HFS Top 10:
SAP S/4HANA Services, 2022

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Legacy SAP ERP clients are building compelling business cases for SAP S/4HANA migration, and we expect to see accelerating SAP S/4HANA migrations in the coming quarters. Enterprises will continue to favor hybrid deployment options with SAP S/4HANA being one of the effective catalysts for the OneOffice and OneEcosystem mindsets.

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SAP legacy mainstream enterprise clients are steadily moving to SAP S/4HANA; however, the growth is gradual, mainly because of the pandemic, support extension, and clients’ resistance to change. Also, SAP S/4HANA clients are primarily installed on-premises and considering moving to private cloud or hybrid. SAP S/4HANA has a huge runway, and clients will move quickly once their organization approaches its support deadline. Service providers with SAP S/4HANA expertise that deliver the need of the hour, such as sustainability, have an edge over others.

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Introduction
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• The HFS Top 10: SAP S/4HANA Services, 2022 report is a comprehensive study assessing service providers’ ability to consult, migrate, implement, and manage the SAP S/4HANA business suite across industries. We also evaluate the service providers’ ability to transform the enterprise’s core business system to achieve the desired outcome. The end-to-end study covers strategic planning, building business cases, developing road maps, cost and time analysis, deployment model (on-prem, cloud, hybrid model), database conversion, database and operational support, and maintenance services.

• HFS assessed the completeness and abilities of 11 service providers over parameters HFS defined: innovation, execution, voice of the customer, and HFS OneOffice™ alignment.

• This report also includes a detailed profile of each service provider, outlining overall and subcategory rankings, provider facts, and detailed strength and development opportunities.

• Selected service providers’ revenue was more than $500 million in application development and management or application services in the 2020 calendar year.

• Research data was collected between August 2021 and November 2021.

• Data was collected from the RFIs completed by each service provider, individual briefings, case studies, client interviews, surveys, vendor websites, publicly available financial data, existing HFS research, and third-party websites.
The HFS SAP S/4HANA services value chain

### SAP S/4HANA services value chain

#### Assessment
- Strategic planning, value proposition, and business cases
- Trial system and application scoping
- Team enablement and project initiation
- Transition planning and preparation
- Activate solution
- Custom code impact
- Fit-gap and design
- Data migration design

#### Migration and implementation
- Configuration
- Customization
- Product enhancement
- Integration validation
- Database migration
- Going live functional check and support
- Implementation, rollout, and testing
- Operation readiness
- Production cutover
- Hypercare

#### Managed services
- Operation and application maintenance
- Database maintenance and support
- Continuous innovation and optimization
- UX transformation and training

### Enabling technologies
- Artificial intelligence
- Cloud
- Intelligent automation
- Analytics

Source: HFS Research, SAP
The HFS OneOffice™—digital transformation in action

The HFS OneOffice is our vision for applied digital transformation. At its heart is the core concept that emerging technologies combined with people, process, and data innovation can break down the silos that limit our success, dissolving barriers between the front and back office to create the only office that matters—OneOffice. It represents a mindset shift to collaborative cross-functional enterprise operations powered by an integrated stack of emerging tech that complements your core, natively automates your processes, enables your employees and customers, and powers your decisions—breaking down your legacy silos in the process.

The SAP Intelligent Enterprise approach is a mindset integrating technology, business process, and strategies to deliver business value. It is intrinsically aligned with HFS’ OneOffice mindset to overcome organizational boundaries by leveraging a broad set of emerging technologies.

The goal is to deliver on customer and employee experience-centric outcomes. Thus, it is applied transformation.

Source: HFS Research, SAP
The OneOffice Emerging Tech Platform

Native automation
Design processes in the cloud; learn from human interaction to keep improving

People and process change
Assist and complement human expertise; continually learn from interactions and feedback

Data and decisions
Identify new opportunities from data and interactions; provide anticipatory insights and forecasts

Enterprise operations
- Engagement AI
  - Workflow
  - Process orchestration
- AIOps
  - RPA
  - Intelligent document processing
- OneOffice applications
- Security
- Integration/iPaaS (APIs)
- Data optimization
- Information model
  - IoT
  - Compute
  - Blockchain
  - Hybrid-cloud

