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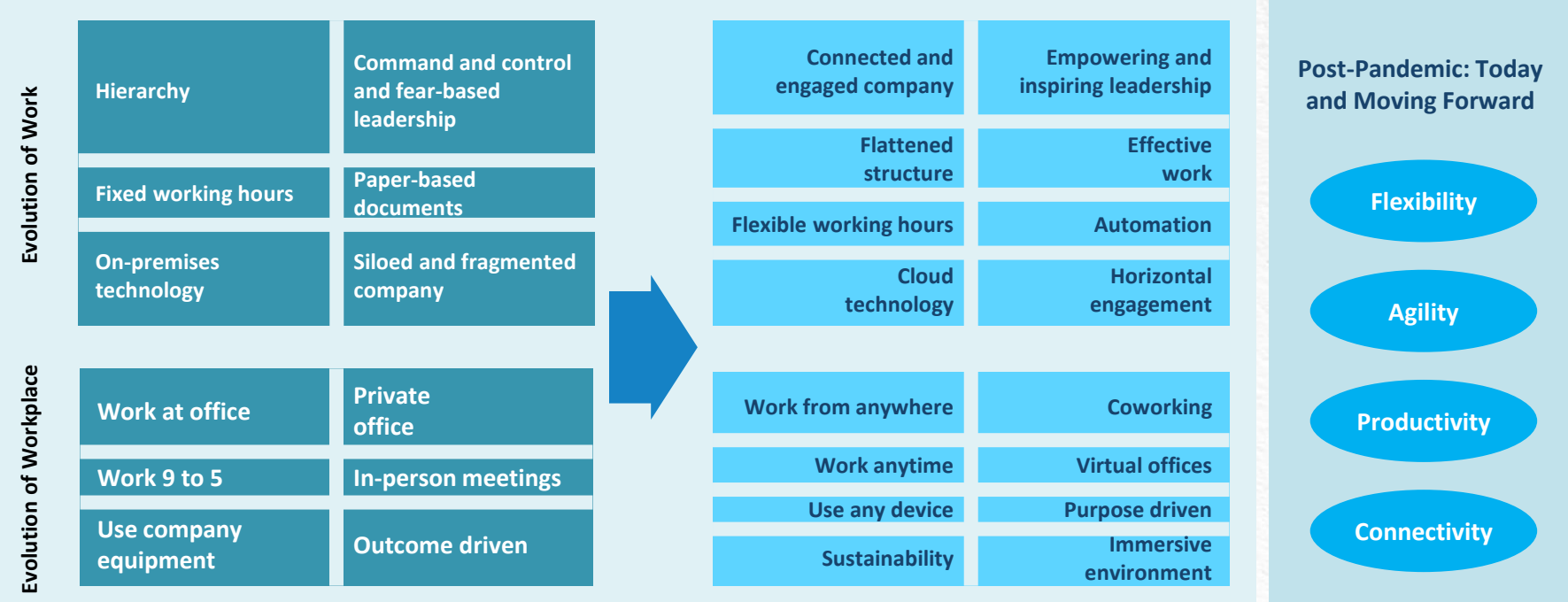
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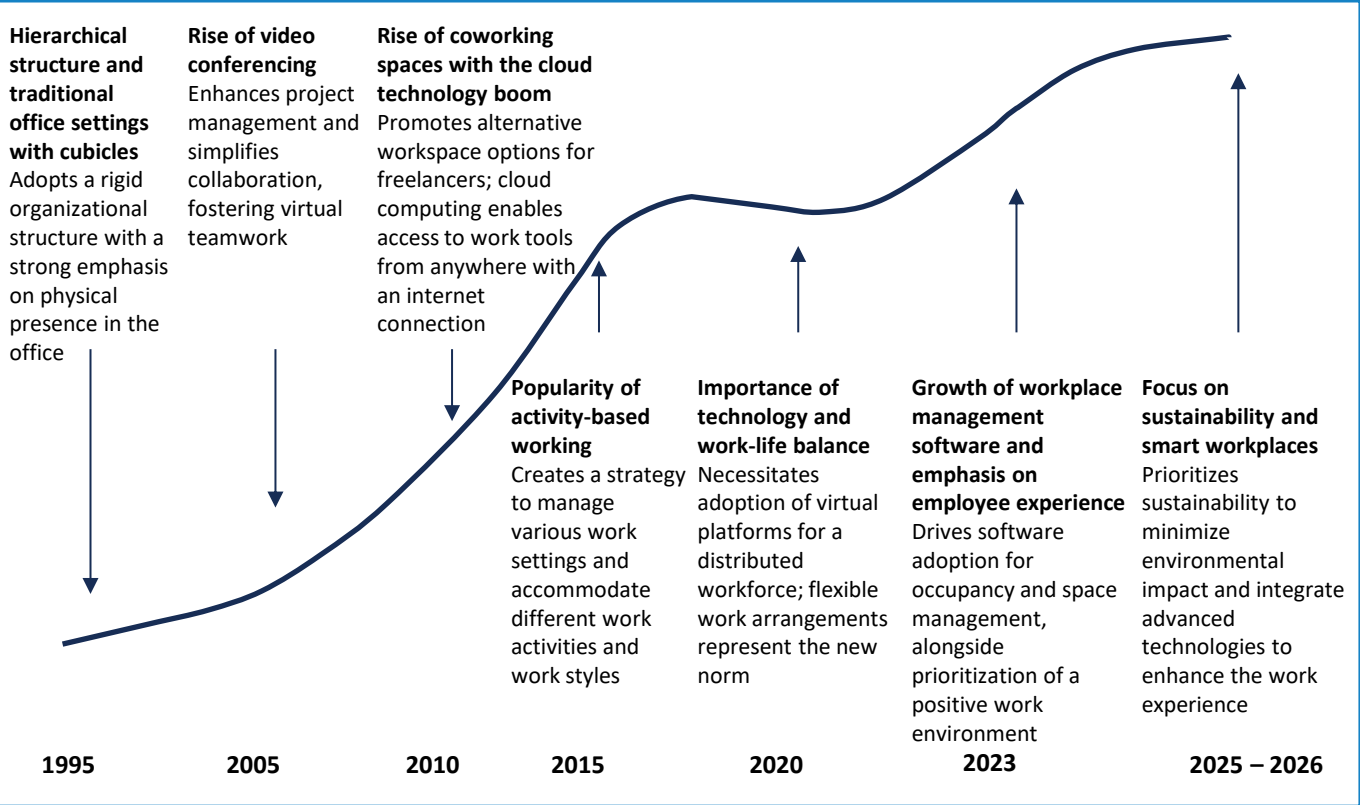
FOCUS POINTS

