

HORIZONS REPORT

# AADA Quadfecta Services for the Generative Enterprise™, 2024

**Leap toward the Generative Enterprise** 

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The integration of analytics, AI, data platforms, and automation—the 'quadfecta'—is poised to be enterprises' most significant growth catalyst in the next 2–3 years. As these technologies converge, they enhance existing business operations and fundamentally reshape industry landscapes by enabling more agile, intelligent, and data-driven decision-making processes.

Enterprises strategically embracing this quadfecta will streamline their operations and unlock new levels of innovation and customer engagement, setting a new standard for competitive advantage in the digital era.





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# Introduction and the HFS AADA quadfecta value chain

#### Introduction

- From an enterprise perspective, integrating analytics, AI, data platforms, and automation (AADA)—collectively known as the quadfecta—represents a transformative shift in how businesses leverage technology to evolve into Generative Enterprises. By harnessing these interconnected technologies, enterprises can unlock deep insights from their data, automate complex processes, and enhance operational efficiencies on a scale previously unattainable. Looking forward, adopting the quadfecta is not merely an option but a strategic imperative for organizations aiming to maintain competitive advantages in a rapidly evolving market.
- Welcome to our 2024 HFS Horizons—AADA Quadfecta Services study. Horizons are HFS
  Research's vendor evaluation research vehicle, designed to assess the innovation and value
  potential of vendor capabilities across three distinct horizons:
  - Horizon One: Leverage at least one of the four AADA pillars to deliver throughput and efficiency benefits.
  - Horizon Two: Horizon 1 + the ability to drive experience-led outcomes and stakeholder experiences while achieving large-scale HFS OneOfficeTM transformation benefits.
  - Horizon Three: Horizon 2 + deliver integrated solutions that leverage the full power of analytics, AI, data platforms, and automation and create entirely new sources of value, including forecasting future business models and enabling real-time decision-making. The aim is to create a Generative Enterprise.
- This research effort assesses how well service providers are helping their clients embrace the AADA quadfecta to drive innovation and realize value. The study evaluates the capabilities of providers across the AADA quadfecta value chain based on a range of dimensions to understand the why, what, how, and so what of their service offerings.
- Inclusion criteria:
  - Annual quadfecta revenue of at least \$100 million
  - An existing portfolio of at least one of the four quadfecta pillars of analytics, AI, data platforms, and automation across the quadfecta value chain

#### **HFS AADA quadfecta services value chain**

The HFS Horizons report on AADA quadfecta services evaluates service providers offering AADA services. The aim is to assess service providers' ability to demonstrate the continuous value delivered to their enterprise clients, leading to becoming a **Generative Enterprise** via the AADA guadfecta.

Advanced analytics transforming data into actionable insights. These techniques leverage complex algorithms, machine learning, predictive modeling, statistical analysis, and **Analytics** big data technologies to extract and analyze data from various sources. They include predictive analytics, prescriptive analytics, data mining, and big data analytics. echnologies These techniques leverage complex algorithms, machine learning (ML), predictive modeling, statistical analysis, and big data technologies to extract and analyze data from quadfecta ΑI various sources. It includes ML, natural language processing (NLP), generative AI (GenAI), computer vision, decision management, and AIaaS. A new generation of cloud-based data management solutions designed to handle vast amounts of data and complex analytical workloads efficiently. These platforms combine **Data platforms** the capabilities of data warehousing, big data platforms, and analytics services into a single, scalable system. Some of the defining features are multi-cloud and cross-cloud capabilities, data sharing and collaboration, on-demand data processing, built-in security, and compliance. Examples include Databricks, Snowflake, and Terraform. Advanced technological solutions are evolving to automate complex processes and tasks that traditionally require significant human intervention. Solution categories include robotic process automation (RPA), intelligent document processing (IDP), AI-enabled automation, process automation, autonomous things (AuT), digital twins, and low-**Automation** code/no-code (LC/NC) platforms.

