

# The Journey to Digital World Class<sup>®</sup> Starts Here



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The Hackett Digital World Class Matrix<sup>™</sup>  
Contract Lifecycle Management (CLM) and Intelligence  
Software Provider Perspective – January 2025  
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# Executive summary | Contract lifecycle management and intelligence



Research  
overview

- The Hackett Group's research focused on 21 contract lifecycle management (CLM) and intelligence solution providers from a rapidly expanding and evolving set of AI-enabled CLM offerings in the market.
- This included representative vendors with combinations of platforms and capabilities, including source-to-pay (S2P) suites, CLM specialists, document automation specialists and legal information solution suites.
- Companies adopting leading-edge AI-enabled CLM solutions create significant competitive advantages in operational efficiency, organizational focus, data intelligence, compliance, and negotiation effectiveness.



Contract  
lifecycle  
management  
capabilities

- Leading CLM solutions enable intelligent contract metadata extraction, tagging, categorization, clause libraries with standard and fallback language, clause comparisons and automated contract summarization.
- Select CLMs provide additional functionality, such as automated generation of contracts from requisitions or sourcing events, linkage to Purchase-to-Pay (P2P) solutions, conversational search, and analytics based on natural language processing. Gen AI capabilities are generally available across these offerings and evolving.
- 90% of those surveyed reported selecting S2P suite or CLM point solutions versus leveraging ERP suites.



Value  
realization

- 89% of customers were very satisfied to extremely satisfied overall with their CLM solution and the value for their investment.
- 81% of contract volumes were managed through the CLM solutions post implementation.
- Contract cycle times improved 38% on average through a combination of intelligent automation/AI, optimized workflow and improved visibility to contract status, risks, and milestones.
- On average, 80% of business improvement goals were achieved via CLM implementation and process redesigns.



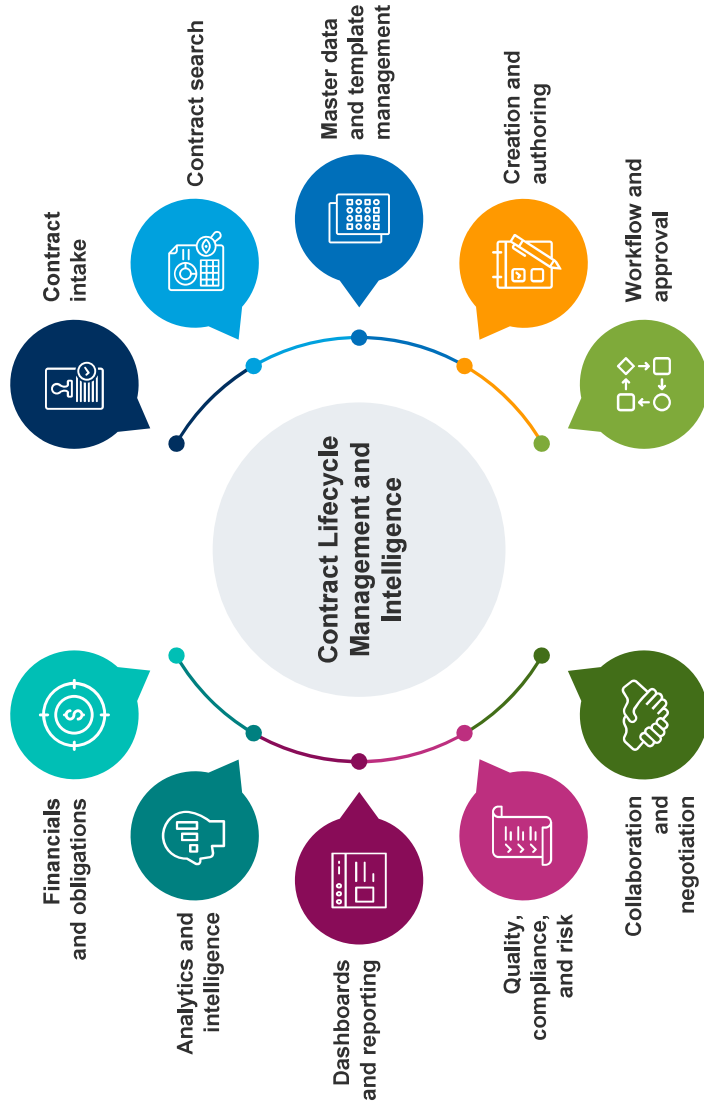
Automation  
and  
intelligence

- The average CLM implementation drove a 63% improvement in contracting efficiency and automation.
- Leading solutions elevate contract quality and compliance with AI/Gen AI-assisted contract reviews, comparison of contract language to standards, and automated scoring of contract and supplier risks to inform stakeholders.
- Additionally, some solutions provide AI-enabled obligation management and milestone tracking to improve control over expenses, inform forecasts, identify noncompliant contracts and suggest remediation measures.

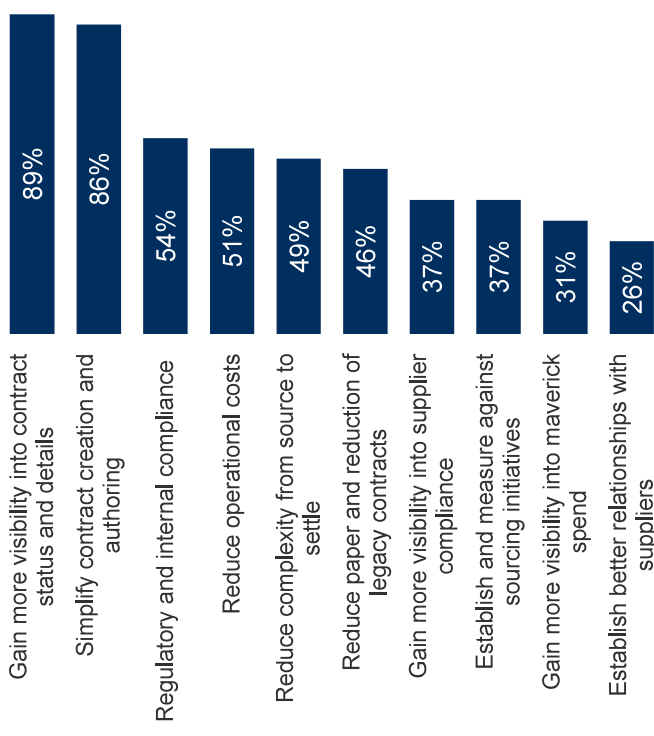
# Scope for this edition of the Hackett Digital World Class Matrix™

## What is Contract Lifecycle Management and Intelligence (CLM)?

Contract lifecycle management and intelligence spans the life of a contract from initiation through award, compliance, tracking and renewal. Implementing CLM solutions can lead to improvements in cost savings and efficiency, with continued growth of 11% projected for 2024.