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WORKPLACE EVOLUTION

The workplace and the nature of work continuously adapt to new technologies, social shifts, and economic realities. Workplace evolution marks a shift from a static, resource-centric approach to a more dynamic, data-driven, and employee-centric workplace management model. By embracing this transition, organizations can create efficient and sustainable spaces that meet the needs of the modern workforce.

Evolution of Work

Hierarchy	Command and control and fear-based leadership
Fixed working hours	Paper-based documents
On-premises technology	Siloed and fragmented company

Evolution of Workplace

Work at office	Private office
Work 9 to 5	In-person meetings
Use company equipment	Outcome driven

Connected and engaged company	Empowering and inspiring leadership
Flattened structure	Effective work
Flexible working hours	Automation
Cloud technology	Horizontal engagement

Work from anywhere	Coworking
Work anytime	Virtual offices
Use any device	Purpose driven
Sustainability	Immersive environment

Post-Pandemic: Today and Moving Forward

- Flexibility
- Agility
- Productivity
- Connectivity

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WORKPLACE TRENDS ROADMAP

Hierarchical structure and traditional office settings with cubicles
Adopts a rigid organizational structure with a strong emphasis on physical presence in the office

Rise of video conferencing
Enhances project management and simplifies collaboration, fostering virtual teamwork

Rise of coworking spaces with the cloud technology boom
Promotes alternative workspace options for freelancers; cloud computing enables access to work tools from anywhere with an internet connection

Popularity of activity-based working
Creates a strategy to manage various work settings and accommodate different work activities and work styles

Importance of technology and work-life balance
Necessitates adoption of virtual platforms for a distributed workforce; flexible work arrangements represent the new norm

Growth of workplace management software and emphasis on employee experience
Drives software adoption for occupancy and space management, alongside prioritization of a positive work environment

