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The next normal in construction:

# How disruption is reshaping the world's largest ecosystem

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#### **Key messages**

- Construction is the biggest industry in the world, and yet, even outside of crises, is not performing well
- Nine shifts will radically change the way construction projects are delivered — and similar industries have already undergone many of the shifts
- COVID-19 crisis will accelerate change that has started to occur at scale already before
- A **\$265** billion annual profit pool awaits disrupters
- To survive and thrive, incumbents must respond



#### Market characteristics have shaped an industry response with unfavorable outcomes



Cyclical, fragmented, and bespoke demand



**Complex** nature of construction and logistics, manual work, low barriers to entry



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**Industry dynamics** 

approach

A highly fragmented ecosystem

A project-based building



**Misaligned contractual** structures and incentives



Extensive and local regulation with lowest price tendering rules



Use of contractors and temporary staff





Lagging productivity growth



Slow innovation and digitization



Low profits and high risks



**Regular time and budget** overruns

#### Source: McKinsey Engineering, Construction and Building materials service line, Expert interviews, McKinsey survey of 400 construction industry CxOs, Nov-Dec 2019

**Industry leaders believed in a different ecosystem already** pre COVID-19 – crisis expected to accelerate transformation



Source: McKinsey, McKinsey survey of 400 construction industry CxOs, Nov-Dec 2019

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### Changing characteristics and emerging disruptions expected to drive change in the industry and transform ways of working

#### **Changes in market** characteristics



Changing customer demand



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- Shifts in construction inputs and characteristics
- Changing market rules and regulations

#### **Emerging disruptions**



Industrialization

New materials



Digitalization of products and processes

New entrants

Nine shifts that will radically change the way construction projects are delivered



### Most shifts expected to accelerate in light of COVID-19

# Because of the COVID-19 crisis, which [of these shifts] do you believe will accelerate, stay the same, or slow down?

Share of respondents rating shifts, percent

#### Because of the crisis, has your company increased investments in the respective shifts? Share of respondents, percent

Product-based approach	3% <mark>10%</mark>	45%		3	35%	7%		73%		27%
Specialization	3% 12%	37%		35%		13%		65%		35%
Value chain control and integration	1% <sup>9%</sup>	20%	5	8%		12%		48%		52%
Consolidation	1%	23%	57	%		14%		68%		32%
Customer centricity and branding	<mark>6%</mark> 2%	35%		44%		13%		54%		46%
Investment in tech- nology and facilities	4% <mark>8%</mark>	19%	54	1%		15%		40%	6	0%
Investment in human resources	3%	28%	32%		34%	3%		66%		34%
Internationalization	9%	37%		31%	18%	5%		83%	, D	17%
Sustainability	6% 9%	32%		41%		12%		56%		44%
	Significant	ly slow down 📃	Stay the same Accelerate	e 📕 Signi	ificantly acco	elerate	•			No Yes

# 40-45% of value could be at stake in most affected segments

Example fully productized value chain



Source: Euroconstruct, FMI, CapitalIQ, expert interviews, McKinsey Engineering, Construction and Building materials service line, McKinsey survey of 400 construction industry CxOs, Nov-Dec 2019

### Industry believes general contractors will be required to move first, and material distributors to see largest decline

Which players in the value chain do you think will be required to change their way of operating first to adjust to the new construction industry landscape?

Share of respondents rating player types as "required to change first"

Which type of E&C player do you think will see the largest decline in 10 years (or even stop existing)? Share of respondents rating player types as "will see the largest decline (or even stop existing)

General contractors		66		17
Developers		64	9	
Design and engineering firms		64	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2
Specialist contractors		51		15
Owners		41	6	
Basic material manufacturers		39	10	
Component manufacturers		37	6	
Software supply	3	4	6	
Material distributors	32			20
Financiers	30		n.a.	
Machinery manufacturers	20		6	
Machinery rental companies	13		7	
No player	0			41
	Average: ~38%		Averag	e: ~13%

### What could forward leaning strategies look like?



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