marketing operations?

Are they making the most of their data and analytics capabilities?

## **Know the** key steps There are many steps between

one level of maturity and the next, but some can't be skipped:

### **Create data-driven agility** of marketers report

widespread or fullscale data use in their organizations—some 2.5x more than three years ago.

**Elevate marketing** talent with the right digital innovation

of marketers say their organizations have implemented widespread or full-scale

automation at their organizations—an increase of more than 3x over the past three years.

technology functions of marketers predict that businesstechnology collaboration will occur

at scale three years from now.

**Collaborate across** 

business and

#### **Know how to leapfrog** maturity levels Building, scaling and successfully managing ecosystem relationships can

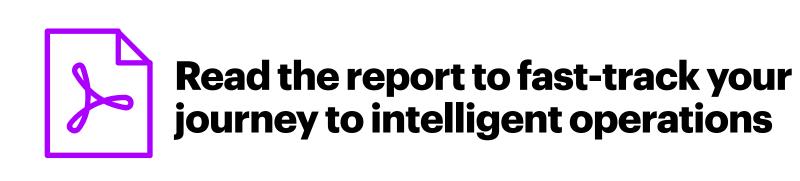
help marketers leapfrog maturity levels and reach future-readiness faster.



# Outsmart, outperform, outpace

Now is the time to start developing a future-ready marketing function.

- Think big and go beyond incremental change • Scale automation and analytics, AI and integrated solutions with leading practices
- Put a cloud infrastructure at the heart • Enhance the value of data with technologies that deliver better insights faster
- Foster a human + machine, specialized workforce
- Build complementary third-party and ecosystem relationships



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