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LEADING INNOVATION

Redefining how
innovation can
transform the
future of tourism

**MIDDLE EAST
TOURISM
INNOVATION
MATURITY INDEX**

THE MIDDLE EAST IS PRIMED FOR GROWTH IN THE TRAVEL AND TOURISM SECTOR

Significant investments in Travel and Tourism (T&T) have positioned the Middle East as a leading tourist destination.

THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

Saudi Vision 2030

100mn visitors a year by 2030

NEOM

The city of the future for 1mn citizens
\$500bn investment

QATAR

Qatar National Vision

10mn expected annual tourists by 2030
\$45bn in tourism-related activities

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Expo 2020 Dubai

15mn visitors over 6 months, 70% from outside UAE

GITEX Technology Week

100,000 visitors



\$15bn of hospitality projects underway in Dubai

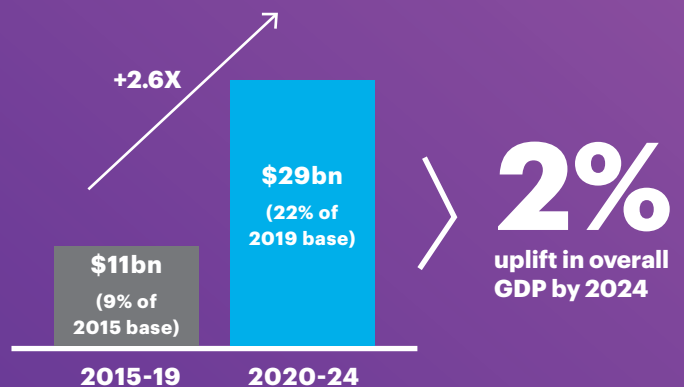
INVESTMENT STREAMS



Theme parks, mega shopping malls and new attractions
Relaxed visa restrictions

T&T INDUSTRY ABSOLUTE \$ VALUE GROWTH

As a result, the industry's contribution to the region's economic growth and diversification is expected to accelerate at pace - with a projection of nearly 3X growth in the next 5 years.



