

# Supply Chain 2025 Planning Today for Tomorrow

It is nearly impossible to predict the future, but by examining trends, we can prepare for the unknown. Over the next 10 years, industry will face transformative challenges.

**For supply chain executives, farsighted vision has never been more important.**



## Looking beyond the horizon

New technology is already redefining how business is conducted and how products move from supplier to customer. Organizations which stand still will fall behind.

## Critical technologies:

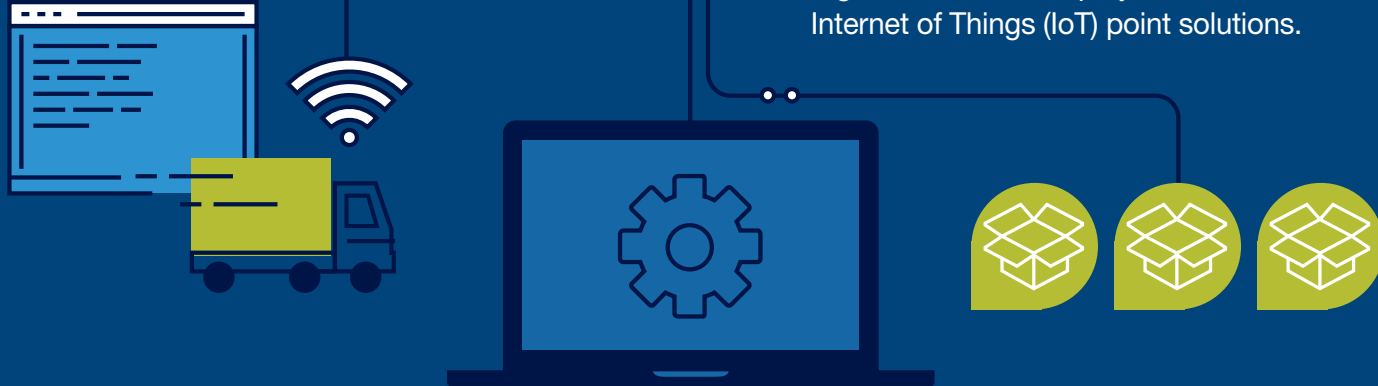
### Smart Machines

By 2025, companies will rely heavily on smart machines and self-driving trucks.

### The Internet of Things

# 75%

Through 2020, 75% of midsize to large organizations will employ three or more Internet of Things (IoT) point solutions.



### Algorithmic business

This will be the next evolution, where increasingly intelligent algorithms will someday enable smart machines and systems to become more autonomous.



## Customers are changing too!

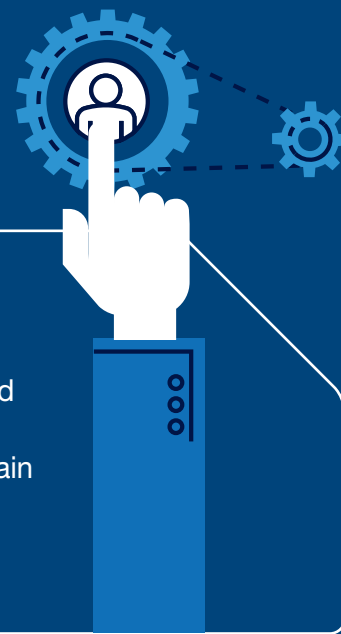
As purchasing power shifts from developed nations to emerging economies such as China and India, businesses will need to embrace new product design and supply strategies to suit them. You may know today's customers, but will you recognize them tomorrow?



## Then there's social responsibility and corporate redesign!

A company's supply chain must be more socially responsible in future.

The creative use of technology to augment a globally shrinking workforce will be in high-demand as these changes put special emphasis on how the supply chain will operate and make decisions in the year 2025.



## So what's the next step?



**1.** Address the shift in purchasing power to emerging economies

**2.** Embrace technology and analytics that will fuel algorithmic business

**3.** Illustrate strong corporate social responsibility to the financial community

**4.** Re-think company location and workforce makeup as labor supplies shrink

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