



Everest Group Banking Operations – Services PEAK Matrix® Assessment 2025

Focus on Cognizant
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Introduction

The banking landscape has continued to evolve, becoming more mature and technology-driven as leading providers consolidate their market positions through scale, domain expertise, and digital transformation capabilities. The landscape remains relatively concentrated at the top, while specialist and mid-tier players are gaining ground in select niches through differentiated offerings and platform-based delivery.

Enterprises are prioritizing operational agility, resilience, and digital scalability to navigate persistent cost pressures, regulatory changes, and evolving customer expectations. They are increasingly investing in AI, analytics, automation, and cloud-enabled solutions to modernize legacy processes, improve risk management, and enhance Customer Experience (CX).

Service providers are differentiating by adopting as-a-service and Business Process-as-a-Service (BPaaS) models, integrating advanced technology with banking domain expertise and advisory-led transformation. Many are also expanding their partner ecosystems and pursuing

strategic acquisitions to deepen capabilities in AI, data, and compliance, while accelerating innovation and time-to-market. Buyers are showing a strong preference for end-to-end transformation partners that can deliver holistic value, combining cost efficiency, compliance assurance, and business agility with proactive guidance on best practices and operating model design.

The full report includes the profiles of the following 34 leading service providers featured on the [Banking Operations – Services PEAK Matrix® Assessment 2025](#):

- **Leaders:** Accenture, Cognizant, Firstsource, Genpact, HCLTech, Infosys, TCS, Tech Mahindra, TP, and Wipro
- **Major Contenders:** 3i Infotech, Capgemini, Coforge, Concentrix, Conduent, DXC Technology, EXL, FIS, IBM, Mphasis, NTT DATA, Sutherland, TaskUs, Ubiquity, WNS, Writer Business Services, and XBP Global
- **Aspirants:** BPO Plus, CGI, Datamatics, Nutun, Stefanini, and Vindhya

Scope of this report

Geography: global

Industry: market activity and investments of 34 providers providing banking services within the BFS industry

Services: banking services



Scope of the evaluation

Evaluating provider performance across global banking operations



Geography

Global coverage of capital markets institutions across North America, Europe, and Asia Pacific



Focus of research

Segments in scope

Retail banking, commercial banking, lending, and payments



Processes assessed

Front-, middle-, and back-office operations including trade capture, reference data management, corporate actions, client onboarding, risk, and regulatory reporting



Service providers

34 providers positioned as Leaders, Major Contenders, or Aspirants on the 2025 PEAK Matrix®

Assessment window

Twelve-month trailing revenue and deal activity through December 2024

Evaluation lens

Market impact and vision and capability pillars spanning adoption, portfolio mix, value delivered, innovation, scope, and footprint



Banking Operations services PEAK Matrix® characteristics

Leaders

Accenture, Cognizant, Firstsource, Genpact, HCLTech, Infosys, TCS, Tech Mahindra, TP, Wipro

- Leaders deliver comprehensive banking operations coverage across retail, commercial, payments, and lending, with differentiated strengths in AI-first frameworks, modular BPaaS, and outcome-based models
- Drive scaled transformation through proprietary and co-developed platforms, and integrated digital and consulting models
- These companies have expanded their presence across all major geographies including North America, UK, Europe, and APAC, with expansion into LATAM and Eastern Europe to support risk-managed, cost-effective delivery
- Leaders maintain a balanced mix of onshore, nearshore, and offshore delivery locations to provider cost arbitrage as well as flexibility to their clients

Major Contenders

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- Major Contenders are actively pursuing expansion through GenAI-led solutions, modular automation platforms, and targeted acquisitions to meet evolving buyer demands
- Several providers specialize by LoB (e.g., lending, payments, FCC) or client segments (e.g., mid-tier banks, FinTechs), while growing nearshore and regulated delivery support
- End-to-end transformation capabilities continue to evolve, with most operating through modular solutions, offshore-heavy delivery, and limited enterprise scale BPaaS adoption

