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1   Introduction

Welcome to Digital First Solutions, where we spearhead the future of organizational efficiency through bespoke digital transformation strategies. Our proven methodology does not just adapt to new technologies—it anticipates them, integrating cutting-edge digital solutions from the ground up. By transforming strategic visions into tangible returns through optimized customer experiences and robust digital investments, we pave the way for a seamless transition into the digital era. We're not just consultants; we're partners dedicated to elevating your digital landscape, ensuring every step on your digital journey is forward-thinking and results driven.

2   Our support capabilities

1. Strategy Scoping, Investment Case, and Programme Design We begin by framing your digital ambitions with a strategic scoping exercise, which lays the groundwork for all subsequent actions. This involves defining key objectives, identifying digital opportunities, and outlining the potential impacts on your business. We also develop a detailed investment case to support funding requests, showcasing potential ROI and aligning with broader business goals. This foundational work culminates in a robust programme design that sets clear, actionable steps for your digital transformation journey.

2. Business and Digital Transformation Health Checks, Maturity Assessments, and Assurance Our health check diagnostics evaluate your current digital and business operations to pinpoint strengths and areas for improvement. Through maturity assessments, we gauge your organization's readiness to adopt new technologies and methodologies, identifying gaps in capabilities and suggesting specific enhancements. Assurance processes are then applied to ensure that all digital transformation initiatives align with strategic objectives and are poised for success, providing peace of mind and a clear path forward.

3. Technology Infrastructure Reviews, Development of Technology and Cloud Migration Roadmaps Our comprehensive technology infrastructure reviews assess the current state of your IT environment to identify inefficiencies and areas where new technologies can be integrated. From these insights, we develop tailored technology and cloud migration roadmaps, plotting a course that minimizes disruption and maximizes technological synergies. This strategic planning facilitates a smooth transition to cloud-based solutions, optimizing your infrastructure for scalability, security, and performance.

4. Application Review, Rationalisation, and Migration to the Cloud We undertake thorough reviews of your application portfolio to determine rationalization opportunities, reducing complexity and cost by retiring redundant systems and consolidating essential functionalities. Following this, we plan and execute a strategic migration of selected applications to cloud environments, enhancing flexibility and enabling more efficient resource use. This process not only prepares your applications for a cloud-first future but also optimizes them for better performance and integration.

5. Design and Build Digital Platforms for the Digital Front Door Our services extend to the design and construction of digital platforms that serve as the 'digital front door' for your organization, offering a single point of entry for customer interactions across multiple channels. These platforms are designed to enhance user experience, streamline service delivery, and increase engagement through intuitive interfaces and robust functionality.

6. Help Integrate and Automate Systems and Processes in the Organization We assist in the integration and automation of key business processes and systems, enhancing operational efficiency and accuracy. By automating routine tasks and integrating disparate systems, we help organizations reduce manual errors, free up valuable resources, and improve process velocity. This holistic approach not only streamlines operations but also supports a more agile organizational structure.