Domain and industry expertise
- Digital fluency skills

Design thinking
Change management

Appian, Camunda, IBM, Pega, ServiceNow, IPSOft Amelia, EvoluteIQ

RPA: Automation Anywhere, Blue Prism, Microsoft, NICE, UiPath

AIOps: Dynatrace, New Relic, StackState, Turbonomics

Celonis, FortressIQ, Kryon, Minit

Boomi, Informatica, MuleSoft, Workato

Nuance, Kore.ai, DialogFlow, AWS Lex, LUIS, Avaamo

Ansible, Ayehu, Enate, MS SCORCH

AntWorks, ABBYY, DeepSee, Jiffy, Kofax, OpenText, WorkFusion

Coupa, Salesforce, SAP S/4HANA, Workday

Analytics: Qlik, Tableau, Yellowfin

AI: Hive, IBM Watson, Google Cloud Platform, AWS, Microsoft Azure AI

Source: HFS Research, 2022, examples are representative
Executive summary
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**SAP S/4HANA migration is still nascent:** The installed SAP base remains conservative about migrating core SAP capabilities to the cloud. The concerns focus on process customization, master data integrity, and the available talent to manage those complex transformations. As of Q4 2021, 18,800 of SAP’s 400,000+ clients had migrated to SAP S/4HANA. SAP S/4HANA capabilities go far beyond monolithic ERP (enterprise resource planning) systems. Clients are looking for the foundational building blocks to transform their core business processes. Beyond the installed base, customers leverage SAP S/4HANA capabilities for specific requirements such as simplified in-memory databases, embedded analytics with increased performance in generating reports, inherent AI, and more. SAP reacted to the sluggish pace of migration by ending the support for ECC 6.0 in 2025 to force their clients' hand. After clients protested, SAP extended the deadline to 2027.

**SAP is re-energizing its partner ecosystem:** After using the stick of threatening to stop supporting ECC 6.0, SAP added the carrot of a new partner program dubbed “RISE with SAP” to re-energize its partner ecosystem around SAP S/4HANA. In early 2021, SAP launched a new packaged offering for its existing and potential clients considering moving to cloud. However, currently most of the clients we interviewed are in observation mode and looking for strong business use cases. The details and implications remain unclear to most clients. Organizations are wary about vendor lock-in, and they are analyzing how single contracts would benefit cost and other factors.

**OneOffice alignment:** SAP is championing the notion of the Intelligent Enterprise, providing customers with more flexible solutions to manage their business processes and moving away from the monolithic world of ERP. This approach integrates the business process, technology, data, and strategy to help a business become an intelligent enterprise. SAP’s Intelligent Enterprise concept is evolving into a critical enabler to execute the HFS OneOffice organization approach, a silo-breaking mind set, collaborative, cross-functional operation powered by a technology stack powering enterprise leader decisions. It’s largely the OneOffice organization mindset that is essential and the SAP S/4HANA migration alone won’t help achieve the Intelligent Enterprise. We witnessed the OneOffice approach's importance, which is magnified when combined with SAP and service providers to deliver experience-centric outcomes. On average, 73% of service providers already agreed they incorporated OneOffice organization transformation in their SAP S/4HANA engagements.

**Service providers’ SAP S/4HANA revenue growth is moderate:** The slow-moving SAP S/4HANA customer growth reflects on the service providers’ revenue as well. The providers' overall SAP S/4HANA revenue percentage grew 8% on average (collective growth of 11 providers) in 2020. This growth was less than expected because of the pandemic, customization and data challenges, clients’ resistance to change, and migration costs. We expect a surge in SAP S/4HANA licenses and services in the coming quarters, mainly because legacy clients are approaching the 2027 deadline and will likely wish to avoid last-minute migration time, cost, and talent challenges.

**Voice of the customer:** Service providers' standard SAP S/4HANA capabilities and technology partnership ecosystem are insufficient. Clients are looking for service providers delivering process innovation, data standardization, industry solutions, functional business expertise, change management support, and, more importantly, an ability to deliver on time. A provider's ability to deliver an improved user experience stands out.
• **On-premise installation remains the preference:** On-premise installation remains a preferred, safe choice for enterprises. Forty-six percent (46%) of SAP S/4HANA clients still use on-premise installations for better control over customization, flexibility in upgrades, and greater security reasons. However, we expect a surge in usage of a hybrid deployment model (private cloud and on-premises) as it provides the right balance of flexibility and security.

• **Leveraging in-house teams:** Enterprises largely involved third-party service providers for advisory and consulting, implementation, and migration engagements. This is evident from the service providers’ revenue break down. For operations and management services, enterprises prefer to leverage in-house resources. Providers need to be innovative in this space through tools, pricing, or approaches to enhance managed services revenue.