### Top drivers for CLM improvement



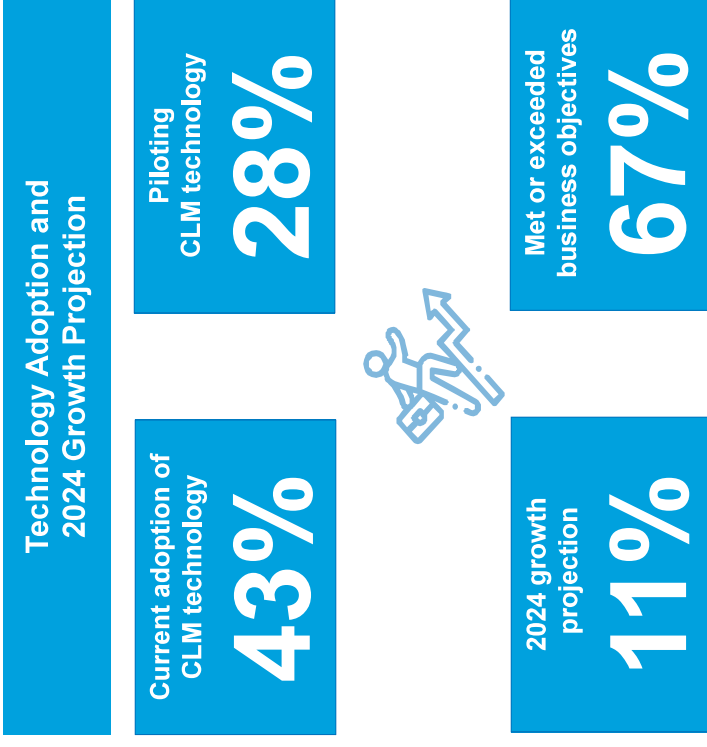
# CLM solutions provide direct benefits to focus areas on the CPO agenda

Highlights from The Hackett Group's 2024 Procurement Key Issues Study:

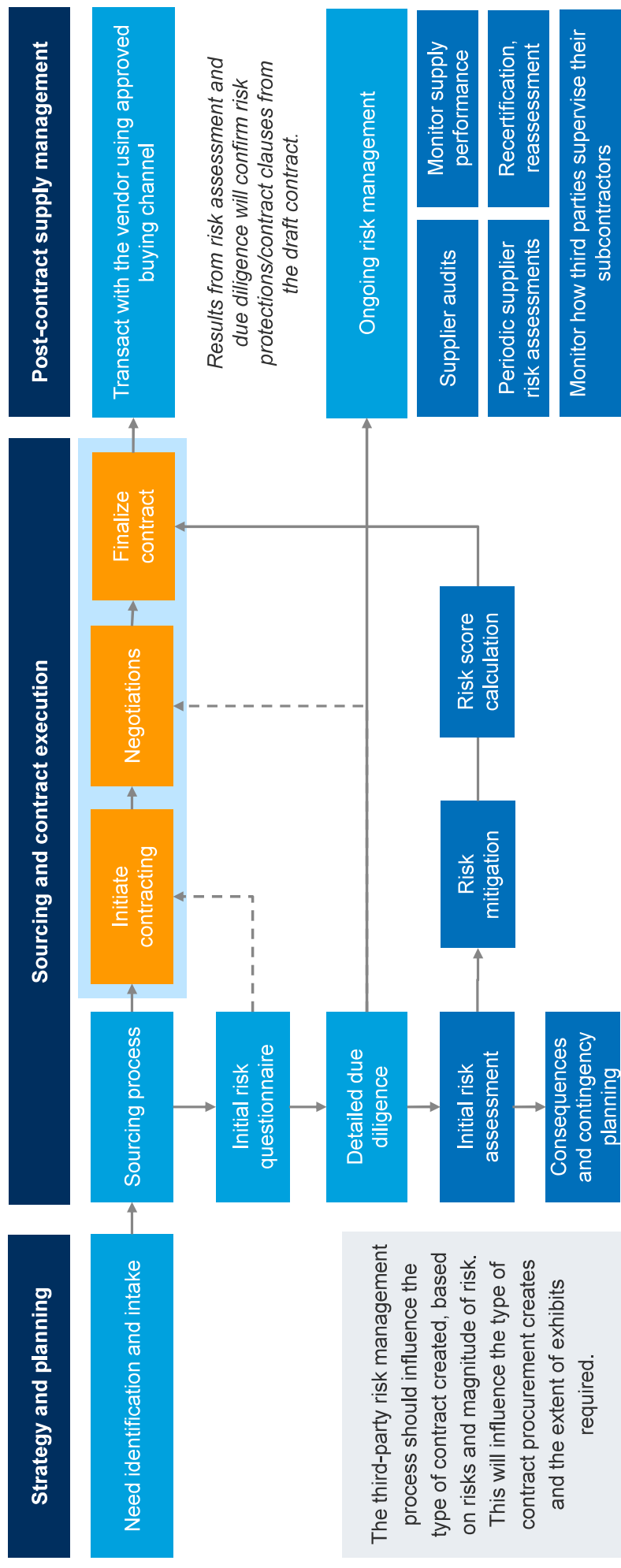
## 2024 top 10 priorities for procurement



**Spend cost reduction, supply continuity and inflationary price concerns feature as top priorities for CPOs in 2024.**



# Contract lifecycle management processes link with sourcing and risk management



# CLM solutions are a core component of upstream procurement tools within the source-to-pay ecosystem

## SOURCE-TO-PAY TECHNOLOGY ECOSYSTEM



# Value realization | The “call to action” and Digital World Class® opportunity

CLM solutions deliver increased efficiency, faster cycle times, greater spend visibility, and controls

## CLM solution impact

**63%** 

Increase in contract automation and efficiency

**35%** 

Reduction in average cycle time to complete a contract

**81%** 

Adoption of contracts within the CLM solution

## Value realization opportunity for \$5B-\$10B organizations

**\$3.2M** 

Process or operational efficiency improvement benefit within Procurement

**5,200** fewer weeks of contracting 

Organization-wide cycle-time reduction and impact across the contract portfolio

**5X** 

Contract savings lost due to noncompliance

# Executive insights | Customer perspectives



## Service delivery model considerations

### Challenges or barriers to CLM process improvement:

- End users working outside of established processes or tools.
- Complexity of operating across multiple business units and countries.
- Clarity of ownership and responsibility across the process.
- Management buy-in for contract management and investment.
- Length of time to complete contracting process.
- Lack of budget for investment in new processes, talent or technology.

### Types of solutions deployed:

- According to The Hackett Group 2024 Procurement Agenda and Key Issues Study, Source-to-Pay suites represent 51% of CLM solutions deployed.
- CLM point solutions represents 39% of deployments.
- The remaining 10% of CLM deployments were covered by ERPs.

### Goals and objectives:

- A consolidated contract repository, transparency, visibility and enhanced compliance are the most frequently cited customer objectives.
- Improved automation, process alignment, integration with key systems, workflow, cycle times, metrics and reporting were also considered key objectives for many customers.
- Improving the strategic focus of legal and procurement, ease of use, and delivering a positive user experience were key secondary objectives.



## Solution features and improvement opportunities

### Solution features:

- Many CLM solutions enable full visibility to spend with user-defined or persona-based dashboards, robust reporting and visualizations, AI-powered decision support, and end-to-end analytics.
- Some CLM's provide additional functionality like optimization for mobile apps, automated generation of contracts from requisitions or sourcing events, linkage to P2P solutions, and conversational search and analytics based on natural language processing.

### Improvement opportunities:

- Some customers indicated varying levels of success using AI for conversational search, creation of contracts (improving the output and receptivity from employees), and generating AI-driven contract reviews.
- Challenges with integrations and an inability to meet certain industry or regulatory requirements were highlighted as concerns by some customers.
- Some customers expressed a desire for more forward-looking KPIs (versus historical) and predictive analytics from their solution.
- A handful of solution providers offer implementation services only via third parties, which drove more variation in implementation success metrics.
- While a strength within many of the CLM solutions, a portion of customers reported contract metadata extraction quality being below expectations.
- A small percentage of customers reported that their CLM user interface was overly complex, difficult to navigate, and required significant training to adopt.

# Executive insights | Vendor perspectives



## Key software provider market characteristics

### Growth estimates:

- The 2024 growth projection for CLM-solution deployments is 11%.

### Implementation, services and support:

- Contract lifecycle management implementations average six months, with 27% completed in under three months.
- 80% of customers reported strong satisfaction with the efficiency of their implementation, with the remaining 20% highlighting opportunities to better understand their contract processes and drive best practice design.

### Value realization:

- The average CLM implementation drove a 63% improvement in contracting efficiency and automation.
- Contract cycle times improved 38% on average through a combination of intelligent automation, optimized workflow, and improved visibility.
- 89% of customers were very satisfied to extremely satisfied overall with their CLM solution and the value for their investment.