3 Model of approach

Clients are often at different stages of digital transformation, so our model of support is based around your specific needs and requirements. Our standard model of digital transformation support is built around three core elements shown below.
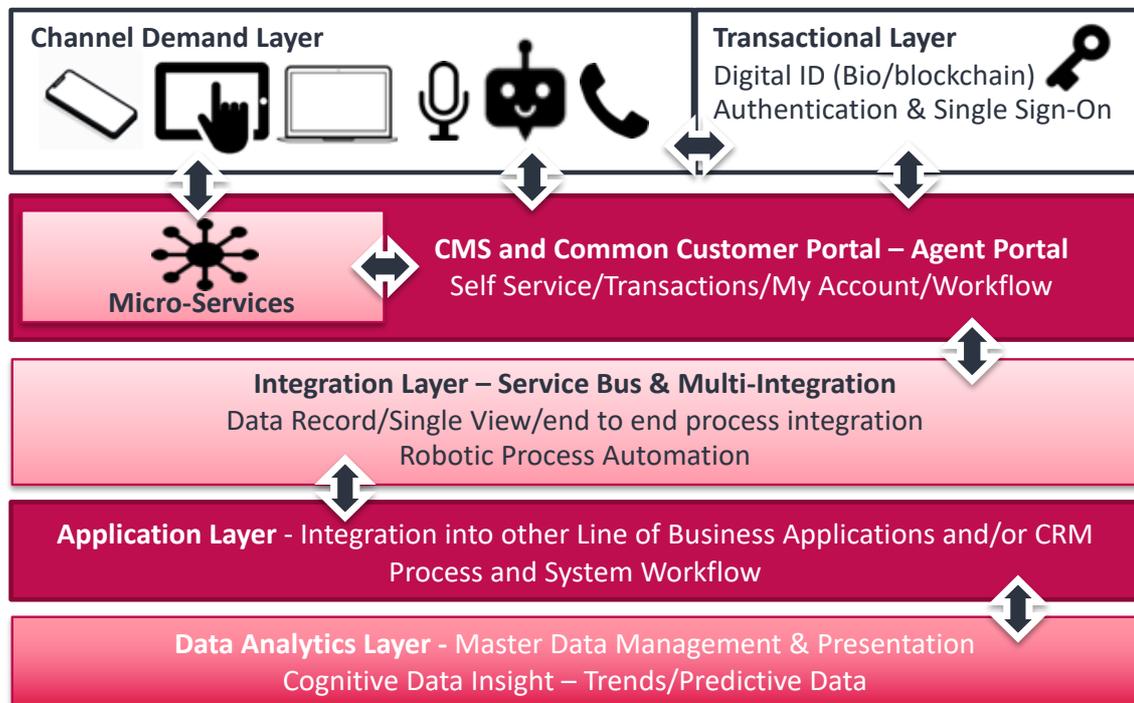

Digital Insight – Unveiling Potential, Enabling Readiness At the core of our services lies Digital Insight, a strategic process where we employ our expertise and state-of-the-art analytical tools to unearth an organization's current digital standing and its capacity for transformation. Our proprietary methodologies, including Insight Maturity©, Cloud Migration Readiness©, Application Value Assessments, and Tech Maturity Index©, are meticulously designed to evaluate your organization's readiness, identify untapped opportunities, and prioritize pathways for digital evolution. With a keen commercial acumen, we craft a solid investment case, setting the stage for a digital revolution that not only accelerates transformation but also ensures a substantial return on investment.

Digital Design – Crafting Strategy, Road-mapping Success Transitioning from insight to action, our Digital Design phase focuses on crystallizing a digital strategy that aligns with your organization's vision. By road-mapping your technology and application journey to the cloud, we forge a deep collaboration with your internal teams, transferring knowledge and building capability to ensure seamless integration of our strategic frameworks. Our design of robust digital transformation programs and initiatives, anchored by Digital ROI© business investment cases, ensures that all necessary elements – from people to processes, capabilities to products – are aligned for agile and effective solution delivery.

Digital Delivery – Executing Vision, Achieving Excellence In the Digital Delivery phase, we harness our specialized capabilities in technology solution and infrastructure design, platform development, and commercial strategy to turn vision into reality. Leveraging our expansive network, we extend our capacity through a brokerage model, introducing clients to our adept partners, SMEs, and specialists to spearhead pivotal projects like digital platform rollouts and cloud migrations. Our hands-on approach facilitates the construction and validation of digital customer journeys and the assessment of Digital ROI©. Leading the charge in the implementation of digital and technology initiatives, we work symbiotically with internal teams, augmenting the requisite expertise and manpower to propel the program and its specific projects to successful fruition.

4   End to End architectural design

A key part of our service offering is to help organisations create end to end architectural design from the customer through to the back office that enables seamless integration automation and powerful data analysis and insight as shown in the graphic below.

Seamless End-to-End Application Architecture for the Modern Enterprise

Our state-of-the-art application architecture is the backbone of a seamless digital experience, connecting every touchpoint of your business with precision and intelligence. This robust framework is engineered to streamline operations, deliver personalized customer experiences, and drive innovation from the core to the edge of your enterprise.

- **Channel Demand Layer**: The customer's journey begins at our dynamic Channel Demand Layer, a multi-faceted gateway that harmonizes various channels—mobile, web, and voice—into a unified entry point. This layer is adept at capturing and responding to the evolving demands of the digital consumer.

- **Transactional Layer**: Securing each interaction, the Transactional Layer offers robust Digital ID verification integrating cutting-edge biometric and blockchain technologies. Simplify and secure user experiences with sophisticated Authentication and Single Sign-On capabilities.