Aspirants

BPO Plus, CGI, Datamatics, Nutun, Stefanini, Vindhya

- Aspirants offer niche or region-specific capabilities with limited scale and lower market adoption, focusing on early-stage investments in AI-led automation across select areas such as lending, onboarding, and CX operations
- Typically support small and midsized banks in select geographies, with a focus on operational efficiency, flexible pricing, and digital augmentation of voice-led services
- Limited enterprise adoption, LoB depth, and end-to-end ownership restrict visibility in global transformation programs, though several are strengthening technology ecosystems and service breadth

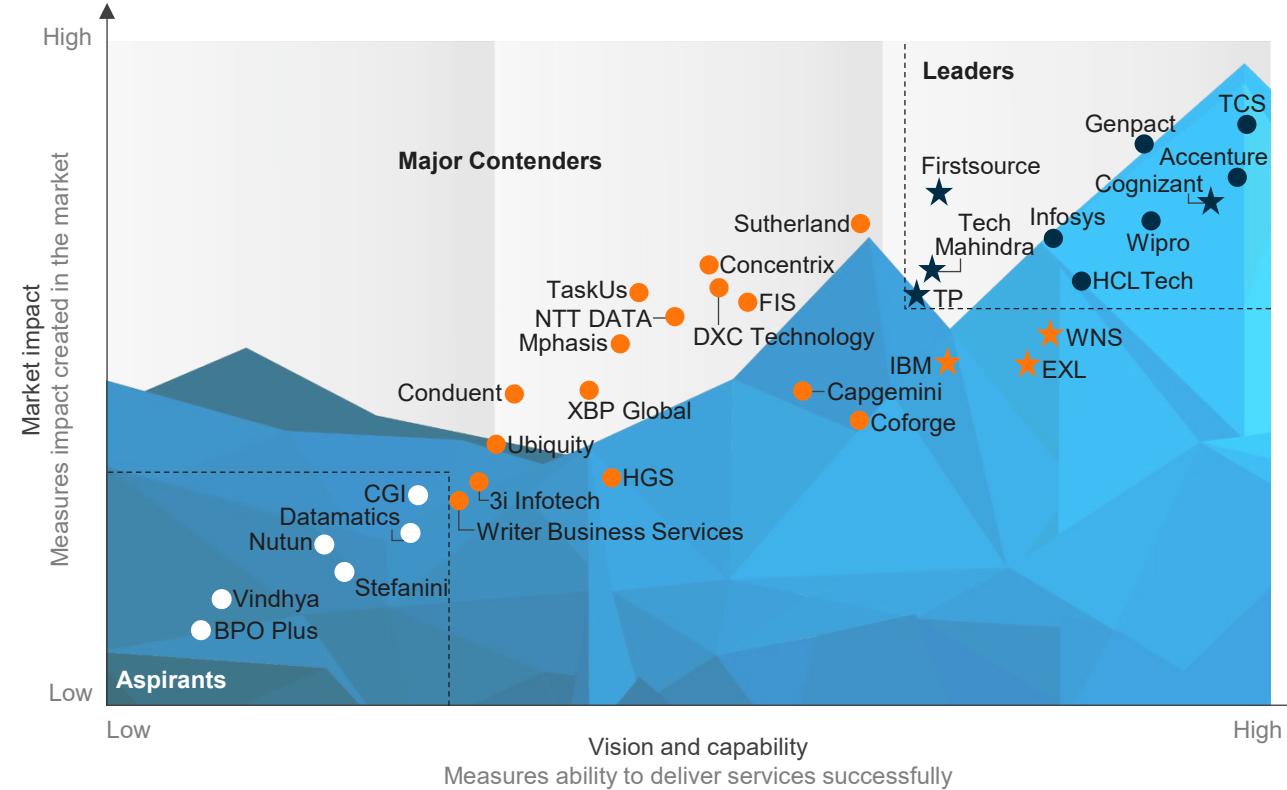


Everest Group PEAK Matrix®

Banking Operations – Services PEAK Matrix® Assessment 2025 | Cognizant is positioned as a Leader and a Star Performer

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- Leaders
- Major Contenders
- Aspirants
- ☆ Star Performers



¹ Assessments for BPO Plus, Capgemini, CGI, Conduent, Datamatics, Nutun, NTT DATA, and Stefanini excludes service provider inputs and are based on Everest Group's proprietary Transaction Intelligence (TI) database, provider public disclosures, and Everest Group's interactions with BFS buyers. XBP Global and Genpact have partially participated in this assessment.

