



The Future of Supply Chain Management: *Disruption Unlocks Opportunities and Business Value*



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Introduction

The supply chain management is expected to play a significant role in organizational development, while it has also been highlighted as a growth opportunity for many businesses, as a prerequisite to stand out the market.

In fact, within the next few years, it will become a top priority in leaders' agenda. The global supply landscape has been progressively transforming the way companies operate and people work, from the time digitalization become a critical objective to drive success but also ensure business survival. More and more value chains are interconnected, delivery networks are more intelligence and autonomous. As a result, those developments come along with further enhancements in logistics functions and workflow procedures, making it more flexible, effective and automated. Forward-thinking vendors are actively seeking to disrupt the industry through reduced production costs and operational efficiency in the distribution of products and services, without compromising the quality standards.

This paper starts with a global overview and of the most recent megatrends in supply chain, backed by global facts to prepare management initiatives to handle the upcoming revolution, as more and more companies explore the potential of recent technological advancements. By 'megatrends' this analysis focuses on technological changes with socio-economic impact that becomes a direction for change. New digital capabilities have so strong influence on supply chains that they could alter the way a product is created and it is processed in the entire production line. The change does not stop there; it can surpass the supplier workflow and disrupts the existing infrastructures of every third party in the chain, and eventually the end user. Consequently, executive members and professional teams in supply will have to address these changes to avoid unexpected effects, and concurrently, to be well-prepared for a more comprehensive approach in digitalization efforts.

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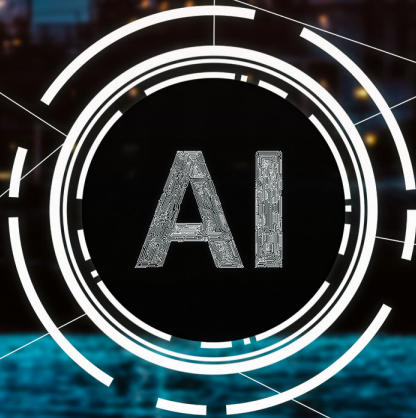
The second part describes top eight disruptive technologies, such as AI, blockchain, and robotics, along with their huge impact on the supply chain business. Therefore, stakeholders will gain the technical side of things and make the necessary investments. The future appears to be very promising, as logistics and supply chain technology is foreseen substantial customer value, but mostly for companies that are capable and with a strong drive to enter the digital era.

The third section attempts to underline some major shifts that are anticipated to define the new supply chain regime, like customer-focus, trust, and new operating models reshaping the future. In addition, it provides a thorough perspective on the next leap of supply chain management through a key drivers' analysis and paradigm changes, aiming at making a contribution to the ongoing organizational discourse on how to prepare for the future for next-generation in supply chain.



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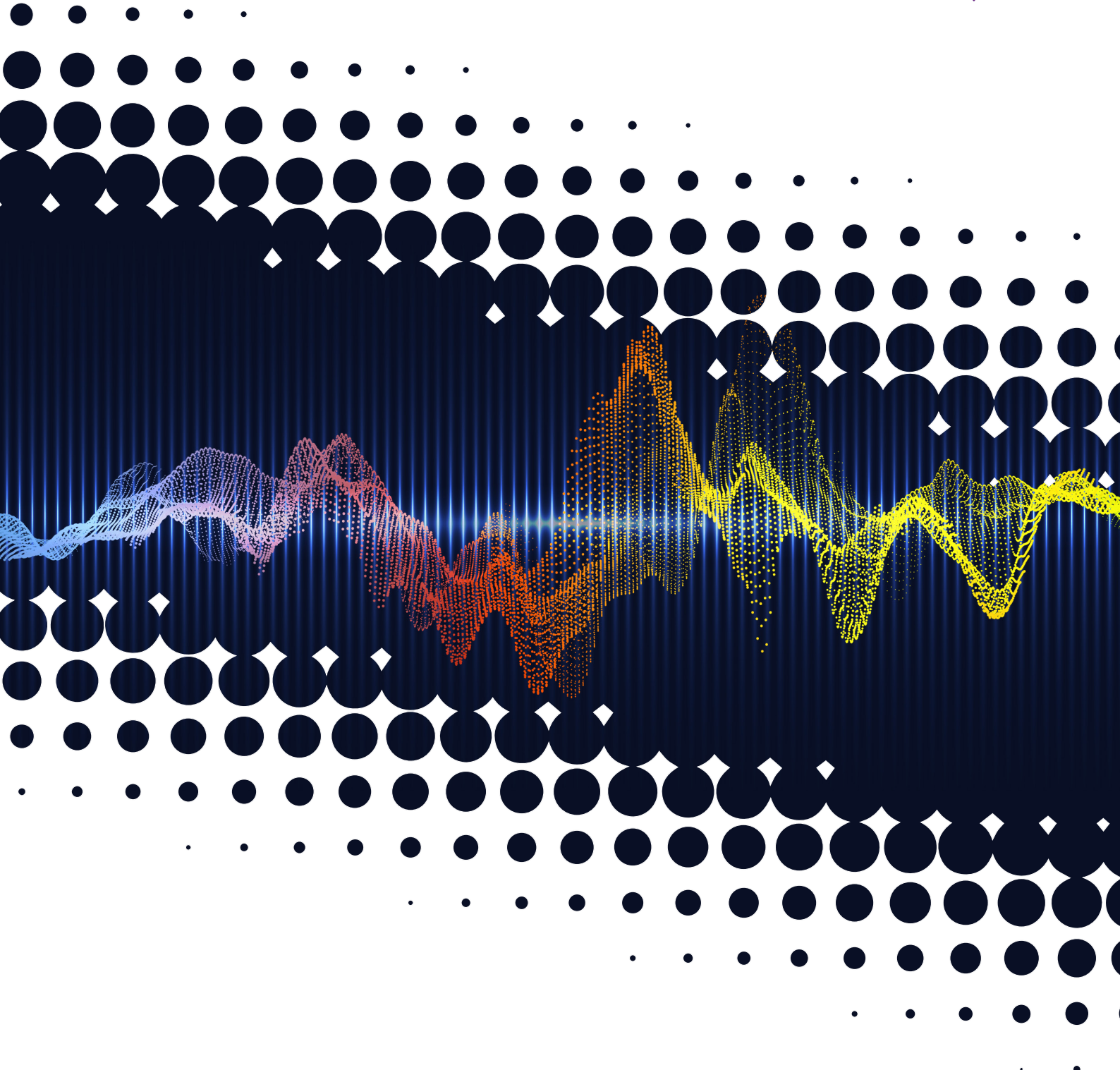
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