#### **Envisage**

- Define the business objectives and key performance indicators (KPIs)
- Identify opportunities where analytics, AI, data platforms, and automation can deliver value
- Conduct feasibility studies and preliminary cost-benefit analyses
- Create an AADA roadmap

#### **Design and Implement**

- Select appropriate technologies for analytics, AI, and automation based on the use case requirements
- Design AI models and data flow processes that align with business needs
- Configure the data platforms to handle data ingestion, processing, and storage
- Build and train AI models

#### Manage

- Monitor system performance and ensure data integrity and security
- Manage updates and maintenance of software, hardware, and platforms
- Oversee the training and retraining of AI models as new data becomes available
- Operational management

#### **Operate**

- Execute daily operations, ensuring they operate within the set parameters
- Use analytics and AI to optimize operations and respond to issues in real time
- Apply automation to enhance operational efficiency
- Continuously analyze the outcomes to identify improvement areas

#### **Innovate**

- · Adapt and evolve systems to meet changing business needs and leverage emerging technologies
- Experiment with new AI techniques, analytics tools, and automation technologies
- Joint asset creation and ownership around AADA

Services around

quadfecta

#### The focus of the AADA quadfecta services Horizons

#### Maximizing the value of data

How do you ensure that clients make the most of their data with the help of data platforms? How do you see this evolving with the latest developments in AI/GenAI?

#### Industry focus

Do you see a greater focus from specific industries on the quadfecta? How does it impact the broader goals of business transformation?

#### **Innovation in AADA**

How do you help organizations capture the true value of the quadfecta by using innovation to develop in-house services, IP, and other proprietary tools?

#### Interplay of quadfecta AADA

How well are you able to bind the four quadfecta pillars to enable heightened business outcomes to clients? What change management are you undertaking to enable smooth interplay?

#### **Partnership ecosystem**

How do you leverage partnerships with other vendors to improve outcomes for clients through better tech?

#### **Generative Enterprise mindset**

How do you help your clients progress toward becoming a Generative Enterprise with the AADA quadfecta?

# Research methodology

#### 27 service providers covered in this report























































Note: All service providers are listed alphabetically

#### **Sources of data**

This Horizons research report relies on myriad data sources to support our methodology and help HFS obtain a well-rounded perspective on the service capabilities of the participating organizations covered in our study. Sources are as follows:



#### **Briefings and information gathering**

**briefings** with QA leadership from each vendor.

Each participant submitted a specific set of **supporting information** aligned with the assessment methodology.



#### **Reference checks**

We conducted reference checks with **23 active clients and 37 active partners** of the study participants via survey-based and telephonic interviews.



#### **HFS Pulse**

Each year, HFS fields multiple demand-side surveys in which we include detailed vendor rating questions.

For this study, we leveraged our fresh-from-the-field HFS Pulse study data featuring ~600 service provider ratings.



#### Other data sources

**Public information** such as press releases and websites.

Ongoing interactions, briefings, virtual events, etc., with in-scope vendors and their clients and partners.

#### Horizons assessment methodology—AADA quadfecta services for the **Generative Enterprise™ 2024**

The "HFS Horizons: AADA quadfecta services for the Generative Enterprise™ 2024" research evaluated the capabilities of service providers across a range of dimensions to understand the why, what, how, and so what of their analytics, automation, data platforms, and automation offerings. Our assessment will be based on inputs from clients, partners, employees, and augmented with analyst perspectives. The following illustrates how we will assess your capabilities:

Distinguishing AADA service provider characteristics

transformation outcomes

transformation

Horizon 1+

Capability to deliver cloud-native

· Referenceable and satisfied clients for

ability to drive business transformation

Horizon 2

dimension	Assessment sub-dimension	service providers	service providers	service providers	
Value proposition: The 'why?' (25%)	Strategy and roadmap		experience-led outcomes, and stakeholder experiences while achieving enterprise-wide transformations	<ul> <li>Horizon 2 +</li> <li>Ability to drive ecosystem synergy via collaboration across multiple organizations with common objectives around driving completely new sources of value</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Clarity of vision for AADA quadfecta services and nature of outcomes</li> <li>Differentiators—Why clients work with you</li> </ul>				
	• Differentiators—wify clients work with you				
Execution and innovation capabilities: The 'what?' (25%)	Breadth and depth of services across the AADA quadfecta value chain	<ul> <li>Strong implementation capabilities</li> <li>Emphasize cost-effectiveness and quick implementation</li> <li>Offshore-focused with strong technical skills</li> </ul>		<ul><li> Horizon 1+</li><li> Ability to support clients on their <b>end-</b></li></ul>	<ul><li> Horizon 2 +</li><li> Strategy and execution capabilities at</li></ul>
	Strength of talent pool		<ul> <li>to-end AADA transformation journey</li> <li>Global capabilities with strong consulting and domain expertise across the AADA portfolio</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>scale</li> <li>Well-rounded capabilities across all value creation levers—talent, domain, technology, data, and change</li> </ul>	
	Innovative solutions (industry-specific, ESG, etc.)				
Go-to-market strategy: The 'how?' (25%)	What transformation outcomes are you pitching to clients?	<ul> <li>Robust fundamentals of AADA transformation</li> <li>Technology and capability focus</li> </ul>	• Horizon 1+	• Horizon 2 +	
	Nature of investments in your AADA quadfecta business (M&A, training, R&D)		<ul> <li>Proven and leading-edge proprietary assets, including industry-led solutions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Driving co-creation with clients and the ecosystem partner</li> <li>Effectively envisioning of outcomes</li> </ul>	
	Co-innovation and collaboration approaches with customers		• Clear articulation of the	and providing business assurance for	

Assuring outcomes

Voice of the partner

clients, and headcount

Market impact:

The 'so what?'