### Experience and satisfaction:

- 87% of customers were very satisfied to extremely satisfied with their CLM solution's ease of use, intuitiveness and end-user experience.
- 83% of customers were very satisfied to extremely satisfied with the data-visibility and data-intelligence capabilities of their CLM solution.



## Software provider differentiation focus areas

### Integrations:

- Most CLM solutions integrate efficiently with a variety of source-to-pay suites, ERP platforms and eSignature solutions.

- Leading CLMs provide differentiation with integration to CRM suites, HCM suites, office productivity tools and risk management/financial services.

### Platform flexibility:

- Leading solutions also include flexibility and optimal designs for multiple contract types (e.g., buy-side, sell-side, corporate, employment) allowing for broader contract adoption and wider organizational acceptance.

### AI/Gen AI:

- Top-performing solutions offer multiple sources of AI/Gen AI training data such as network transactions and large language models for less sensitive contracting processes, and client-specific/legal-approved content for more sensitive and higher-risk contracting processes.

### Quality and risk management:

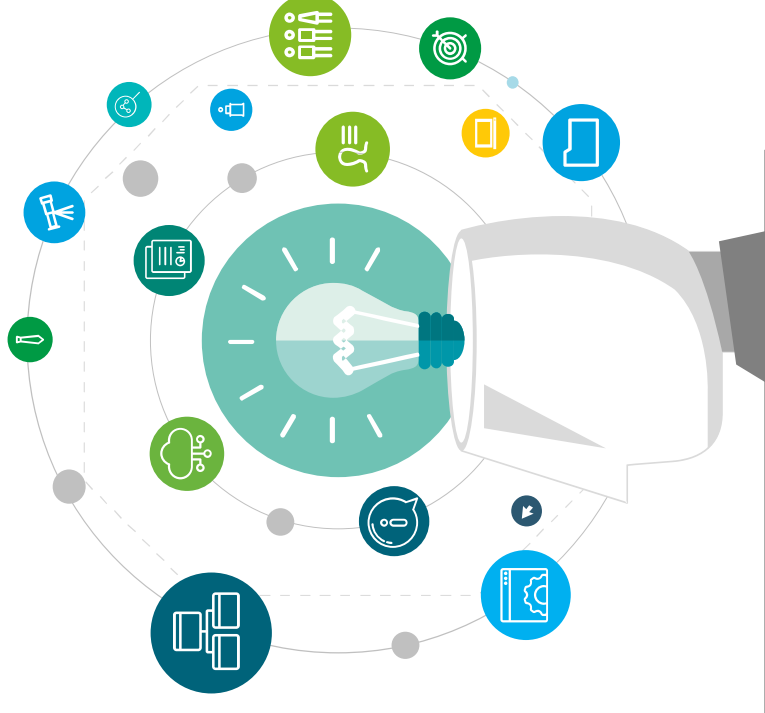
- Differentiation areas in quality and risk include intelligent multi-point risk scoring (clauses, contracts, supplier level, category level) and intelligent generation of remediation plans for noncompliant contracts.

### Financial and obligation management:

- Select CLM solutions add value with intelligent obligation extraction, compliance monitoring, milestone tracking, budgetary/forecasting information and predictive analytics.

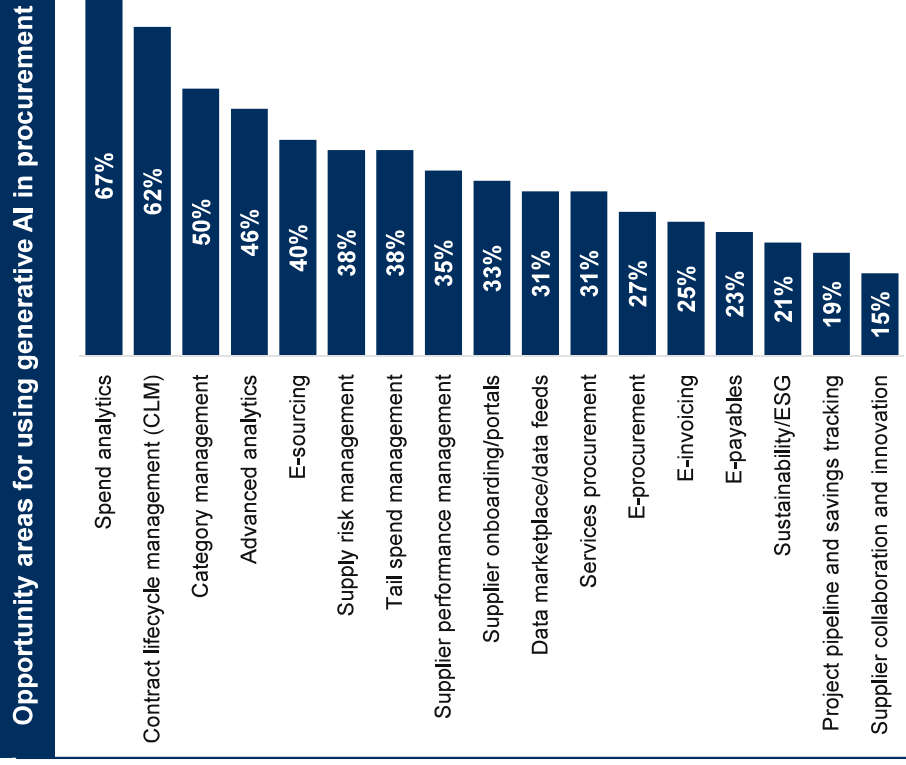
# Contract lifecycle management | Foundational best practices

- Companywide standard CLM policies and procedures are in use.
- Standard contract templates are defined and enforced for categories, clauses and terms.
- Roles are specified and communicated to procurement, legal, sales, compliance, other internal stakeholders, and suppliers.
- Contracts are connected to the catalogs and item master file.
- Workflow is used to automate and monitor the contracting process.
- Automatic notification occurs within a predetermined period before the expiration of the contract to restart the renewal process.
- Automatic notification occurs when budget/contract limits are reached.
- Request for proposals (RFPs) are automatically populated from qualitative and quantitative data from supplier agreements.
- Corrective action plans are developed to address noncompliant contracts.
- Automatic archiving processes manage the removal and storage of inactive and expired contracts.



# Artificial intelligence use cases are expanding rapidly within CLM platforms

Spend analytics, contract lifecycle management, and category management are the biggest opportunity areas for using generative AI in procurement, according to Hackett's 2024 key issues study of procurement executives.



# Contract lifecycle management and artificial intelligence

AI capabilities are extensive for contract intake, search, data management, creation, authoring and workflows.






## Application of AI/Gen AI in CLM features

Contract intake	Contract search	Master data and template management	Creation and authoring	Workflow and approval
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Data extraction:</b> AI technology is being leveraged to extract, analyze and visualize contract data, centralizing and accumulating financial data to provide real-time insights.</li><li>▪ <b>Contract categorization:</b> With the help of the pattern, layout and structure of the document, contract types can be categorized irrespective of language.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Semantic search:</b> Utilize a Google-like natural language search rather than search based on exact Boolean text matches.</li><li>▪ <b>Multilingual pattern identification:</b> Pattern identification within searches in various languages (which have multiple semantic and legal interpretations), helping make better and quicker connections.</li><li>▪ <b>Contextual search:</b> User and context knowledge for searches.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Template standardization:</b> Record and standardize provisions and templates companywide, enabling identification of noncompliance and ensuring that unfavorable provisions are dealt with promptly.</li><li>▪ <b>Digital structuring:</b> AI helps to load and analyze nondigital contracts, breaking up content into clauses.</li><li>▪ <b>AI training:</b> CLM vendors allow customers to train their AI to find specified data within contracts.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>AI-driven contract creation:</b> Helps in generating contracts with natural language processing (NLP), suggests optimal contract language, considers specified criteria and finds similar contracts approved earlier.</li><li>▪ <b>Drafting language:</b> AI assists with drafting contracts based on selection of clause types required within the contract.</li><li>▪ <b>Contract summary:</b> Contracts are condensed into executive-level summaries to simplify and focus executives and approvers on the language, clauses, and risks that require their primary attention.</li><li>▪ <b>Model design and controls:</b> AI supports flexible use of public and private models, empowering nontechnical users to create algorithms.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Workflow generation:</b> The software can identify key data from contracts and initiate workflows.</li><li>▪ <b>Notifications and alerts:</b> Users can be automatically notified of renewal dates, volume discount thresholds being reached, and other data to track milestones and manage budgets.</li><li>▪ <b>AI decision support:</b> The feature enables many vendors to provide redline insights, version management and dynamic, rule-based approval workflows.</li><li>▪ <b>Customer service and category management:</b> AI is powering customer support (chatbots) and service with high data quality.</li></ul>

# Contract lifecycle management and artificial intelligence (cont'd)

AI usage is expanding and evolving in negotiations, analytics, financials and obligations management.

