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Definition

Enterprise service management (ESM) solutions and service providers are transforming with time, and they are growing in numbers. Every quarter brings enhancements to the evolving practices such as ITIL V3 in 2011 and ITIL 4 2019, emerging technology and new use cases. This is a crowded market without a clear distinction between an enterprise context and any independent portfolio. As a result, providers and buyers can find it challenging to identify the best fit solution for enterprise-wide services.

Business leaders need to make these decisions using quantitative and qualitative methods. This report provides the enterprises with information required to select the right ESM managed service providers, software and partners for their business. At the same time, it evaluates various solutions, practices and platforms that deliver a number of services across an enterprise.

Comprehensive business and IT software-as-a-service (SaaS) solutions now enhance customer information management, connected workflow and smart task processing capabilities. The role of IT was limited to systems, access and technology assets; however, now IT is a strategic success partner that enables every business function at every level. ESM is expanding the coverage by integrating all departments around a single platform, providing a holistic view of end-to-end service value.

Enterprise software solutions are expected to meet the needs of cross-functional service lines, including IT. The current trend is for light, agile and customizable products with re-engineered processes, new designs and scalable architecture. These platforms are usually technology agnostic but are inclined toward specific business units. All and machine learning capabilities, automation, and data analytics have become the base requirements. Consulting firms, service providers and integration partners thrive on this opportunity to help enterprises deliver service transformation, migration, integration, and implementations.

Enterprise service management is the set of business, technology and organization support processes, cross leveraging tools, practices, and methods for a holistic value creation and delivery aligned to the enterprise's vision.

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

- Transparency on the strengths and weaknesses of relevant providers
- A differentiated positioning of providers by segments
- A perspective on the U.S market

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

Quadrant Research

As part of this ISG Provider Lens™ quadrant study, we are introducing the following four quadrants on Enterprise Service Management — Services & Solutions 2022:

Enterprise Service Management - Services & Solutions 2022

ESM Consulting Services

ESM Managed Services for Converged IT & Business Ops

ESM Software Providers

ESM Implementation & Integration Services

Source: ISG 2021

ESM Consulting Services

This quadrant evaluates the consulting service providers that transform the enterprise services landscape to improve their service philosophies and strategies. These providers assist the enterprises in understanding the changing market course and guide in designing the right business, service and technology models. They also enable the enterprises to reach the future state by recommending tools and solutions to build a sustainable and resilient business. ESM consulting services bridge the gap between IT and business to connect the enterprise lines of business and build a seamless collaboration between ITSM and ESM. Translating business and IT languages helps define one enterprise objective.

Main evaluation criteria for this quadrant are as follows:

- Use of reference assessments models, frameworks and templates
- Capability to design service transformation strategy and roadmap in the IT and business service management area
- Digital business transformation competency focusing on enterprise-wide portfolio
- Expertise in IT, organizational support and industry-specific process consulting
- Deep knowledge about enterprise services, processes, workflows, tools and platforms
- Tool and technology certifications, accreditations (ITSMF, PMI) and associations with standard bodies (TOGAF)
- Experience in organizational and technology change management principles, guidance to achieve conformance with regulatory, compliance and governance frameworks

ESM Managed Services for Converged IT & Business Ops

This quadrant assesses the capability of providers to offer managed services for maintenance and support of system and centralized service management. The enterprise (converged) IT services portfolio enables direct control and monitoring of complex systems, workflows and services. These include infrastructure, applications monitoring and performance. Additionally, this study will review providers for business process support and operations capabilities built around specific business verticals and organizational functions above the platform. The evaluation will cover data quality management, data security and compliance-related aspects. Modernizing the service support abilities will be a critical aspect to review. The quadrant will examine the capability of providers to offer these services in the context of global reach and sophisticated application landscapes, comprising various solutions from different software providers.

Main evaluation criteria for this quadrant are as follows:

- Breadth of service portfolio including IT and business process
- Measuring success parameters of IT value drivers mapped to business value drivers.
- Demonstrate operational and technical support experience in ESM tools and corresponding workflows
- Breadth of application management services, functionality upgrades and custom requirements.
- Options to choose from multiple service delivery and engagement models
- Resources availability and competency for management of ESM software
- Broad and diverse knowledge through partner network activities to support clients within their skill development to enhance the application practice

ESM Implementation and Integration Services

This quadrant analyzes highly specialized providers with software implementation and integration capabilities within the enterprise landscape. The focus is on deep knowledge about technical and project management practices for planning, designing, developing and delivering standard software solutions for enterprise portfolios, covering business, service lines and information technology systems. Implementation concentrates on installation, configuration and operationalizing the tools and platforms for IT and business functions. The integration activities link supplementary and complementary systems across all portfolios to enhance efficiency and productivity. The integration includes knowledge of different software tools and bespoke components to connect systems for data transfer, collection and analysis. The study will also evaluate the providers on the methodology, frameworks and practices exercised during the implementation and integration activities.