(25%)

and partners, including creative commercial models

· Scale and growth of AADA quadfecta business—revenue,

Proven outcomes showcasing transformation through AADA

· Referenceable and satisfied clients for

the ability to execute technology

transformation

the partnership

AADA transformation

Referenceable and satisfied clients

driving new business models based on

Horizon 2 +

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### **Market dynamics**

#### **Executive summary**

1	AI-led agentic services	There's an increased focus on agentification of services involving augmenting human capabilities with smart AI and automated agents to enhance service delivery. This approach allows for higher rate cards but achieves a lower total cost of ownership (TCO) by leveraging AI to optimize processes and decision-making.  Examples of platforms include Amazon Q, GitHub, Lyzr, Copilot, Replit Ghostwriter, and Google Gemini.  The big 4 and the likes of IBM are increasingly adopting this model to make headway in the AADA space.
2	AI-powered industry-solutioning	Providers are focusing on developing industry-specific AI solutions that address the unique needs of different sectors. For instance, a large global retailer implemented an industry-specific GenAI solution developed by Databricks and Accenture to enhance workforce management. This AI-driven approach led to a 20% improvement in employee retention and a 15% reduction in hiring costs, demonstrating the impact of tailored AI applications on top-line growth in the retail sector.
3	Data-driven transformation with cloud platforms	Strategic partnerships with technology hyperscalers (such as Microsoft, AWS, and Google Cloud) and data platform companies (such as Snowflake and Databricks) are crucial for expanding AI and analytics capabilities. Providers are leveraging these partnerships to create a data and analytics operating model that harnesses AI to support data-driven decision-making and optimize operations. Moreover, focusing on cloud-based data platforms allows for scalable and flexible data management, which is essential for supporting AI and analytics initiatives.
4	Focus on responsible AI and data governance	There's a strong emphasis on responsible AI, ensuring that AI deployments are ethical, transparent, and secure. Providers are investing in tools and methodologies to ensure that AI applications are deployed ethically and that data privacy and security are maintained. Now, developing transparent and explainable AI solutions is being treated as a de facto prerequisite for most service providers.
5	Hyper-automation and AI integration	The push toward hyper-automation, supported by AI, is transforming business processes across industries. Organizations are automating repetitive tasks by using AI to enhance decision-making processes. Providers shared interesting metrics, where through a combination of GenAI and automation, they were able to save up to 80% manual coding efforts and automate tens of thousands of processes. Automating tasks or expediting development via tools is not new, but productivity gains after combining GenAI with the three other quadfecta pillars is something the industry has not witnessed before.
6	Eleven leaders identified	We assessed <b>27 service providers</b> across value propositions, innovation capabilities, go-to-market strategies, and market impact criteria. In alphabetical order, the leaders in <b>Horizon 3</b> are <b>Accenture, Cognizant, Eviden, EXL, EY, IBM, Infosys, KPMG, TCS, Wipro, and WNS</b> . These leaders are well on their way to helping clients become <b>Generative Enterprises</b> by bringing together the right mix of tech, talent, IP, and delivery, leading to effective outcomes. The interplay across the four AADA pillars set them apart. While client needs may differ based on maturity, the leading service providers deliver an enterprise-grade impact.

