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Salesforce Ecosystem Partners

Implementation Services for Marketing Cloud Midmarket

A research report comparing provider strengths, challenges, and competitive differentiators



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Since its founding in 1999, Salesforce has shown impressive growth and is now one of the leading providers of cloud-based application systems in the form of Software as a Service (SaaS). The focus was always on implementation using agile methods and a high degree of standardization, giving the company the opportunity to roll out updates at comparatively short intervals.

Salesforce has continued steady growth in recent years, and the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic have only had a limited impact on the pace of growth. Although a few project budgets were partially frozen, or the corresponding projects were temporarily put on hold, in general the market growth was not significantly affected. In some areas,

the increasing relocation of processes or sub-processes in the direction of online processing has led to additional demand for IT solutions. As Salesforce is functionally largely geared toward customer-related processes, there have been additional growth impulses for the company in these areas during the pandemic.

The high growth also leads to a growing demand for implementation services. Meanwhile, the availability of qualified resources with Salesforce expertise can be seen as a limiting factor for the number of implementations. Specifically, in the U.S., this has resulted in significant consolidation pressure in the market for corresponding services, with large system integrators in particular trying to expand their resource base by taking over other providers. As a result, the number of midsize providers that offer complete scope coverage in the U.S. has shrunken

Strong growth in demand for Salesforce services and the resulting challenges for the vendors.

significantly. It will be interesting to see if the few remaining providers will stay independent over the upcoming years, or if new players of this will emerge. In addition to these takeover activities. which ultimately do not generate any additional capacities in the market, many providers are focusing on increased recruiting. On the one hand, young talents are hired and trained to become Salesforce consultants through suitable qualification measures. On the other hand, within some companies, experienced consultants from other areas are requalified to become Salesforce experts. The large system integrators follow this path due to the lack of opportunities for additional growth by acquisitions. In its partnerships, Salesforce itself promotes companies that contribute significantly to additional implementation capacities.

It is worth noting here that Salesforce is also currently building up its own offering of implementation services. Following the acquisition of the midsized provider Acumen, the company is further expanding its own capacities and is also partnering with other providers to implement Salesforce for several customers. This opens additional opportunities for these providers, but also inherits the risk of growing dependence on Salesforce. Furthermore, it is not yet possible to conclusively assess how sustainable the expansion of Salesforce's own development capacities will be, because as a software business, it requires significant investments and usually has lower margins.

Another key trend is the alignment of the Salesforce offering to different industries. This started a few years ago with the launch of industry-specific products like

the Financial Services Cloud and the Health Cloud. In 2020, this focus was intensified with the acquisition of Vlocity, an independent software vendor (ISV) that to date has developed various industry-specific products based on the Salesforce platform. It appears that this is a sustained trend and that Salesforce's portfolio is continually evolving toward an increased focus on industries. It remains to be seen whether this will lead to restrictions in the functional further development of such classic products as Sales and Service Cloud over the next 12 to 24 months.

In terms of the implementation methods used, the hybrid agile model remains the most common approach for globally operating customers, for whom the integration of Salesforce into a complex system landscape with global operations is a mandatory requirement. The hybrid agile model is a combination of agile

elements for the implementation phases with phase-oriented elements related to strategy, design and rollout. Most providers now offer this type of methodology in their portfolios. The purely agile methodology is still suitable for a single implementation of Salesforce; it is primarily used by midsized customers that do not require a global rollout and have limited integration requirements.

When it comes to integrating Salesforce with other applications, the MuleSoft platform continues to be the dominant tool. Comprehensive competence with regard to this platform is now an essential requirement to be able to survive in the market for providers of Salesforce implementations. The large system integrators usually operate a dedicated MuleSoft practice of considerable size, in which the corresponding capacities are bundled.

For all vendors, whether they are systems integrators or boutique vendors, a strong network of ISV partnerships within the Salesforce ecosystem remains of great importance. There is still a significant need to cover requirements that go beyond the standardized range of functions of the Salesforce products with additional products. This applies not only to the implementation, but also to the subsequent continuous support of ongoing operations. To be able to avoid individual developments as far as possible in these cases, the products of the ISVs are used. These solutions are typically offered as independent products, licensed separately and made available through a Salesforce-powered portal called the AppExchange Store. Salesforce ensures that the individual apps meet the basic software quality requirements, including troubleshooting, maintenance cycles, compatibility with Salesforce products, etc.

