



REPORT

2025 Top Digital Asset Management Trends

Transforming Digital Asset Management
with AI and Personalization

Digital Asset Management (DAM) systems have evolved beyond simple asset repositories, becoming essential tools for global content operations. The integration of AI-driven content intelligence, personalization, and automation is transforming how organizations manage, distribute, and optimize their digital assets. As businesses across enterprise, mid-market, and small-medium business (SMB) segments continue adopting AI-powered DAM systems, they unlock significant gains in efficiency, scalability, and competitive advantage.

With the growing complexity of digital ecosystems and rising customer expectations, businesses face increasing pressure to deliver personalized, engaging content faster than ever. DAM systems play a pivotal role in ensuring seamless content operations. As we approach 2025, many SMBs are expected to move from experimenting with DAM systems to adopting them at full scale, while mid-market organizations and enterprise leaders are increasingly treating DAM as a central hub for their content strategies.

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Sixty-five percent of B2B marketing leaders report that their organization is “investigating, experimenting with, or using AI for content planning and production,” underscoring the urgency of adopting AI to stay competitive in a fast-evolving digital landscape.¹

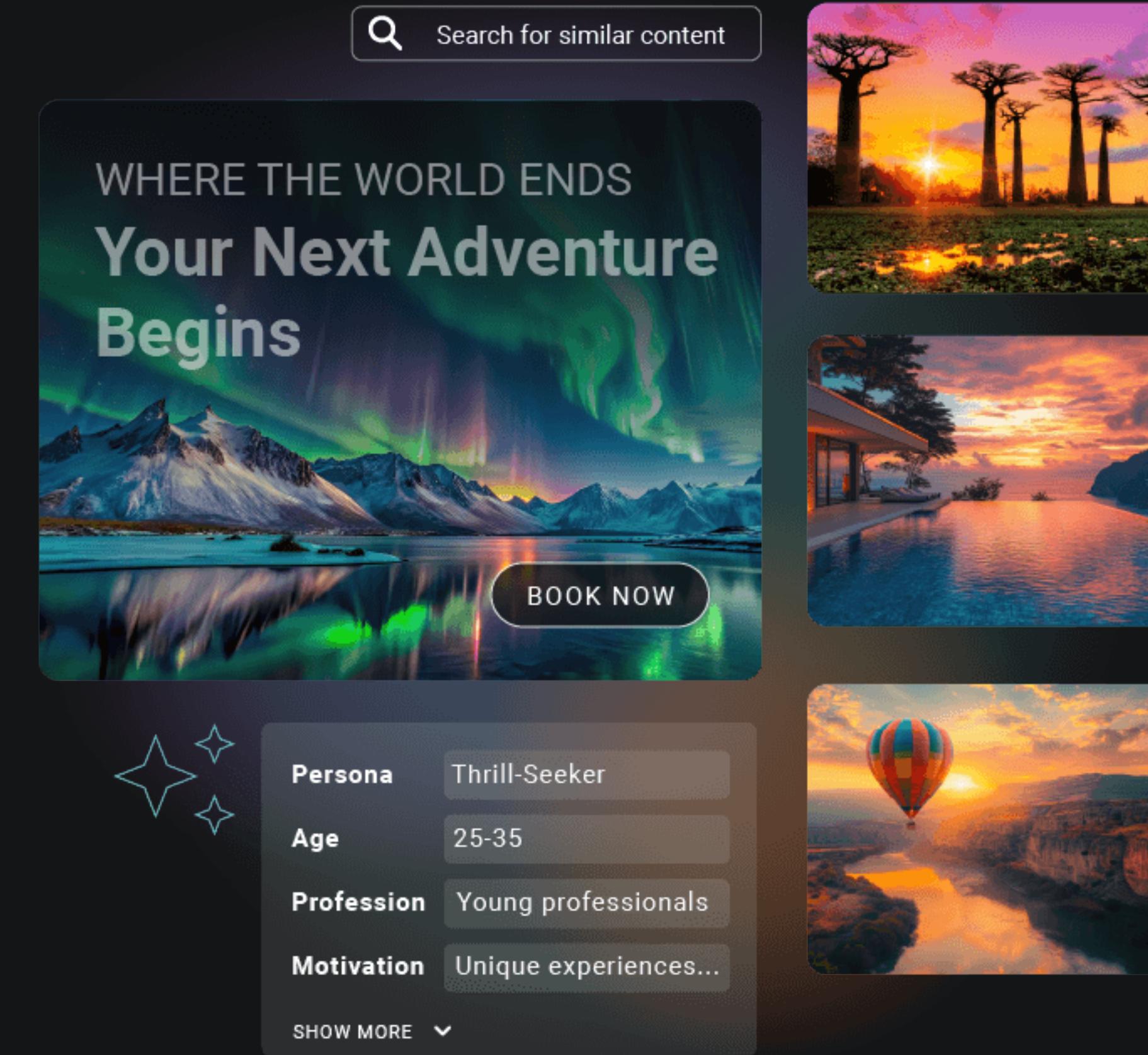
This report highlights eight key trends transforming DAM and content operations, including AI-driven content creation, streamlined workflows, compliance automation, and data-driven optimization, helping businesses seize new opportunities.