Main evaluation criteria for this quadrant are as follows:

- Expertise in technical implementation of tools, software and platforms
- Usage of accelerators and custom solutions for software deployment
- Ability to design solution as per reference architecture aligning to the prevailing architecture
- Expertise in application optimization, support and testing services
- Demonstrate the use of software deployment methodologies (agile) and practices (DevOps) during ESM software deployments and upgrades
- Ability to drive implementations and integrations in major hyperscale providers and on-premises
- Expertise in process integration and migration with knowledge of IT and non-IT functions

ESM Software Providers

This quadrant assesses providers that offer software (tools and solutions) and deliver capabilities to manage services across the enterprise. These tools drive workflows and work management activities across various functions catering to specific needs. The OEMs build on-premises and cloud (SaaS) solutions for focused groups, covering technology, service line, organizational support and business process systems. The study will cover the functionalities and customization abilities, while offering customer-, business- and organization-specific solutions. The providers offer IT service management software, business process management tools and components supporting enterprise applications.

This quadrant covers the work administration solutions driving technical and functional processes, in addition to domain-specific tools, to supplement, complement and conduct work management activities. This includes new emerging technology components and digital elements inclusion to enhance the effectiveness, efficiency and experience.

Main evaluation criteria for this quadrant are as follows:

- Organizational support capabilities for key enterprise services such as IT, human resources (HR), finance and accounting (F&A), facilities management, and others
- Ability to build multitenancy, access control and user/role management
- Offer industry-specific business processes, components and accelerators
- Integration capabilities with adjacent systems and other systems
- Demonstrate infusion of digital technologies (automation, analytics and AI)
- Ability to provide guidance on regulatory, compliance and governance frameworks

Quadrants by Region

Quadrant	U.S.
ESM Consulting Services	√
ESM Managed Services for Converged IT & Business Ops	√
ESM Implementation and Integration Services	V
ESM Software Providers	√

Schedule

The research phase falls in **Nov 2021 and Dec 2021**, during which survey, evaluation, analysis and validation will take place. The results will be presented to the media in **Mar 2022**.

Milestones	Beginning	End
Launch	Nov 2, 2021	
Survey Phase	Nov 2, 2021	Nov 22, 2021
Sneak Preview	Jan 2022	
Press Release	Mar 2022	

Please refer to the <u>link</u> to view/download the ISG Provider Lens™ 2021 research agenda:

Access to Online Portal

You can view/download the questionnaire from here using the credentials you have already created or refer to instructions provided in the invitation email to generate a new password. We look forward to your participation!

Research production disclaimer:

ISG collects data for the purposes of writing research and creating provider/vendor profiles. The profiles and supporting data are used by ISG advisors to make recommendations and inform their clients of the experience and qualifications of any applicable provider/vendor for outsourcing work identified by the clients. This data is collected as part of the ISG FutureSource process and the Candidate Provider Qualification (CPQ) process. ISG may choose to only utilize this collected data pertaining to certain countries or regions for the education and purposes of its advisors and not to produce ISG Provider Lens™ reports. These decisions will be made based on the level and completeness of information received directly from providers/vendors and the availability of experienced analysts for those countries or regions. Submitted information may also be used for individual research projects or for briefing notes that will be written by the lead analysts.

Partial list of companies being invited for the survey

Are you in the list or do you see your company as relevant provider that is missing in the list? Then feel free to contact us to ensure your active participation in the research phase.

4me Cask, LLC DO IT WISE

Accenture CDI DXC Technology

Acorio CDW Logistics, Inc. EasyVista

Acumatica Cerna Solutions Emtec

Advance Solutions Corporation CGI Envecon

Aeritae Checkpoint Technologies EPAM

AHEAD, Inc. Cloudaction Epicor

Aisera CloudPires LLC Ernst and Young LLP

Alcor Cognizant Evergreen Systems

Alcor Solutions Inc. CompuCom Systems Excalibur

Ascend Integrated Compulink Financial Force

Aspire Systems Computacenter Fishbone Analytics Inc.

Atlassian Computer Design & Integration, LLC Flycast Partners

(CDI)

Atos (Engage ESM) Foulk Consulting Concurrency, Inc.

