# BCG

Digital: a 2 speed IT world

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## Who is the Boston Consulting Group (BCG)?

#### **Background**

## International consulting company established in 1963, leader in its market

- Founded by Bruce Henderson, known as the father of strategic planning
- The first management consulting firm that focused on strategy as a discipline
- Dedicated to help companies develop strategies to create competitive advantage, increasing value for the client
- Serving Fortune 500 companies and their equivalents in the whole world

Organized in industry and functional practice areas with a world wide network of offices that serve regional and global clients

#### BCG's value proposition

## Support large companies with themes around strategy and competition

- In general large companies that are leaders in their industries
- Trying to maintain and improve their positions
- The majority being long term relationships

## Help clients to develop sustainable competitive advantages in order to reach superior profitability

BCG's success depends directly on the success of its clients

Offer high quality professionals in the main markets where BCG acts

Worldwide presence: 83 offices in more than 40 countries, more tahn 10% of revenues from IT projects

## **BCG** service model in Technology and Digital

# BCG Technology Advantage practice

## Global experience and unique capabilities

- Strategy consultants with deep IT expertise
- Digital capabilities to develop solutions with clients

## Ability to bring strategic and integrated perspectives to IT

#### Focused on

 Strategy, Transformation, Sourcing, Organization, Performance, Digital

## Platinion The IT Architects

## Wholly-owned subsidiary of BCG

- Experienced IT professionals, with credentials in computer science or business informatics
- · With tight integration with BCG

## Real expertise in IT implementation

- Complex IT Architecture design
- Value assurance
- Agile development
- Testing strategy
- ...

## BCG Digital Ventures A venture firm

#### Venture capital firm

- Strategically partner with clients to launch and stand-up digital ventures and capabilities
- Over 50+ digital products and businesses launched in last 4 years

#### **Multi-disciplinary top talents**

 Drawn from digital industry leaders, e.g., eBay, Amazon, Nike

## Unique methods for innovation, design and rapid prototyping

### Digital is redefining customer's behaviors

## Online purchase and electronic tickets





## New media consumption mode





## New social behaviors





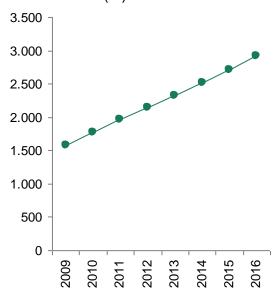


# Trends are triggered by expansion of Internet access, and amplified by the shift towards mobile connections

## Population with internet access strongly growing...

Global internet users estimate and forecast, 2009–16

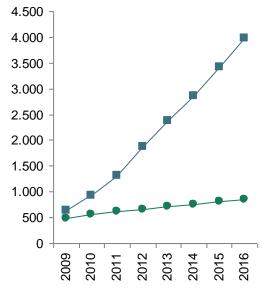
#### Internet users (M)



## ... mobile broadband growing even faster...

Global fixed and mobile broadband subscription, 2009–16<sup>1</sup>

#### Broadband connections (M)

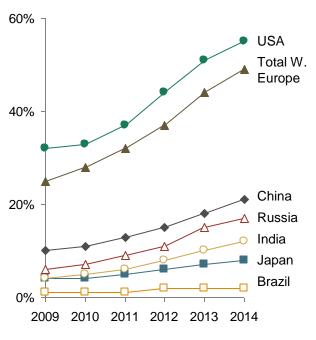


Fixed broadband subscribers

Mobile broadband connections

## ...and smartphones are gaining share

% of total mobile handsets represented by smartphones



1. 2011-16 forecasts for fixed, 2012-16 forecasts for mobile
Source: EIU Market indicators, 2012; Ovum Fixed Broadband Forecast: 2011–16, Mar 2012; Ovum Mobile Broadband Connections and Revenues Forecast: 2012–17, Aug 2012;
ITU World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators database: Forrester, Morgan Stanley

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## Pure digital players set new customer's expectations: Anything, anytime, anywhere

Simple, intuitive & integrated access	Minimum number of actions required, following best practices set by pure digital players
Seamless integration across channels	Initiate and complete transactions across different channels, synchronize information
Dynamic customization	Instant recognition as a unique customer including history and context, providing tailored and proactive interactions, and pushing real-time personalized offers
Trading up / trading down	Clear product offer and pricing transparency, easily accessible & comparable products with value addition or best deal on commoditized product
Data-driven expertise	Deep expertise expected from sales representatives beyond other sources available to the customer
Customer sovereignty	Easy access to information from external sources allow customer to make a sovereign choice
Excellence in delivery	Speed and simplicity, transparency of delivery (commitment on time, real time access to delivery status, delay alerts, etc.)
Short cycles	Entertainment of customers with continuous launch of new products and fast integration of latest technologies

