

RETHINK, REINVENT, REALIZE.

How to successfully scale digital
innovation to drive growth

METALS & MINING



THE IDEA: FIND INDUSTRY X.0 BEST PRACTICES!

OUR PREMISE AND RESEARCH QUESTION

When it comes to digital transformation, scaling innovation pilots is critical.

Yet many clients tell us that they are struggling with this very step – and feel that they might get stuck with “piecemeal projects” that don’t deliver significant value.

Can we find key best practices that could help them overcome their challenges, and drive real change, for real new growth?



GLOBAL SURVEY AT-A-GLANCE

n=1,350
companies with
1bn+ in revenue

60%
C-suite respondents

13 industries
and **17** countries



METALS & MINING AT-A-GLANCE

n=72
companies with
1bn+ in revenue

65%
C-suite respondents

13
countries

THE RESULT: IT'S ALL A MATTER OF MANAGEMENT!

OUR KEY FINDINGS

Companies are scaling more than 60 percent of all digital POCs, but only about one out of ten companies are doing it successfully.

A SURPRISE!

(we didn't expect to find that many companies trying to scale!)

What's the difference?
The leading 13 percent manage their scaling efforts differently.

Following the **four best practices** of these “Champions” is a recipe to **succeed at innovating for digital transformation.**

THE REASON TO READ!

(these best practices are what readers will come for)

Q:

**WHAT'S THE CURRENT
STATUS IN SCALING
DIGITAL INNOVATION?**

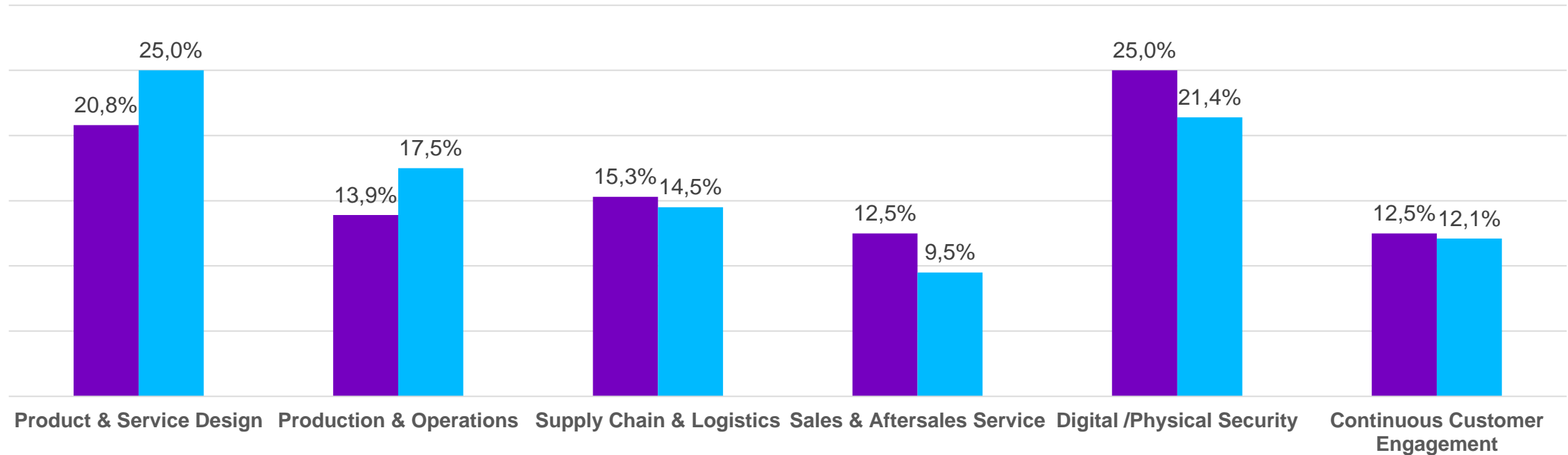
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**THINGS ARE SPEEDING UP –
IN SURPRISING WAYS.**

WORKPLACE SECURITY AND PRODUCT/SERVICE DESIGN ARE TOP INNOVATION PRIORITIES FOR METALS & MINING

Digital/ Physical Security is an obvious priority for Metals & Mining companies. Design is a close second as companies focus on improving the quality and properties of the end product

INNOVATION PRIORITY*

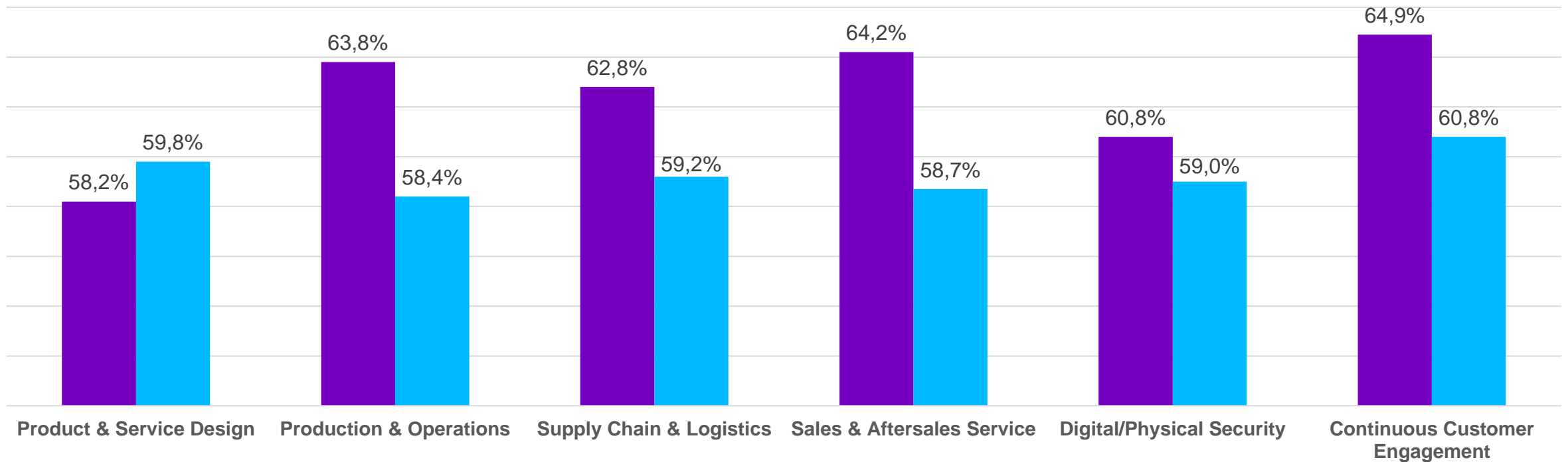


* "innovation priority" = percentage of respondents who are prioritizing digital innovation in these business areas

METALS & MINING COMPANIES ARE SCALING DIGITAL POCs ACROSS BUSINESS FUNCTIONS

Investments in digital platforms for improved data integration with trading partners, is indicative of the high scaling intensity towards customer engagement

SCALING INTENSITY*



* “scaling intensity” = ratio of avg. number of proof of concepts scaled to avg. number initiated in each business function, across discrete and process industries.