In this year's study, the quadrant for implementation and integration for large customers was renamed "Multi-Cloud Implementation and Integration for Large Enterprises" to make the difference to the quadrants for the midmarket even clearer in terms of content. The definition of this quadrant remains unchanged. Furthermore, the support of global rollouts and the coverage of the complex integration requirements are key success factors for providers in this quadrant. The companies Accenture, Capgemini, Cognizant, Customertimes, Deloitte Digital, HCL, Infosys, Mindtree, TCS and Wipro qualified as Leaders this year.

The Implementation Services for Core Clouds Midmarket segment also remains unchanged in terms of content. As already explained, the trend toward consolidation has led to several players disappearing from the market in 2021. It can be stated that, in addition to

pronounced development skills, the early phases of development, including strategy development, design and planning of a roadmap, have become increasingly important skills for the success of providers in this area. Birlasoft, Coastal Cloud, Hexaware, Persistent Systems, Silverline and Traction on Demand qualified as Leaders this year. As a Rising Star, Brillio has the prospect of qualifying as a leading provider in the future if its positive development continues.

In the Implementation Services for Marketing Cloud Midmarket segment, which also remains unchanged in terms of content, the following providers have qualified for a leading position this year: Coastal Cloud, Dentsu, Persistent Systems, Silverline, Slalom and Traction on Demand.

The market for Managed Application Services for Large Enterprises, like the corresponding market for implementations, is largely dominated by the large and internationally operating system integrators. Other players occupy significant sub-areas, but usually remain a bit behind the position of a Leader. Accenture, Capgemini, Cognizant, HCL, Infosys, L&T Infotech, Mindtree, TCS, Tech Mahindra and Wipro were able to qualify for this status.

Although they have favorable cost structures due to their global supplier models, the large system integrators do not play a significant role in the quadrant for Managed Application Services for Midmarket. On the one hand, this is due to the usually lower complexity of requirements in this market, and on the other hand, the companies mentioned do not seem to give this market a high priority. The following companies were able to qualify as Leaders: Birlasoft, Brillio, Hexaware, Persistent Systems, Silverline and Traction on Demand.

Compared to the last year, the structure of this year's study was expanded to include a quadrant dealing with the Implementation Services for Analytics Solutions on Salesforce. For the providers in this still comparatively young segment, there is incomplete information or only little information provided by the companies. As a result, only a few companies could be assessed this year, with the following achieving Leader status: HCL, Infosys, Persistent Systems, Tech Mahindra and Wipro.

In the next few years, the availability of qualified resources and the progressive focus on industry-specific offers will probably have a significant impact on the market for Salesforce-related services. It will also be interesting to follow Salesforce's further positioning steps.

Provider Positioning

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	Multi-Cloud Implementation & Integration Services for Large Enterprises	Implementation Services for Core Clouds Midmarket	Implementation Services for Marketing Cloud Midmarket	Managed Application Services for Large Enterprises	Managed Application Services for Midmarket	Implementation Services for Analytics Solutions on Salesforce
Accenture	Leader	Not In	Not In	Leader	Not In	Not In
AllCloud	Not In	Product Challenger	Product Challenger	Not In	Market Challenger	Not In
Atos	Product Challenger	Not In	Not In	Product Challenger	Not In	Contender
Birlasoft	Not In	Leader	Not In	Not In	Leader	Not In
Brillio	Not In	Rising Star ★	Product Challenger	Not In	Leader	Not In
Capgemini	Leader	Not In	Not In	Leader	Not In	Not In
CGI	Contender	Not In	Not In	Contender	Not In	Not In
Coastal Cloud	Not In	Leader	Leader	Not In	Not In	Product Challenger
Coforge	Not In	Product Challenger	Contender	Not In	Contender	Not In