- **Micro-Services**: At the heart of agility, our Micro-Services architecture empowers you to rapidly deploy and scale functionalities. Integrated with a CMS and Common Customer Portal, it offers a seamless self-service experience, complete with transaction processing and sophisticated workflow management.

- **Integration Layer**: Acting as the central nervous system, the Integration Layer ensures smooth communication across the enterprise. Featuring a Service Bus and Multi-Integration functionalities, it provides a holistic Data Record, a single view for customer interactions, and enables end-to-end process integration bolstered by Robotic Process Automation.

- **Application Layer**: The Application Layer is where seamless integration into your Line of Business Applications or CRM takes place, enhancing your core processes and system workflows. This layer is the cornerstone for operational coherence and synergy.

- **Data Analytics Layer**: Dive deep into data with our Data Analytics Layer, which encompasses Master Data Management and powerful presentation tools. Unearth actionable insights with Cognitive Data Insight capabilities that highlight trends and forecast predictive data, empowering your decision-makers with foresight and clarity.

Together, these layers form a sophisticated tapestry of technology that propels your business forward, ensuring every application is not just a tool, but a strategic asset driving growth and differentiation in the marketplace.

4.1 Technology Transformation Services

At the forefront of our offerings is a suite of Technology Transformation services designed to navigate the complexities of digital change. Our suite includes but is not limited to:

- Strategic IT Consulting: Aligning technology initiatives with business goals to drive growth and efficiency.

- Cloud Solutions Architecture: Crafting scalable, secure, and cost-effective cloud environments.

- Cybersecurity and Compliance: Ensuring your digital assets are protected against emerging threats and regulatory requirements.

- Data Management and Analytics: Transforming data into actionable insights for informed decision-making.

- IT Infrastructure Optimization: Streamlining your IT landscape for enhanced performance and agility.
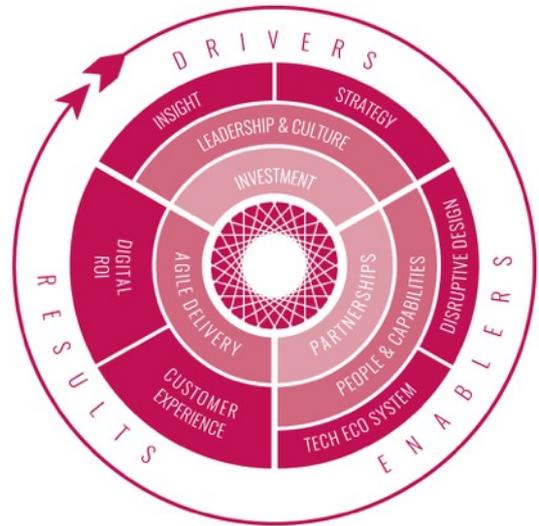
- Change Management: Facilitating a smooth transition for people, processes, and technology during transformation projects.

5   Digital Insight

The Digital First Solutions Insight Tool© is the cornerstone for organizations poised to carve out their digital destiny, redefine their strategies, and revolutionize service design. This tool is meticulously engineered to conduct comprehensive evaluations across critical facets of your digital landscape. Our goal is to establish a grounded and enlightened foundation for strategy development and deployment.

Our approach is multifaceted:

- **Comprehensive Baseline Assessments**: We meticulously analyse IT services, existing change initiatives, and the total cost of ownership to establish a clear starting point.

- **Inclusive Leadership and Organizational Engagement**: By actively engaging with your organization's leaders, we uncover your digital aspirations, pinpoint cultural obstacles, and highlight unique opportunities for transformation.

- **Local Context Analysis**: We take into account local nuances, political forces, and operational methods to tailor our strategy to your specific context.

- **Strengths and Gaps Audit**: Our evaluations are designed to detail the robustness of your current digital approach and identify areas ripe for development.

- **Technological Showcasing**: We introduce cutting-edge digital products and services, offering a window into the potential of modern technology to elevate your organization.

- **Benchmarking Excellence**: By drawing comparisons with leading digital trailblazers, we provide a perspective on where you stand in the digital arena.

- **Digital Maturity Modelling**: We construct a comprehensive model to gauge your organization's digital maturity, offering clarity and direction.

- **Strategy and Programme Refresh**: We not only develop your digital strategy and programs but also continuously refine them to keep pace with the evolving digital landscape.

- **Investment Case Formulation**: With a detailed investment case, we help prioritize digital initiatives that promise substantial returns and strategic value.