## Application of AI/Gen AI in CLM features

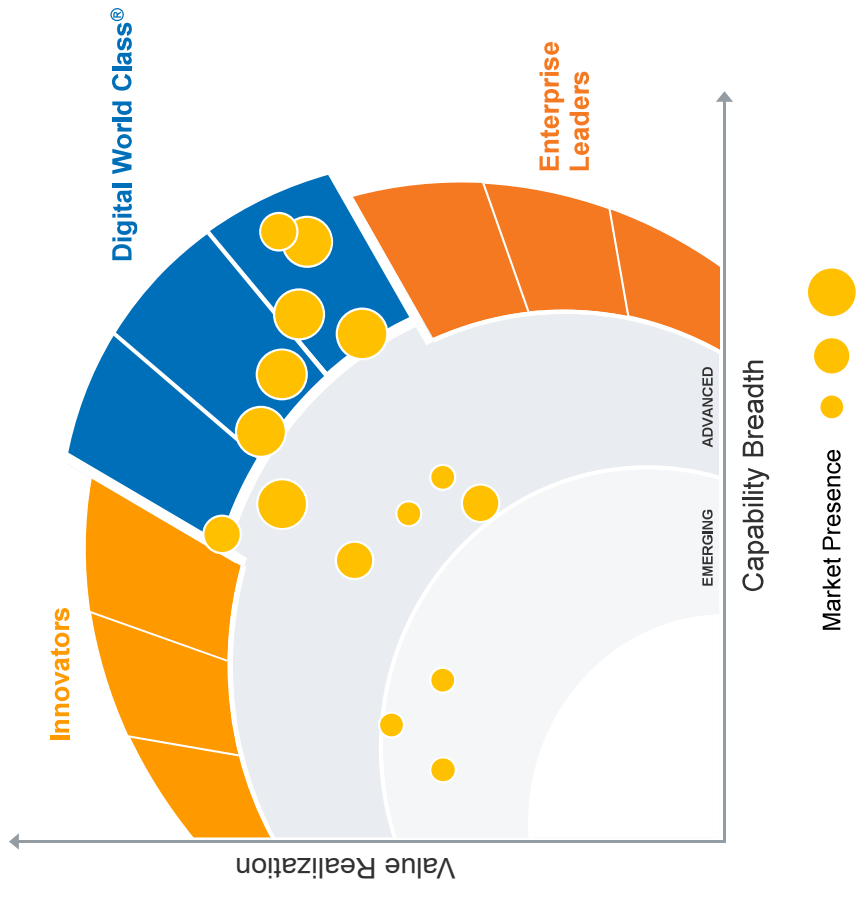
 <b>Collaboration and negotiation</b>	 <b>Quality, compliance, and risk</b>	 <b>Dashboards and reporting</b>	 <b>Analytics and intelligence</b>	 <b>Financials and obligations</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Contract interaction:</b> AI is being applied to the repository of digital contracts to allow for direct natural language inquiries of individual or groups of contracts.</li> <li>▪ <b>Contract review:</b> This feature enables comparison of contract documents, to identify differences, similarities, and inconsistencies between language versions.</li> <li>▪ <b>Redline recommendations:</b> AI is applied for contract negotiations to help guide and recommend the best redlines.</li> <li>▪ <b>Negotiation intelligence:</b> Analyze high volumes of contracts, understand their component terms and clauses, and find similar precedents from across the entire contract repository.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Risk management:</b> AI technology spots risky terms and clauses with automated predictive analysis.</li> <li>▪ <b>Risk scoring:</b> Calculates a risk score based on a combination of several factors (e.g., clauses used, past performance of similar contracts, historical data, obligations met thus far).</li> <li>▪ <b>Contract profiling:</b> Profiling can be performed for contracts before signing, as well as for signed contracts. Accurate contract profile information provides the foundation for dashboards, reporting and analytics.</li> <li>▪ <b>Contract review:</b> AI is used to accelerate contract reviews, including recognizing suboptimal clauses and terms, before proposing alternatives.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Dashboard query:</b> Enabling AI to query the dashboard helps in quick search and resolution.</li> <li>▪ <b>Timeline management:</b> The feature enables tracking of volume discounts, prediction of contract completion dates, and provides better visibility to project managers and teams.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Data analysis:</b> AI helps uncover unexpected and design-shifting patterns in agreements that can change how a business runs.</li> <li>▪ <b>Issue-specific insight:</b> Provides intelligence based on how a company deals with particular actions or issues.</li> <li>▪ <b>Content-based intelligence:</b> Tracks terms of interest across all contracts and related documents to generate valuable data points for sales, procurement, risk, finance and other teams.</li> <li>▪ <b>Client-specific analysis:</b> Offers insights on the particular client, clause or concern, and supports outlier analysis.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Differentiator extraction:</b> Identify patterns and pull out key differentiators that help in effective management of contracts.</li> <li>▪ <b>Obligation management:</b> As events with existing contracts occur (or fail to occur), actions are triggered to enable correct handling of obligations and compliance.</li> </ul>



# Defining Digital World Class<sup>®</sup> performance

# How the Hackett Digital World Class® Matrix™ creates a paradigm shift in the industry

- 1** The **Hackett Digital World Class® Matrix** not only analyzes providers' differentiated capabilities, but it also assesses the value that organizations can expect software or services to deliver.
- 2** **Value realization** is the missing piece in other vendor assessments, and arguably the most fundamental reason executives invest in new software or service providers.
- 3** The Hackett Group is the only company **uniquely qualified** to evaluate both software and service provider capabilities and quantify expected value realization.
- 4** With **process-level performance metrics and best practice implementation intelligence** from more than 25,000 benchmarks, including over 2,000 best practices from Digital World Class® leaders, we know what process leaders can expect to gain and how to accelerate value realization.
- 5** Quickly assess the unique capabilities and value-realization impact to guide your investment decisions with **The Hackett Group Digital World Class® Matrix**.



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# How to read the Hackett Digital World Class Matrix™ software provider placements

## DIGITAL WORLD CLASS®

- These companies provide top performance in business value and operational excellence and support multiple customers in attaining Digital World Class performance.
- These companies have an expanded mix of solution capabilities and are achieving high customer satisfaction ratings in value realized.

## INNOVATORS

- Innovators are delivering superior value realization to clients; however, they have limited scope and software/service features.
- While the companies in this space are focusing on a narrower scope, they are well-regarded by industry experts and users.

## ENTERPRISE LEADERS

- Enterprise leaders focus on building strong, broad function-level capability through operational excellence within their platforms and flexibility in software and services for end-to-end processes.
- Enterprise leaders have a wide breadth in capability but have opportunities to improve delivery against key process performance metrics.

