# **Generative Al** Beyond Hype: The Reality of adoption at American and Brazilian enterprises

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## Who we are



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# Our conversation goal is to explore the current landscape of Generative AI adoption at enterprises in US and Brazil

Generative AI quarterly cross-industry survey (United States, Oct 23 and Jan 24)

~200 companies 10 sectors VPs and C level Revenue 50M to 10+B USD Generative AI pulse check survey (Brazil, Mar 23) ~75 companies 14 sectors VPs and C level Revenue 40M to 10+B BRL

Cutting edge Generative AI work with leading enterprises and investors across the world

> 150 +Generative AI projects delivered worldwide 0+ Industries Financial Services Private Equity Healthcare 58 Advanced Manufacturing Tech. & Cloud Services Communications & Media Consumer Products Energy & Natural Resources

- Retail
- Education

# After more than a year after GPT's introduction, where do we stand?

# Peak of Inflated expectation Plateau of Productivity Innovation Trigger Slope of Enlightenment Trough of Disillusionment Trough of Disillusionment

OUR AGENDA FOR TODAY



How committed with GenAl leading enterprises are?



What are they doing and what are emerging sucess stories?



Gartner hype cycle

Has it been ROI positive?



Years

What can we learn from the pioneers?

**Executives** agree **GenAl will create** substantive change to the basis of competition, leaving those who "wait-and-see" behind

**70-75%** 

enterprises think AI is changing rules of the game for **customer engagement and business models** 

2/3 of the industry participants believe early movers will have a sustained advantage which will not level off

# **65-70%**

think AI will significantly disrupt the **cost structure** in their industries





# **60-65%**

think AI will upend competition in terms of **core product differentiation** 





# Most companies elevated GenAl into their most important strategic priorities for 2024



While excitement has been large and many have been experimenting with GenAl, it has been hard to move from experiments and pilots to at-scale applications

#### % of respondents who identified within each bucket







#### **Followers**

Learners

Companies with a GenAI enterprise agenda but still in development or piloting phases





#### Leaders

Companies with one or more GenAI applications at scale generating value



# Primary barrier to faster GenAI adoption in Brazil is lack of talent, whereas in US are concerns over privacy and security

What prevents you of moving faster with Generative AI?



Fonte: 2023 Bain GenAl Survey USA (Qualified, valid N = 198, Oct'23); 2024 Bain GenAl Survey Brazil (Qualified, valid N = 55, Fev'24);

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#### USE CASES | ADOPTION

#### PRELIMINARY

## Tech companies are ahead pursuing product enhancements and efficiencies at development teams, while non-tech firms have prioritized customer service or internal productivity use cases



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# Non-tech American firms pursuing internal productivity use cases first while non-tech Brazilian firms more eager to experiment with customer facing use cases



Note: 'I don't know' and 'No plans yet' has been hidden in the above charts | Source: 2023 Bain GenAl Survey; (Qualified, USA: valid N = 198, Oct'23; Brazil: valid N = 55, Mar'24)

# Emerging success histories of Generative AI

Natural language interfaces



Advice chatbot in Carrefour France



Shopping assistant for clothes



**Expert shopping assistant** trained on Amazon's catalogue

Customer support

## Klarna.

Created an **assistant to handle queries** that can do the work of 700 agents

#### octopusenergy

Using AI to **answer customers emails** increasing productivity and customer satisfaction

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Incorporated Generative AI in the assistant Erica to assist customers

Marketing

Create a real magic: reinvented marketing **co-creating with clients** 

Mondelēz,

Created a marketing campaign that can be customized in scale

YouTube

Investing in AI to automatic dub videos and create backgrounds

🔿 Meta

Using in features for advertisers to customize images

Sales team co-pilots

#### Morgan Stanley

Knowledge assistants to build the 'Advisor of the future'

#### HealthCo

Support relationship managers automatizing tasks and retrieving information

#### BankCo

assistant to supercharge Bank managers and increase productivity Knowledge teams assistants



Bain tool to **improve information discovery through dialogue** 



Developing a Gen Al approach to accelerate pace of oil&gas exploration

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# Many enterprises estimate Generative AI program value to be worth up to ~10-15% of EBITDA