6   Digital Design

Unlock the Future with Our Pioneering Digital Design Services

Our Digital Design Services are meticulously crafted to set the stage for your organization's digital revolution. We go beyond mere planning; we architect the roadmap to your digital destiny. With an unwavering focus on strategic foresight, our offerings are tailored to:

- **Strategize and Roadmap**: We collaborate with you to forge a cutting-edge digital strategy and a technology roadmap that aligns with your long-term vision.

- **Understand and Prioritize**: Our approach is to deeply understand your program requirements, discerning and defining the priorities that will guide impactful implementation.

- **Design and Innovate**: With precision and creativity, we design priority projects that intertwine advanced technology solutions with transformative business process changes.

- **Invest and Yield**: We build robust Investment Cases to initiate your programs, driving Digital ROI and ensuring that your investments translate into tangible results.

In our commitment to sustainable growth and value, we advocate for a collaborative approach, encouraging the formation of joint teams. This integration is key to building internal capabilities and delivering exceptional value for money. Additionally, we focus on achieving early project milestones and demonstrating the efficacy of our solutions through proof of concept designs. This strategy ensures that transformational success is visible and celebrated early on, setting a precedent for continued success throughout the delivery phase.

Key design services offered include:

6.1 Application Review and Value Assessment

Our Application Review and Value Assessment is crucial for organizations seeking to maximize their software investments:

- Application Portfolio Analysis: Evaluating your application landscape to identify consolidation and modernization opportunities.

- Cost-Benefit Analysis: Assessing the financial implications and potential returns of application investments.

- Technology Fit Assessment: Determining the suitability of current applications against evolving business requirements.

- Modernization Road-mapping: Planning the upgrade path for legacy systems to modern, agile platforms.

- Software Lifecycle Management: Providing strategic oversight for the duration of your software's life cycle to optimize performance and value.

6.2 Digital Platform Design and Deployment

Our capabilities extend to the design and deployment of robust digital platforms:

- User-Centred Design: Crafting intuitive and engaging digital experiences focused on user needs and behaviours.

- Agile Development Practices: Utilizing agile methodologies to deliver functional, high-quality digital solutions rapidly.

- Integration and Automation: Streamlining operations by integrating disparate systems and automating workflows.
- Platform Scalability: Building digital platforms that grow with your business, ensuring long-term viability and flexibility.
- Continuous Deployment and DevOps: Implementing practices for ongoing development, testing, and deployment, enabling swift iteration and improvement.

By integrating these services into our comprehensive Digital Design framework, we ensure that your technological transformation is not just a concept, but a tangible, value-driven reality.

6.3 Empower Your Organization with Intelligent Automation

Unleash the potential of Intelligent Automation (IA) to revolutionize how your organization operates and delivers services to customers. IA stands at the forefront of operational efficiency, catalysing productivity and empowering data-driven decision-making. Embrace the transformative power of robotics and process automation to refocus resources on what's truly important, enhancing value and managing demand more effectively.

By integrating IA, you're not just streamlining processes; you're elevating the customer and staff experience, fostering better outcomes, and promoting the growth of high-value work across your team. Begin your journey with a discovery exercise to set a solid foundation:

- **Discover**: Uncover valuable insights through Data Gathering, Process Analysis, and establishing a Priorities Roadmap. Develop a compelling Case for Change to navigate your path forward.
- **Design**: Shape the future with Solution and Infrastructure Design, Configuration, and rigorous Testing to ensure your system is primed for success.
- **Deploy**: Bring your vision to life with comprehensive Documentation, hands-on Training, and a strategy to Bring to Live your automated solutions. Ensure sustainability with ongoing Monitoring and Stabilization.

Transition to business as usual with a robust, streamlined approach that positions your organization at the cutting edge of innovation.

7 Digital Delivery

Comprehensive Solutions Through Our Expert Brokerage Model

Our bespoke brokerage model is crafted to elevate your projects with a spectrum of specialized services, delivering not just support but a transformative journey across your technology landscape. We offer expert coaching and assistance in pivotal areas, including significant infrastructure updates, seamless cloud transitions, and the innovative design and deployment of digital front-office resources.

Embrace the diversity and expertise of our partners. Our brokerage model aggregates a wealth of solutions, ensuring a unified partnership with multifaceted capabilities:

- **Web Presence Excellence**: Customized Web and CMS design, alongside SEO and web analytics, to amplify your digital footprint.