■ Metals & Mining ■ Cross-Industry

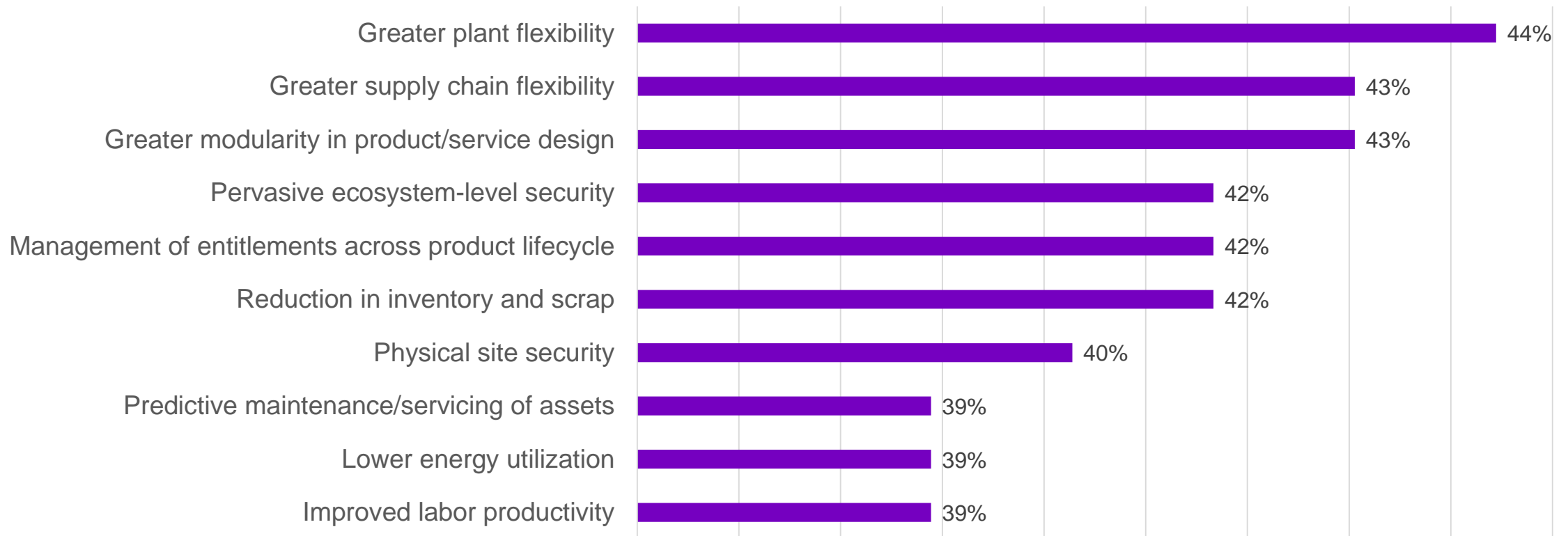
METALS AND MINING COMPANIES RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR INNOVATING AT SCALE TO:

Continuously engage with their customers, and

Improve product or service lifecycle management.

PLANT AND SUPPLY CHAIN FLEXIBILITY ARE KEY OUTCOMES FOR METALS & MINING COMPANIES...

Top 10 outcomes targeted by Metals & Mining companies through scaling of digital POCs



% of respondents who achieved this outcome

...AND THEY ARE CHOOSING BIG DATA ANALYTICS, MACHINE LEARNING & CLOUD TO DRIVE THESE OUTCOMES

Top 3 technologies leveraged to facilitate scaling, by function

	PRODUCT & SERVICE DESIGN	PRODUCTION & OPERATIONS	SUPPLY CHAIN & LOGISTICS	SALES & AFTERSALES SERVICE	DIGITAL/ PHYSICAL SECURITY	CONTINUOUS CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT
AI/Al-powered Automation			RANK 3	RANK 2		RANK 3
AI Assistants				RANK 1		
3D printing					RANK 2	
Mobility						
IIOT Sensors & Transmitters	RANK 1				RANK 3	
Immersive Experience						
Industrial Robotics		RANK 2				
Big Data Analytics	RANK 2	RANK 3	RANK 1			
Digital Twin						
Cloud					RANK 1	RANK 1
Blockchain						
Autonomous Vehicles						
Machine Learning/Deep Learning	RANK 3	RANK 1	RANK 2			
Quantum Computing						RANK 2
Cyber Security Protocols				RANK 3		

Q:

**WHAT ABOUT SCALING
SUCCESS – DOES EVERYONE
SEE IT?**

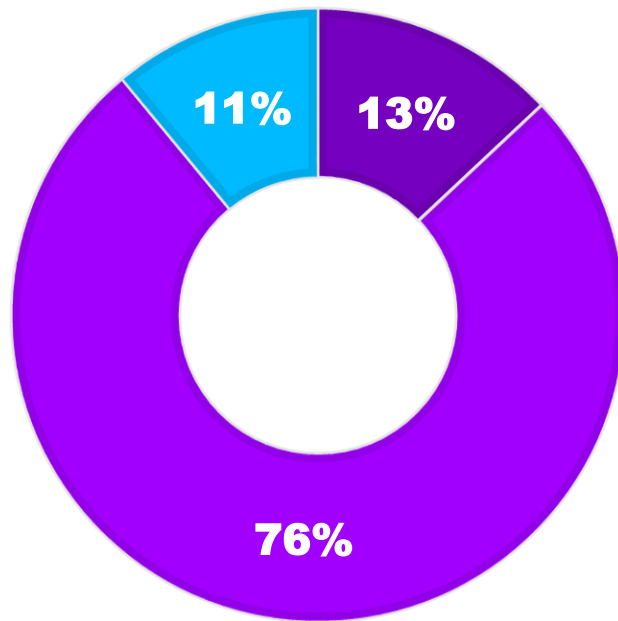
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**NO. SOME COMPANIES RACE
AHEAD, OTHERS STRUGGLE.**

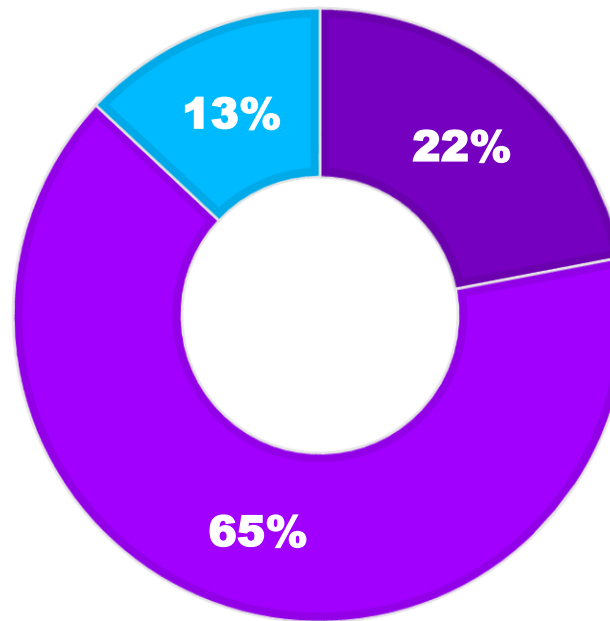
SO, WHO'S SCALING THE BEST?

The Metals & Mining industry has fewer percentage of Champions compared to the global average

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CHAMPIONS

Earn RODI higher than industry ROIC and industry RODI; scale more than 50% of their digital Proof-of-Concepts