Focus on sustainability and smart workplaces
Prioritizes sustainability to minimize environmental impact and integrate advanced technologies to enhance the work experience

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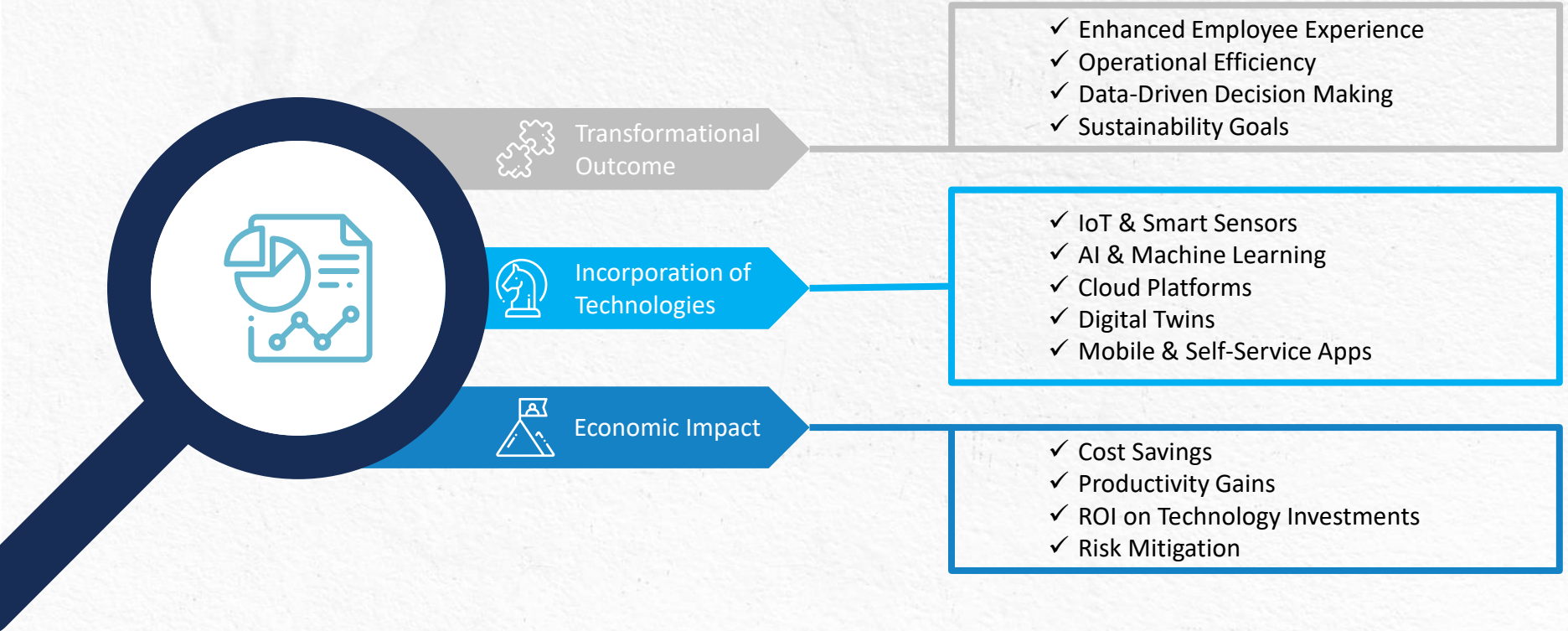
What to Expect in 2026?

- Deeper integration of sustainability
- Smart workplace ecosystems
- Employee-centric design / personalized work environments
- Hybrid work evolution / physical and virtual spaces
- Data-driven workplace management
- Focus on resilience and adaptability

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DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION FOR THE WORKPLACE

Transformational Outcome
- ✓ Enhanced Employee Experience
- ✓ Operational Efficiency
- ✓ Data-Driven Decision Making
- ✓ Sustainability Goals

Incorporation of Technologies
- ✓ IoT & Smart Sensors
- ✓ AI & Machine Learning
- ✓ Cloud Platforms
- ✓ Digital Twins
- ✓ Mobile & Self-Service Apps

Economic Impact
- ✓ Cost Savings
- ✓ Productivity Gains
- ✓ ROI on Technology Investments
- ✓ Risk Mitigation

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FACTORS SUPPORTING HYBRID WORK CULTURE AND WORKPLACE

Utilization and Preferences
- Office utilization target: 65%+, actual: 38%.
- Shift toward flexible work arrangements.
- 92% of respondents have adopted hybrid models.