## ADVANCED

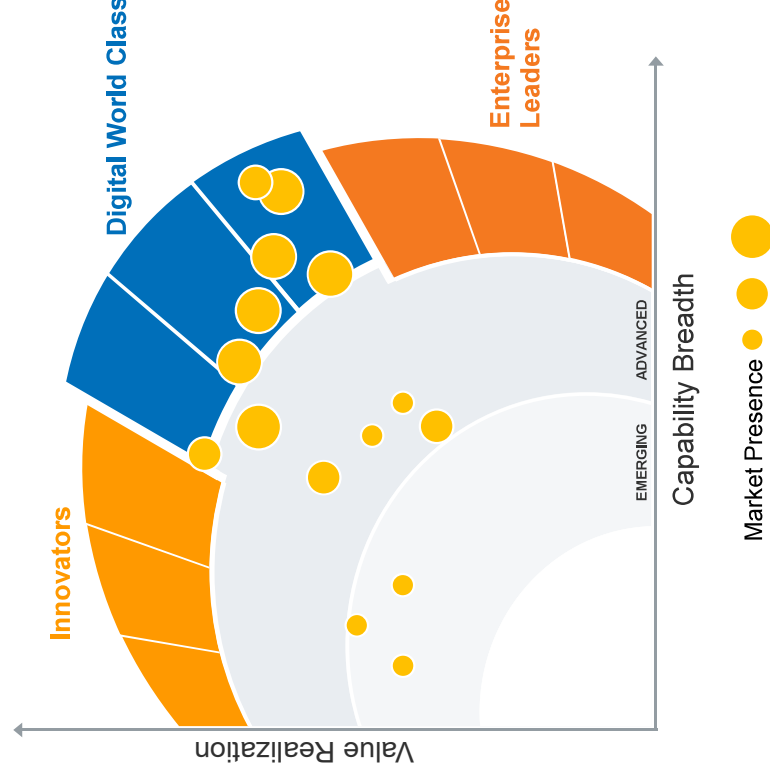
- Advanced providers are established solutions offering strong capabilities and delivering solid overall business value to customers.
- Advanced solutions provide similar features and functionality to Digital World Class® with some opportunities to extend capabilities and optimize to generate additional customer value.

## EMERGING

- Emerging providers are still developing and defining their capabilities and go-to-market strengths.
- Emerging providers possess limited market share but display a vision for growth.

## MARKET PRESENCE

- Market presence is determined by company revenue and years in the marketplace.



# CLM in-scope software providers | Go-to-market models\*

Source to pay (S2P focused)			
Spend analytics	Sourcing	Contract lifecycle management/intelligence	Procure to pay
			Supplier management

Contract lifecycle management (Legal focused)			
Matter management	Contract lifecycle management	Project management	Analytics
			Intelligence and automation

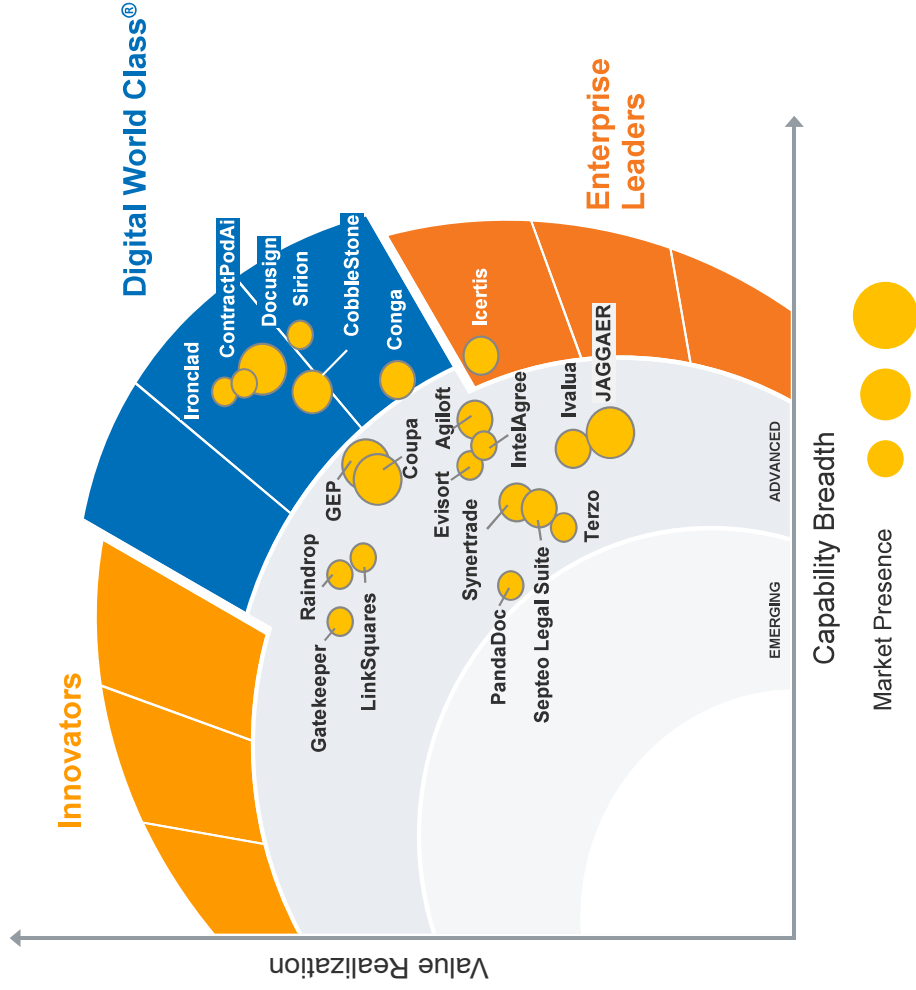
  

Contract lifecycle management (CLM focused)			
Intake and master data	Creation and authoring	Collaboration and negotiation	Compliance and risk
			Analytics
			Intelligence and automation



\*The 2024 CLM and Intelligence Digital World Class Matrix included 21 representative software providers with different go-to-market models, but it is not an exhaustive listing of all solutions available in the market.

# The Hackett Digital World Class Matrix™ | Contract lifecycle management



## Our observations

**Market presence is determined by company revenue and years in the marketplace**

- The largest revenue share in contract lifecycle management is captured by the source-to-pay suites along with several widely used CLM-focused solutions. A group of innovative and flexible solutions provide buyers with other alternatives to adopt this technology rapidly in a targeted fashion.

**Capability breadth measures the scope and depth of software features and functions**

- All of these software providers are delivering powerful tools to improve end-to-end visibility of their contract management processes and better compliance with internal and external policies.
- Those farther to the right had broader ecosystems, integration capabilities, supporting infrastructure, and more robust functionality, including AI/Gen AI/ML.

**Value realization measures the ability of the software to positively impact CLM performance metrics**

- Those landing higher in the matrix delivered greater results for automation and cycle-time improvement, as well as achieving greater overall success meeting business requirements and objectives.

For additional details on the software providers and the full research report contact [advisor@thehackettgroup.com](mailto:advisor@thehackettgroup.com) regarding the Executive Advisory Membership Program.