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	Multi-Cloud Implementation & Integration Services for Large Enterprises	Implementation Services for Core Clouds Midmarket	Implementation Services for Marketing Cloud Midmarket	Managed Application Services for Large Enterprises	Managed Application Services for Midmarket	Implementation Services for Analytics Solutions on Salesforce
Cognizant	Leader	Not In	Not In	Leader	Not In	Not In
Customertimes	Leader	Not In	Not In	Product Challenger	Not In	Product Challenger
Deloitte Digital	Leader	Not In	Not In	Market Challenger	Not In	Not In
Dentsu	Not In	Not In	Leader	Not In	Not In	Not In
EPAM	Contender	Not In	Not In	Contender	Not In	Not In
Fujitsu	Contender	Not In	Not In	Contender	Not In	Not In
Grazitti Interactive	Not In	Product Challenger	Not In	Not In	Product Challenger	Product Challenger
HCL	Leader	Not In	Not In	Leader	Not In	Leader
Hexaware	Not In	Leader	Product Challenger	Not In	Leader	Not In

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	Multi-Cloud Implementation & Integration Services for Large Enterprises	Implementation Services for Core Clouds Midmarket	Implementation Services for Marketing Cloud Midmarket	Managed Application Services for Large Enterprises	Managed Application Services for Midmarket	Implementation Services for Analytics Solutions on Salesforce
Huron	Not In	Market Challenger	Market Challenger	Not In	Market Challenger	Not In
IBM	Market Challenger	Not In	Not In	Market Challenger	Not In	Not In
Infosys	Leader	Not In	Not In	Leader	Not In	Leader
Jade Global	Not In	Product Challenger	Product Challenger	Not In	Not In	Not In
LTI	Product Challenger	Not In	Not In	Leader	Not In	Not In
Marlabs	Not In	Product Challenger	Contender	Not In	Product Challenger	Not In
Mindtree	Leader	Not In	Not In	Leader	Not In	Not In
Mphasis	Not In	Not In	Not In	Product Challenger	Not In	Not In
NTT DATA	Product Challenger	Not In	Not In	Product Challenger	Not In	Not In



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Perficient	Not In	Contender	Contender	Not In	Not In	Not In
Persistent Systems	Product Challenger	Leader	Leader	Product Challenger	Leader	Leader
PwC	Market Challenger	Not In	Not In	Market Challenger	Not In	Not In
Reply	Not In	Product Challenger	Product Challenger	Not In	Not In	Not In
Silverline	Not In	Leader	Leader	Not In	Leader	Product Challenger
Slalom	Product Challenger	Not In	Leader	Product Challenger	Not In	Not In
SLK Group	Not In	Contender	Not In	Not In	Not In	Not In
Tavant	Not In	Product Challenger	Contender	Not In	Product Challenger	Not In
TCS	Leader	Not In	Not In	Leader	Not In	Not In

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	Multi-Cloud Implementation & Integration Services for Large Enterprises	Implementation Services for Core Clouds Midmarket	Implementation Services for Marketing Cloud Midmarket	Managed Application Services for Large Enterprises	Managed Application Services for Midmarket	Implementation Services for Analytics Solutions on Salesforce
Tech Mahindra	Product Challenger	Not In	Not In	Leader	Not In	Leader
Traction on Demand	Not In	Leader	Leader	Not In	Leader	Product Challenger
Visionet	Not In	Contender	Product Challenger	Not In	Not In	Not In
Wipro	Leader	Not In	Not In	Leader	Not In	Leader
Zennify	Not In	Product Challenger	Product Challenger	Not In	Product Challenger	Not In
Zensar Technologies	Not In	Market Challenger	Market Challenger	Not In	Product Challenger	Market Challenger

Introduction

This study focuses on what ISG perceives as most critical in 2022 for the Salesforce Ecosystem.

Simplified Illustration Source: ISG 2022

Multi-Cloud Implementation &
Integration Services for Large
Enterprises

Implementation Services for Core
Clouds Midmarket

Implementation Services for

Managed Application Services for Large Enterprises

Marketing Cloud Midmarket

Managed Application Services for Midmarket

Implementation Services for Analytics Solutions on Salesforce

Definition

The Salesforce Ecosystem study examines various offerings around the Salesforce platform, where a basic distinction is made between implementation services (the Change Business) and the managed application services focusing on operational support for productive applications (the Run Business). In both these basic segments, a further distinction is made between large enterprise clients and the midmarket due to the significantly higher need for Salesforce integration into the complex application landscape of large enterprise clients. Furthermore, these clients primarily have globally operating businesses that require corresponding delivery capabilities from the service providers.