#### **Highlights: A few impressive AADA quadfecta case studies**

Enterprise type	Tech leveraged	Solution overview	Impact
Data-driven transformation for a Chilean multinational retailer	AI, data platforms, ML, cloud	Built a scalable Google Cloud Platform to unify customer data across six countries, enabling better customer insights, predictive analytics, and improved operational efficiency	A 50% increase in marketing click- through rates and significant operational cost savings
Global financial services company	AI, RPA, API integration, automation	Implemented an automated solution for FXIP process with 344 bots, automating 60% of all FX processes, including KYC and KYB, client onboarding, and more	Saved 58,000 human hours, reduced TAT, and improved process accuracy, enhancing the overall brand value
AI-driven personalization for a European bank network	AI, data analytics, cloud (Databricks), customer data platform	Developed Persona360, a solution that consolidated data silos and enabled personalized client engagement, generating new client meetings and improving advisor outreach	Achieved 50% enhancement in agent calls and facilitated more than 1,000 personalized client meetings
Data lake implementation for a Chilean multinational retailer	AI, cloud (Google Cloud Platform), customer data platform, ML	A scalable data platform for the retailer to unify customer data across six countries, enabling better customer insights and predictive analytics	Achieved seamless omnichannel experiences and a 50% improvement in marketing engagement.
Global travel management company	Automation, AI, RPA	Automated complex claims, payments, and finance processes, including total loss claims, reducing the average handling time significantly	Processed 270,000 transactions per quarter, deployed 14 robots, and saved more than 25 FTEs

#### The top four trends shaping the AADA quadfecta space

#### AI and GenAI driving innovation across industries



 GenAI is becoming central to driving innovation across various enterprise sectors, from healthcare to retail and beyond.

Here are a few examples from different industries:

- Accenture and BMW's EKHO **Platform:** Accenture developed the EKHO platform for BMW, utilizing GenAI to analyze enterprise-wide data and answer complex questions.
- Tech Mahindra's GenAI initiative for telecom: Tech Mahindra created foundational models, including the GARUDA large language model (LLM), designed for multilingual applications across telecom and logistics.

#### Focus on data modernization and **cloud-first strategies**



- Enterprises are increasingly adopting cloud-first strategies to modernize their data ecosystems, making them more agile, scalable, and capable of supporting advanced analytics and AI.
- TCS partnered with a leading healthcare provider to migrate its data infrastructure to a cloudbased platform, integrating AIdriven analytics to improve patient care and operational efficiency. This initiative enabled the client to deliver better healthcare outcomes while reducing costs.

#### **Talent development** and upskilling as a strategic imperative



- Enterprises are heavily investing in talent development and upskilling initiatives to ensure their workforce is equipped to handle the demands of AI, automation, and advanced analytics.
- Accenture has invested \$1 billion in the LearnVantage platform to upskill its workforce in AI, cloud, and data science. This initiative addresses the growing skills gap and prepares employees for the future of work.
- Publicis Sapient has established an AI and Data Academy to continuously upskill its workforce in the latest technologies, including AI, ML, and cloud platforms.

#### **Hyperautomation and** autonomous operations

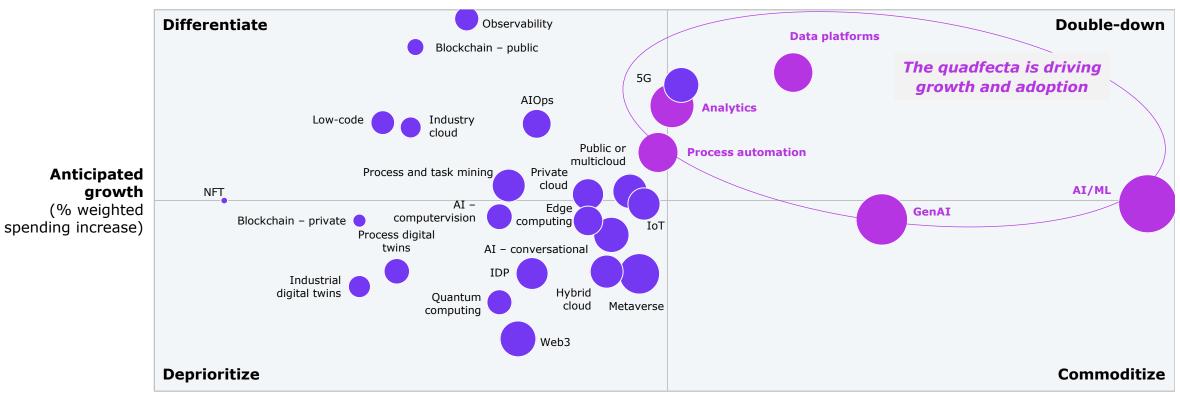


- The push toward hyperautomation is leading to the adoption of autonomous operations across IT and business processes.
- TCS implemented an autonomous operations initiative for a global battery OEM under 'Project Blackout,' leveraging AI, ML, RPA, and IoT to create a 'lights-out' factory model with minimal human intervention. The project achieved \$28 million in annual savings, reduced 160 FTE positions, and delivered a return on investment (ROI) within three years. Additionally, the deployment of autonomous robotic inspection systems significantly improved product quality.