Workplace Challenges
- Lack of engagement and high stress levels.
- Need for effective workplace management.
- Focus shifting from efficiency to effectiveness.

Employee Dissatisfaction
- Remote workers report 25% loneliness vs. 16% onsite.
- Workforce engagement dropped to 21% in 2025.
- 40% of employees experience frequent stress.

Technology Drivers
- Secure Access Service Edge (SASE).
- Virtual reality for collaboration.
- High-speed and satellite internet.

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WORKPLACE MANAGEMENT TREND OVERVIEW

Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term

83%

Hybrid Work Model
83% of workers globally say hybrid work is their ideal arrangement.

238%

Security Protocol
Cyberattacks linked to remote work surged by 238% since the pandemic began.

2027

Gig Economy
The gig workforce is projected to become the majority of the U.S. workforce by 2027.

91%

Smart Workplaces
91% of companies use cloud-based collaboration platforms for smart workplaces.

21%

Employee Experience
Engaged employees deliver 21% higher profitability.

63%

Data Analytics
63% of business leaders describe their organizations as data-driven.

$15.7T

AI-Powered Automation
AI could add $15.7 trillion to the global economy by 2030.

30%

Sustainability
Green-certified workplaces can cut energy costs by up to 30% annually.

$1.5T

Emerging Technologies
AR and VR adoption could boost global GDP by $1.5 trillion by 2030.

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WORKPLACE MANAGEMENT TREND OVERVIEW

Short-Term Trends (2026–2027)

Hybrid Work Model

Why it matters: Hybrid work enables flexibility and improves retention.

Action step: Create clear policies and use collaboration tools for seamless integration.

Example: Spotify's "Work From Anywhere" program lets employees choose their location, boosting satisfaction and talent retention.

Security Protocols

Why it matters: Remote work increases cybersecurity risks significantly.

Action step: Adopt zero-trust security and multi-factor authentication.

Example: Google's BeyondCorp model secures access without VPNs, using identity-based and device-based authentication.

Gig Economy

Why it matters: Freelance work offers cost-effective solutions for variable workloads.

Action step: Use platforms like Upwork or Toptal to source and manage skilled freelancers.

Example: IBM leverages gig platforms and IBM Garage to scale tech projects and accelerate innovation.

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WORKPLACE MANAGEMENT TREND OVERVIEW

Medium-Term Trends (2028–2030)

Smart Workplaces

Why it matters: IoT and smart systems improve space utilization, energy efficiency, and employee comfort.

Action step: Integrate IoT sensors and smart building platforms for real-time monitoring and automation.

Example: Siemens uses IoT-enabled smart building solutions to optimize energy use and enhance occupant experience.

Employee Experience

Why it matters: A positive employee experience boosts engagement, retention, and productivity.

Action step: Offer flexible work options, career growth opportunities, and well-being programs.

Example: Hilton ranks among Fortune's Best Companies to Work For by prioritizing trust, inclusion, and employee well-being.

Data Analytics

Why it matters: Data-driven insights enable better space planning and hybrid work optimization.

Action step: Deploy workplace analytics tools to track occupancy, collaboration patterns, and resource usage.

Example: Companies using Density's workplace analytics repurpose underutilized spaces and cut real estate costs significantly.

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WORKPLACE MANAGEMENT TREND OVERVIEW

Long-Term Trends (2031–2035)

AI-Powered Automation

Why it matters: AI boosts efficiency by automating tasks and enabling data-driven decisions.

Action step: Implement AI tools for workflow automation and predictive analytics.

Example: Amazon has deployed over 1 million robots and launched its AI foundation model "DeepFleet," improving robotic fleet efficiency by 10% and reducing operational costs.

Sustainability

Why it matters: Green workplaces reduce environmental impact and cut long-term costs.

Action step: Integrate energy-efficient systems, eco-friendly materials, and waste reduction measures.

Example: Google has operated on 100% renewable energy since 2017 and is working toward 24/7 carbon-free energy for all operations by 2030.

Emerging Technologies

Why it matters: AR/VR and immersive tech enable collaboration and innovation in hybrid work.