The ISG Provider Lens™ study offers IT decision-makers the following:

- Transparency of the strengths and weaknesses of relevant providers
- Differentiated positioning of providers by segments
- A perspective on different markets, especially the U.S., Germany and Brazil

Our study serves as an important decision-making basis for positioning, key relationships and go-to-market considerations. ISG advisors and enterprise clients also leverage information from these reports for evaluating their current vendor relationships and potential engagements.



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Scope of the Report

In this ISG Provider Lens™ quadrant study, ISG includes the following 6 quadrants: Multi-Cloud Implementation & Integration Services for Large Enterprises, Implementation Services for Core Clouds Midmarket, Implementation Services for Marketing Cloud

Midmarket, Managed Application Services for Large Enterprises Managed Application Services for Midmarket, and Implementation Services for Analytics Solutions on Salesforce.

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- · Focus on regional market

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Provider Classifications

The provider position reflects the suitability of IT providers for a defined market segment (quadrant). Without further additions, the position always applies to all company sizes, classes, and industries. In case the IT service requirements of enterprise customers differ from those of other customers, and the spectrum of IT providers operating in the local market is sufficiently wide, a further differentiation of the IT providers by performance is made according to the target group for products and services. In

doing so, ISG either considers the industry requirements or the number of employees, as well as the corporate structures of customers, and positions IT providers according to their focus area. As a result, ISG differentiates them, if necessary, into two client target groups that are defined as follows:

- Midmarket: Companies with 100 to 4,999 employees or revenues between US\$20 million and US\$999 million with central headquarters in the respective country, usually privately owned.
- Large Accounts: Multinational companies with more than 5,000 employees or revenue above US\$1 billion, with activities worldwide and globally distributed decision-making structures.

The ISG Provider Lens™ quadrants are created using an evaluation matrix containing four segments (Leader, Product Challenger, Market Challenger, and Contender), and the providers are positioned accordingly.

Each ISG Provider Lens quadrant may include a service provider(s) that ISG believes has strong potential to move into the Leader quadrant. This type of provider is classified as a Rising Star.

Number of providers in each quadrant:

ISG rates and positions the most relevant providers according to the scope of the report for each quadrant and limits the maximum of providers per quadrant to 25 (exceptions are possible).



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Provider Classifications: Quadrant Key

Product Challengers offer a product and service portfolio that reflect excellent service and technology stacks. These providers and vendors deliver an unmatched broad and deep range of capabilities. They show evidence of investing to enhance their market presence and competitive strengths.

Leaders have a comprehensive product and service offering, a strong market presence and established competitive position. The product portfolios and competitive strategies of Leaders are strongly positioned to win business in the markets covered by the study. The Leaders also represent innovative strength and competitive stability.

Contenders offer services and products meeting the evaluation criteria that qualifies them to be included in the IPL quadrant. These promising service providers or vendors show evidence of rapidly investing in products/services and a follow sensible market approach with a goal of becoming a Product or Market Challenger within 12 to 18 months.

Market Challengers have a strong presence in the market and offer a significant edge over other vendors and providers based on competitive strength. Often, Market Challengers are the established and well-known vendors in the regions or vertical markets covered in the study.

★ Rising Stars have promising portfolios or the market experience to become a Leader, including the required roadmap and adequate focus on key market trends and customer requirements. Rising Stars also have excellent management and understanding of the local market in the studied region. These vendors and service providers give evidence of significant progress toward their goals in the last 12 months. ISG expects Rising Stars to reach the Leader quadrant within the next 12 to 24 months if they continue their delivery of above-average market impact and strength of innovation.

Not in means the service provider or vendor was not included in this quadrant. Among the possible reasons for this designation: ISG could to position the company; the company does not provide the relevant service or solution as defined for each quadrant of a study; or the company did not meet the eligibility criteria for the study quadrant. Omission from the quadrant does not imply that the service provider or vendor does not offer or plan to offer this service or solution.