#### The AADA quadfecta is the key driver for growth

#### **Enterprise adoption versus growth of emerging technologies**

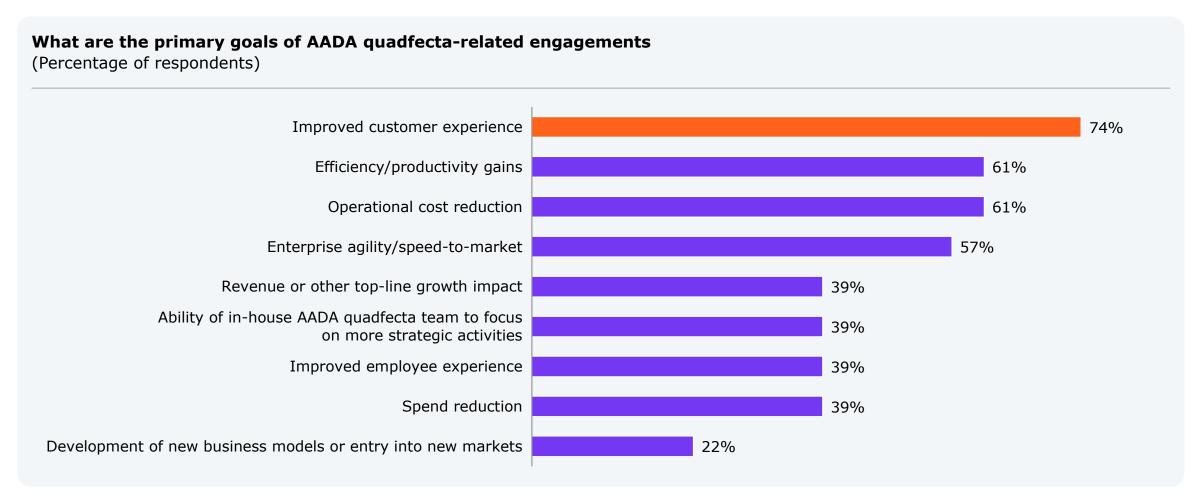
Size of the bubble represents value potential



Degree of adoption (% respondents)

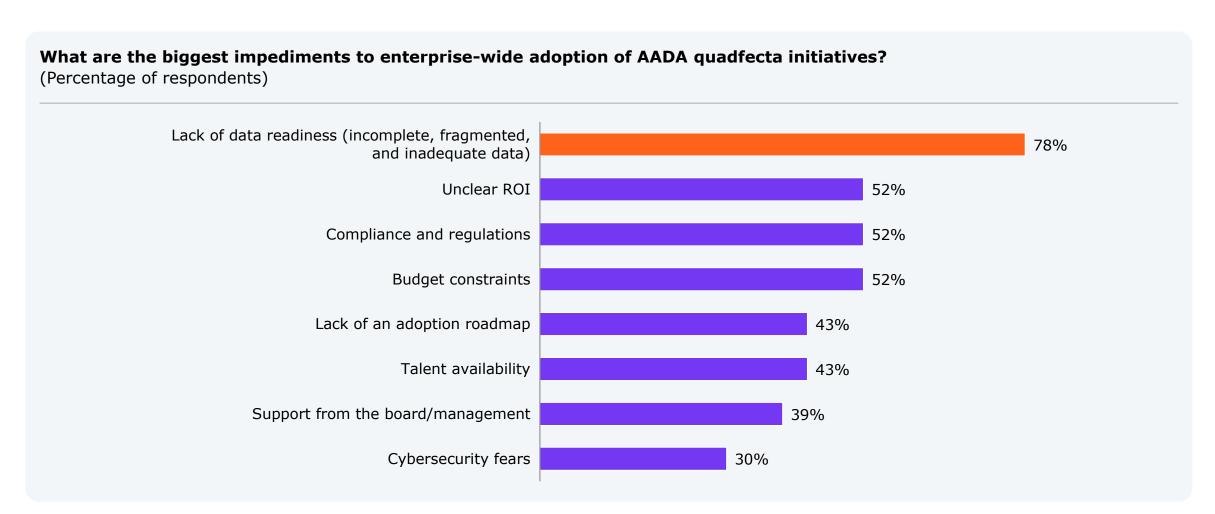
Sample: HFS Pulse, 2024; 605 Global 2000 enterprise executives

