WHEN COMPANIES PRIORITIZE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION, IT CAN ALSO RESHAPE THEIR DIGITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES, LEADING TO BETTER BUSINESS OUTCOMES.

Flashback to early 2020. Everyone was going about their business, doing things a certain way when the pandemic shook everything up. Two years later, one thing remains clear: Change is necessary. For businesses to exist in this new normal and beyond, digital transformation is critical to accommodate remote work, pivot to new business models, and succeed in volatile markets.

Manufacturing and AEC companies are historically slow to adopt new technologies. And though these industries have fast-tracked digital investments, which hit \$480 billion in 2021, the money spent does not always equate to value gained. Half cZh\Yg\Ywa dUb\Yg\]b\Wy\Ug\X\h\Y]f bUb\Yu\Yg\Ub\X]b[\Vm\%\sigma\] or less, and some can't quantify the impact of their investments at all.

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- » A cohesive digital road map.
- » A top-down approach to change management in which leaders set the vision for a digital future.

- » 8Y bYX'ci HWta Yg' fghzh\Yb'U'k cf_!VUWk UfX'UddfcUW\'hc' determine actions needed to achieve those outcomes.
- < YfY'UfY' j Y'hcd'X][]hU']bj Ygha YbhighfUhY[]Yg'hc'UWW'YfUhY'h\Y'ROI of digital transformation.

1. OPTIMIZED OPERATIONS

Most companies begin digital transformation with operations. Think predictive maintenance, digital twins, and automation. Connect people, processes, and technology for greater j]g]V]`]lmiUvfcgg`U'g]`c! Zfyy`cf[Ub]nUf]cb"+l'UbX'cdyfUf]cbg`Wlb` collaborate with digital representations of physical processes and assets that deliver real-time analytics. Then, they can use

on employees to watch computer screens 24/- that's not U'ghfUhY[mh\Uh'Wlo'g\W'Y"Hc'Wtbh]bi U`mfY bY'cdYfUh]cbgz dfcWggYg'a i gh'VY'Ui hca UhYX'hc'a]b]a]nY'X]gfi dh]cbg': cf' example, AEC companies and building owners can deploy digital twins using real-time connected data to constantly monitor and improve the function of every asset.

With automation, companies can reduce working capital and increase liquidity because everything happens faster. Without fY`njb['cb'a Ubi U' 'dfcWggYgžcf[Ub]nUh]cbg'Wb'gWlY'ei]\www.nz add new capabilities, increase delivery speed, and create

and presenting a road map of how they'll get there while still running the business. In short, transparency is critical.

AEC and manufacturing companies are making digital investments that herald an era of innovation. They need to leverage those investments - like generative design, additive manufacturing, and robotics - to design new customer engagement strategies (for example, virtual experiences) and create new revenue streams. A great example of innovation at gWY: UbX: gdYYX:]g;h, Y: Ua Un]b[: 'ZYUncZXYg][b]b[: 'UbX: Vi]: X]b[: a 1,000-bed hospital in 13 days in China early in the pandemic, made possible by digital transformation and data-driven collaboration.

5. DIGITAL ECOSYSTEMS

Digital transformation is not just about upgrading internal ht/Wkbc`c[nh5gi-87 fYdcfhgz Ub cf[Ub]nUh]cbg'UV]`]hmhc [YbYfUhY' value will increasingly be tied to its participation in a new digital economy." For future success, companies must join forces with their peers. This open exchange of resources and information can worry risk-averse leaders, but the real risk is operating in isolation.

Deloitte and the Manufacturers Alliance for Productivity and Innovation (MAPI) found that:

- » ,)ı 'cZa Ubi ZLMi fYfgj]Yk 'X][]HU 'YWignighYa g'Ug'Wi]hjWU 'hc' their competitiveness.
- » Industry ecosystems double the pace of digital transformation.
- » Forming 15 or more strategic alliances can double revenue.

cf 597zg dd mww Ulb XY Ung Wb Wgh' \$1 cZU dfc YWng budget. As part of a digital ecosystem, companies can share resources, materials, and assets to build supply-chain resilience. They can learn from each other's successes and failures, boost innovation through collaborative networks, UbX a U_Y h\Y cf[Ub]nUh]cbggfcb[Yf UgU Wta a i b]hh'8][]hU transformation is no longer a bold move - it's standard practice in today's market. But to reap the rewards of digital investments, leaders need to spearhead institutional transformation and focus on the end goal.





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