Action step: Adopt AR/VR platforms for remote design reviews, training, and virtual meetings.

Example: Mortenson Construction uses VR integrated with BIM for virtual walkthroughs and clash detection, preventing costly rework and improving collaboration.

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TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY AND DIGITAL INNOVATION OVERVIEW

3 Themes, 9 Strategies

Theme 1: Smart & Sustainable Workplaces

1
Workplace Sustainability and ESG Alignment

2
Operational Efficiency Through Building Systems

3
Asset-light Model in Shared Workspaces

Theme 2: Intelligent & Secure Digital Infrastructure

4
Integration and Investment in IoT-related Technologies

5
AI-driven Workplace Management

6
Workplace Security in the Digital Age

Theme 3: Immersive & Experience-driven Innovation

7
Employee Experience and Workplace Comfort

8
Metaverse as a Strategic Workplace Enabler

9
Digital Twin Ecosystem for Data-driven Workplace Insights

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TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY AND DIGITAL INNOVATION OVERVIEW

Smart & Sustainable Workplaces

Creating efficient, eco-friendly, and cost-effective environments

1: Workplace Sustainability and ESG Alignment	2: Operational Efficiency Through Building Systems	2: Asset-light Model in Shared Workspaces
25% LEED buildings use **25% less energy**.	**90%** Motion sensors save **10–90% lighting energy**.	**40%** Predictive maintenance extends life **20–40%**
15x ESG firms: employees **15× more engaged**.	**30%** Smart HVAC cuts energy **30%**, emissions **50%**.	**30%** Hybrid work reduces carbon footprint **30%**.

Impact on Workplace Management

Sustainability Uptrend: 85% of firms boosted green investments; technology adoption rising

Broader Impact: Workplaces support social and sustainable ventures.

Smart Technology: AI & IoT cut energy waste via real-time optimization.

Impact on Workplace Management

Energy Efficiency: BEMS detects inefficiencies in HVAC, lighting, and equipment.

Standards Compliance: Supports EPBD and LEED certification.

Comfort & Savings: Improves air quality and temperature while cutting energy costs.

Impact on Workplace Management

Focus on Growth: Asset-light coworking frees capital for client-focused improvements.

Agility & Scale: Enables rapid expansion with lower risk and flexible operations.

Proven Model: WeWork adopted partnerships after lease-heavy strategy proved unsustainable.

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TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY AND DIGITAL INNOVATION OVERVIEW

Intelligent & Secure Digital Infrastructure

Leveraging technology for automation, security, and data-driven decisions.

4: Integration and Investment in IoT-related Technologies	5: AI-driven Workplace Management	6: Workplace Security in the Digital Age
3.5B IoT devices in commercial buildings projected **3.5B by 2030**	**40%** AI can cut operational costs by **up to 40%** and boost productivity **40%**	**4.7B** Global cybersecurity workforce: 4.7 million professionals
15% IoT adoption growing at nearly 15% **CAGR** in commercial real estate	**78%** **78%** of companies have leveraged AI into at least 1 business function	**$377B** Cybersecurity spending forecast: $377 billion by 2028

Impact on Workplace Management

Precise Monitoring: Sensors track emissions and resource use.

Cost & Sustainability Gains: Automated controls cut waste and support green goals.

Enhanced Workplace Experience: Systems personalize spaces and simplify asset tracking.

Impact on Workplace Management

Space & Planning: AI predicts workspace needs for layouts and hybrid models.

Proactive Maintenance: AI forecasts issues for timely repairs.

Efficiency & Well-being: AI suggests energy savings and personalizes spaces.

Impact on Workplace Management

Secure Workspaces: Controlled access, encrypted networks, and emergency protocols.

IT-OT Integration: Converged systems need strong security to protect digital buildings.