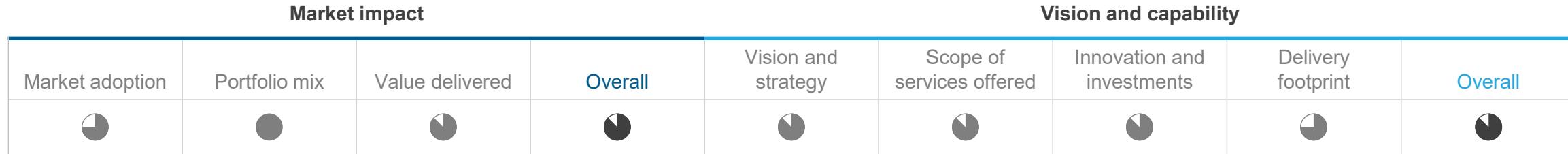
² This analysis reflects the capabilities and data of WNS prior to its acquisition by Capgemini and XBP Group is evaluated based on Exela's capabilities and reflects Exela's pre-acquisition positioning.

Source: Everest Group (2025)

Cognizant

Everest Group assessment – Leader and Star Performer

Measure of capability:  Low  High



Strengths

- Cognizant has established presence across core banking, lending, and cards and payments operations, KYC, serving a broad mix of global banks and mid-tier financial institutions and continues to gain traction as a GCC transformation partner
- Cognizant's Neuro® suite, combined with Matterway and Flowsource, anchors an AI-first delivery framework that integrates gen AI and agentic automation, enabling end-to-end orchestration, decision augmentation, and straight-through processing, driving measurable cycle time and error-rate reductions for banking clients
- Its domain-led operations are supported by a proprietary Banking Academy that gamifies regulatory training to improve workforce readiness and reduce attrition
- It leverages Neuro® Business Process and Neuro® AI as modular IPs for automation, enabling plug-and-play integration through APIs. This ecosystem supports platform-agnostic, real-time data ingestion and predictive analytics across multiple payment rails
- Buyers reference Cognizant's proactive approach to bring in automation opportunities and flexible staffing across delivery locations

Limitations

- Cognizant's delivery expansion remains concentrated in North America, with fewer large-scale wins reported across Continental Europe
- It shows limited evidence of scaled commercial banking work involving client-facing or relationship manager-adjacent roles, which may constrain end-to-end transformation deals
- It may face constraints in driving differentiation with platform-native solutions, considering its platform-agnostic positioning across key engagements
- Client feedback suggests need for continued focus in developing stronger SME depth in select processes areas to accelerate digital enablement across engagements



Market trends

Financial institutions are rethinking sourcing models and ecosystem partnerships to strengthen resilience, scalability, and regulatory trust

Market size and growth
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total banking operations services revenue across the 34 profiled providers reached approximately US\$9-US\$9.2 billion in the twelve months to December 2024 Broader business process outsourcing is expanding at about 5.5-6.5% percent compound annual growth through 2030, providing a tailwind for banking Geographic momentum is spread: North America has 52-54% and the UK and Europe have captured 20-22% of the banking BPS market share, leading net-new outsourcing growth in 2023-24. APAC and MEA continue to hold 11-13% of the market, followed by 6-7% in LATAM, with some players targeting emerging markets such as Australia and the Nordics, although with only 1-2% of the share

Key drivers for banking operations	Opportunities and challenges
AI-first operating models	AI explainability and responsible automation
Platformization and utilities	Mid-market growth potential
Regulatory expansion	Data fragmentation and legacy cores
Outcome-based sourcing	Regional divergence in regulation



Provider landscape analysis

The banking BPS market shows steady, broad-based growth that is driven by digital-first leaders and renewed traction among mid-tier providers

Service provider market share in banking operations

December 2024 (TTM¹); by revenue (in US\$ billion)



Growth of banking operations revenue

December 2024 (TTM¹); percentage growth in revenue



¹ Trailing 12-month

Sample size: 34 service providers featured on the banking operations PEAK Matrix®

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Key buyer considerations

Financial institutions are prioritizing domain-led, AI-infused operations partners that balance resilience, regulatory alignment, and speed-to-value in BFS BPS sourcing

Key sourcing criteria

High



Domain-driven transformation and delivery depth

Banks prefer partners with deep expertise in lending, FCC, and payments, combining tech and ops delivery and strong governance across regulated processes.