Implementation
Services for Marketing
Cloud Midmarket

Implementation Services for Marketing Cloud Midmarket

Who Should Read This

This report is relevant to small and midsize companies across all industries in the U.S. and evaluates service providers of Salesforce implementation services for Marketing Cloud.

In this quadrant report, ISG defines the current market positioning of providers of Salesforce implementation services for Marketing Cloud in the U.S., and how they address key challenges faced by enterprises in the country. These providers focus on helping clients deliver direct, personalized customer engagement and increase revenue through one-on-one communication, at scale and across multiple channels. Marketing Cloud is often the starting point for Salesforce, and ISG observes that companies seeking Salesforce implementation services typically do not have complex, real-time integration needs.

Remote working is the new norm for many enterprise clients, and Salesforce provides them with platforms to keep their businesses running. More consumers surfaced as demand for customer experience (CX) became a priority among enterprise clients in the U.S. The companies will need to embrace flexibility in their return-to-work strategies while continuing to deliver the digital-first experiences that customers and employees expect. Access to data and Al tools will help enterprises create a human touch to deliver new levels of CX.

In the U.S., the focus of Salesforce implementation services for Marketing Cloud is on enriching CX. ISG research shows a preference for business solutions rather than ones with reusable modules. This means that service providers rely on development more than component libraries to help deliver Marketing Cloud implementations. Also, as marketing

functions require many customer and prospect transactions, a provider's automation capabilities are important.

The clients are looking to create two-way engagements to deliver the best solution for individual dynamics, personalize interaction by leveraging Salesforce Einstein Al capabilities, and analyze end-to-end marketing effectiveness across all digital channels and devices. The expectation is to enable organizations to act on these insights and deliver data-driven personalized experiences across every stage of a customer relationship.

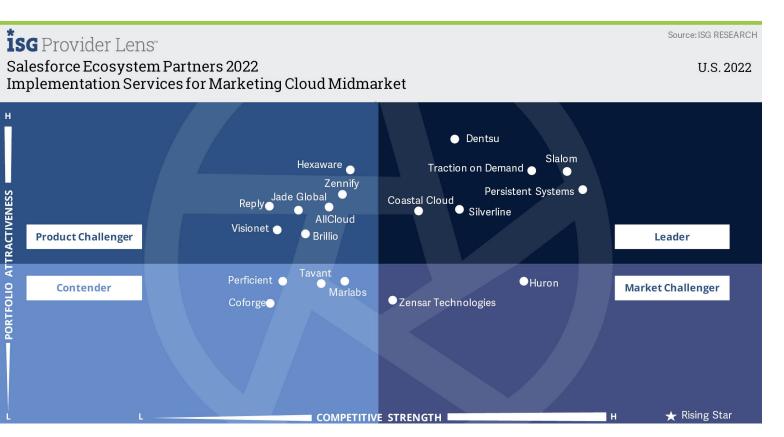


Marketing leaders should read this report to understand the relative positioning and capabilities of service partners that can help them implement Salesforce Marketing Cloud products effectively. The report also highlights the marketing expertise of various service providers, including their digital experience and accelerators.



IT and technology leaders should read this report to understand the relative positioning and capabilities of partners that can help them effectively adopt Salesforce Marketing Cloud product services. It will also enable them to compare the technical capabilities, automation depth and development methodologies of the providers.





This quadrant addresses providers that offer implementation services for Salesforce Marketing Cloud and provide expertise in marketing-specific aspects such as the use of media and multichannel approaches.

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Implementation Services for Marketing Cloud Midmarket

Definition

This quadrant addresses providers that specialize in Salesforce Marketing Cloud for cases where the need for real-time integration into a complex system landscape is limited. This is most typical for medium and small-sized clients. In addition, provider expertise in marketingspecific aspects such as the use of media and multichannel approaches is essential.