## Improved CX is the top goal of client-AADA engagements, followed by efficiency gains and operational cost reduction



Sample: HFS Horizons study, AADA quadfecta providers, 23 client references

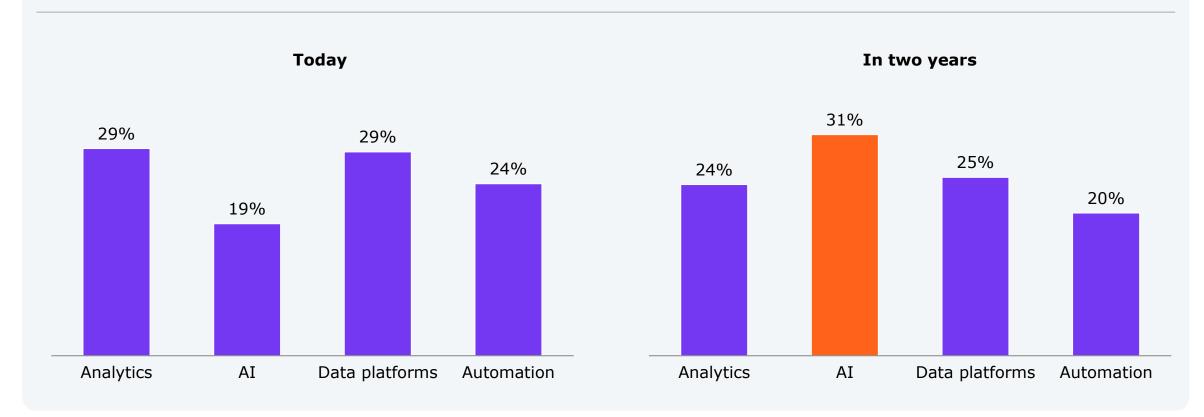
# Building a data spine is the first step to leverage the true potential of the AADA quadfecta



Sample: HFS Horizons study, AADA quadfecta providers, 23 client references

## Among the four AADA quadfecta pillars, AI is expected to receive the biggest investment boost in the next two years

Please segregate your AADA quadfecta spending among the four pillars—today and expected in two years (Percentage of respondents)



Sample: HFS Horizons study, AADA quadfecta providers, 23 client references

## Enterprises believe providers have well-rounded capabilities to fuel their AADA quadfecta engagements

Strong resonance to AADA service providers leading toward a Generative Enterprise (Percentage of AADA leaders who "agree")

90% agree that service providers

are able to leverage

the full power of

AADA to build a

Generative

**Enterprise** 

80%

84%



- 6. We are likely to award more AADA quadfecta-specific work to this service provider in the future.
  - 5. The service provider excels in providing high-end consulting services around the AADA quadfecta.

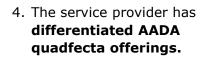
1. The service provider has the capacity to take up large AADA quadfecta transformation and modernization engagements.



2. The service provider can help in eliminating functional silos and fixing broken processes.



3. The service provider has good knowledge of and is capable of implementing emerging technologies such as GenAI at scale.



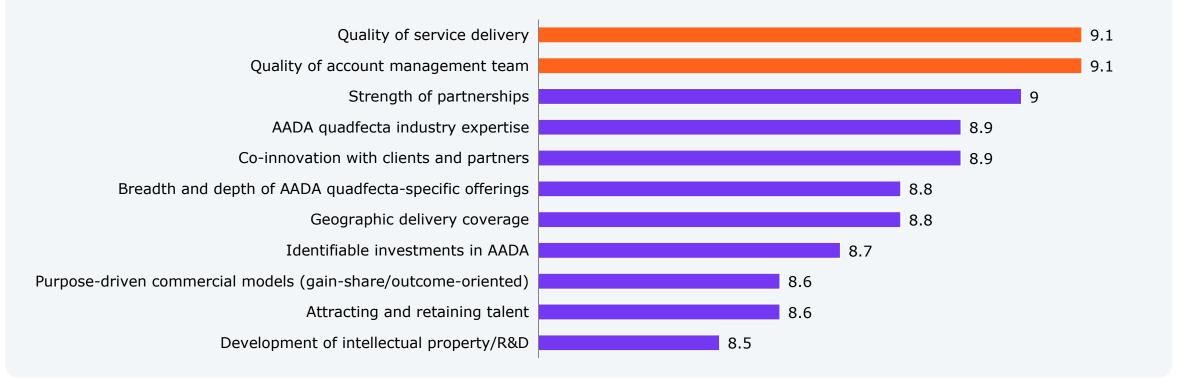
The AADA quadfecta is expected to accelerate clients' achievement of their Generative Enterprise transformation journey.

Sample: 60 interviews with AADA leaders and partners

## Clients and partners hail providers' high-quality service delivery and account management with well-rounded complementary capabilties

Based on your experience, please rate the service provider across the following parameters. Please use a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 is poor and 10 is excellent.