• **Talent crunch:** Talent crunch remains a significant concern in SAP S/4HANA practices among providers and the buy-side. Largely, enterprises leverage service providers for a talent pool. Providers address requirements by improving hiring quality, training, and retention programs, including compensation factors. Providing dedicated resources in an engagement with the right blend of SAP S/4HANA, consulting, and business functional experience and knowledge helps providers stand out among peers.

• **Industry-specific solutions:** To differentiate, service providers like Accenture, Atos, Capgemini, Cognizant, and others are developing pre-configured industry processes and industry-specific solutions to accelerate the implementation process. Providers are either developing by leveraging the SAP platform, developing in collaboration with SAP, or developing in-house tools to deliver solutions across the SAP S/4HANA program life cycle, such as Capgemini Path solutions (energy path or utilities path, for example), Cognizant’s CPGXpress for CPG, and Lifecare 2.0 and MedXpress for LSH sectors.

• **Increased focus on sustainability:** Increased efficiency and sustainability is a top priority for enterprises. SAP and service providers are creating specific sustainability solutions like carbon footprint analytics that enable sustainable business decisions impacting organizations’ goals and ensuring environment compliance.
The state of the SAP S/4HANA services market (2/2)

- **Single-vendor approach no longer a panacea**: Enterprises prefer choosing best-in-breed services from different service providers. On average, 70% of engagements are end-to-end SAP S/4HANA engagements, the rest go to different providers or are sometimes managed by in-house IT teams. Enterprises might use consulting, advisory, and implementation services from one vendor and management services from a different provider. Clients are gradually moving toward a multi-vendor approach, largely for the cost benefits.

- **Less focus on mid-tier clients**: Services providers are focusing on large organizations for their transformation journey. Providers are less focused on clients with revenue of less than $5 billion. Eighty percent (80%) of SAP clients are from SMEs. The SME segment has gained traction among service providers, but they still focus primarily on large organizations. A balanced approach toward SME clients would help providers avoid risks. Similarly, most providers focus on Europe and North America markets and very little on other potential markets like ANZ, Japan, Singapore, and the Middle East.

- **Partner ecosystem**: All providers in our study have strong relationships with major hyperscalers like AWS, Azure, GCP, and IBM. Most commonly, providers leverage technology partners such as Signavio and SNP for process mining and SNP for data migration to support their clients’ SAP S/4HANA migration and implementation journeys. Investing in a robust partner ecosystem is critical; providers are aware that the right independent software vendor mix is essential to staying competitive.

- **Frequent communication**: Early in engagements, service providers often discuss process improvements and market updates and share their co-innovation with SAP regularly; however, later, the communication frequency often decreases. Clients gave low scores to their service providers’ product vision and thought leadership ability. Maintaining frequent communication with clients about overall market progress would help change the perception.
The SAP S/4HANA services landscape (1/3)

Providers’ average revenue by service

- Consulting: 27%
- Migration and implementation: 22%
- Operation: 51%

SAP S/4HANA client company size

- Less than $500M: 4%
- Between $500M and $1B: 4%
- Between $1B and $3B: 14%
- Between $3B and $5B: 16%
- Between $5B and $10B: 26%
- Greater than $10B: 36%

Sample: 11 Service providers
Source: HFS Research, 2022
The SAP S/4HANA services landscape (2/3)

SAP S/4HANA services engagements by industry (revenue %)

- Manufacturing and logistics: 24%
- Retail and consumer goods: 19%
- Energy and utilities: 15%
- Life sciences: 11%
- Public sector: 9%
- Technology: 6%
- Others: 6%
- Communications and media: 4%
- Banking and financial services: 2%
- Healthcare: 2%
- Insurance: 2%
- Travel and hospitality: 1%

Sample: 11 Service providers  
Source: HFS Research, 2022

Average number of SAP S/4HANA FTEs
- Largest: 21,000  
- Smallest: 2,150

Average number of SAP S/4HANA certifications
- Largest: 5,167  
- Smallest: 750

Average number of SAP S/4HANA clients
- Largest: 795  
- Smallest: 35
The SAP S/4HANA services landscape (3/3)

Service providers’ SAP S/4HANA services by geography (average revenue %)

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Service providers’ average revenue split on SAP S/4HANA deployment model

- On premises: 46%
- Cloud: 36%
- Hybrid: 18%

Average delivery FTE distribution

- Offshore talent: 61%
- Onshore talent: 39%

Sample: 11 Service providers
Source: HFS Research, 2022
SAP S/4HANA client reference demographics