AI- and automation-enabled operations

Providers that apply gen AI and cognitive automation for decisioning, STP, and compliance, supported by explainable, human-on-loop frameworks, are the most in demand.



Platform and BPaaS readiness

Buyers favor modular, cloud-based BPaaS models that integrate IT + ops for faster modernization and measurable business outcomes.



Flexible contracting and engagement models

Hybrid models blending FTE-, outcome-, and consumption-based pricing are gaining traction as buyers link spend directly to delivered value.



Data-driven insight and transparency

Clients expect providers to embed real-time analytics and reporting into operations, offering visibility into performance, compliance, and business outcomes to strengthen trust and governance.

Priority

Low

Summary analysis

Financial institutions are redefining sourcing around transformation outcomes rather than traditional labor arbitrage. Buyers are consolidating their vendor portfolios toward platform-ready, domain-rich partners with strong automation, data, and regulatory capabilities.

The rapid adoption of agentic AI is reshaping priorities toward explainable models, adaptive compliance, and outcome-linked pricing. Banks increasingly expect partners to combine technology innovation with governance discipline to ensure transparent, auditable AI operations.

Specialist providers with deep domain IP and co-innovation frameworks are gaining an edge over broad-based peers. Buyers are also tightening governance expectations, seeking measurable value realization, compliance assurance, and delivery transparency as integral parts of contract design.



Key takeaways for buyers

Financial institutions should align sourcing and transformation strategies with providers that blend domain strength, platform-led delivery, and explainable AI to achieve scalable, compliant, and outcome-based operations.



AI- and automation-led delivery

Adopt providers embedding agentic AI and cognitive automation into workflows to enhance accuracy, speed, and auditability across regulated processes



Domain-aligned expertise and compliance focus

Prioritize partners with strong BFS domain credentials, proven regulatory experience, and integrated risk and control frameworks across operations



Platform and BPaaS convergence

Seek vendors delivering modular, platform-backed BPS models that unify IT, data, and ops for measurable efficiency and faster modernization



Operational resilience and localization

Evaluate providers' ability to ensure data sovereignty, business continuity, and regulatory alignment across onshore, nearshore, and offshore delivery hubs



Flexible contracting and governance

Negotiate hybrid or consumption-based constructs tied to business outcomes, embedding transparency, compliance assurance, and co-ownership of transformation metrics