CONTENDERS

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CADETS

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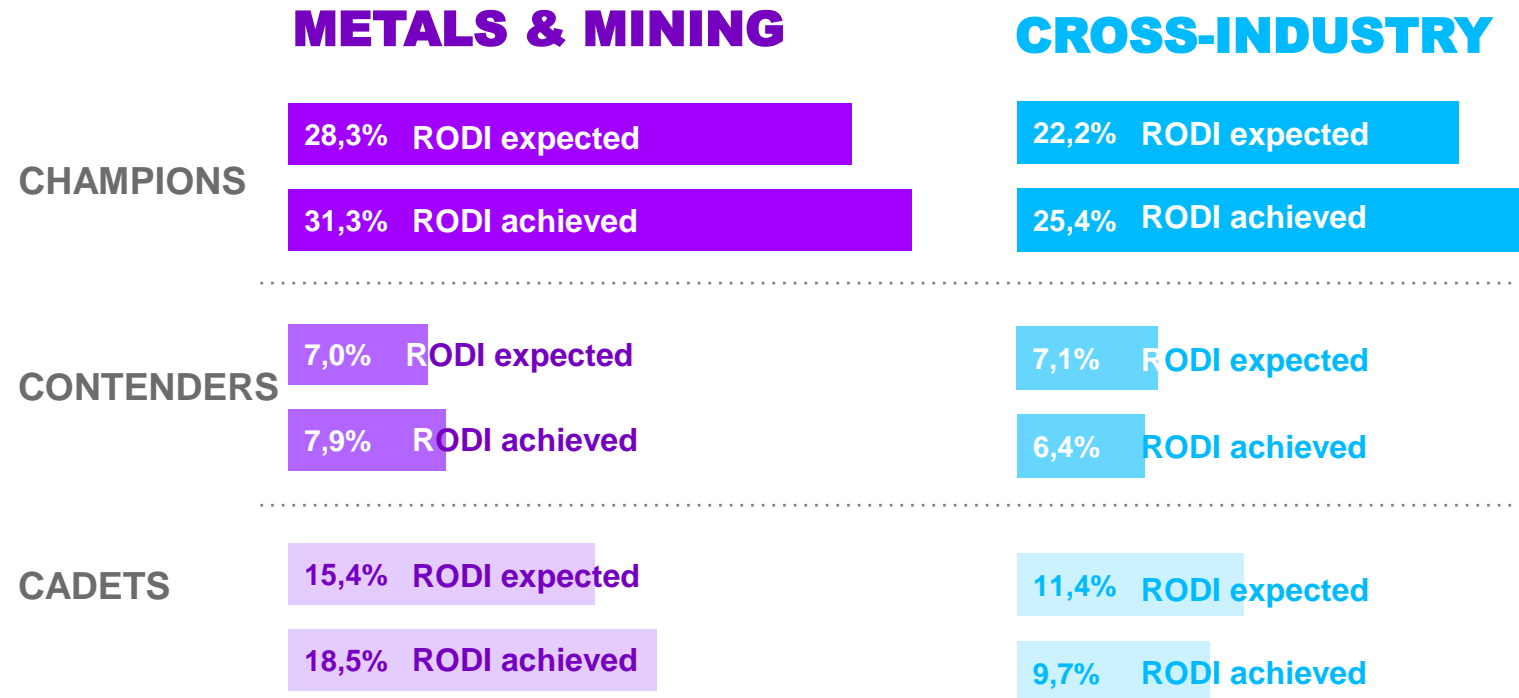
METALS & MINING CHAMPIONS SET THEMSELVES HIGHER “RODI” TARGETS AND ACHIEVE THEM TOO.

Metals & Mining Champions achieved over 4 times the RODI clocked by Contenders; proving that its not how much you scale, but how you scale that matters.

Returns on Digital Investment (RODI)

RODI = Returns on Investment (Net Gain/Total Investment) from scaled digital POCs across all the key business functions.

We asked executives about the average RODI they expected before scaling digital POCs, and the RODI they finally achieved.



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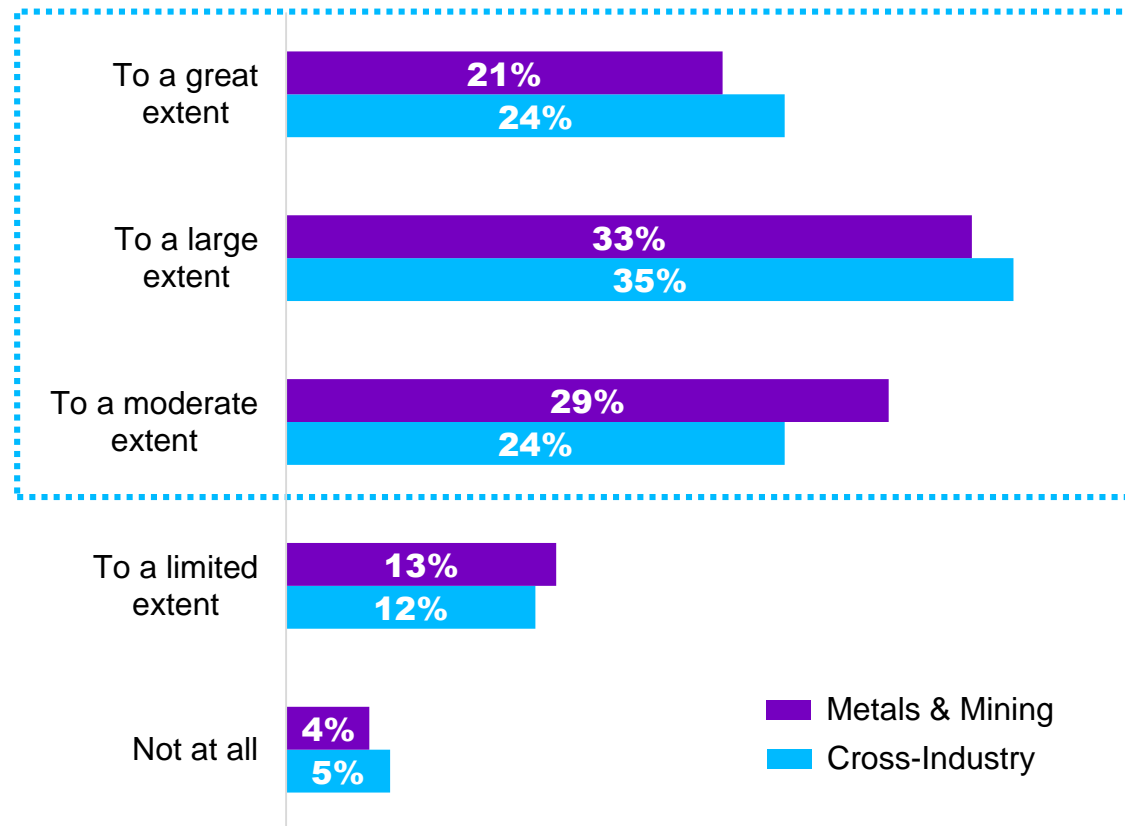
**WHAT'S STOPPING
CONTENDERS AND CADETS
FROM BECOMING CHAMPIONS?**

A:

**LIKE CHAMPIONS, CONTENDERS
AND CADETS TOO FACE ALIGNMENT
AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEFICITS.
WHILE CHAMPIONS OVERCOME
THESE, OTHERS CONTINUE TO
GRAPPLE WITH THEM.**

SECURING FUNDING FOR DIGITAL REINVENTION PROJECTS FROM THE BOARD IS STILL NOT EASY

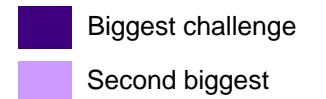
EXTENT TO WHICH SECURING FUNDING FROM THE BOARD FOR DIGITAL REINVENTION IS A CHALLENGE



RANK	KEY REASONS WHY BOARDS OF METALS & MINING COMPANIES REFUSE TO FUND DIGITAL REINVENTION
1.	Inadequate ROI from digital investments
2.	Failure to scale digital proofs of concept (POCs) in the past; Shortage of and difficulty in accessing digital skills; Budget shortage for capital investments
3.	Poor understanding of digital reinvention within Top Management; Lack of a clear digital roadmap
4.	Lack of a digital-native mindset among Board members
5.	Foreseen immaturity of technology

ALIGNMENT CHALLENGES AND PARTNERSHIP DEFICITS ARE OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Metals & Mining executives' top picks* for “biggest challenges to scaling digital POCs”