Client reference by industry sector

- Energy and utilities: 26%
- Manufacturing: 23%
- Construction: 10%
- Food processing and beverages: 10%
- Automotive: 6%
- Healthcare: 6%
- Others*: 19%

Client reference revenue size

- Less than $500M: 16%
- Between $500M and $1B: 26%
- Between $1B and $3B: 3%
- Between $3B and $5B: 13%
- Between $5B and $10B: 3%
- Greater than $10B: 39%

Organizational alignment

- Business: 68%
- IT: 32%

Others*: Transportation, Fashion & apparel, Mining, Public Sector, Computer hardware, Communication

N = 31, Number of client references
Sample: 11 Service providers
Source: HFS Research, 2022
Research methodology
Service providers covered in this report

accenture  Atos  Capgemini  Cognizant  EY  IBM  Infosys  LTI  Tata Consultancy Services  Tech Mahindra  Wipro
Sources of data

This report relied on myriad data sources to support our methodology and help HFS obtain a well-rounded perspective on the SAP S/4HANA service capabilities of the service providers covered in our study. Sources are as follows:

**RFIs and briefings**
Each participating vendor completed a detailed RFI. HFS conducted briefings with executives from each vendor.

**Reference checks**
We conducted reference checks with 23 active clients of the study participants via detailed surveys and phone-based interviews.

**HFS vendor ratings**
Each year, HFS fields multiple demand-side surveys in which we include detailed vendor rating questions. For this study, we leveraged our fresh from the field HFS Pulse Study data featuring approximately 800 vendor ratings from enterprises using application services.

**Other data sources**
Public information such as press releases, and websites. Ongoing interactions, briefings, virtual events, and other events with in-scope vendors and their clients and partners.
How we assessed SAP S/4HANA services for this report

The study evaluates the capabilities of SAP S/4HANA service based on execution, innovation, voice of the customer (VOC), and a new criteria for 2021, alignment with the HFS OneOffice model—our vision for digital transformation.

### Execution
- **Revenue and growth:** Includes SAP S/4HANA revenue, resources, certification, clients, SAP S/4HANA YoY growth, and geographic coverage.
- **Consulting and industry specialization:** Includes consulting and operational capabilities and formalized SAP S/4HANA industry coverage and offerings.
- **Partner ecosystems:** Includes SAP partnerships (including co-development and co-innovations), cloud vendor partnerships, and software vendor partners.
- **Talent and account management:** Talent development program and investment and account management, including communication and collaboration.

### Innovation
- **Vision and roadmap:** SAP S/4HANA business vision, product strategy, roadmap, identifiable investments, clear articulation, and effective communication with clients.
- **Technology innovation:** Includes cultivation of internal IP, accelerators, SAP S/4HANA solution combos, automation capabilities, and investment in R&D to develop new assets.
- **Pricing:** Includes creative commercial models and innovative engagement models aligned to market trends.
- **Marketing and thought leadership:** Promoting SAP S/4HANA services, clear narrative about offerings, and consistent innovative thought leadership.

### OneOffice alignment
- **OneOffice scope:** End-to-end offering connecting front, middle, and back offices.
- **OneOffice skills:** Cultivation of OneOffice skills internally and with clients, such as digital fluency or problem solving.
- **OneOffice competencies:** Formalized approaches to data and change management.
- **OneOffice technology platform:** Enabling capabilities supporting "straight-to-digital."
- **OneOffice collaboration:** Developing strong relationships across business and IT stakeholders.

### Voice of the customer
- **Reference checks:** Direct feedback from enterprise clients via reference check interviews and surveys.
- **Reference ability:** Provision of references and reference responsiveness.
- **HFS voice of the customer vendor rating data:** Ratings by active SAP S/4HANA clients of in-scope service providers.
Top 10 results: SAP S/4HANA services
HFS Top 10 SAP S/4HANA services—summary of providers assessed in this report

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HFS Top 10 SAP S/4HANA services—2022 podium performances

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Other notable performances

- Wipro secured its position in the top five on overall innovation and voice of the customer, mainly due to capability in automation, IP, strategy and vision, talent development, and account management.
- TCS is in the top five for scale, partnerships, and overall execution. TCS strikes a balance between execution, innovation, and OneOffice mindset, delivering large SAP S/4HANA migration engagements with the right ingredients.
- Cognizant made its way into the top five on voice of the customer and OneOffice alignment.
Infosys profile:
SAP S/4HANA services
How to read our summary statements regarding each SAP S/4HANA service provider

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Strengths of the service provider: qualitative and quantitative