Avanade Freshworks

ConfigureTek

ConnectAll

Axios Fujitsu

Beyond 20 Fujitsu Services

Contender Solutions

Coreio

Booz Allen Hamilton FX INNOVATION Covestic, Inc.

Bravium Consulting Inc. G2 IT

Creative Systems and Consulting, LLC
Broadcom
Genpact

Critical Design Associates

BusinessNow P/S GlideFast Consulting LLC
Crossfuze

CAI (Computer Aid, Inc.) Grant Thornton

Dell

Capgemini Green Light
Deloitte

Carahsoft (Government. IT provider) HCL

BMC

Fusion Global Business Solutions

Hexaware Maryville Consulting Group QAD

HGC Technologies Matrix 42 (Firescope) Quint Technology

Highmetric (Column Technologies) Melillo Consulting Ramco

Hitachi Solutions, Ltd. Mercer Rapid Technologies

Hornbill Meritide Red Shift Consulting

HPE Microfocus Renner Brown

IBM Microsoft Results Positive

IFS AB Mindtree Rezolve.ai

Incentive Technology Group (ITG) MobiChord, LLC RightStar

InfoBeans Mobius RJR Innovations

Infor Mphasis Sage Group

Infosys Navvia SAP

Inmorphis NCSI ScienceSoft USA

INRY (IntegRhythm Inc.) Ness Digital Engineering (FKA Linium) Seavus

Insight Netcenergy Serviceaide

InSource Inc NTT DATA Serviceberry

Intact Nuvolo ServiceNow

Integral Consulting Services Online Business Systems SHI

ISM Oracle SilverStorm Solutions SL

ITS Partners Orange Business Services Softtek

Ivanti Partner IT SolarWinds

Kloves Inc. Pathways Consulting Group Sopra Steria

KPMG Pharicode LLC Stefanini

Larsen & Toubro Infotech Limited (LTI) Plat4mation BV StrataCom

Logicalis Plex SuMO IT Solutions Inc.

Logicalis, Inc Praecipo Consulting Sysaid

LTI (L&T) ProV International, Inc SysPro

Manage Engine (Zoho) PWC T4S Partners

TCS Tx3 Vyom Labs

Tech Mahindra Unisys Wipro

Tek systems Unit4 Workday

The Gomel Group USU World Wide Technology

Topdesk VerisVisalign Zensar Technologies

Trianz Volteo

T-Systems V-Soft Consulting

ISG Star of Excellence [™] – Call for nominations

The Star of Excellence is an independent recognition of excellent service delivery based on the concept of "Voice of the Customer." The Star of Excellence is a program, designed by ISG, to collect client feedback about service providers' success in demonstrating the highest standards of client service excellence and customer centricity.

The global survey is all about services that are associated with IPL studies. In consequence, all ISG analysts will be continuously provided with information on the customer experience of all relevant service providers. This information comes on top of existing first-hand advisor feedback that IPL leverages in context of its practitioner-led consulting approach.

Providers are invited to <u>nominate</u> their clients to participate. Once the nomination has been submitted, ISG sends out a mail confirmation to both sides. It is self-evident that ISG anonymizes all customer data and does not share it with third parties.

It is our vision that the Star of Excellence will be recognized as the leading industry recognition for client service excellence and serve as the benchmark for measuring client sentiments.

To ensure your selected clients complete the feedback for your nominated engagement please use the client nomination section on the Star of Excellence <u>website</u>.

We have set up an email where you can direct any questions or provide comments. This email will be checked daily, please allow up to 24 hours for a reply. Here is the email address: Star@isg-one.com

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Do you need any further information?

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at isglens@isg-one.com.

ISG Provider Lens QCRT Program Description

ISG Provider Lens offers market assessments incorporating practitioner insights, reflecting regional focus and independent research. ISG ensures advisor involvement in each study to cover the appropriate market details aligned to the respective service lines/technology trends, service provider presence and enterprise context. In each region, ISG has expert thought leaders and respected advisors who know the provider portfolios and offerings as well as enterprise requirements and market trends. On average, three advisors participate as part of each study's quality and consistency review team (QCRT). The QCRT ensures each study reflects ISG advisors' experience in the field, which complements the primary and secondary research the analysts conduct. ISG advisors participate in each study as part of the QCRT group and contribute at different levels depending on their availability and expertise.

The QCRT advisors:

- Help define and validate quadrants and questionnaires
- Advise on service providers inclusion, participate in briefing calls
- Give their perspectives on service provider ratings and review report drafts

The ISG Provider Lens QCRT program helps round out the research process, supporting comprehensive research-focused studies.

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