Appendix

PEAK Matrix® framework

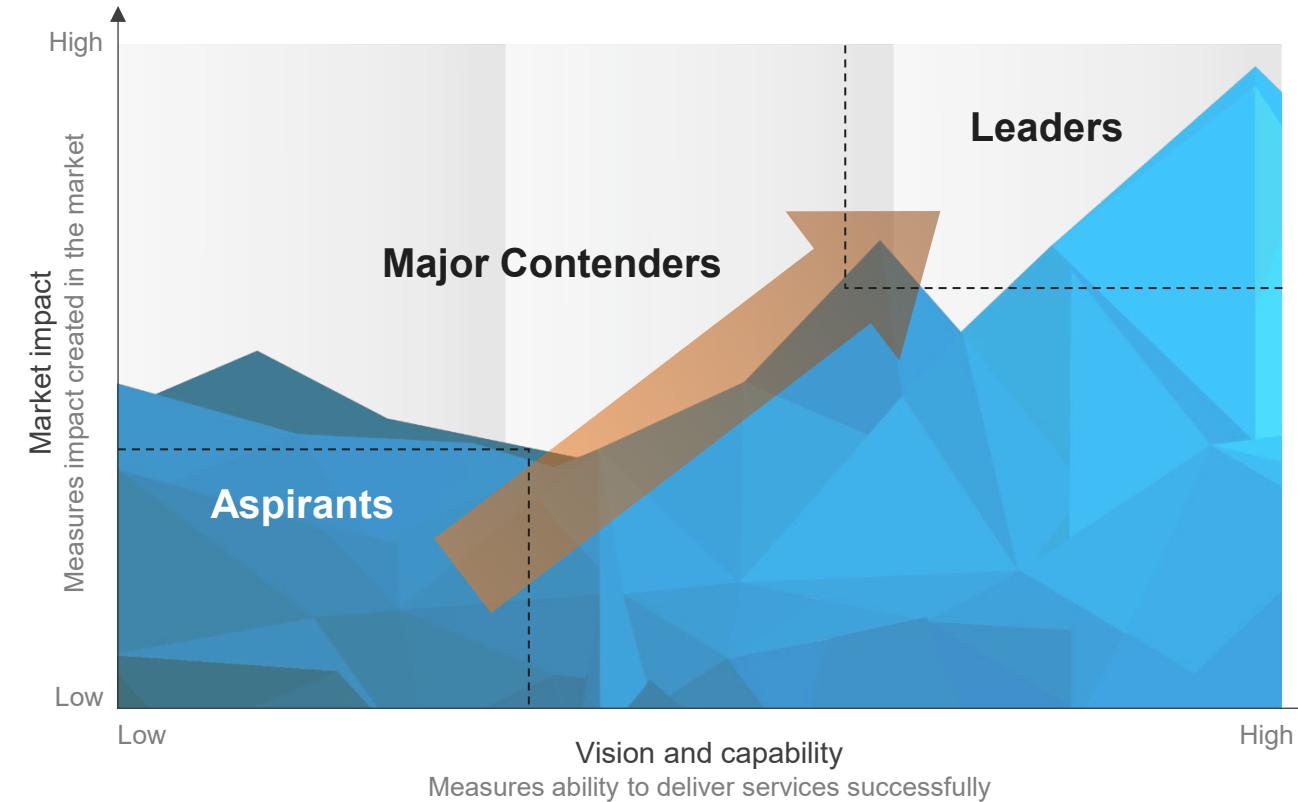
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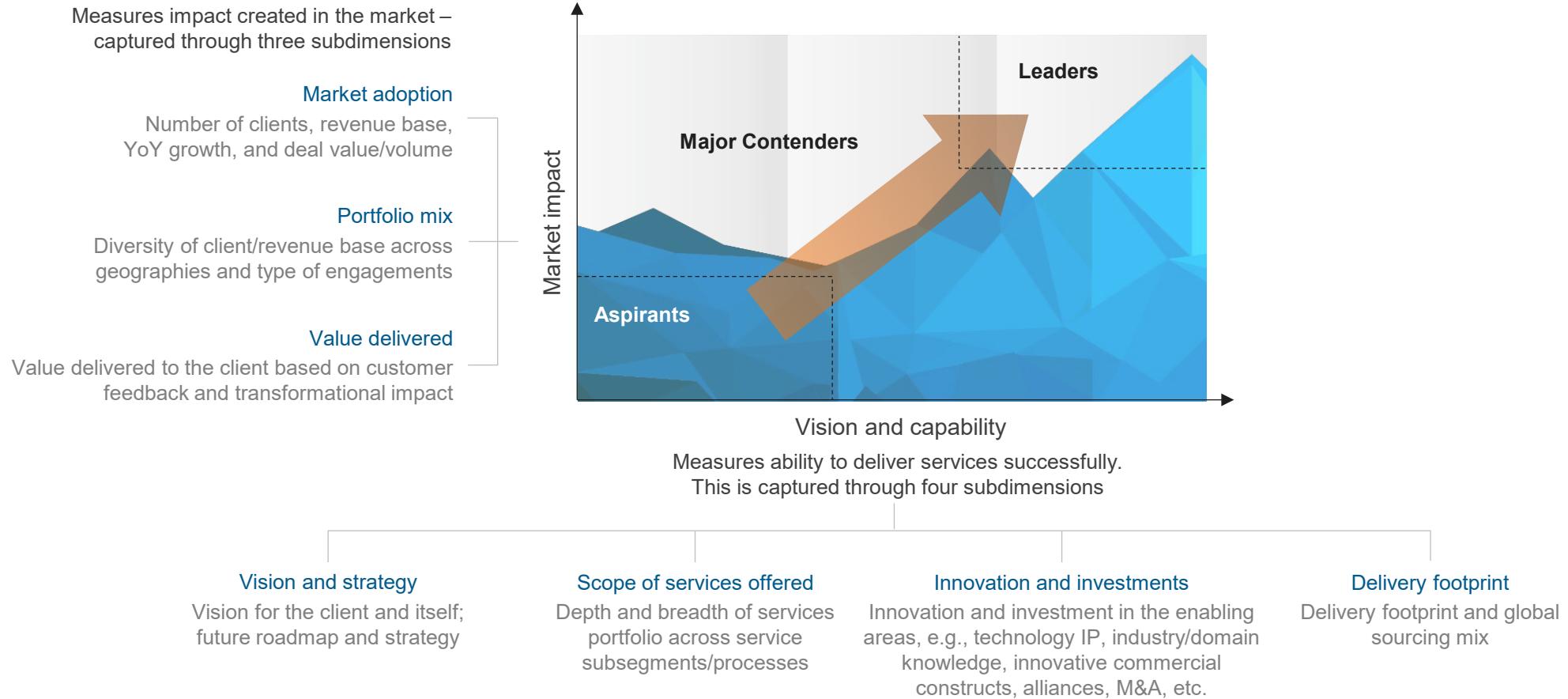