OT Vulnerabilities: Limited monitoring enables undetected attacks and data breaches.
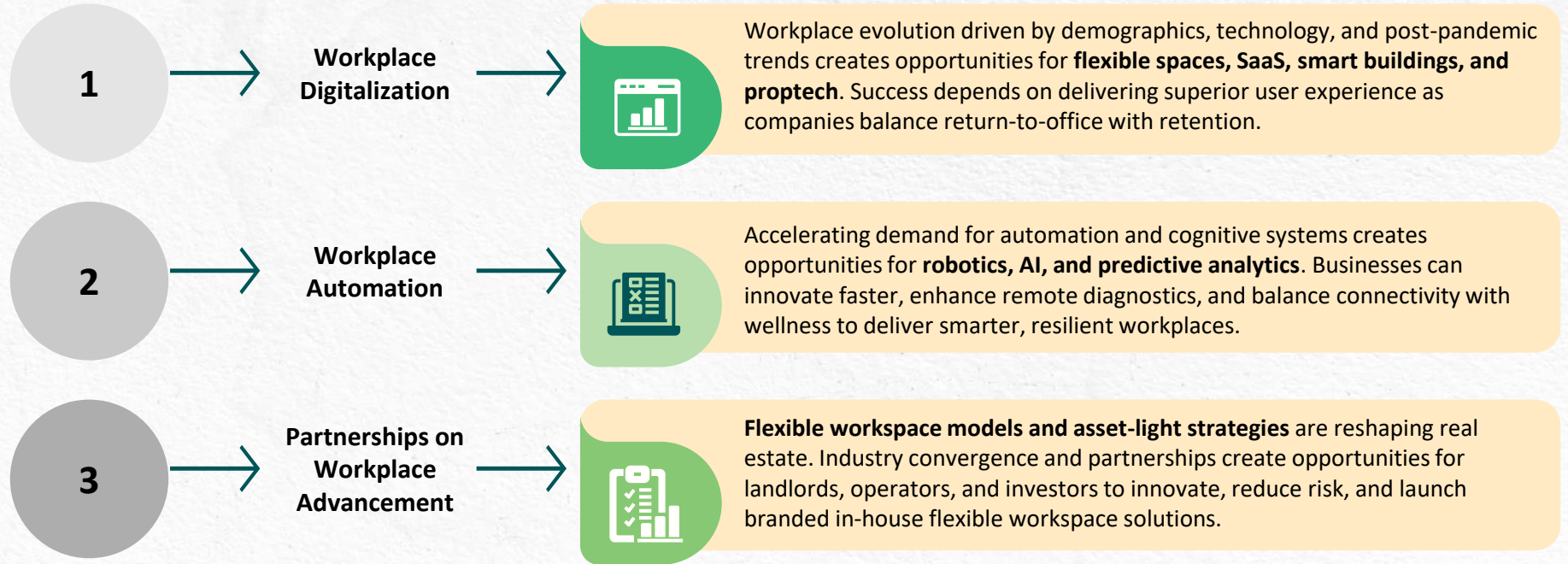
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TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY AND DIGITAL INNOVATION OVERVIEW

Immersive & Experience-driven Innovation

Enhancing employee experience and collaboration through advanced technology

7: Employee Experience and Workplace Comfort	8: Metaverse as a Strategic Workplace Enabler	9: Digital Twin Ecosystem for Data-driven Workplace Insights

90,000 People spend 90,000 hours (⅓ of life) at work

47% WELL-certified spaces improve engagement by **47%**

$5T Metaverse could create **$5 trillion in value by 2030**

65% **65% of Fortune 500 firms** have adopted metaverse workspaces

20% Energy use cut by **20%** in buildings using digital twins

20% Maintenance costs reduced **25–30%**, property value up **7–20%**

Impact on Workplace Management

Wellness & Biophilic Design: Natural lighting and wellness amenities enhance well-being.

Community Building: Coworking spaces host events and networking to foster connections.

Personalized Experience: AI and IoT personalize spaces and simplify desk booking

Impact on Workplace Management

Immersive Collaboration: VR and AR create virtual meeting spaces for real-time interaction.

XR Benefits: Enhances training, workflows, and engagement to boost productivity.

Metaverse Impact: Reduces commutes but requires balancing benefits with complexity.

Impact on Workplace Management

Detailed Insights: Digital twins create 3D maps for performance analysis and error detection.

Predictive Maintenance: Continuous monitoring forecasts failures, extends asset life.

