CURRENT ROLE
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Key theme: “Leading in the New”

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Thinking Differently about Disruption. Understanding the different forms, the trends and how to spot them helps businesses leverage disruption to unlock trapped value and innovation.

Thriving Amidst Digital Fragmentation. Digital fragmentation — which creates higher global barriers to the free flow of data, IT talent and IT products and services — is exacerbated by data privacy laws, trade restrictions, strengthening immigration laws, etc. What does this mean for global companies and how can they thrive in this new environment?

Industry X.0 Imperatives. Based on cyber/physical production systems that combine communications, IT, data and physical elements, Industry X.0 is nothing short of a profound shift. Intensive research and modeling sheds light on what businesses must address to be smarter, more connected and ready to innovate in the new.

Why “Living Businesses” are Poised to Win. To navigate the tricky shoals of a constantly changing business landscape — brought about by digital technology, rising consumer expectations and the increase in opportunity cost of employees — business must become ever-evolving “living businesses.”

The Cyber Resilient Business. Businesses are spending more than ever on cybersecurity, yet the attacks keep getting worse (and cyber crime costs keep increasing). To out-think attackers, it’s going to take a healthy paranoia, a different leadership mindset and the power of an entire ecosystem.

The Future Workforce. “Work.” It’s not your father’s Oldsmobile. Digital technology is reinventing the overall work experience for all levels of employees, including the leaders of organizations. The stakes are high for businesses, people and society as a whole. Business leaders need to ensure that their employees are relevant and adaptable.
OMAR ABBOSH

BACKGROUND
Before being appointed to his current position in March 2015, Omar held several Accenture management roles, including senior managing director — Growth & Strategy for the Resources operating group; managing director of the Resources business in the United Kingdom and Ireland; Global Utilities managing director; and managing director of Accenture Smart Grid Services & Accenture Energy Consumer Services. He has served as the global client lead for top tier multinational companies, where he advised client executives on major strategic issues for their businesses, including bringing and scaling digital innovation into the enterprise, operating model transformation, leadership development, mergers and acquisitions, capital allocation and investment management. He also served on the Global Energy Board chaired by Lord Browne of Madingley for ten years. Omar joined Accenture in 1989 and became a partner in 1998. He holds a degree in electronic engineering from Cambridge University and a master’s degree in business administration from INSEAD.

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