## Differentiating factors to consider when selecting a CLM and intelligence solution

- Mix of contract types to support (e.g., buy-side, sell-side, corporate, employment, high/low volume, high/low complexity)
- Organizational platform needs (e.g., S2P, CLM, sales and customer facing, legal information suite, document automation)
- Personas to be supported (e.g., procurement, legal, sales, finance, contract administration, compliance, IT, executives)
- Alignment with regional or global requirements (implementation capabilities, support, scalability, flexibility)
- Integration with existing solutions, platforms and technology (ERP, CRM, S2P, third-party data, e-Signature, communications)
- Information security and compliance requirements/certifications
- Ability to support the entire contract lifecycle, from intake through authoring, collaboration, analytics, intelligence and obligations
- Usability and intuitiveness of the solution to drive adoption
- Flexibility and simplicity to adapt to your requirements
- Artificial intelligence use cases, usability, data sources, and quality of search, content generation, risk analysis, and analytics
- Ability of the solution to extract and capture value within your unique contracting processes and industry specific requirements
- Commercial pricing and cultural fit with your organization



# Software provider profile | Ironclad

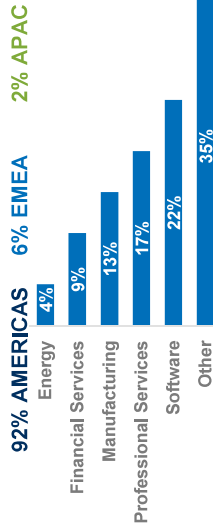


## COMPANY OVERVIEW

Ironclad is a CLM platform that streamlines the entire contracting process through its AI-powered, all-in-one solution. It enables businesses to digitize contracts, collaborate efficiently, maintain compliance, and accelerate contracting workflows seamlessly. It handles all types of contract workflow: sales agreements, HR agreements, complex NDAs, Clickwrap and more.

<b>Founded:</b>	2014
<b>Headquarters:</b>	San Francisco, California
<b>Ownership:</b>	Private

**2,000+ Customers**



## REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS



## MAJOR PARTNERS



## VISION/MISSION

"We're on a Mission to Power the World's Contracts."

## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Comprehensive cloud-based CLM platform that digitizes and automates the entire contract lifecycle.

- Helps manage company-wide procurement with total visibility, simplified processes and standard operations.
- Allows in-house legal and business users to automate processes while extracting business intelligence.
- Offers seamless collaboration between stakeholders, streamlines contract workflows through automation and repositories, and built-in security compliance to resist data breaches and maintain compliance standards.

## KEY SOFTWARE FEATURES



**Signature API:** Enables managing high-volume, non-negotiated agreements like terms and conditions through click-to-accept and e-Signatures for gathering legally binding digital acceptances. Offers fastest way to streamline handling of routine contracts.



**End-to-end efficiency:** Accelerates contract cycle times by leveraging AI capabilities for redlining suggestions, clause identification and data insights. Ironclad provides AI-driven data extraction, automated tagging and analysis of 194+ contract properties.



**Analytics:** Allows users to delve into contract metadata through an intuitive interface. Delivers insights into contract stages, volumes, types, workflows and negotiations.



**Seamless integration:** Prebuilt integrations with other business applications like Salesforce, Google Workspace, Docusign, Coupa, OneTrust and more.



**Built for Adoption and Value:** No-code self service features are designed for widespread adoption, ease of use, rapid deployment and fast time to value.

## HACKETT COMMENTARY

"Ironclad has the flexibility to support a variety of contracts and the intelligent automation to drive efficiency. Ironclad impressed customers with fast implementations, ease of adoption, strong support of compliance requirements and overall business value achieved from the solution."

**RICHARD GARDNER**  
*Sr. Director, Procurement  
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 The Hackett Group*

## VALUE REALIZATION ASSESSMENT (CLM and Intelligence)



## HACKETT CAPABILITY PLACEMENT

### Hackett assessment

- Ironclad excels at automating high-volume, low-risk contracts for business users without needing legal resource involvement.
- The solution can upload contracts at scale, search, track and extract data to identify trends and opportunities.
- Ironclad has deep integration with Salesforce, including functionality for sales representatives to execute contracts from within Salesforce.

## CAPABILITY ASSESSMENT (CLM and Intelligence)

Ability to address globally complex clients	●
Ecosystem breadth (beyond CLM)	●
Platform structure and flexibility	●
Integration, prebuilt connectors	●
Implementation, services, and support	●
Contract master data and template management	●
Contract creation and authoring	●
Workflow and approvals	●
Collaboration and negotiation	●
Quality, compliance, and risk management	●
Information, dashboards, analytics	●
AI/ML, Gen AI, automated intelligence	●

## HACKETT CAPABILITY PLACEMENT

### Hackett assessment

- The AI-powered Ironclad Repository manages your contracts all in one place, providing full visibility and automatically flagging clauses requiring attention.
- Ironclad leverages prebuilt or tailored templates to create customized dashboards.
- Ironclad offers an AI-powered contract analytics tool to create graphs, charts and reports to visualize data.
- It monitors KPIs, renewals, obligations, and more.

## HACKETT VALUE PLACEMENT

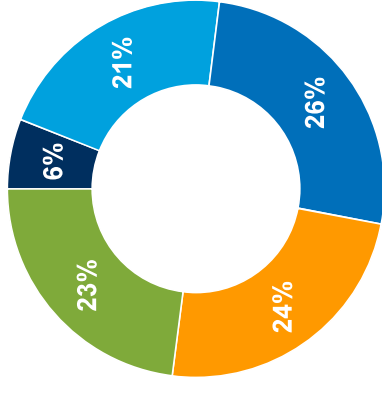
- Ironclad's contract lifecycle management solution was designed by experienced legal practitioners.
- The platform is built to handle all contract types, including legal, sales, finance, HR, marketing and procurement.
- Ironclad's broad partner and integration network includes, among others, partners for AI, automation and workflow, business intelligence, document management, legal, procurement, and implementation services.
- Customers rated Ironclad very high for overall satisfaction and business value generation.
- Customers also gave Ironclad high ratings for implementation metrics, integration, automation, user adoption and experience, data visibility and intelligence.
- Ironclad's service and support includes Ironclad community, Ironclad Academy, and a help center with searchable product content.
- Ironclad's contract management software is SOC 2 Type 2 compliant and ISO 27017, 27018 certified.

# Contract Lifecycle Management – Value Realization

# Implementation metrics

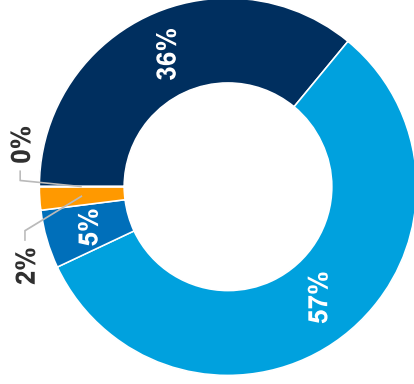
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## Implementation duration



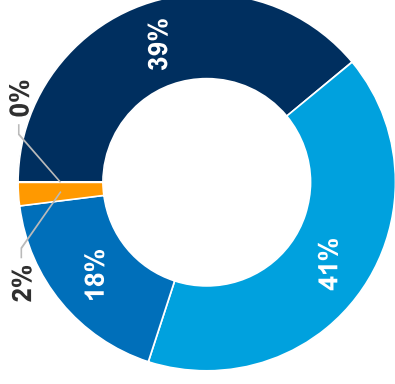
- Less than 2 months
- 2-3 months
- 4-5 months
- 6-8 months
- More than 8 months

## Knowledge and support from Solution Providers



- Extremely satisfied
- Satisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Extremely dissatisfied

## Efficiency of implementation



- Extremely satisfied
- Satisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Extremely dissatisfied

**93% of customers were very satisfied or extremely satisfied with the knowledge and support from their solution provider. 80% were very satisfied or extremely satisfied with the efficiency of their implementation.**

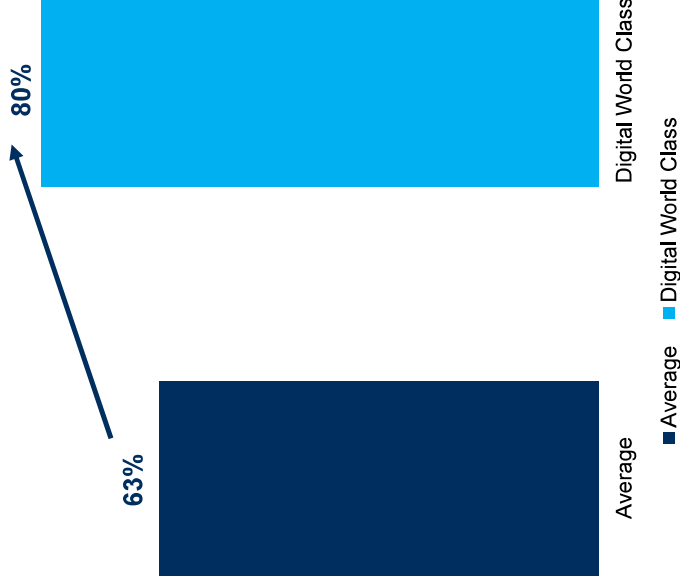
## Integration and automation

On average, CLM solutions met 80% of business and technology requirements and drove a 63% improvement in overall contract lifecycle management process efficiency and automation.