**Overall potential value of GenAl program (% of EBITDA)** 



Note: Operating income used in some cases when EBITDA is not reported – for use case that have an expected revenue uplift last twelve months EBITDA margin was used to calculate value (EBITDA impact), number of use cases not known for cases that only gave a top-down estimate, Top-down methodology indicates there were not individual value estimates for each use case Source: SEC Filings, Bain Case Work

# Early proof-points give enterprises confidence in Generative Al ability to realize long term value

Product development

### PRODUCTIVITY

Improvements range from ~20% time savings to nearly full automation



#### EXPERIENCE Enterprises are improving customer and employee experience



Back office/other productivity

% time savings on task addressed by GenAl use case

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Lesson #1: Pioneers have reached a clear alignment within their executive teams around the investment posture regarding Generative AI



#### STRATEGIC POSTURES

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QUESTIONS

#### "Let's first prove the ROI"

#### **Cautious approach**

seeking clear demonstration of value and signals of existing, matured adoption from within the industry (1-2 initiatives, incremental / efficiency-focused)

# Where can we **demonstrate value** with low investment?

Where in the org is the most energy / **buy-in to begin?** 

"Let's pilot in a

## few areas to experiment"

**Openness to experiment** with a few mid-scale pilots, particularly on more conservative internal / enabling initiatives (likely innovation / labs driven, limited to no growth focus)

What do we need to

Which initiatives will

provide the required

bar for success?

learnings and what is our

organization?

believe / prove as an



#### "We're going big, but starting with focus"

Stated commitment to generative AI / acknowledge-ment of potential value (single BU focus to demonstrate value before exploring bolder plays, mixed efficiency / growth focus)



Which BU is **most likely drive** / demonstrate success?

How do we measure / translate success to **build momentum?** 

#### "Fully ready to be bold"

**Commitment to futureback transformational plays**, incl. new-to-world value propositions; desire to accelerate efforts to deploy (portfolio of efficiency / growth initiatives across 2-3 BUs)



What is our **GenAl** ambition / where are we best positioned to be bold?

Which pilots will provide the stepping-stones to success?

Lesson #2: Pioneers are tackling Gen AI as a company-wide transformation, embracing the uncertainty and learning through the process

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- Prioritize and launch initial use cases
- Resource them with joint business-technical teams
- Set up 'minimum viable' capabilities
  - Lean Gen AI COE / program office
  - 'Minimum viable' tech and data platform, talent, and vendors / partnerships
  - 'Minimum viable' governance, including risk/ethical evaluation and user-back change management





- · Educate the executive team about the technology
- Articulate a shared strategic vision and view of value
- · Commit as a top team to enable experimentation



- Get smarter from pilots on build and adoption
- · Understand the hurdles to scaling
  - Scalable tech and data platform
  - Build vs. Buy vs. Partner approach
  - Talent and capability building strategy
  - Operating model shifts
  - Responsible AI strategy
- Inspire and educate the organization and other stakeholders

### Like every transformation, Generative AI has its own challenges Some lessons learned from experiences so far

#### PRIORITIZING WELL IS ESSENTIAL

- Prioritization should direct efforts towards the biggest impacts, thus avoiding dilutions with low return
- Choices should take into account the complexity of the problem and readiness for execution. Taking too long to capture results causes frustration

#### BALANCE CENTRALIZATION VS. DECENTRALIZATION

- Centralization accelerates the organization's ability to deal with GenAl. New technology, talent scarcity, and the creation of a scalable platform are more easily managed
- Execution should be integrated with the Business, directed by the central area, and close to the impacted areas

#### MANAGE RISKS ALONG THE WAY

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- Risks need to be managed pragmatically in relation to use cases, creating management mechanisms that generate security and prevent paralysis in using the technology
- Regulations and compliance practices will need to be adapted as the technology evolves

#### ACTIVELY MANAGE Change

- Finding strategic sponsors from the beginning of the initiative reduces the friction of change
- Communication and engagement actions should be frequent and wellstructured
- The strategy of expertise composition can be a differentiator

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