(mean score shown in the chart)

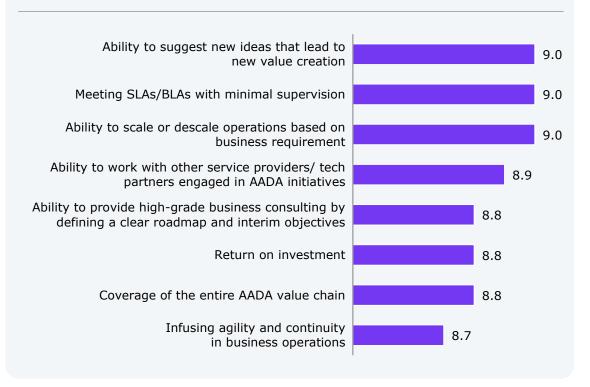


Sample: HFS Horizons study, AADA quadfecta providers, 60 client and partner references

### Service providers score big in terms of value creation via exchange of new ideas, competence, and quality delivery; however, need to preserve talent

Based on your experience, please rate the service provider across the following parameters. Please use a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 is poor and 10 is excellent.

(mean score shown in the chart)



What are the improvement areas of your service provider (client and partners)?



Sample: HFS Horizons study, AADA quadfecta providers, 60 client and partner references

Source: HFS Research, 2024

Sample: HFS Horizons study, AADA quadfecta providers, 23 client references



# Horizons results: AADA quadfecta services for the Generative Enterprise 2024

#### HFS Horizons: Summary of providers assessed in this report (1/2)

Providers (alphabetical order)	HFS point of view
Accenture	Driving tangible value through AADA by focusing on scaled and industry-oriented enterprise solutions
Akkodis	Servicing multiple industries with connected and sustainable AADA solutions through an all-encompassing 'octofecta' approach
Coforge	Enhancing enterprise efficiency through strategic AI, analytics, and automation integration across BFSI, travel, and retail
Cognizant	Navigates and excels in digital solutioning by seamlessly integrating AADA
DataArt	Advancing enterprise capabilities in AADA by designing and engineering tailored data-driven solutions
Deloitte	Delivering integrated AADA solutions for scalable business transformation
Eviden	Driving enterprise efficiency and growth in the AADA space with a business-driven consulting approach
EXL	Data analytics, AI, and automation are the key tenets for agile delivery, leading to quantified business outcomes
EY	Deep contextual knowledge and technical expertise to help enterprises unlock the full potential of AADA
IBM	Blends ethical AI with deep integration, delivering industry-specific transformations
Impetus	With tailored solutions and strong cloud partnerships, aiding clients' modernization journeys
Infosys	Aims to empower enterprises through autonomous AI, integrated data platforms, and scalable automation solutions
KPMG	Holistic execution, IP development, and strategic partnering in the AADA space to drive cohesive business transformations
LTIMindtree	A pragmatic, data-driven approach to enhance enterprise capabilities in AADA

#### HFS Horizons: Summary of providers assessed in this report (2/2)

Providers (alphabetical order)	HFS point of view
Mphasis	Delivers enterprise-focused AADA solutions through in-house developed tools and accelerators, driving cost-efficient and resilient transformations
<b>Publicis Sapient</b>	Employs a value-oriented approach to integrate AADA for delivering measurable business outcomes
PwC	Streamlining enterprise operations with focused AI and automation strategies
Sonata Software	Leverages its Platformation™ framework to deliver modernization and digital engineering services in AADA
Sutherland	Enhances AADA-driven business outcomes with a vision to augment, automate, and analyze with precision
TCS	Leverages integrated AI, data platforms, analytics, and automation solutions to deliver industry-specific outcomes at scale
Tech Mahindra	Comprehensive suite of AI, analytics, and automation solutions to enable faster, scalable, and efficient business outcomes
Teleperformance	Leverages its global digital expertise to deliver scalable AADA solutions across diverse industries
Tiger Analytics	Drives data-driven transformations, delivering tailored solutions that solve complex business challenges
UST	Focused on building scalable solutions through automation and strategic partnerships for long-term client success
Virtusa	Delivers scalable AADA solutions with a strong focus on modernization
Wipro	Delivers AI and data-driven solutions across industries, focusing on efficient process automation, advanced analytics, and scalable data platforms
WNS	Aims to deliver decision intelligence by combining AI and human expertise to provide customized analytics and automation solutions across key industries

#### HFS Horizons: AADA quadfecta services for the Generative Enterprise 2024



Note: All service providers within a Horizon are listed alphabetically.