Eligibility Criteria

- 1. Strong implementation Marketing Cloud and Pardot
- 2. Provision of training and enabling client personnel to

- **3.** Availability of predefined oriented and industry specific
- **4.** Unique differentiators
- 5. Economic stability and
- 6. Compelling list of use cases



Implementation Services for Marketing Cloud Midmarket

Observations

The implementation services for the Salesforce Marketing Cloud have to take into consideration that most marketing activities include direct interactions with end consumers of products and services. This results in large data volumes and the increasing demand for fully mobile-enabled solutions. Hence, this is an essential capability leading providers need to exhibit in this quadrant. Furthermore, with their strong domain expertise some of the large marketing agencies are also important competitors for the technology-oriented providers in this market.

The following providers have been determined to be leaders in this quadrant:

From over 90 companies assessed for this study, 19 have qualified for this quadrant with 6 being Leaders:

Coastal Cloud

Coastal Cloud exhibits a strong focus on the Salesforce Marketing Cloud, combined with powerful automation mechanisms, and is a highly capable partner for its clients' marketing functions.

Dentsu

Dentsu offers a full range of services for the Marketing Cloud, comprising strategy, consulting, configuration and custom development, based on a deep understanding of the marketing function.

Persistent Systems

The large Marketing Cloud practice of **Persistent Systems** applies a well-suited project management approach. The company shows strong focus on automation and marketing-related customer analytics.

Silverline

Silverline offers predefined packages to key industries for the staggered implementation of Salesforce. The use of powerful automation mechanisms is a key element in Silverline's portfolio.

Slalom

Slalom has deep expertise, especially in the areas of concept-to-commercialization, customer experience, and omnichannel commerce. With its Build-as-a-Service approach, Slalom offers an innovative way of crafting custom-built technology products.

Traction on Demand

Traction on Demand offers various predefined solutions, which are also partially available in the Salesforce AppExchange store. The company focuses on achieving a high level of automation to increase efficiency.



"Coastal Cloud is highly capable of implementing marketing-related Salesforce solutions with an impressive certification level."

Rainer Suletzki

Coastal Cloud

Overview

Coastal Cloud is a technology consulting firm, with headquarters in Palm Coast, FL, U.S. It was founded in 2012 and employs about 380 Salesforce-certified experts. It is focused on the design and implementation of SaaS-based solutions for sales processes, mainly using the Salesforce Core Clouds. The services are offered mainly across the U.S. and Canada.

Strengths

Strong focus on marketing: Unlike many competitors, the company also carries a certification status for Salesforce's marketing-related products: Customer360 and Pardot. Furthermore, the company is highly specialized to support functional tools, including Journey Builder, Email Studio, Mobile Messaging and more.

Strong automation capabilities using Pardot: In the context of the Marketing Cloud, automation is an important factor to deal properly with the large amount of data that results from the usually high number of records, including customers, leads

and customer interactions. With its Pardot QuickStart, Coastal Cloud offers a predefined solution that is easy to implement and enables a high level of automation for standard marketing tasks.

Delivery model with high customer proximity: The operating model with onsite consultants, combined with implementation support from the delivery centers located in the U.S., ensure high customer proximity in the actual project work for customers in the U.S.

Caution

Coastal Cloud should put more emphasis on accelerators and pre-configured solutions in the development of the solution portfolio, specifically for marketingrelated activities.



Appendix

Methodology & Team

The ISG Provider Lens 2022 – Salesforce Ecosystem Partners research study analyzes the relevant software vendors/ service providers in the U.S. market, based on a multi-phased research and analysis process, and positions these providers based on the ISG Research methodology.

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All revenue references are in U.S. dollars (\$US) unless noted.

The study was divided into the following steps:

- 1. Definition of Salesforce **Ecosystem Partners market**
- 2. Use of questionnaire-based surveys of service providers/ vendor across all trend topics
- 3 Interactive discussions with service providers/vendors on capabilities & use cases
- 4. Leverage ISG's internal databases & advisor knowledge & experience (wherever applicable)
- 5. Use of Star of Excellence CX-Data

- 6. Detailed analysis & evaluation of services & service documentation based on the facts & figures received from providers & other sources.
- 7. Use of the following key evaluation criteria:
 - * Strategy & vision
 - * Tech Innovation
 - * Brand awareness and presence in the market
 - * Sales and partner landscape
 - * Breadth and depth of portfolio of services offered
 - * CX and Recommendation



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