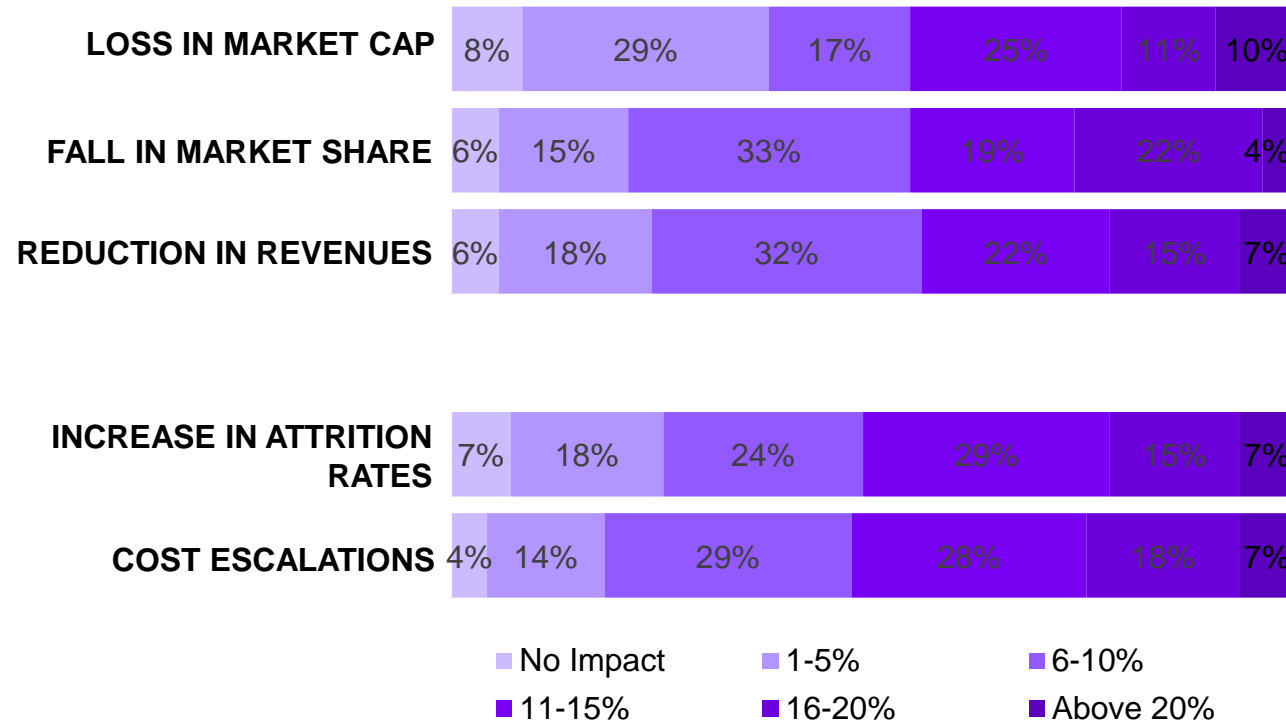
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Inability to align top and middle management to innovate customer value																		
Inability to align top management view on 'digital value'																		
Inability to align talent pools and IT assets across key business functions																		
Inadequate infrastructure to integrate services and products to drive experiences in the 'new'																		
Lack of partnerships to build a high-quality unified view of the customer and their needs																		
Insufficient processes/metrics to assess ROI on digital technology investments																		

* other options which weren't picked and often included: "Inability to align to in-house innovation systems/architecture with agile digital ecosystems", "Lack of skills to innovate with digital technologies and platforms", "Lack of skills to identify and articulate business case for digital," "Absence of culture to design, develop and deliver digital business models," "Absence of culture to stimulate cross-functional innovation with digital," "Absence of culture to drive on-time innovation of monetizable customer experiences", "Lack of partnerships to bridge digital gaps across processes," "Inadequate metrics to systematically track digital investments"

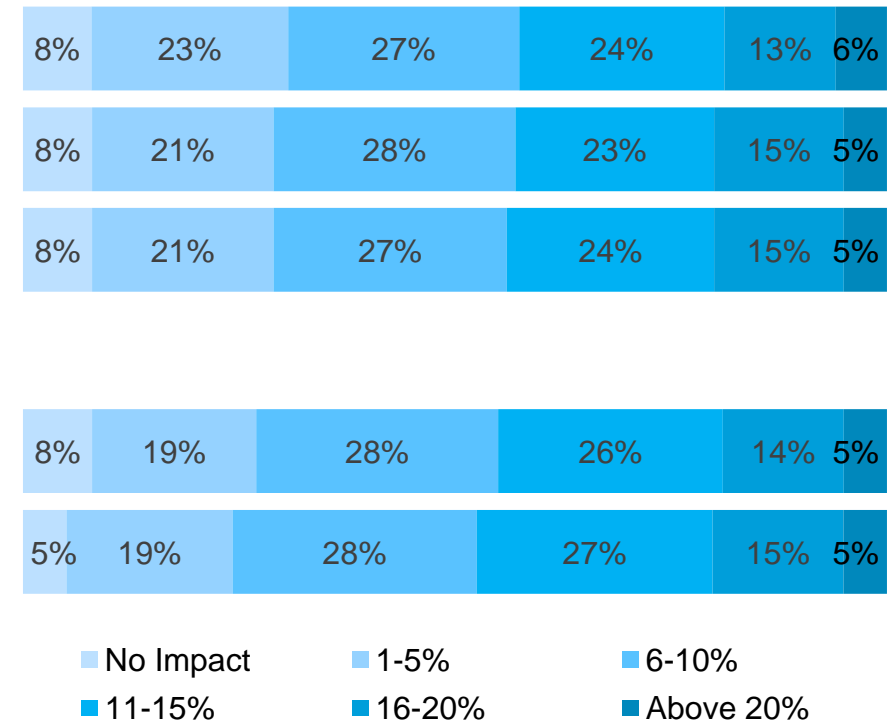
WHAT DO COMPANIES STAND TO LOSE IF THEY FAIL TO ADDRESS THESE CHALLENGES?

Over 70% of Metals & Mining leaders fear significant escalations in cost (>5%) alongside losing market share (>5%), if they fail to overcome organizational challenges

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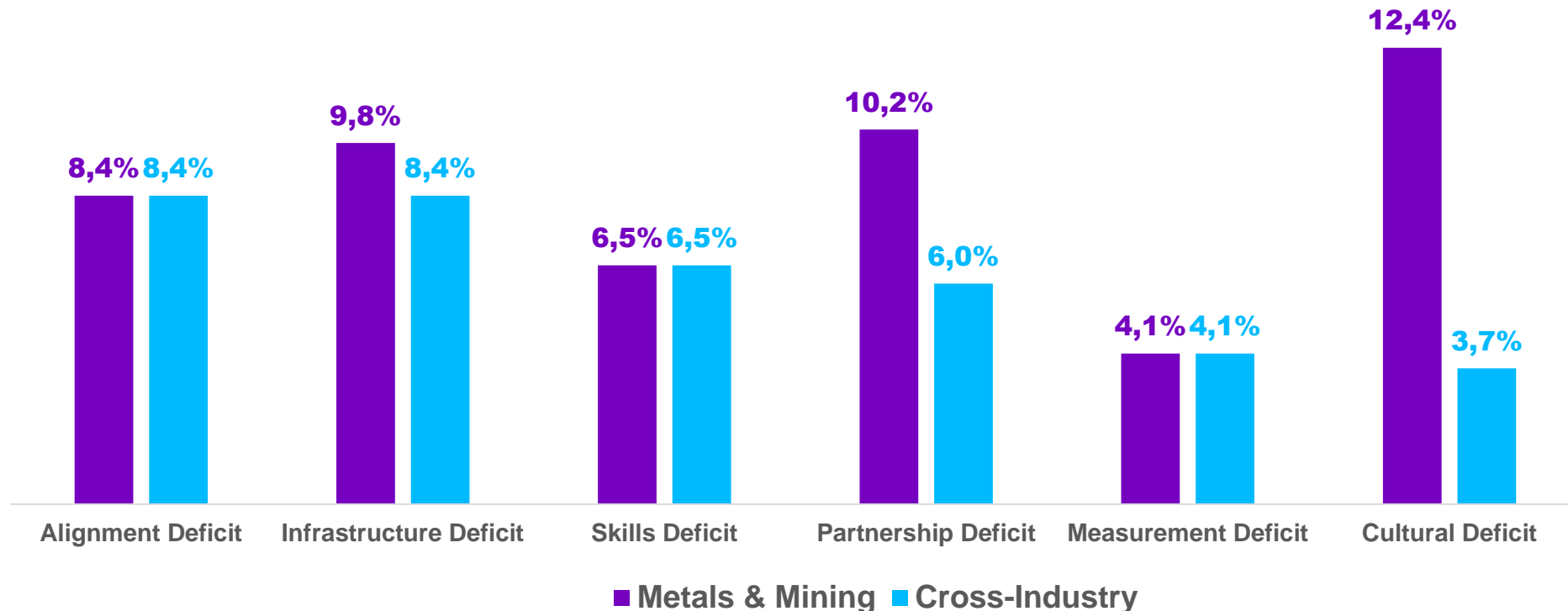
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HOW MUCH CAN COMPANIES GAIN IF THEY OVERCOME THESE DEFICITS?

