

# Unlocking the potential of engineering biology: The time is now

# Engineering biology<sup>1</sup> has applications in virtually every industry

#### Impact and commercialization timelines for engineering biology use cases – by industry



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\*Commercialization timelines are based on the assessment of surveyed executives and Capgemini experts. Source: Capgemini Research Institute analysis; Capgemini Research Institute, Engineering biology survey, April–May 2024, N=1,100 corporate organizations.

<sup>1</sup>Engineering biology (also known as synthetic biology) involves the application of principles from biology and engineering, in conjunction with AI and data-driven computational techniques, to create new or redesigned biological systems for valuable purposes. Products, materials, or processes driven by engineering biology are referred to as **biosolutions** in this report.

#### Organizations view engineering biology as transformative

Almost every corporate executive agreed that biosolutions will significantly disrupt their industry – around half of respondents expect to see this disruption within **5 years**, and the rest in **5–10 years** or more.



In your opinion, will biosolutions create a major disruption in your industry?

Source: Capgemini Research Institute, Engineering biology survey, April–May 2024, N=1,100 corporate organizations.

# Organizations are preparing for disruption



40% are at an exploratory stage

56% are engaging more

actively in experimentation, pilots, or scaled deployments

Source: Capgemini Research Institute, Engineering biology survey, April–May 2024, N=1,100 corporate organizations

## **Biosolutions offer significant** sustainability benefits, but only if correctly harnessed

**Sustainability** is a major driver of corporate interest in biosolutions



of corporate executives believe that biosolutions can significantly accelerate progress toward sustainability goals

However, unlocking their true potential for sustainability requires deliberate action, such as measuring the environmental and social impacts across the product lifecycle, and designing the lifecycle to avoid any unintended consequences.

Source: Capgemini Research Institute, Engineering biology survey, April–May 2024, N=1,100 corporate organizations.

# Barriers to the accelerated adoption of biosolutions



Source: Capgemini Research Institute, Engineering biology survey, April–May 2024, N=1,100 corporate organizations and N=500 engineering biology startups.

# Digital and engineering technologies will be instrumental in developing and deploying engineering biology

These are viewed as key drivers for reducing costs, optimizing bioprocesses, shortening time-to-market for biosolutions, and helping mitigate environmental and societal risks.



of corporate executives believe that digital and engineering technologies such as AI, digital twins, robotics and sensors will be crucial to accelerating the development and scale-up of biosolutions

98% are using or planning to use AI to accelerate the adoption of biosolutions

Source: Capgemini Research Institute, Engineering biology survey, April–May 2024, N=1,100 corporate organizations.



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