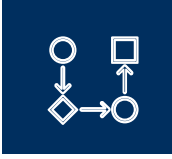
**% of business/Technology requirements met by the CLM solution Provider**



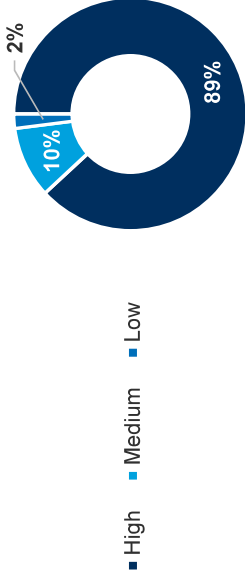
**Degree the CLM solution improved contracting efficiency and automation**




# User adoption and experience



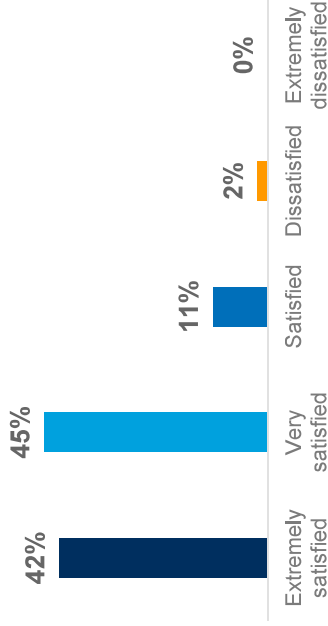
**End-to-end contract lifecycle management**




End-to-end CLM process coverage  
**89%**



**Ease of use, intuitiveness and end-user experience**



Very satisfied or extremely satisfied with the CLM user experience  
**87%**




**% of contract lifecycle management activity currently managed by primary CLM solution**

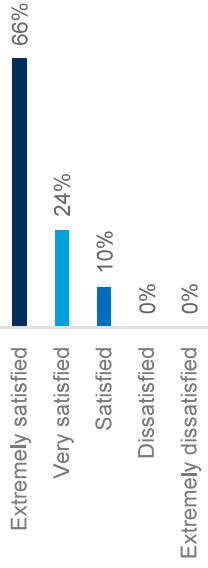

Percentage of contracts adopted on average  
**81%**

■ Average ■ Digital World Class

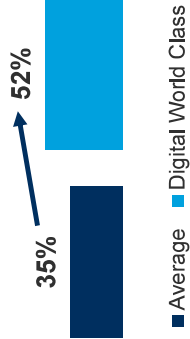

# Quality, cycle times, data visibility and intelligence



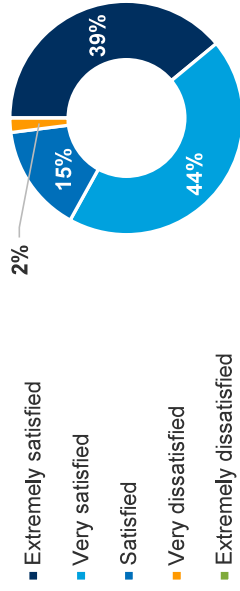
**Improvement in quality and compliance with internal and external policies and regulations**

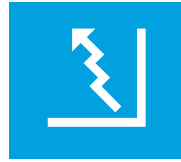
**Contracting cycle-time improvement**

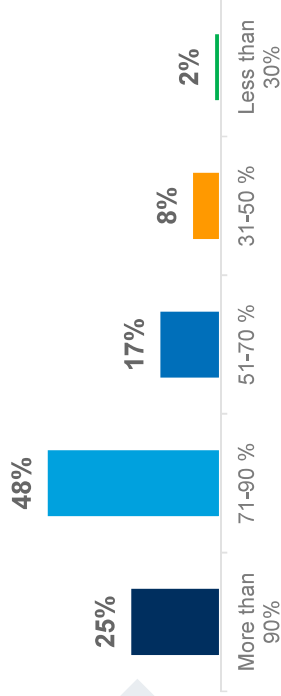
**Data visibility and data intelligence**



# Overall satisfaction and business value



**Business improvement goals achieved by the solution**

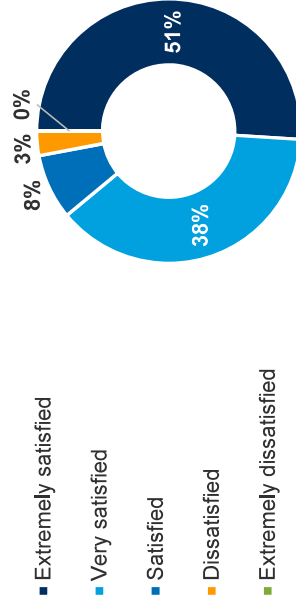


**% of CLM customers that met 70% or more of their improvement goals**

# 73%



**Overall satisfaction with the software**

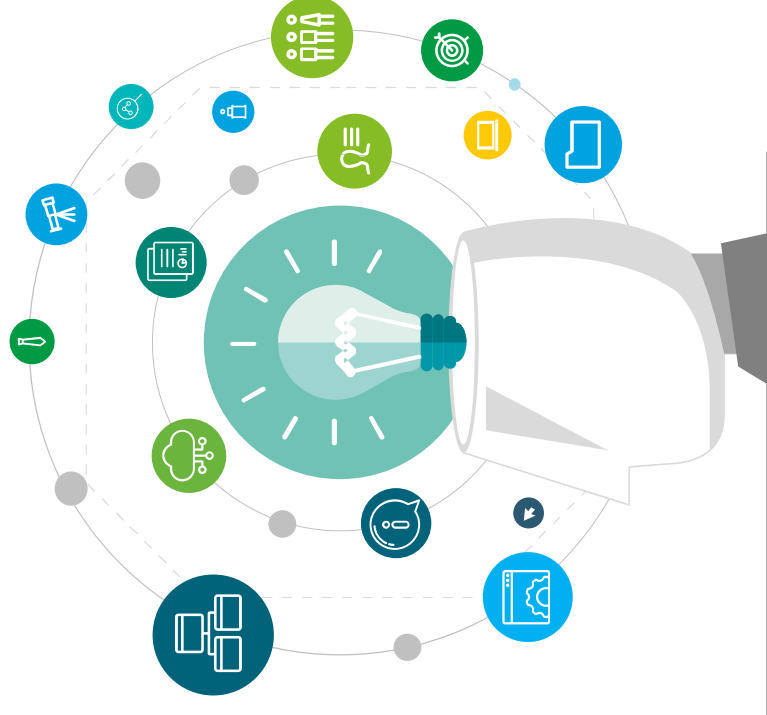


**Overall satisfaction rate with their CLM solution (value for the money)**

# 89%

# Contract lifecycle management | Additional benefits commonly realized

- Increased visibility around existing agreements
- Reduced risk by standardizing terms and conditions (T&C)
- Integration with transactional systems to ensure negotiated savings, pricing terms, quality and other improvement measures are realized
- Increased savings by executing sourcing events more effectively (e.g., automatically populating the request for proposal with qualitative and quantitative information from supplier contracts)
- Increase in volume discounts and early payment rebates by automating the linkage of these terms into core transaction processing systems
- Linkage of items under contract to the organization's adopted standard commodity coding scheme to support enhanced spend visibility
- Automatic reminders of expiration dates and amendments
- Reduction in resource time to manage, review and audit complex contracts for status and noncompliance



# Appendix (FAQs and notifications)

# The Hackett Digital World Class Matrix™ frequently asked questions (FAQs)

## How are software or service providers selected for participation?

- Providers are included if they meet the inclusion criteria for the study, which is determined by The Hackett Group analysts and subject matter experts during the initial scoping and design phase.

