WHAT'S IN YOUR BFSI ECOSYSTEM?



e rise of ecosystems

The HFS Enterprise Innovation Framework

LINEAR

Horizon 1: Digital

Digitally optimized processes to drive superior business outcomes



- Efficiency and effectiveness mindset
- Unified data reporting
- · Domain expertise
- · Process workflow



- Cloudification
- Cybersecurity
- Automation
- Machine learning
- Predictive analytics

FUNCTIONAL

VALUE ASPIRATION

EXPERIENTAL

Horizon 2: OneOffice

End-to-end organizational alignment across front, middle, and back to drive unmatched stakeholder experience



- Growth mindset
- Internal collaboration
- · Data-led decision making
- · Digitally fluent talent
- Human + machine processes



- Cloud native
- Edge computing
- Artificial intelligence
- Prescriptive analytics
- Internet of things

ENTERPRISE

INNOVATION SCOPE

EXPONENTIAL

Horizon 3: OneEcosystem™

Collaboration across multiple organizations with common objectives around driving completely new sources of value



- Infinite mindset
- External collaboration
- Data-monetization
- Creative talent
- Autonomous processes
- Physical digital convergence



- Blockchain
- 5G
- · Quantum computing
- And others



Organization characteristics



Emerging tech. adopted at scale



It's all about the ecosystem as BFSI tech stacks get decomposed

Component	Description	Sub-sector demand
Nouveau core banking and insurance	 Cloud-native SaaS solutions offering headless core banking or insurance functionality Sometimes clubbed together like Mambu and nCino 	Banking, especially net new firmsInsurance, established firms
Customer experience (CX)	The creation and management of customer journeys, including CRM elements, engagement, and specific enabling tech aligned to journeys like onboarding and KYC	All BSFI sub-sectors
Data and insights	 Ingestion, curation, and management of customer and third- party data 	WAM with aggregation and integration focus
Best-of-breed functional FinTech, insurtech, and wealthtech capabilities	 Provision of functional domain capabilities such as e- signature, payments, KYC, and biometric-enabled identity management powered by a range of best-of-breed FinTechs, insurtechs, and wealthtechs 	 All BFSI sub-sectors; typically pulled through by core or CX
Infrastructure	Public cloud from your favorite hyperscalers	Banking and insurance
Services	Advisory, integration, and outsourcing	 All BFSI sub-sectors, but net new firms are keen to self-serve after the advisory stage

e also see change spawning from disrupted industry value chains (insurance)

Product development

- Continuously access and analyze market data that points to new customer needs
- Catering to the "market of one"
- Creating data-driven products & value-added services

Underwriting

- Bringing in unstructured data and new data sources for smarter risk selection
- Profitability and productivity analysis and enhancements for underwriters
- Automated underwriting using AI

Distribution Predicting customer needs and behaviors segments

- Making agents relevant to customers and focusing them on the right
- Network and channel optimization

Overall CX & EX

- Reducing customer friction
- Enabling self-serve to reduce employee administrative burdens
- Personalizing offerings and customer experience through sentiment analysis, topic modeling, and text mining

Claims

- Using predictive models for expense management, high-value losses, reserving, settlement, litigation, and fraudulent claims
- Using computer vision and IoT to proactively monitor and prevent events
- Using AI to determine damage costs and make automated claims payouts

he changing face of BFSI partnerships

Top partners specified by service providers

Banking & Financial Services























Insurance



















The enterprise perspective

"From a business perspective, we are absolutely looking at ecosystems. We have a lot of integration ahead of us, with third parties wanting to exchange data and be on our portals, or we want to plug into theirs ...whether for them to adjudicate sales or for us to understand volumes.

Internal to IT, that's translated into revisiting our DevOps strategy to become more agile. From a technical perspective, we need to architect in more an open services oriented way..." "Your **Open API approach has to become the main principle** or strategy of all your business and technical ambitions.

You have to evolve your systems to an open platform and ecosystem—like the ones Amazon and other digital retailers have made very successful—selling everything to everybody, not only your own products."

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- Oliver Lauer, former Head of Architecture and Head of IT Innovation at Zurich

- CIO at one of the largest dental health plans in the US

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Discussion topics

- 1. Does any of this resonate?
- 2. How is the role of ecosystem partners changing in the face of the composable enterprise?
- 3. What's working? What are best practices for BFSI ecosystem optimization?
- 4. Prize time. Share examples of BFSI ecosystems in action the group votes for the big winner.



Recommended research

- Standard Chartered doubles down on its composable digital banking model
- Recognise Bank harnesses digital flexibility to drive better outcomes for SMBs
- PwC & Microsoft further cloud-native digital banks with their ecosystem offering
- Established banks should be much more worried about nimble digital native competitors
- Banks must actively convince clients that ESG is proper and profitable
- Don't let antiquated partnerships become the most dangerous legacy in BFS enterprises
- Banks thinking about insourcing need to think again
- Cloud-hungry BFS enterprises need to navigate public cloud capabilities by value, not brand
- For insurance firms, SaaS modernizes fragmented, monolithic technology stacks
- The BFSI industry gets proactive with its ransomware defense strategy



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