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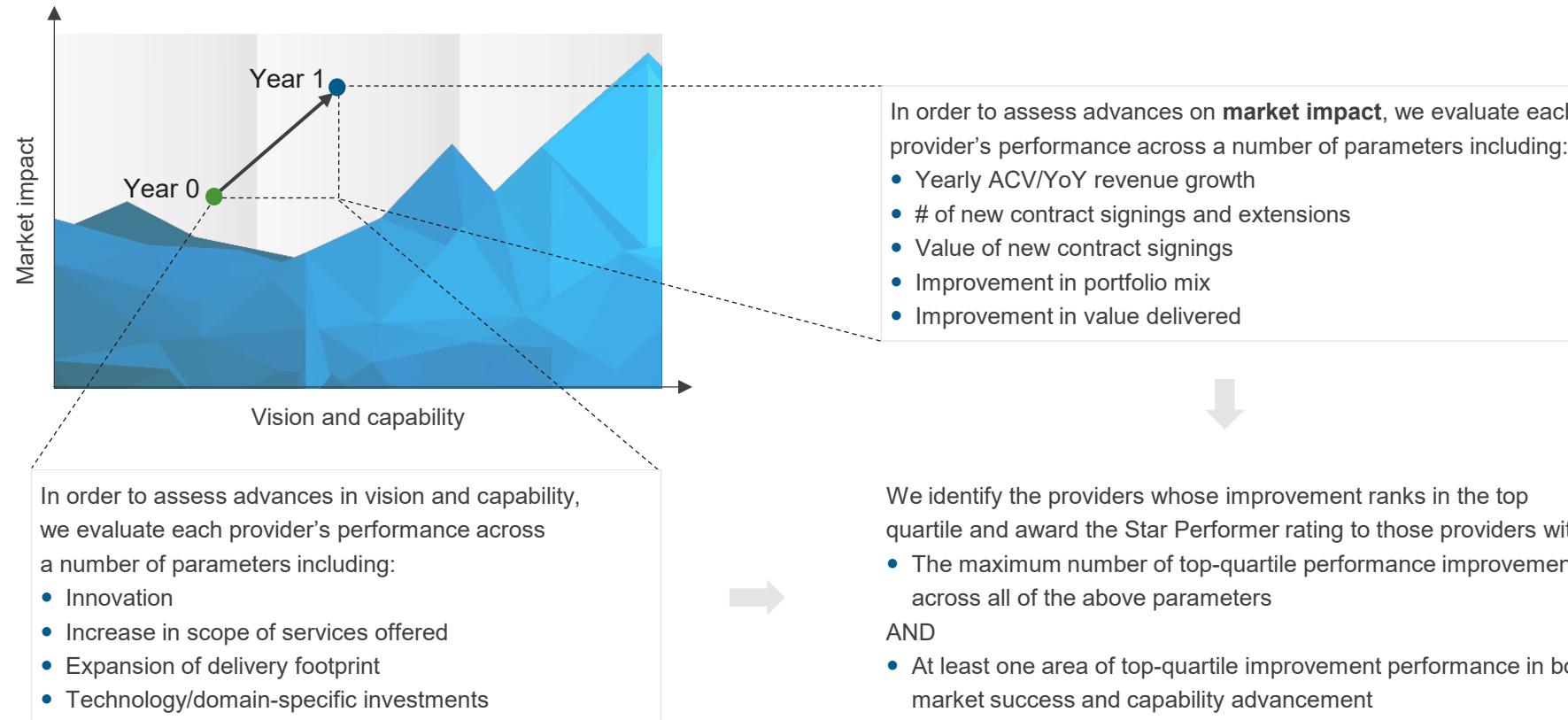
Services PEAK Matrix® evaluation dimensions



