

## From proof of concept to global execution: **How to build a** scalable XR strategy



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## Agenda

- **1.** Current state of XR
- 2. How to think about resourcing an enterprise-scale XR strategy
- **3.** How to get internal buy-in and drive adoption
- **4.** How to measure success
- **5.** Q&A

# AR is now an expected part of the buyer journey

71%

Say they would shop more often if they used AR 78%

Say AR is a fun way to interact with brands 61%

Say they prefer retailers with AR experiences The conversion rates that we've seen have surprised us, as a result we're doubling-down on AR experiences to drive eCommerce

Robert Triefus EVP of Brand & Customer Engagement Gucci

As AR evolves, it will revolutionize our lives and will become as significant of a technology shift as the web or mobile was to society, changing how we view and interact with the world around us

Allan Cook Digital Reality Business Leader Deloitte Digital

## AR is making real impact within large organizations

75%

Business leaders plan to use AR or VR by 2023 42%

Of marketers plan to increase their investment in AR/VR in 2022 94%

Higher conversion rate after interacting with products that have AR experiences

## **Metaverse Revolution? Or Natural Evolution?**





NFTs

Web3



Virtual Worlds



Virtual Real Estate



XR

5G

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# How many people have been asked to do a metaverse project in the last 6 months?

## If it feels familiar...



## **Pragmatic and Long Term Outlook**



Time

#### What to consider when...

#### Emerging



People start to buy products through this medium?

Spend most of their time in XR?

Advertising platforms incorporate the Metaverse into their offerings?

We move from emerging innovation to utility?

Organizations assign XR devices to employees?

## How Innovation & Transformation Teams Can Prepare



#### **Be Holistic and Agnostic**

- Think cross functional and long term
- Diversify when appropriate
- Embrace the pivot!
- Consider internal capabilities

#### Test Quickly and Often Before Scaling

- Start small but be ready to scale if successful
- Tolerate failure while adopting learnings
- Look to productize even if using external capabilities



#### Target Platforms & Influence Roadmaps

- Consider repeated usage at the PoC phase
- Short term pain (security, compliance) for long term gain (industrialization)
- Help build the product by becoming a super user

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Centralized team that focuses holistically on XR strategy across multiple verticals in an organization

## **Centralized Approach to Global XR Strategy**



**Bring Order** 

**Buy Smarter** 

Tame the "Wild West" address the fragmented sourcing strategy and establish standards Consolidate buying power and influence with approved partner(s). Make your \$ go further.



#### Industrialize Capabilities

Build efficiencies across InfoSec and Procurement processes to sustain operations



#### **Disseminate Learnings**

Accelerate learnings and break down silos. Empower evangelists and democratize best practices.

## Founding an internal XR team

**Support** 



IT



Procurement



Innovation

#### Stakeholders



Marketing & Sales



eComm/D2C



Legal



HR



R&D



Manufacturing / Supply Chain

## Founding an internal XR team

#### Support

- Enterprise tech landscape expertise
- Implement security and compliance by design
- Help industrialize emerging tech into business capabilities



- Negotiate scalable master agreements
- Enforce globalized sourcing strategy •
- Scout and due diligence potential partners

Procurement



#### **Stakeholders**



Marketing & Sales



- Co-build strategy on best practices and local execution
- Joint plan with MarTech partners.
- Champion marketing & sales use cases for promotional and packaging experiences
- Map out key consumer touchpoints where XR can influence purchase decisions
- Integrate with D2C tech stack
- Champion D2C use cases for product visualization and



Protect brand IP





- Potentially support / lead XR Team
- Secure new projects and internal targets
  - Source new innovative partners

Manufacturing / Supply Chain

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- Key stakeholders for enterprise use cases around remote assistance, learning and training, and collaboration
- Integrate AR Call to Actions into packaging production process
- Key stakeholders for prototyping and packaging design use cases
- Partner to test and assess new technological capabilities and XR advancements

- Find and recruit talent for XR Team
- Leveraged for learning & development use cases











#### Innovation

## **Approaches for resourcing an XR Team**



Center of Excellence

Intense, agile and lean team of SMEs, Project Managers, and Architects that on strategy and big picture

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Partnerships

Leverage established and innovative tech leaders to drive adoption and make huge impacts



Internal Studio

Bring creative and development capabilities in house to accelerate XR projects

More Projects, Diverse Use Cases

**Brand Reputation** 

Flexible and Agile, NCLC

Funding

One and Done

Competition & Talent

## **Approaches for resourcing an XR Team**



## **Center of Excellence Example\***

#### Large Organization 100 Markets +\$50 Billion Revenue



\*Example is a concept only!!!

## Internal Studio Example\*

Medium Organization 15 Markets +\$2 Billion Revenue



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Usage



Storytelling





Storytelling

Hard numbers and a technology first approach are sometimes not enough for people to buy into your vision. Consider how to sell them the idea and put themselves in the user's shoes. Focus on weaving a narrative for them to understand the needs or the pain point, offer a solution to this problem and a path forward to execute.

Give a vision on how this will impact their world and how they can prepare and excel in this new reality!



Charlie Fink Forbes

<u>Convergence - A World</u> <u>Painted With Data</u>



**Cathy Hackl** Futures Intelligence Group

Are you ready for the <u>Metaverse?</u>



Michael Pell Microsoft

<u>The Age of</u> <u>Smart Information</u>



Pitching is a muscle that needs to be built - build your way up from elevator (couch) to TED talk (5k).



Demonstrate tangible business value and outcomes without getting lost in the tech. Communicate why they should invest.



What problems does XR solve for your stakeholders? Understand their perspective and don't force it.



Become a subject matter expert - the "go to". Be able to challenge and respond to challenges.

### **Fostering Adoption**



#### Start Small, Think Long

Test and Learn with multiple approaches on different platforms. Scale the successes.



#### **Incentivize Stakeholders**

Help fund or champion promising projects and initiatives. Excite partners and build your tribe.



#### Benchmarking

Compare the advantages of AR vs. alternative options and methods. Use data to support your argument. Moving from RO-why to ROI

### **Use established frameworks**



**SMART** Goals

Specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time bound

SMART goals can really help when you're in the early deployment stages



OKRs

Objectives and key results

These are helpful if your organisation already has the structure to support them

#### ...and remember



#### It's not box ticking

Don't use innovative technologies as a box ticking exercise - you only get so much line to catch the right fish

## Use the analytics tools you know already

- **1.** ZapWorks Analytics
- **2.** Google Analytics
- **3.** PowerBI
- **4.** Third-party analytics
- **5.** Retargeting via social apps



## Link XR to tangible business outcomes



Scan rates, dwell time, engagement, click-thru

#### Use the power of "customer success"



Mindset

Adopt a customer success mindset



#### Champion

As the champion, work with external champions



#### Celebrate

Don't forget the wins



# Are you interested in discussing your XR strategy with a member of our team?



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