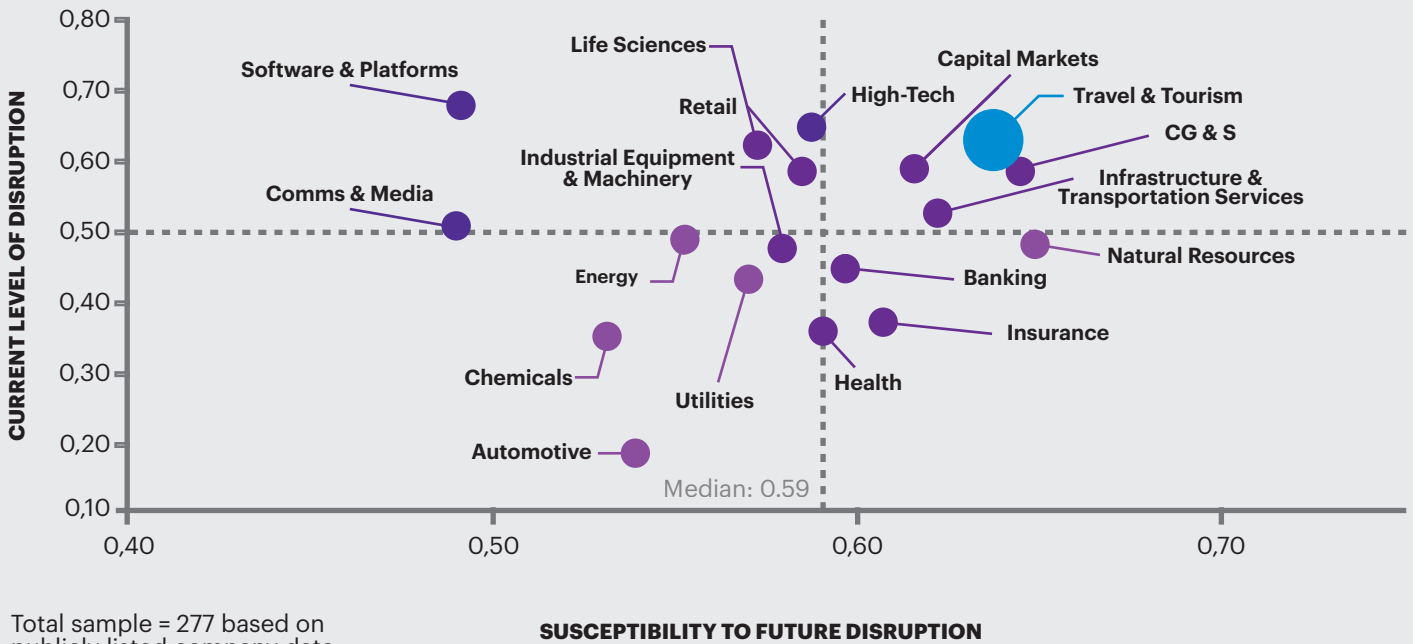
INTERNATIONAL RECEIPTS AND ARRIVALS

RECEIPTS GROWTH: \$55bn (2015) to \$67bn (2019) to \$89bn (2024)

ARRIVALS GROWTH: \$42mn (2015) to \$46mn (2019) to \$64mn (2024)

WITH GROWTH, COMES DISRUPTIVE THREATS THAT ARE INCREASINGLY ON THE RISE IN THE T&T SECTOR

T&T faces inescapable exposure to disruption.



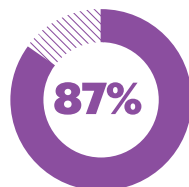
Selected disruptive forces

60 More than 60 travel startups with headquarters in the Middle East

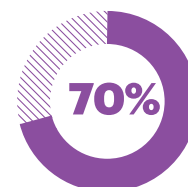
40% Of travellers would be more loyal to an airline, hotel or agency in return for a personalised service

TECHNOLOGY
AI | ANALYTIC BLOCKCHAIN | MOBILE

T&T executives are aware of the threat of disruption but are unprepared to effectively navigate it.



of companies expect their industry to be disrupted by new innovations in the next three years

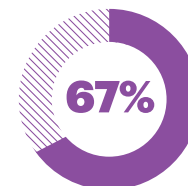


of companies are unsure or dissatisfied that their company's innovation efforts will position them well to overcome future disruption

Executives in the middle of a wave of disruption tend to make cautious moves – a mindset that could prove very risky in the reality of fierce disruption.



of companies continue to compete in their legacy businesses using mostly traditional approaches