Everest Group confers the Star Performer title on providers that demonstrate the most improvement over time on the PEAK Matrix®

Methodology

Everest Group selects Star Performers based on the relative YoY improvement on the PEAK Matrix



The Star Performer title relates to YoY performance for a given provider and does not reflect the overall market leadership position, which is identified as Leader, Major Contender, or Aspirant.

FAQs

Q: Does the PEAK Matrix® assessment incorporate any subjective criteria?

A: Everest Group's PEAK Matrix assessment takes an unbiased and fact-based approach that leverages provider / technology vendor RFIs and Everest Group's proprietary databases containing providers' deals and operational capability information. In addition, we validate/fine-tune these results based on our market experience, buyer interaction, and provider/vendor briefings.

Q: Is being a Major Contender or Aspirant on the PEAK Matrix, an unfavorable outcome?

A: No. The PEAK Matrix highlights and positions only the best-in-class providers / technology vendors in a particular space. There are a number of providers from the broader universe that are assessed and do not make it to the PEAK Matrix at all. Therefore, being represented on the PEAK Matrix is itself a favorable recognition.

Q: What other aspects of the PEAK Matrix assessment are relevant to buyers and providers other than the PEAK Matrix positioning?

A: A PEAK Matrix positioning is only one aspect of Everest Group's overall assessment. In addition to assigning a Leader, Major Contender, or Aspirant label, Everest Group highlights the distinctive capabilities and unique attributes of all the providers assessed on the PEAK Matrix. The detailed metric-level assessment and associated commentary are helpful for buyers in selecting providers/vendors for their specific requirements. They also help providers/vendors demonstrate their strengths in specific areas.

Q: What are the incentives for buyers and providers to participate/provide input to PEAK Matrix research?

A: Enterprise participants receive summary of key findings from the PEAK Matrix assessment

For providers

- The RFI process is a vital way to help us keep current on capabilities; it forms the basis for our database – without participation, it is difficult to effectively match capabilities to buyer inquiries
- In addition, it helps the provider/vendor organization gain brand visibility through being included in our research reports

Q: What is the process for a provider / technology vendor to leverage its PEAK Matrix positioning?

A: Providers/vendors can use their PEAK Matrix positioning or Star Performer rating in multiple ways including:

- Issue a press release declaring positioning; see our citation policies
- Purchase a customized PEAK Matrix profile for circulation with clients, prospects, etc. The package includes the profile as well as quotes from Everest Group analysts, which can be used in PR
- Use PEAK Matrix badges for branding across communications (e-mail signatures, marketing brochures, credential packs, client presentations, etc.)

The provider must obtain the requisite licensing and distribution rights for the above activities through an agreement with Everest Group; please contact your CD or contact us

Q: Does the PEAK Matrix evaluation criteria change over a period of time?

A: PEAK Matrix assessments are designed to serve enterprises' current and future needs. Given the dynamic nature of the global services market and rampant disruption, the assessment criteria are realigned as and when needed to reflect the current market reality and to serve enterprises' future expectations.



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