Metals & Mining companies have the opportunity to achieve sizeable increase in RODI, if they focus on cultural and partnership deficits

INCREMENTAL RODI POTENTIAL IF DEFICIT IS OVERCOME



Q:

**HOW DO CHAMPIONS
OVERCOME THESE
CHALLENGES AND SCALE
THEIR DIGITAL INNOVATIONS?**

A:

**WITH 4 SPECIFIC
BEST PRACTICES.**

1.

DEFINING THE VALUE THAT GUIDES INNOVATION EFFORTS

Champions assess the opportunities before them, and narrow in on the market opportunities they want to pursue. They then use that clarity to communicate with middle management and direct their innovation efforts to secure expected returns.

2.

FOCUS ON INTERNAL CHANGE AND EXTERNAL VALUE

Champions prefer a measured approach to blend organizational change with digital transformation initiatives, creating what we call an ambidextrous organization. With a clear view of the customer value, managers and employees are less likely to feel blindsided by a digital learning curve that is too steep.

3.

BUILD IN-HOUSE INNOVATION FACTORIES WITH TARGETED INFLUENCE

Champions recognize the enormity of integrating rapidly advancing technologies, along with talent and assets, back into their organization. In line with their ambidextrous approach, they take the vital step to re-rig the core of their organizations, seeding and growing new digital innovations organically within organizational boundaries.

4.

MAP KEY INNOVATION ENABLERS TO APPROPRIATE BUSINESS FUNCTIONS

Most manufacturers use the same enablers to drive innovation, such as software applications to support operations, or analytics platforms to generate better insights. However, Champions alone are masters at matching the support to the function that needs it most and will use it best.

Q:

IS THERE A **ROADMAP TO
MATURE AS AN ORGANIZATION
TOWARDS SUCCESSFULLY
SCALING DIGITAL INNOVATION?**

A:

YES THERE IS...

... WE HAVE BUILT ONE LEVERAGING FIVE KEY ORGANIZATIONAL LEVERS



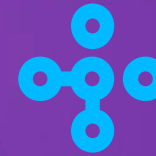
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**ECOSYSTEM
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SKILLSETS



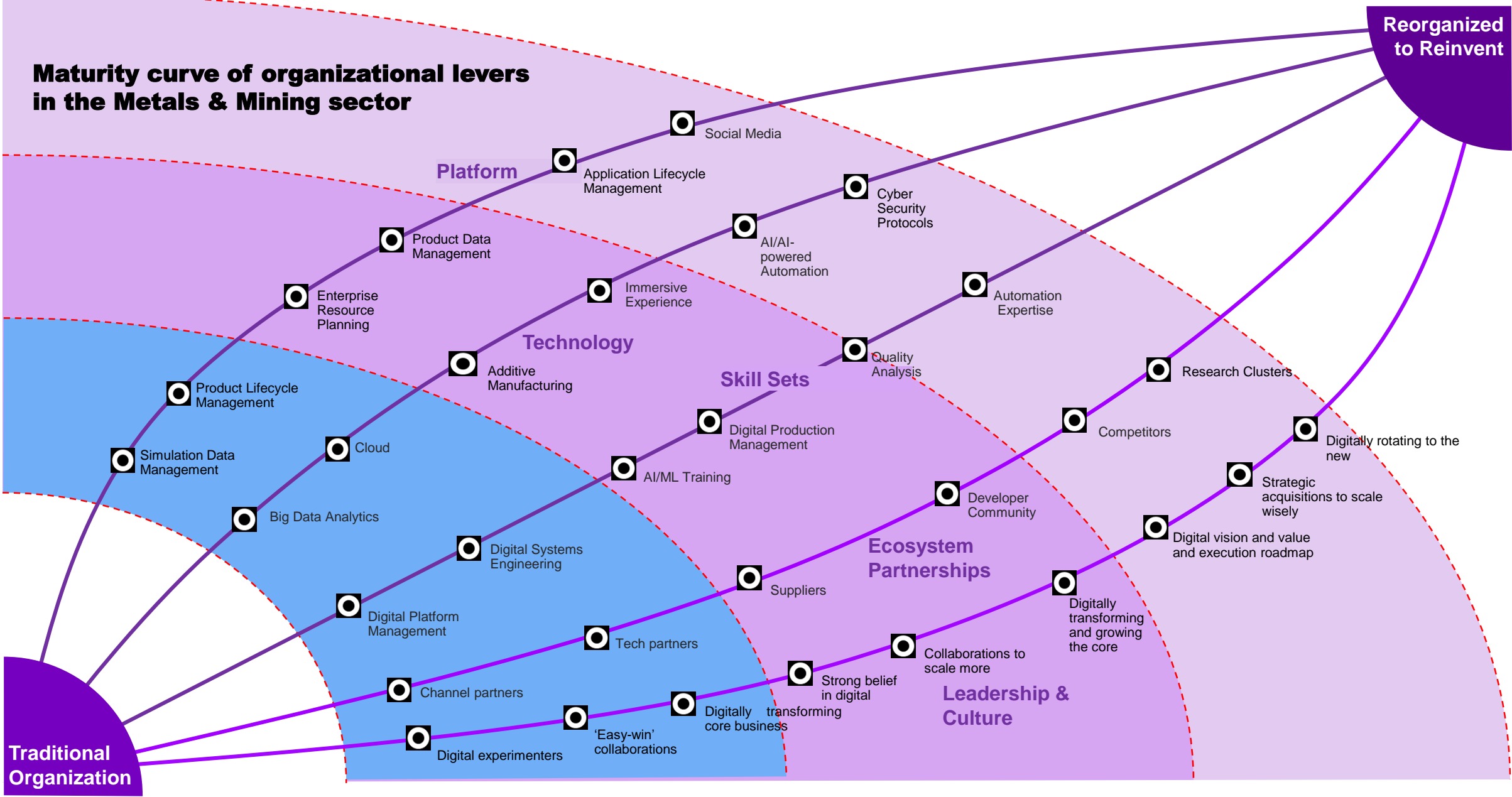
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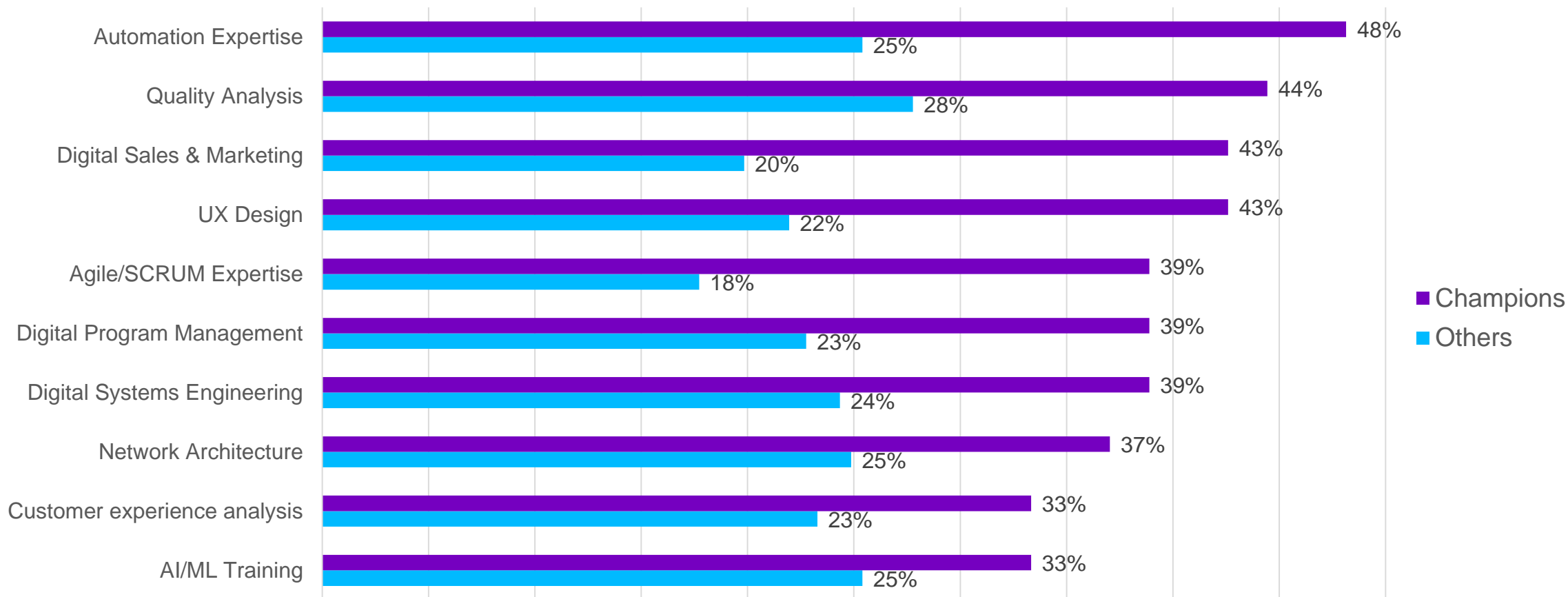
CHAMPIONS
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Maturity curve of organizational levers in the Metals & Mining sector