of companies focus on incremental innovation

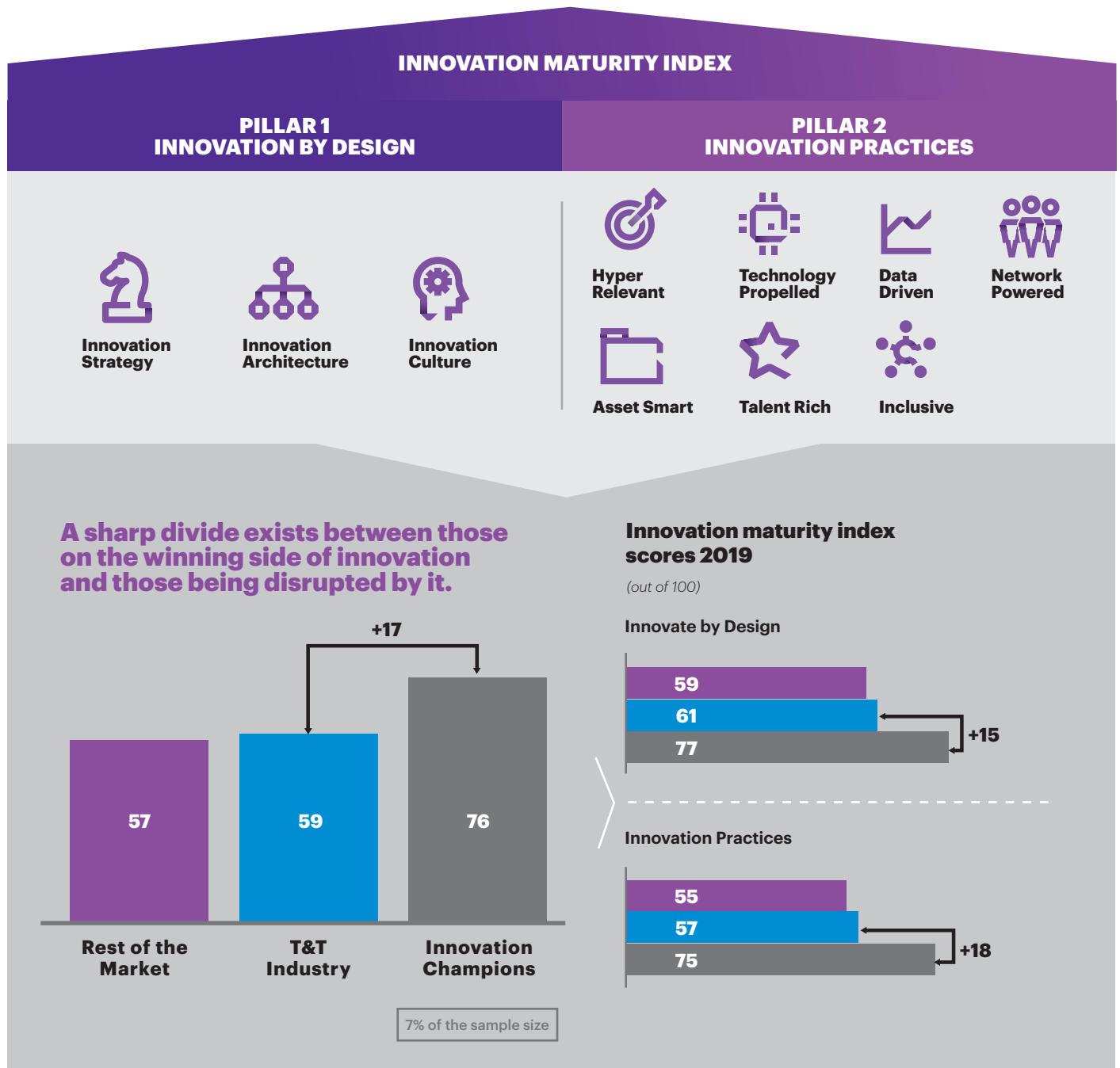
NEARLY ALL DISRUPTIONS ARE CAUSED BY INNOVATIONS, MAKING INNOVATION THE SOURCE OF DISRUPTION

Retail industry was upended by the arrival of online shopping.

T&T has already seen shifts in the way people use technology to make hospitality and travel bookings.



MANAGING DISRUPTION SUCCESSFULLY IS WHY INNOVATION MATTERS



THE INNOVATION CHAMPION APPROACH

INNOVATION CHAMPIONS DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY

1 Champions use innovation to strategically pivot their business to the NEW.



of Champions (vs 40% of T&T companies) use innovation strategically to unlock value in the legacy and new businesses

2 During design, Champions differentiate in Culture and Architecture building.



15 point gap

between the T&T industry and Innovation Champions on the Index.



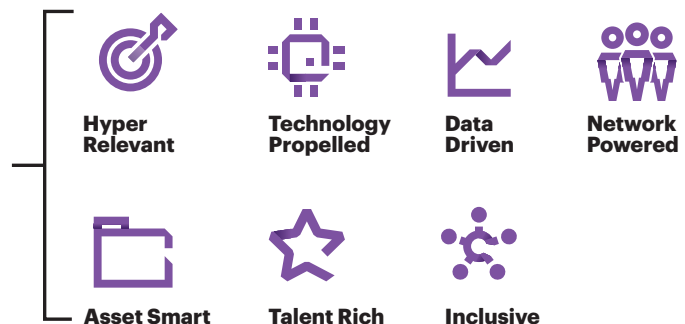
27 point gap

between the T&T industry and Innovation Champions on the Index.

