

# Building and cultivating an effective partner ecosystem

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## Introductions



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A partner ecosystem amplifies an organization's footprint providing an undeniable competitive edge through innovation and growth opportunities.





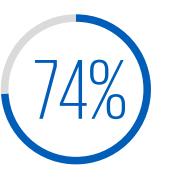
Recent pandemic has magnified the importance of partner ecosystems as companies re-evaluate their operations.



of US marketers have experienced **budget cuts** this year<sup>1</sup>



of US marketers believe the role of **marketing has increased in importance** in 2020<sup>2</sup>



of multinational brands are **auditing their current agency roster** to find the right model and mix<sup>3</sup>



of US marketers planned to **consolidate their agency rosters** into fewer agencies<sup>4</sup>





# A Redefined Model

**FROM** 

**Transactional** 

**Focused on cost reduction** 

Goal of minimizing number of agencies

In-house vs. External

TO

**Strategic** 

Focused on overall value

Goal of maximizing the value provided by each agency

**Integrated ecosystem** 



# Take aways

Organizations must reevaluate traditional levers of extracting value from its partners while keeping an eye toward the future



#### Take stock of your internal operations

Understand the importance and value each partner brings to your organization.

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### Shift operations to respond to this climate

Execute crucial short-term actions to shore up working capital, cost savings, and risk.



## Face the new reality of supplier centricity

Rally around your strategic suppliers by finding winwin solutions that keep them viable in our new reality.



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