TOP 10 SKILL SETS FOR METALS & MINING CHAMPIONS

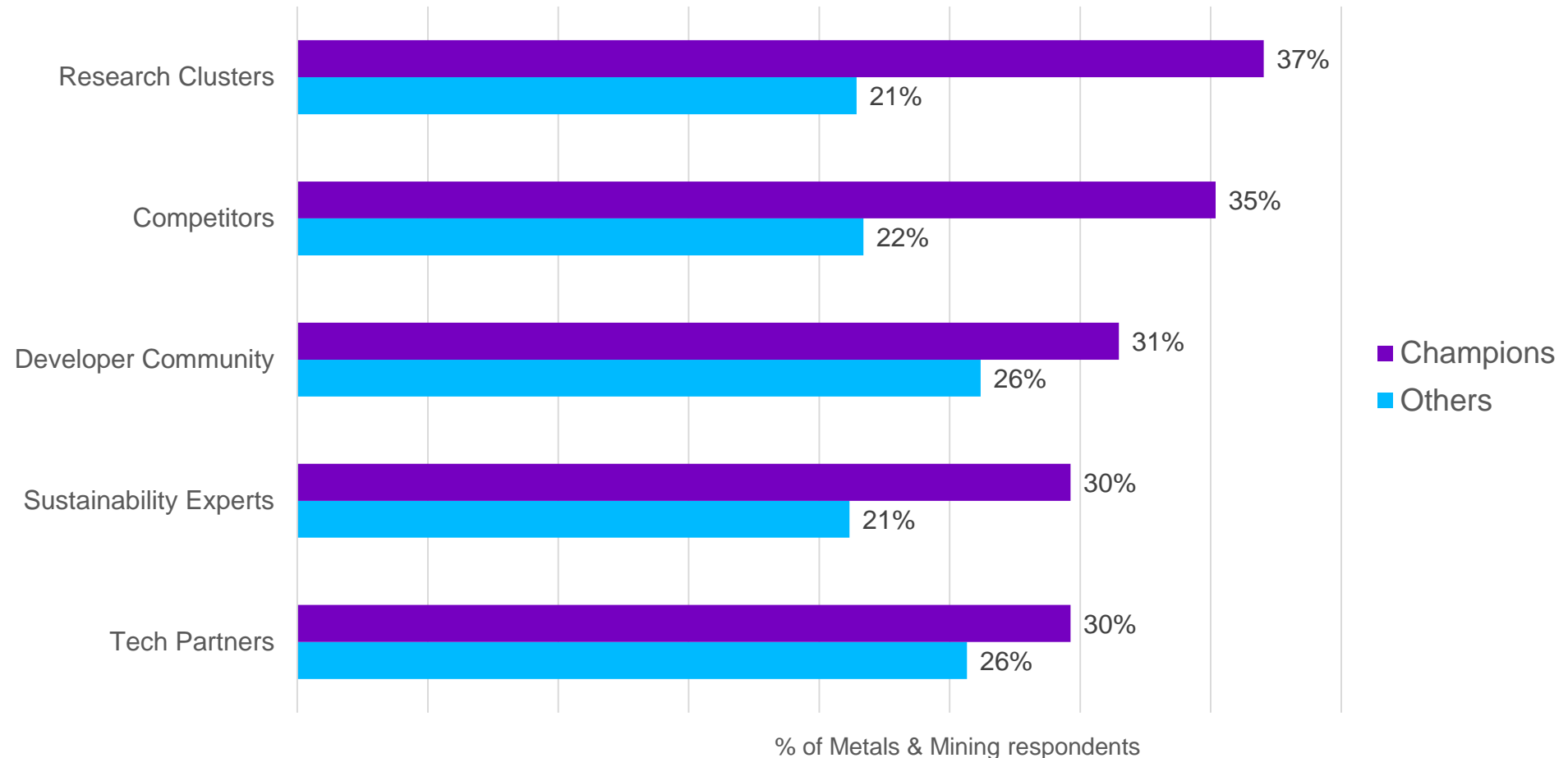
Automation expertise along with Quality Analysis are critical skills to build and scale digital POCs



% of Metals & Mining respondents saying "Very Important"

TOP 5 PARTNERSHIPS FOR METALS & MINING CHAMPIONS

Research Clusters and Competitors are critical partnerships to build and scale digital POCs