3 Champions stand out across all innovation practices and see data as the alpha trend.

Average point difference between T&T industry and Innovation Champions:

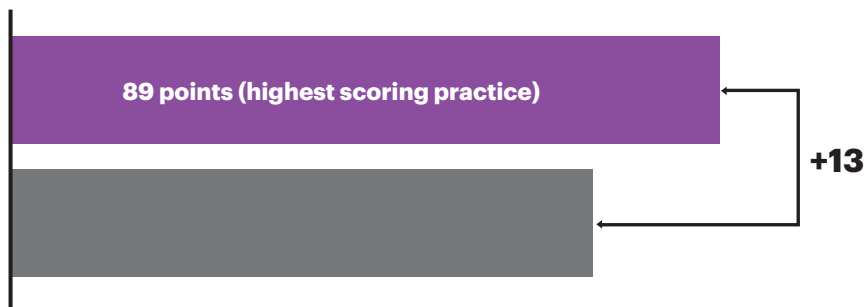
18 points across all 7 practices.



Data Driven

Innovation Champions

T&T industry



USING DATA EFFECTIVELY HELPS LEADERS POWER THEIR PIVOT

BUT MOST T&T COMPANIES ARE CHALLENGED TO CONVERT THEIR ACCESS TO DATA INTO VALUE - CREATING A DATA VALUE GAP.

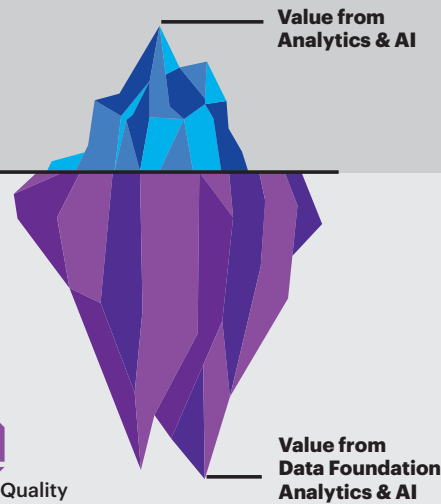
- 1 The exponential growth in data amplifies the opportunity for enterprises to be more insight led in delivering business value. Data led activities applied at the foundation can help increase data quality, trust and create efficiencies to transform the core business and improve current value of operations.
- 2 At the same time building a solid data foundation is critical to set up an analytics and AI capability to power the new.

Powering the Pivot with Data

2 POWER THE NEW

1 TRANSFORM THE CORE AND SET UP THE NEW

- Data Efficiencies
- Data Trust
- Data Quality

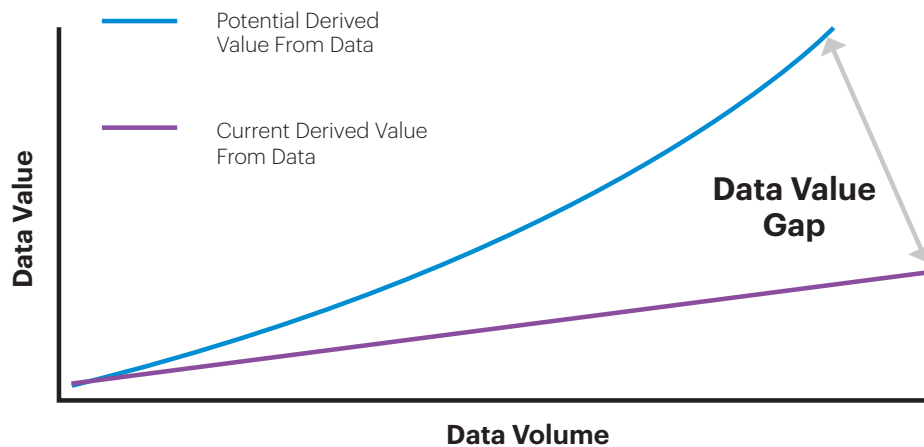


3 BUSINESS VALUE

- Business Growth
- Operational Excellence
- Optimised Customer Experience
- Innovative Products & Services

Closing the Data Value Gap

The exponential growth in data amplifies the opportunity for enterprises to be more insight led in delivering business value **but most T&T companies are challenged to convert the access to data into value creating a Data Value Gap.**



10X the amount of data in 2017 will be created by 2025

Only 30% of T&T companies in the Middle East reported being able to realise tangible and measurable value from data