Source: HFS Research, 2024

#### quadfecta-driven Enterprise modernization is Horizon 3

#### Horizon 3 service providers demonstrate

- Horizon 2 +
- Deliver integrated solutions that leverage the full power of AADA to create a Generative
- Provide highly customized solutions engineered to transform business models or create significant competitive advantages
- The ability to drive an ecosystem synergy via collaboration to create entirely new sources of value, including forecasting future business models, enabling real-time decisionmaking, data insights and AI-driven simulations to drive product innovation
- · Co-creation and joint asset creation with clients as ecosystem partners and enablers

#### **Enhanced stakeholder experience is Horizon 2**

#### Horizon 2 service providers demonstrate

- Horizon 1 +
- Integrated solutions combining several elements of the quadfecta, such as data integration services with intermediate analytics and AI capabilities
- The ability to drive experience-led outcomes and stakeholder experiences while achieving largescale OneOffice™ transformation benefits
- Global capabilities with solid consulting and domain expertise across the AADA ecosystem
- Deep partnerships with leading quadfecta software and platform vendors

#### **Productivity improvement is Horizon 1**

#### Horizon 1 service providers demonstrate

- Leverage at least one of the 4 AADA pillars to deliver throughput and efficiency benefits
- The ability to drive functional optimization outcomes with selective AADA capabilities
- Focus on specific, simpler tasks such as basic data analytics, simple automation scripts (like basic RPA), or introductory AI functionalities such as chatbots
- Emphasize cost-effectiveness and quick implementation

# KPMG profile: AADA quadfecta services for the Generative Enterprise 2024

#### KPMG: Holistic execution, IP development, and strategic partnering in the **AADA** space to drive cohesive business transformations

**HORIZON 3 – Market** Leader



**HORIZON 2 – Enterprise** Innovator

> **HORIZON 1 -**Disruptor

#### Strengths

- Value proposition: KPMG delivers comprehensive transformation and value creation through a 'connected, powered, trusted, and elevate' approach.
- **Key differentiators:** KPMG operates in 145 countries with a workforce of 240,000, including 30,000 experts in the Digital Lighthouse program. It has strong alliances with key technology players such as Microsoft and Databricks, enabling co-development and innovation in client solutions. Emphasis on integrated teams and change management ensures that transformations are technical and aligned with client-specific business models.
- Outcomes: KPMG helped a global bank set up and scale up an 80 FTE agile cyber analytics organization to identify and handle emerging threats. This engagement leveraged all four AADA technologies; AI, analytics, data platforms, and automation.
- Client and partner kudos: Clients acknowledge KMPG's commitment, reliability, client-centricity, and expertise as key strengths. Partners laud KPMG's deep client relationships and use of emerging tech and IP.

#### **Development opportunities**

- What we'd like to see more of: KPMG can further differentiate itself by expanding its services such as the object-centric process mining approach to enhance outcomes around automation projects.
- **Opportunities in the next 12 months:** KPMG should focus on expanding its AI and automation capabilities, particularly in integrating GenAI with traditional AI frameworks, to address the growing demand for production-ready scalable AI solutions that drive real business value.
- **Client and partner critiques:** A client wants KPMG to focus on process optimization and talent upskilling. A partner seeks a clear distinction between risk/audit customers and the consultancy practice.

Relevant M&A and partnerships	Key AADA quadfecta clients	Global operations and resources
Acquisitions (2020–2024):  None  Celonis, Databricks, Salesforce, Unqork, ServiceNow, rhino.ai, Informatica, Automation Anywhere, Workiva, Workday, IBM, Appian, OutSystems, Microsoft, Coupa, Pega, Google Cloud, UiPath Early-stage investments:  Auditoria Cranium LumaTax Opkey rhino.ai	Number of clients: Not disclosed Key clients: Government agency in MEA European transportation manufacturer US bank European bank Revvity	Combined AADA headcount and specific headcount for each:  30,000 tech delivery professionals globally; 45,000 risk-based consultants  Number of delivery and innovation locations by major geo:  550+ global delivery centers  29 insights centers  15 innovation labs globally  36 ignition centers globally

Flagship internal IP—AADA quadfecta	AADA implementations—focus areas/use cases
<ul><li>KPMG Signals Utility</li><li>KPMG Ignite</li></ul>	<ul> <li>12,000+ AADA projects currently in production</li> <li>Top traction areas: GenAI, data, BFSI, public sector, manufacturing</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>KPMG Modern Data Platform</li> <li>KPMG Trusted AI</li> </ul>	
<ul><li>KPMG Gen AI Rapid Assessment Framework</li><li>KPMG Digital Lighthouse</li></ul>	

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