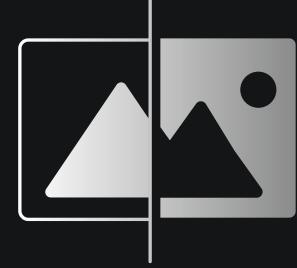
Key Trends Shaping the Future of DAM in 2025

AI-Driven Transformation of Content Management and Operations

AI is already transforming content management, and its influence will only grow stronger throughout 2025. Mid-year, we expect to see over 60% of enterprise organizations fully relying on AI to manage content lifecycles, automating tasks such as metadata tagging, content creation, and lifecycle management.

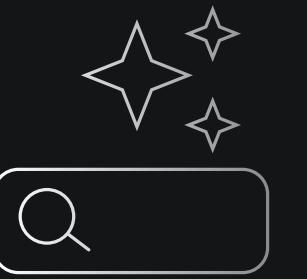
“The task is no longer crawl, walk, run. Now it’s run, sprint, fly,” according to Michele Fitzpatrick, VP of enterprise strategy at Marigold, highlighting the urgency for businesses to accelerate AI adoption.²





AI-Powered Content Creation and Transformation

Companies adopting AI-powered DAM systems are increasingly creating personalized content at scale. This shift is expected to reduce creative workloads by up to 40%, allowing businesses to adapt content strategies quickly as customer preferences evolve. Examples include generating blogs and social media posts, producing localized content for different regions, and even performing advanced image manipulations like background removal or changing elements to fit specific branding requirements.



Faster Asset Discovery with Predictive Metadata and Tagging

Many organizations integrating predictive metadata tagging into their workflows are reporting 50% faster asset discovery times, significantly improving productivity and efficiency. AI can automatically tag assets with brand or product names, populate dropdown menus with commonly used tags, and generate detailed asset descriptions, saving teams valuable time while enhancing the accuracy of asset organization.