Data Value Gap: Challenge 1 Poor data quality

1 in 2 companies say their data quality is incomplete, inaccurate, and insecure

Data Value Gap: Challenge 2 Siloted and slow data

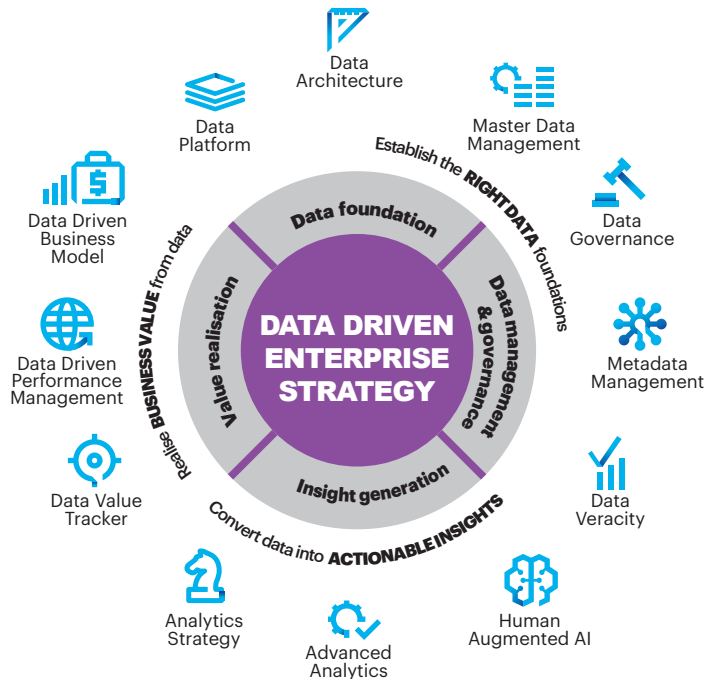
50% say the flow of data throughout their business is not seamless

Data Value Gap: Challenge 3 Lacking a data strategy and culture

77% lack a clear vision with defined objectives for their analytics journey with no underlying operating model

ROADMAP TO CLOSING THE DATA VALUE GAP

By being data-driven, Innovation Champions unlocked trapped value in data by investing **12 capabilities to achieve 4 outcomes.**



1	<p>BUILD A SOLID DATA FOUNDATION</p> <p>They integrate data across the enterprise in a structured way to provide faster access to trustworthy data that can be used to drive insights and real-time decision making.</p> <p>Response Rate Champions: 70% vs T&T: 39%</p>
2	<p>OPERATIONALISE DATA MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE</p> <p>They focus on controlling and managing data at scale so that it can be leveraged as an enterprise-wide strategic asset A.</p> <p>Response Rate Champions: 73% vs T&T: 44%</p>
3	<p>CONVERT DATA INTO ACTIONABLE INSIGHTS</p> <p>They leverage analytical insight generation to serve as the gateway to insight-powered enterprises; integrating data driven decisions across the business functions.</p> <p>Response Rate Champions: 57% vs T&T: 24%</p>
4	<p>REALISE VALUE FROM DATA</p> <p>They ensure implementation of analytics strategy is generating business benefits and driving sustainable returns for the enterprise.</p> <p>Response Rate Champions: 65% vs T&T: 34%</p>

DUBAI TOURISM INNOVATION HUB

Transformative experiences start here.

Located in Dubai, the Tourism Innovation Hub will help our industry partners address business challenges and keep pace with rapid change. The Hub brings together the region's best minds and global cutting-edge technology to reinvent the future of tourism.

Accenture Middle East helps T&T businesses immerse themselves in an environment that encourages collaboration with our innovation leads, subject matter experts and tourism ecosystem partners to **inspire, ideate and impact.**

Offerings and capabilities:

At the Dubai Tourism Innovation Hub, industry leaders can co-create transformative experiences with pioneering digital solutions, global capabilities and local know-how.

- 1 SMART INDUSTRY SOLUTIONS**
Deliver smart, scalable business solutions for clients in the Tourism ecosystem.
- 2 INNOVATION**
Develop innovative concepts and ready to use POCs, driving innovation for clients.
- 3 RESEARCH**
Conduct thought leadership & research and application of new technologies.
- 4 STARTUPS**
Scout and incubate startups, providing open innovation with clients.
- 5 DATA INTEGRATION**
Connect the tourist experience by integrating partner data.
- 6 TECHNOLOGICAL EXPERTISE**
Leverage technologies like augmented reality, machine learning and NLP, machine vision, IoT, 3D visualisation and spatial audio AR.

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