## Are providers able to decide if they are included or excluded from The Hackett Digital World Class Matrix?

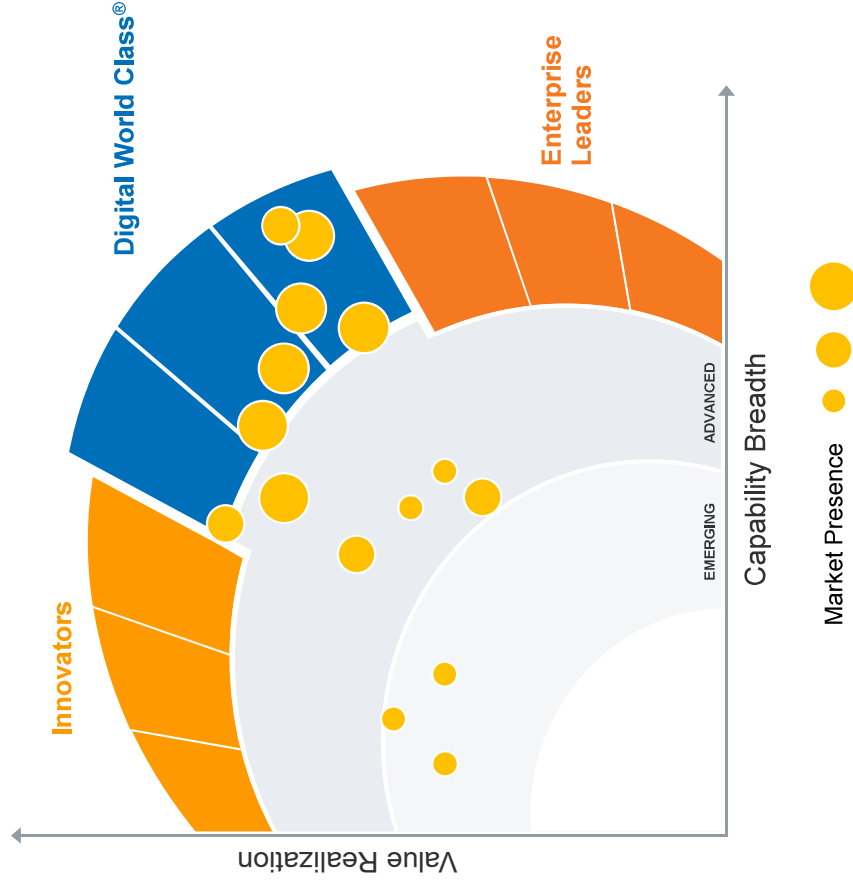
- No, providers cannot choose to be included or excluded from the Digital World Class Matrix Study. However, providers may choose not to directly participate in the process or provide information to The Hackett Group. The Hackett Group encourages participation but does not reward or penalize providers based on their level of participation.

## Does The Hackett Group share individual responses from customer references, surveys, interviews or analysis?

- No, all responses from customer references, surveys, interviews, provider content and other sources of data collection are kept confidential and aggregated into the overall analysis.

## How often are The Hackett Group's Digital World Class matrices updated?

- Studies are typically refreshed every 12 to 24 months. However, a specific study's refresh period is highly dependent upon the related marketplace's evolution velocity.



# The Hackett Digital World Class Matrix™ FAQs (cont.)

## Are there different levels of provider participation?

- Yes. Some providers have supplied all requested information, while some provided only partial information, and The Hackett Group gathered the remaining information from our sources. For others, The Hackett Group gathered all the evaluation information from our sources.\*

## How are the software or service providers rated?

- For capability breadth, we use the following criteria:
  - Ability to address globally complex clients, ecosystem breadth, platform structure and flexibility, integration, prebuilt connectors and implementation, services, and support
  - Contract master data and template management, contact creation and authoring, workflow and approvals, collaboration and negotiation, quality, compliance and risk management, information, dashboards, analytics and AI/ML, Gen AI, automated intelligence functions
- For value realization, we use the following criteria:
  - Implementation metrics
  - Integration and automation success
  - User adoption and experience
  - Data visibility and intelligence
  - Quality and cycle-time metrics
  - Overall satisfaction and business value

\*\*Nonparticipating software providers have not provided any direct input. Hybrid software providers have provided direct input on either RFI or capabilities only. Our analysis is based on The Hackett Group's applied knowledge, public disclosures and The Hackett Group's interview and/or survey responses from software provider buyers.  
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- For market presence, we use the following criteria:

- Revenue
- Years in the marketplace

## How does The Hackett Group build market intelligence reports?

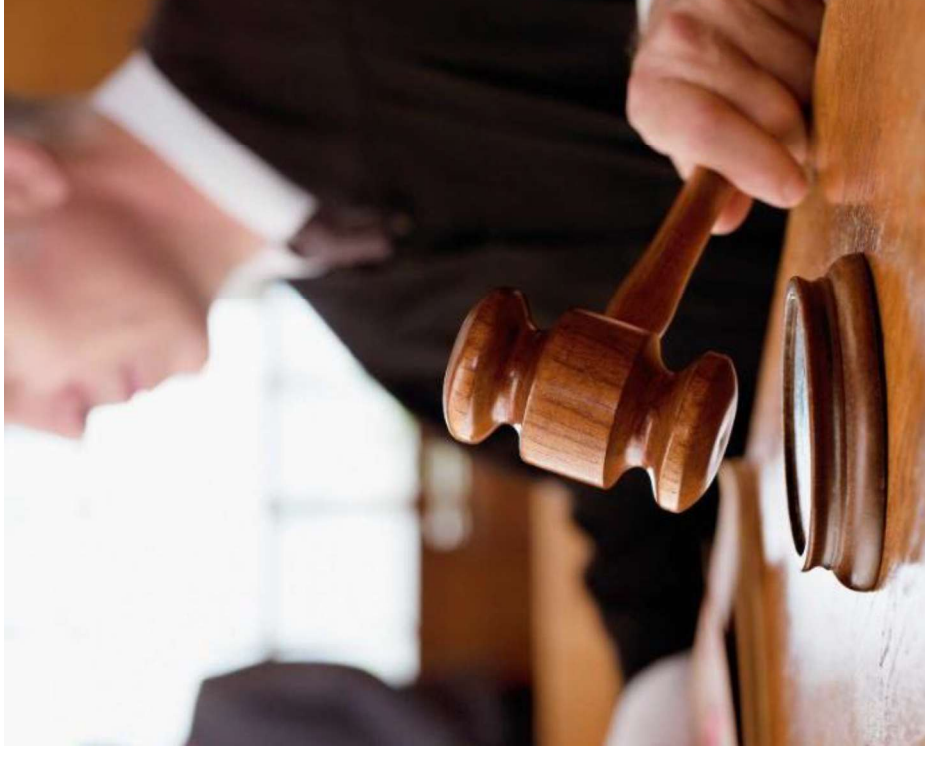
- For each provider participating in a particular study, we gather the following information:\*\*
  - Provider buyer survey
  - Provider strategy session
  - Customer surveys and/or interviews
- Our client survey collects data from providers' clients about:
  - Performance relevant to the offering category.
  - Experience through related questions on customer satisfaction and value
- Using this collected information and applied knowledge from internal and external subject matter experts, we compare aggregated client survey responses against our benchmarking data to measure performance relative to each other and to that of Digital World Class® organizations.

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