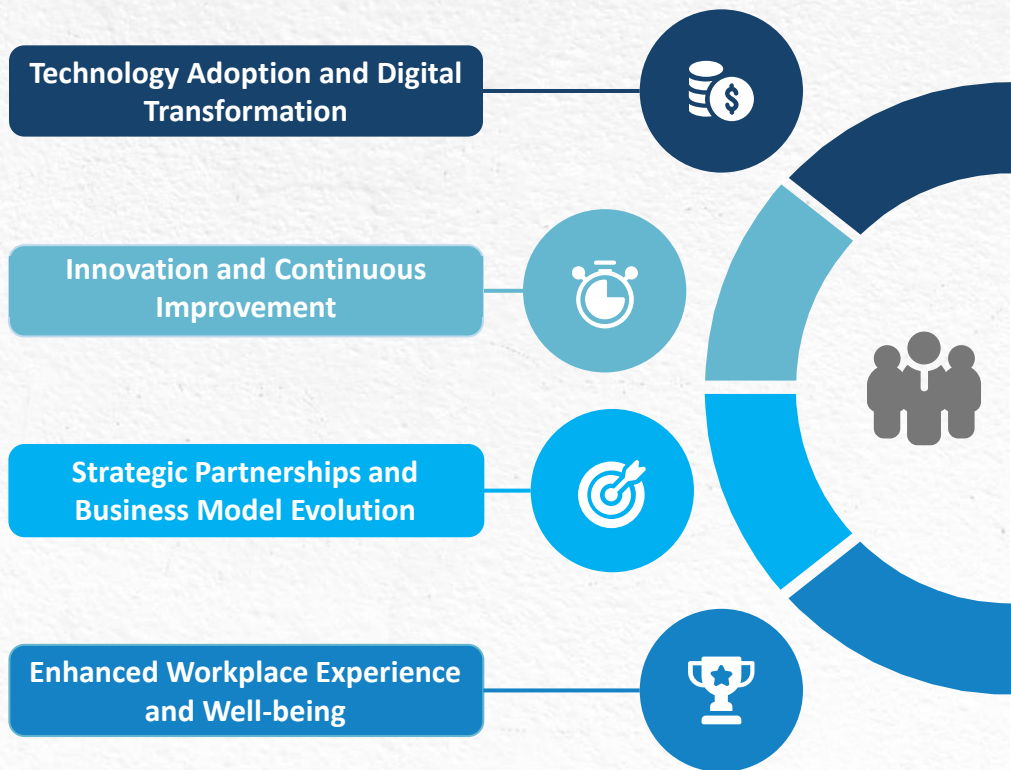**Safety & Space Use:** Real-time data improves emergency response and space optimization.

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GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

1 → **Workplace Digitalization** → Workplace evolution driven by demographics, technology, and post-pandemic trends creates opportunities for **flexible spaces, SaaS, smart buildings, and proptech**. Success depends on delivering superior user experience as companies balance return-to-office with retention.

2 → **Workplace Automation** → Accelerating demand for automation and cognitive systems creates opportunities for **robotics, AI, and predictive analytics**. Businesses can innovate faster, enhance remote diagnostics, and balance connectivity with wellness to deliver smarter, resilient workplaces.

3 → **Partnerships on Workplace Advancement** → **Flexible workspace models and asset-light strategies** are reshaping real estate. Industry convergence and partnerships create opportunities for landlords, operators, and investors to innovate, reduce risk, and launch branded in-house flexible workspace solutions.

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CALL TO ACTION FOR WORKPLACE MANAGEMENT ADVANCEMENT

- Use **contactless technology, space optimization**, and collaboration tools
- Apply **AI and M**L for insights and cost efficiency
- Adopt **AR/VR** for maintenance and operations
- Strengthen cybersecurity with clear protocols

- Build **in-house technology units** and hire data scientists
- Commit to continuous improvement and innovation
- Develop **proprietary solutions** for monetization

- Collaborate with **real estate, maintenance, and tech firms**
- Shift from **leasing to management** or partnership models
- Explore **retail and hospitality assets** for workspace demand

- Design **spaces for social interaction** and collaboration
- Use **tech-enabled solutions** for well-being and productivity
- Offer consultancy on flexible workspace strategies

Technology Adoption and Digital Transformation

Innovation and Continuous Improvement

Strategic Partnerships and Business Model Evolution

Enhanced Workplace Experience and Well-being

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

1

Flexible and tech-enabled workspaces

with SaaS, space-on-demand, and smart building adoption driving new investment opportunities.

2

Automation and cognitive systems offer strong ROI potential

through robotics, AI, and predictive analytics that cut costs and boost efficiency.