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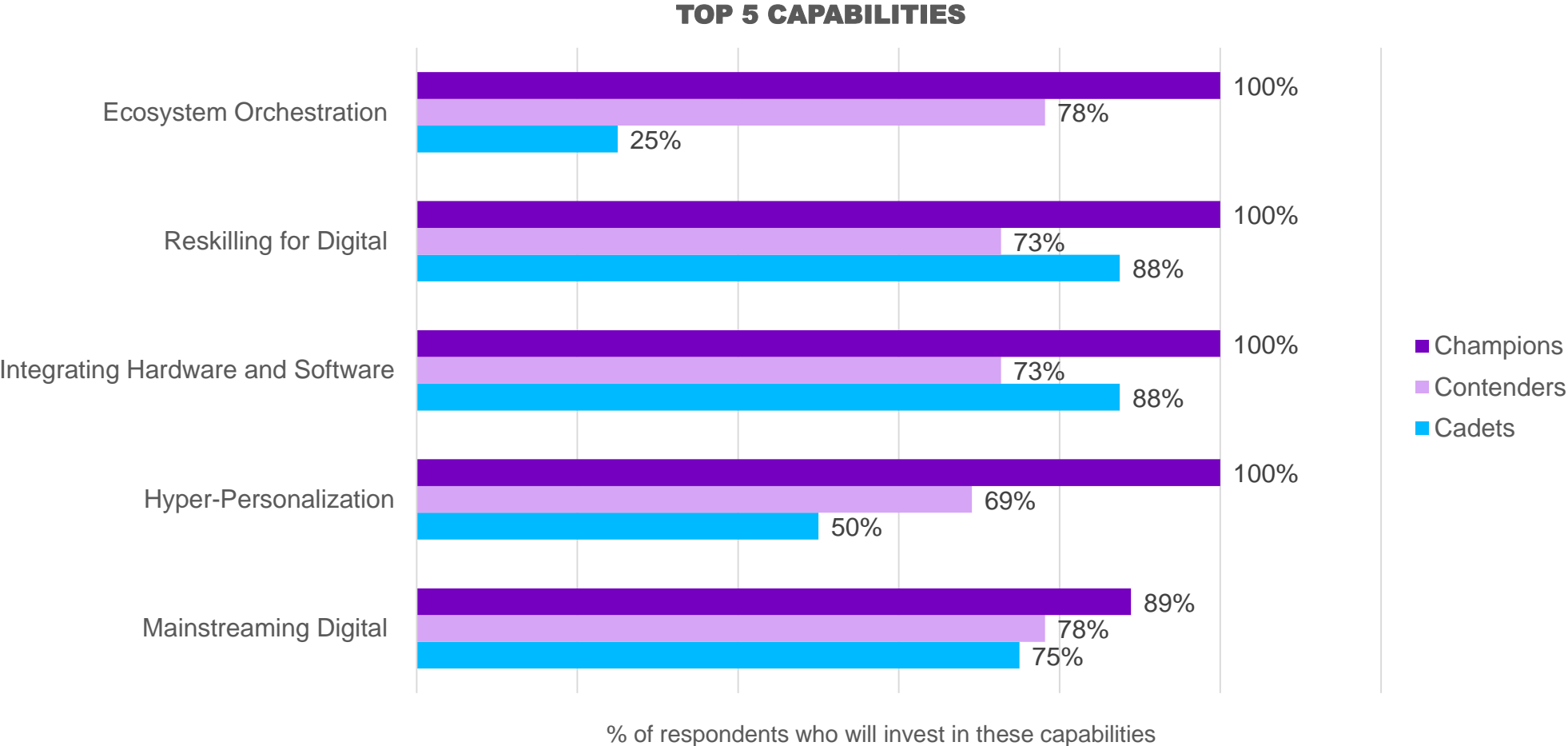
WHAT CAPABILITIES DO METALS & MINING COMPANIES NEED TO BUILD AS THEY NAVIGATE ALONG THIS ROADMAP?

A:

CHAMPIONS PRIORITIZE CERTAIN CAPABILITIES, AND INVEST HEAVILY IN THEM

EVERY CHAMPION WANTS TO INVEST IN ECOSYSTEM ORCHESTRATION

No wonder Research Clusters and Competitors are key partnerships for them



Striving to scale your own innovations?

Get in touch!

Whether you are seeking to start new initiatives the right way, help with scaling those you already have—we are ready to help you improve your outcomes by putting our knowledge to work! Please reach out to **raghav.narsalay@accenture.com** or **aaroahi.sen@accenture.com** at Accenture Research, or visit **accenture.com/scaling-innovation**

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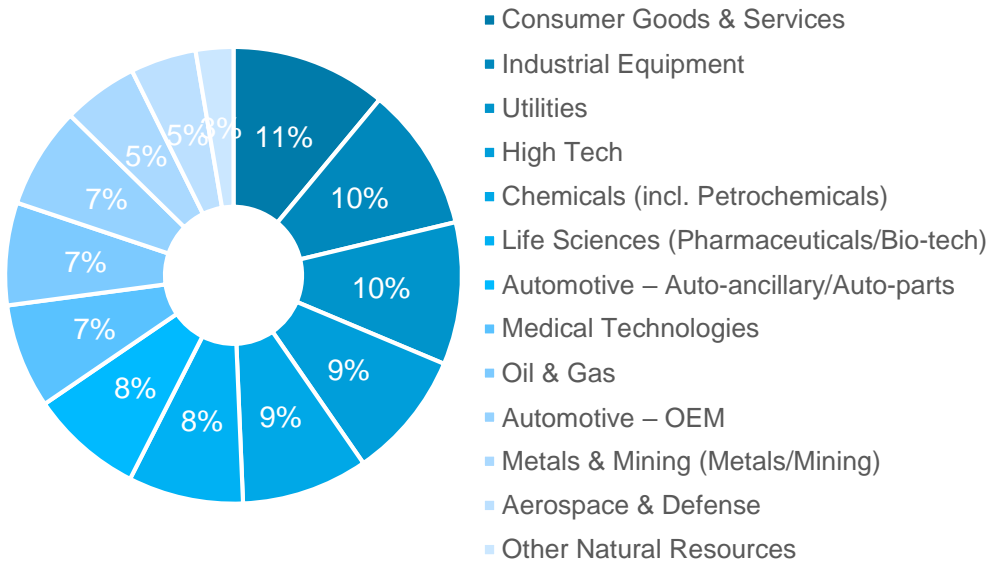
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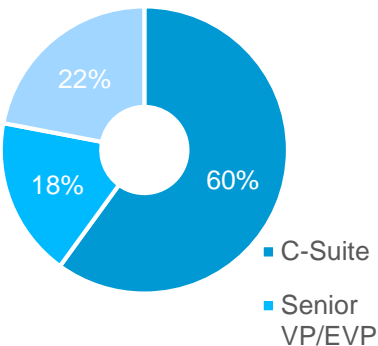
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SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS – OVERALL (N=1350)