# Managing two conflicting trade-offs for the business and technology organisation



## Need for Industrial Strength

Robust, non-stop, reliable 24x7 processing

Always accessible services on channels

Fault and error free

Stable, Measured, Controlled

**Cost effective** 

#### New Customer Demands



Responsive to rapidly changing customer expectations

Responding to competitors and new entrants from other industries

Dealing with new data sources, suppliers and partners

New platforms for access social media

Keep up with pace of technological change

Speed, Agility, Risk



#### **Industrial speed**



#### **Digital speed**

#### **Applications**

- Mature
- Built on technologies with long life-cycles (e.g., Oracle, Siebel, Dassault Systems, Cobol...)
- Emergent, short lifetime
- Built on fast-changing technology combined with legacies

## Speed and cycle time

- Release cycles often 6-12 months
- Planned according to business needs
- From idea to deployment within weeks
- Reacting to user needs and competition

## Methodology and tools

- Waterfall approach, hierarchically organized
- Established programming languages and frameworks
- Agile tools, self-organizing teams
- Fast-evolving SDKs
- "YAGNI"<sup>1</sup> principle, automatic unit testing

#### **Skills**

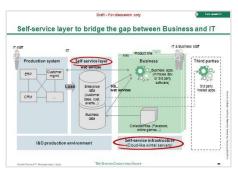
- Specialized profiles: business analysts for requirements and developers for technical implementation
- Jack-of-all-trades combining up-to-date technologies knowledge and business orientation

## 3 key challenges to bridge the gap ...

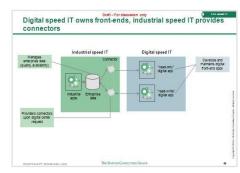
BCG's vision based on the different pieces of work done with leading companies' CIOs

#### **Data architecture**

On top of the usual closed "production system", IT has to support an **open architecture for business** 



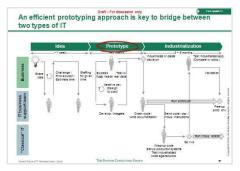
"Self service" layer



Digital IT as "Front end"

#### Governance

IT governance has to adapt to the **new paradigm of closer** / **joint governance** 



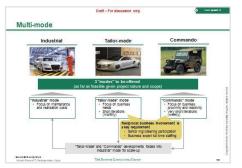
Prototyping



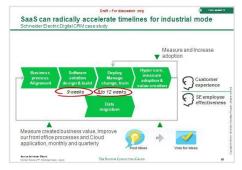
End-to-end cycle time reduction

#### **Operating model**

Adapt operating model to "Twospeed IT" world



Multi-mode



SaaS-enabled acceleration

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"Industrial speed" for production services



**Speed** 



Time – to – delivery

 Respect of planned timelines with business



Time - to - market

 End to end, from idea generation to market launch

**Productivity** 



Cost efficiency in run and change

 Industrialized and easy-toproduce metrics, used for budgeting purposes and extended to third parties



**Business - IT throughput** 

Quality



Security, reliability and maintainability

· In back end and processing



Service availability of channels

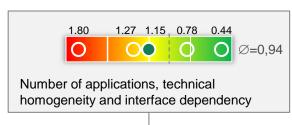
"Double standards" approach for new products and services

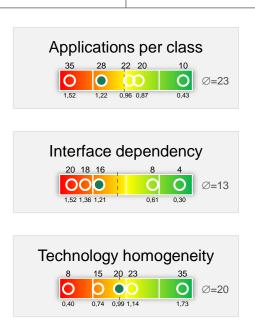
 Minimum viable product vs. industrialization

# The "2 speed IT world": complexity reduction, flexibility and robustness

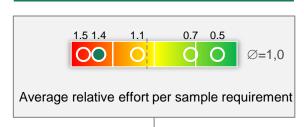
#### BCG IT Architecture Benchmarking

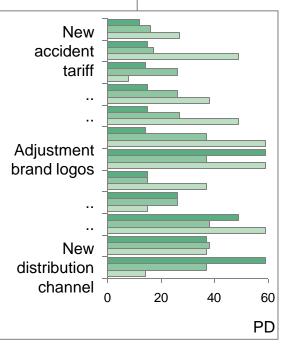
#### Complexity



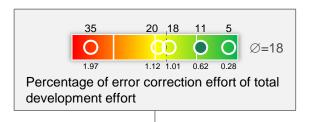


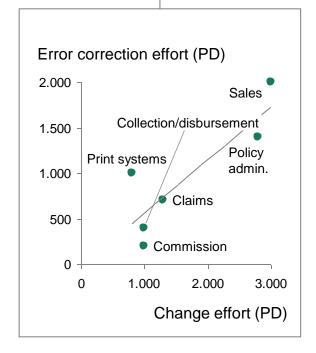
#### **Flexibility**





#### **Robustness**





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