- Recent acquisitions that have added to SAP S/4HANA services (2017-2021)
- Key partnerships that contribute to SAP S/4HANA services
- Number of clients and key client names
- Headcount dedicated to and available for SAP S/4HANA services
- Delivery location breakdown and key centers of excellence
- Intellectual property (IP), platforms, and tools key to SAP S/4HANA services
Strategic partnership approach with strong talent, tools, and industry expertise

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**Strengths**

- **Strong tools, accelerators, and approaches:** Infosys provides a comprehensive set of IP and accelerators for SAP S/4HANA services, such as Infosys Catalyst for industry-specific pre-configuration SAP S/4HANA solutions, S/4Assist tools for impact assessment, Instant FIORI for rapid implementation, and much more. These tools provide a phased approach to the SAP S/4HANA journey.

- **Incredible delivery experience:** Infosys has a rich SAP S/4HANA delivery experience. It supports various SAP S/4HANA greenfield, brownfield, and hybrid implementations and AMS projects. Infosys has been steadily investing in technology solutions through SAP S/4HANA acquisitions and partnerships. Infosys’ recent acquisitions bring substantial resources to consulting, design, implementation, and support of complex business processes.

- **Talent strategy:** Infosys has a solid SAP S/4HANA services talent pool. The firm has the right combination of onshore, offshore, and nearshore delivery capabilities to support large enterprises at scale. It has one of the best SAP S/4HANA training and retention programs, growing 10% annually.

- **Industry expertise:** Infosys serves across all major industries. Its expertise is supported with industry best practices, solutions, templates, and catalysts to accelerate SAP S/4HANA implementation.

**Development opportunities**

- **Opportunities in SME space:** Sixty-five percent (65%) of Infosys clients are large enterprises. Infosys renewed its focus on SMEs and is working toward increasing its footprint in this market steadfastly.

- **Balanced allocated resources:** Talent is one of Infosys’ significant strengths, and maintaining consistent bandwidth is critical. Clients pointed out that resources are stressed because the team serves multiple clients. Infosys must consider correcting associate assignment ratios.

- **Marketing and thought leadership:** Infosys is improving its message clarity by collaborating with SAP and leveraging the Infosys Live Enterprise Suite in conjunction with “RISE with SAP” offerings. Along with this message, Infosys could consider adding more client stories and value adds to multiply reception among potential clients.

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**Client deployment model**

- On Premises: 15%
- Cloud: 35%
- Hybrid: 55%

**Talent split by services**

- Consulting: 22%
- Implementation: 15%
- Operation/MS: 63%

**Delivery resource distribution**

- Offshore: 13%
- Onshore: 27%
- Nearshore: 60%

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**SAP S/4HANA acquisitions and partnerships**

- Key acquisitions:
  - 2017: Skytree, Brilliantbasics
  - 2018: Wangodody
  - 2020: Kaleidoscope
  - 2021: Carter Digital

- Key partnerships:
  - Signavio, Microsoft Azure, AWS, GCP, IBM Cloud, Virtustream, Broadcom, Celonis, Snowflake, Mulesoft, Vertex, NextLabs, SNP

**SAP S/4HANA clients:** 180

**SAP S/4HANA implementations:** 400+

**Key clients:**

- USG Boral, CTS Corporation, JG Summit, Siemens Gamesa, The Hershey’s Company, Syngenta, AGCO, Thai Union, Canadian Automobile Association, global play and entertainment company, leading US-based clothing company

**SAP S/4HANA headcount:** 13,000

**Consulting headcount:** 2,000

**Implementation and operation headcount:** 8,190

**SAP S/4HANA certified professionals:** 2,250

**Delivery and innovation resources**

- North America: 14%
- LATAM: 3%
- UK: 6%
- EMEA: 18%
- India: 52%
- Other APAC: 4%

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**Top technology tools and platforms**

- **IDEA Activate (insight, design, execute, and achieve):** Methodology extending coverage for support maintenance and continuous improvement activities after go-live.

- **Infosys Value Realization Model (VRM):**

- **Infosys Catalyst for SAP S/4HANA:** Part of Infosys Cobalt, a pre-configured industry solution helping reduce implementation time and cost.

- **S/4Assist Tool (SAP Certified):**

- **Infosys HANA Code Migration and Optimization (CMO) Tool (SAP Certified):**

- **IMPACT:** A business transformation framework, program management method, and tool set for deriving value in SAP-led transformation engagements.

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Note: Revenue and headcounts are as of 2020 CY
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