3

Digital twins and immersive technologies are reshaping building operations

by improving energy use, maintenance, and user experience for higher asset value.

4

Industry convergence and asset-light models are accelerating

as landlords and operators collaborate to reduce risk and launch branded flexible spaces.

5

User experience is the ultimate differentiator

for talent retention, making wellness and connectivity critical for long-term value creation.

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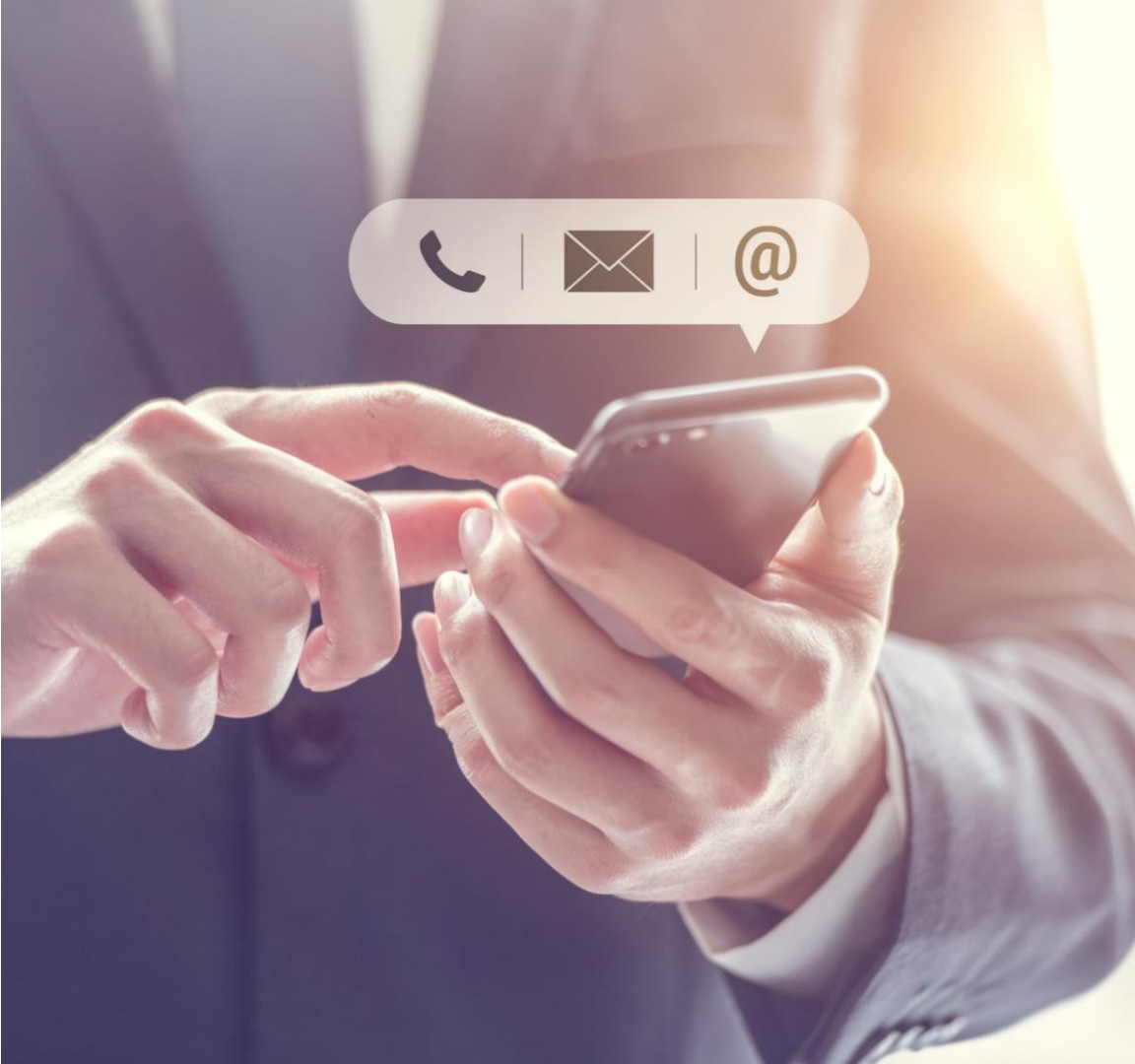
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