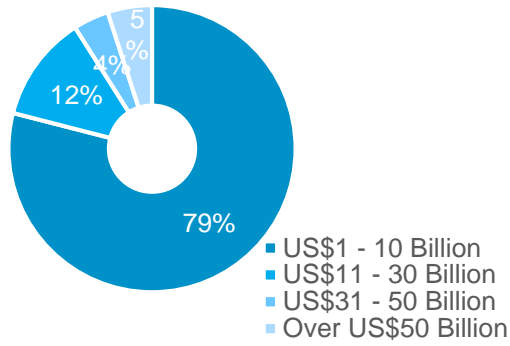
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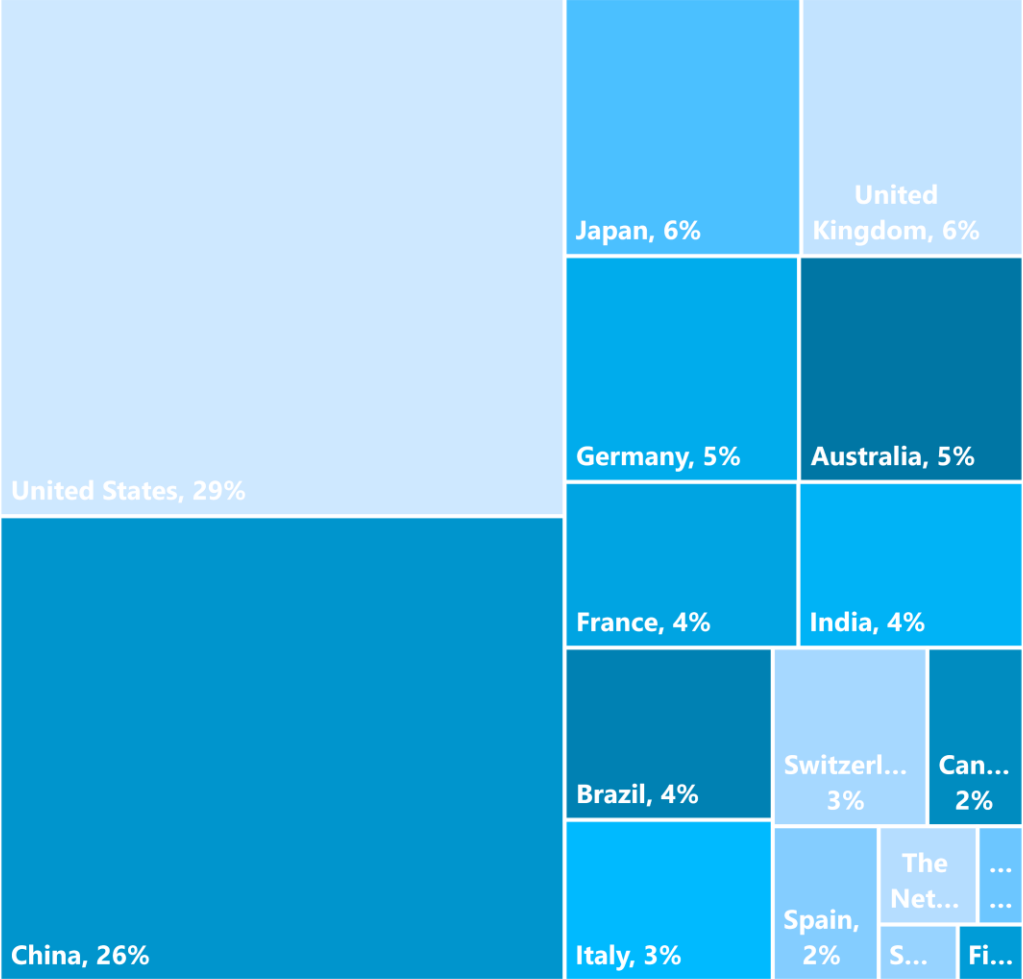
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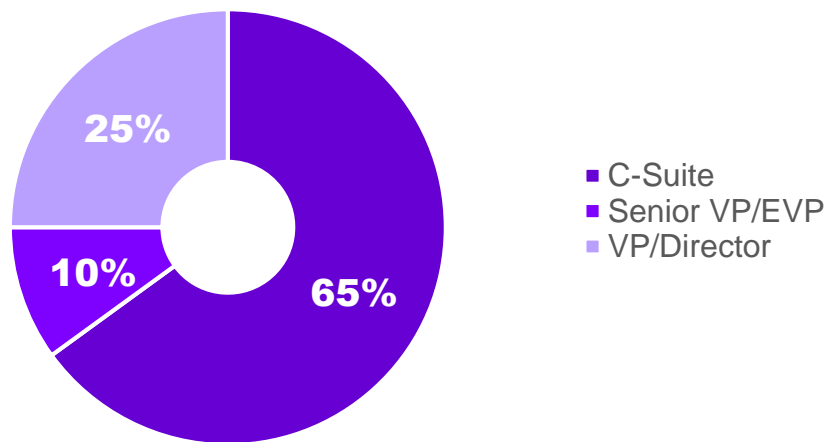


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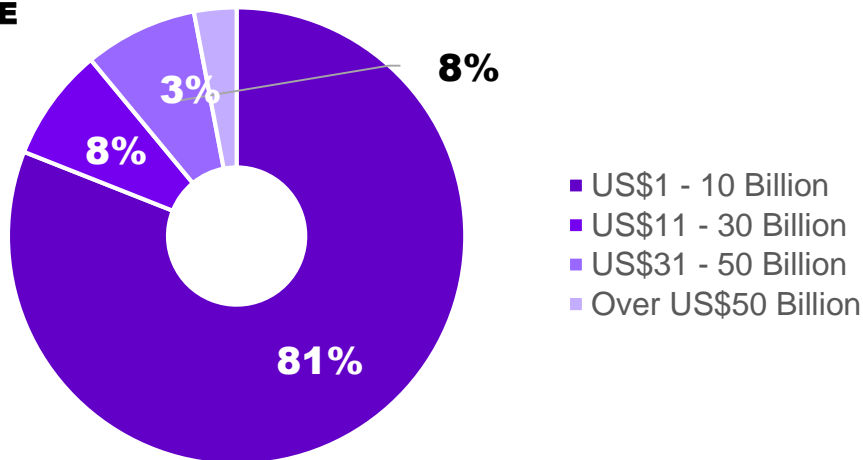


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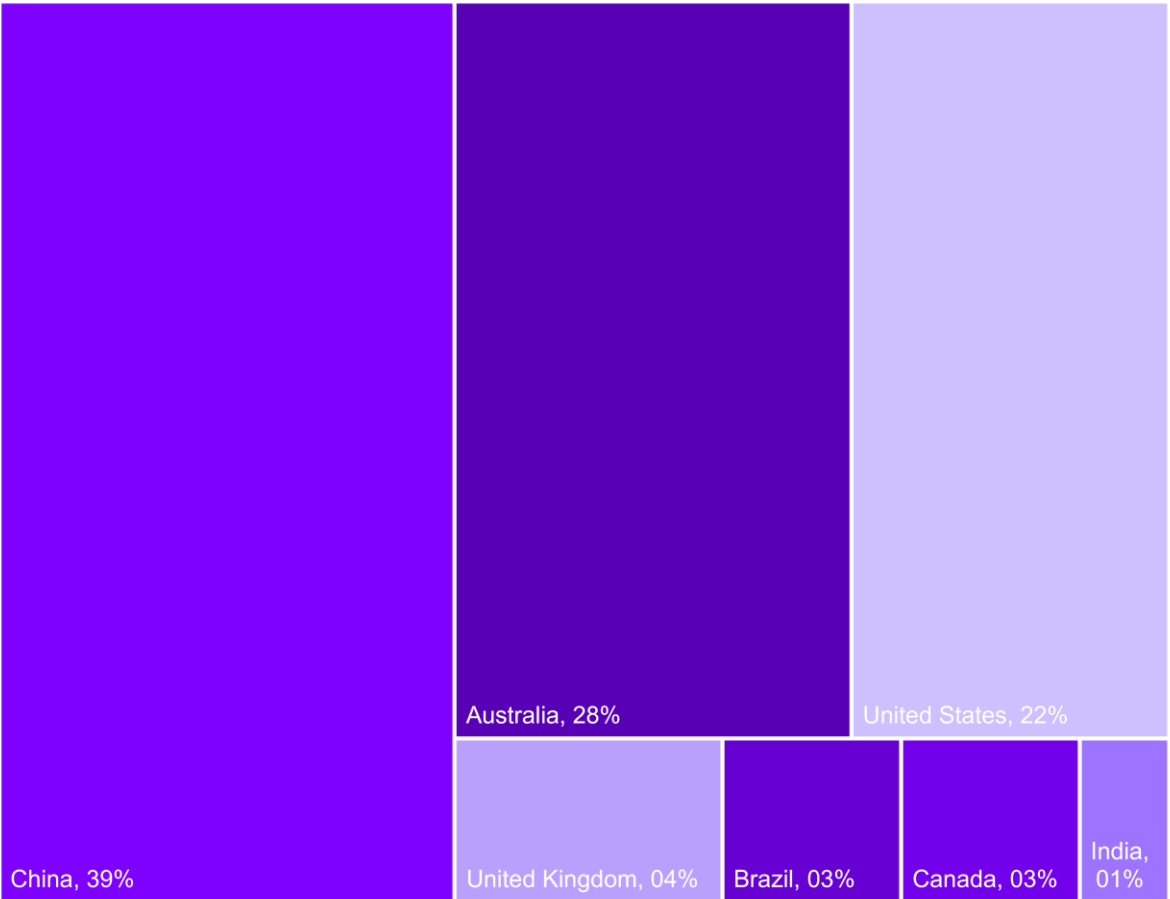
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