# Innovation, emerging technologies and transformative transaction banking

Impacts on tomorrow's Accounts Receivables Teams

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#### Market perspective Receivables landscape



By 2025, some 20 billion devices will be connected, nearly three times the world population. Over the past two years, such devices have churned out 90 percent of the data ever produced.

Only 8 percent of companies we surveyed recently said their current business model would remain economically viable if their industry keeps digitizing at its current course and speed.

- McKinsey & Company



## GLOBALIZATION

Global population growth will offer new business opportunities.

## **GLOBAL COMMERCE**

Increasing simplicity of doing business between buyer and seller is driving cross-border growth.

## **DEMOGRAPHIC SHIFTS**

The rise of millennials is shaping the future of financial services.

Innovation is being driven by three global megatrends...

#### ...and is resulting in a changing payments landscape

	Current Payments Landscape	Next Generation Payments
Reach	Rigid payment types, using existing banking infrastructure	Interoperability across payment types (incl. e-wallets)
Speed	Operates on a two +-day basis (clearing and settlement)	Instant or near-real time payments
Cost	Multiple layers of fees (transaction fee, FX fee, etc.)	Lower costs due to higher volume, lower value payments
Information	Inconsistent levels of data passed in payment instruction	Ability to incorporate information so recipient can reconcile
Traceability	Doesn't provide payment status updates or confirmations	Transparency, predictability, and real-time traceability



Advancements in automation, process improvement, and efficiency gains represent new opportunities in A/R, while industry trends indicate the pace of change continues to increase and render traditional approaches obsolete.

Area		Impact
	Check usage trends	B2B declining at a slower rate than C2B 51% of B2B payments made by check <sup>1</sup>
-	ACH / EFT (Canada) transactions	<ul> <li>Electronic transfers increasing in U.S. &amp; Canada</li> <li>ACH network transfers grew at an annual rate of 5.3% by number and 5.1% by value<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
	Card usage	U.S. credit card payments grew 10.2% annually <sup>2</sup>
DATA	Remittance Data & Standards	<ul> <li>U.S. expanded remittance for Fedwire, CHIPS, ACH healthcare</li> <li>Payments Canada has approved adoption of ISO 20022 message standards</li> </ul>
	Paper to electronic	<ul> <li>Efforts to migrate payers to electronic increasing in both U.S. and Canada</li> </ul>
\$	Payments Immediacy	<ul> <li>Same day ACH</li> <li>The Clearing House (TCH) Real-Time Payments, FedPayments improvement (Coming Soon)</li> </ul>

## Transformative trends driving innovation



**Receivables landscape** 





Robotic process automation (RPA) has quietly digitized 50 to 80 percent of back-office operations in some industries.

Artificial intelligence and augmented reality are beginning to raise manufacturing yields and quality.

Meanwhile, blockchain's digitized verification of transactions promises to revolutionize complex and paper-intensive processes, with successful applications already cropping up in smart grids and financial trading.

Should the opportunities associated with shifts like these be inspirational for incumbents? Threatening? The answer is both.

- McKinsey & Company



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## **Digital Channels product continuum**

#### **Transaction banking convergence**

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# Al largely does not replace the work that people do; it does the work that people cannot do.

- DataArt

## Leveraging robotics and artificial intelligence

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#### **Robotic process automation**

Automation of routine business processes

#### **Predictive analytics & insight**

Understanding of behavioral data, client sentiment, relationship depth, etc.

#### **Cognitive/machine learning**

Software learning and adapting from experience

#### **Conversational**

Ability to understand natural language and "intent"



## AI: a wide range of financial services applications



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Enhanced customer personalization



Productivity gains



Fraud detection



Better client recommendations





#### The percentage of executives who believe that AI solutions boost worker performance

Source: Narrative Science, 2015

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## AI at Bank of America Merrill Lynch





## Using artificial intelligence in various ways across our business.





#### What it means for A/R teams

## A new digital era

As trading partners seek to transact with one another in the most efficient manner possible, new approaches and advanced technology are converging to make electronic transactions more seamless, accurate, and cost effective. Historical challenges associated with moving away from paper are being overcome, opening the door for a new paradigm in Accounts Receivable.

#### **Digital Receivable advantages**

Can reduce cost and manual work associated with paper	
Helps accelerate availability and posting of funds	
Can redeploy resources to other critical projects	
Helps maximize rate of "zero touch" transaction posting	

#### Key market trends driving change



## Technology innovation impacting Receivables

 Advanced technologies including artificial intelligence, data analytics and API's are converging to enable new A/R workflows.



## Network effect of trading partner integration

 A/R teams are integrating systems with trading partners and FI's to create a "network effect" that adds value to all.

#### **Accelerated payment systems**

 Real-time and same-day payment systems accelerate time-to-funds, amplifying impact of electronic receivables.

#### **Economics of digital transformation**

 New approaches to A/R org structure and tools "move the needle" on economics of digital transformation of receivables.

## **Opportunities in A/R transformation**

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## **Economics of digital transformation**

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#### How receivables transformation improves the bottom line



✓ Maximizes rate of "zero touch" transaction posting

- ✓ Helps reduce cost and manual work associated with paper
- ✓ Allows consolidation of people and processes
- ✓ Accelerates availability and posting of funds
- ✓ Work can be "outsourced" to internal and external servicing teams





Accelerated payment networks amplify the impact of digital receivables transformation, both highlighting the challenges and increasing the value proposition around electronic payment processing.

#### Same-Day ACH

- Phased-in process, credits completed in 2016 and debits in 2017
- Allows for just-in-timepayments and higher risk payments
- Opportunity for faster collection, product distribution, and returns

#### The Clearing House

- In 2015, TCH's Board approved the development of a Real-Time Payments solution.
- Payments received within seconds of initiating the transaction, with immediate funds availability
- Accessible by all financial institutions and will reach vast majority of U.S. accounts

#### Alias-based payment networks

PayPal users have more PayPal than doubled from 84.1MM in Q1 2010 to 184MM Q1 2016<sup>1</sup>



More than half of China's internet users (688MM<sup>1</sup>) are Alipay users (400MM<sup>2</sup>)



In 2013, a staggering 43% of Kenya's GDP flowed through M-Pesa, with over 237 MM person-to-person transactions<sup>3</sup>

## Network effect of trading partner integration



What it means For A/R teams

Advances in technology, security, and open standards are allowing buyers and sellers to exchange data between internal and 3<sup>rd</sup> party systems while maintaining visibility and control, thereby changing partner behavior and ultimately creating new receivables "networks".





We want to embrace the innovation opportunities presented by APIs and work with industry providers to give our clients an expanded, secure experience that helps them grow and prosper. As the pace of technological change accelerates, expectations accelerate in tandem. Clearing systems, regulatory mandates and banking channels are evolving to support real-time interactions with unbundled banking services. Our clients will expect to integrate these directly into their business processes and applications. The experience will be easy, more secure and seamless to end users.

- Faiz Ahmad, head of Global Transaction Services at BofAML

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