- **Customer Relationship Innovation**: CRM strategy and implementation, including sophisticated Microsoft Dynamics solutions, to deepen customer engagement.

- **Process Automation**: Advanced eForms and workflow design tools that streamline and automate your operations.

- **Cloud Transformation**: Expert cloud migration and hosting services, paving the way for a scalable, secure future.

- **Digital Product Ingenuity**: From digital product ideation to app development and meticulous testing, we cover the full development lifecycle.

- **Data Mastery**: Master Data Management and Data Analytics services to harness and derive value from your data assets.

- **Intelligent Automation**: Leveraging smart technologies to refine and optimize business processes.

- **Specialized Digital Talent**: Access to specialist digital resources, ensuring that you have the right expertise for every challenge.

Our brokerage model's primary advantage is its holistic governance and seamless management of multiple specialized entities. Our clients gain the assurance of collaborating with industry-leading experts while benefiting from the agility and innovation of cutting-edge SMEs. This harmonized approach not only delivers best-of-breed support but also ensures exceptional value for money, avoiding the pitfalls of juggling disparate contractors or relying on a single large provider.

8   Service Features

1. **Strategic Insight into Technology and Digital Innovation**: Leveraging deep industry expertise, we provide visionary insights that shape the landscape of technology and digital innovation, ensuring your organization remains at the forefront of change.

2. **Independent Service Strategy and Design**: Our unbiased approach to service strategy and design offers a fresh perspective, ensuring strategies that are both innovative and tailor-made to your organization's needs.

3. **Technology Transformation to Cloud-Based Architecture**: We guide a full spectrum transformation, moving your infrastructure to flexible, scalable, and cost-effective cloud-based solutions.

4. **Digital Front Door Analysis, Architectural Design, and Development**: Starting from thorough analysis to architectural design and development, we craft your digital front door to be both welcoming and efficient for your digital visitors.

5. **Digital ROI**: We are leaders in crafting compelling digital investment cases, mapping out the path to a return on investment that aligns with your strategic goals.

6. **Building Effective Internal Digital Teams**: Our collaborative approach focuses on enhancing your internal capabilities by fostering digital teams equipped with the right skills to drive innovation.

7. **Delivery of Transformational Change and Service Redesign**: We specialize in orchestrating significant change, reinventing services to meet the demands of the digital age.

8. **Designing Online Customer Journeys and System Requirements**: Our meticulous designs of online customer journeys are backed by robust system requirements that ensure a seamless, user-centric experience.

9. **Undertaking Independent Digital Health Checks and Digital Readiness**: We provide thorough health checks and readiness assessments to ensure your digital initiatives are on a solid footing.

10. **Developing Benefits Modelling for Digital ROI**: Our benefits modelling for digital ROI quantifies the value of digital initiatives, making a compelling case for digital transformation investments.

9 Service Benefits

1. **Digital Tech Roadmap**: Our roadmap provides a strategic framework for investment and prioritization, guiding your digital journey every step of the way.

2. **Baseline for Transformation Progress**: We establish a clear baseline to understand your progress, identify gaps, and uncover new opportunities in your digital transformation journey.

3. **Reduction in Total Cost of Ownership**: By optimizing your digital and IT services, we aim to significantly reduce your total cost of ownership.

4. **Creation of a Digital ROI Model**: Our model tracks the benefits and justifies the investments in your digital strategies.

5. **Coherent, Integrated Plan for Digital Transformation**: We deliver a comprehensive plan that integrates all facets of digital transformation, ensuring nothing is left to chance.

6. **Alignment of Technology Strategy with Business Objectives**: Our strategies ensure that your technology investments are in complete alignment with your business goals.

7. **Enhanced Customer Engagement and Digital Take-up**: We enable your organization to engage customers digitally, fostering greater take-up and interaction.

8. **Technology Roadmap for Cloud and SaaS Adoption**: Our roadmap provides a clear route for transitioning to cloud services and Software as a Service (SaaS) models.

9. **Secured Organizational Efficiencies and Customer Benefits**: We guarantee efficiencies that not only benefit the organization internally but also enhance the customer experience.

10. **Targeted Investment in the Digital Journey**: We help you target and prioritize your investments, ensuring that every dollar spent maximizes your digital journey's impact.

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