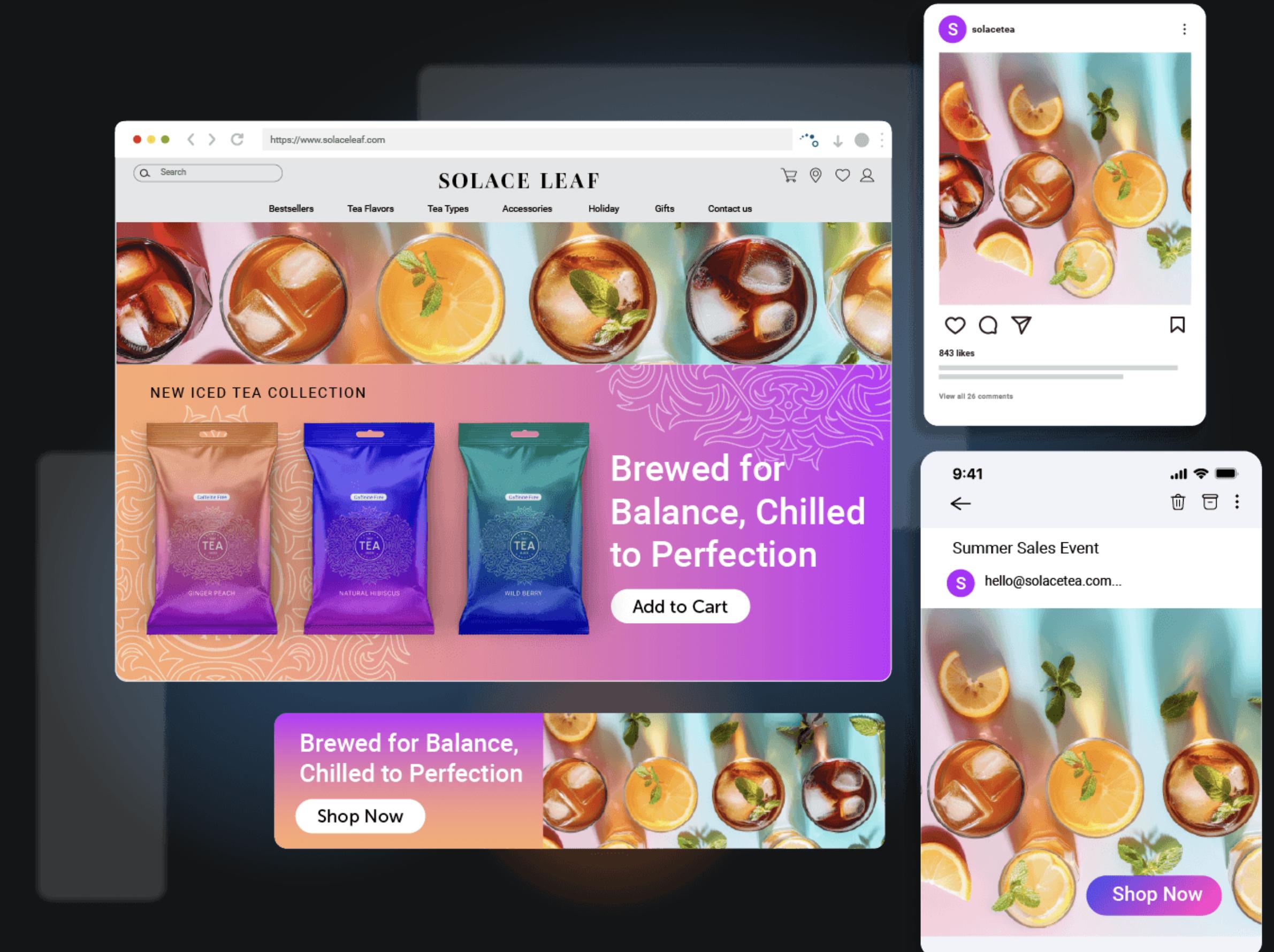


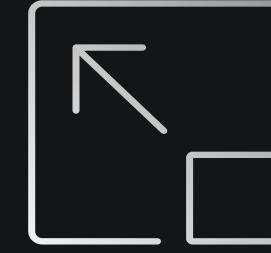
Autonomous Asset Lifecycle Management

AI is helping businesses manage the full lifecycle of their digital assets. Automated systems can handle content updates, trigger archiving for outdated assets, and send notifications when assets expire or need to be refreshed. In 2025, businesses leveraging autonomous lifecycle management will reduce manual content maintenance by up to 30%, freeing teams to focus on more strategic tasks.

Personalized Digital Experiences at Scale

Personalization is rapidly becoming the standard, and companies moving toward personalized digital experiences will gain a critical edge in the months ahead. Enterprises that prioritize AI-powered personalization will see higher customer engagement rates across channels, while mid-market organizations adopting these strategies will experience greater flexibility in scaling their content efforts.





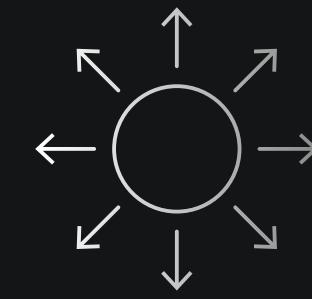
Scale Content Personalization

Businesses that effectively scale their personalization efforts are seeing an average of 40% higher engagement across digital channels. Companies that deliver hyper-personalized content are also improving customer retention and loyalty.



Real-Time Content Customization

For organizations leveraging real-time personalization, the ability to deliver customized content instantly will lead to increased conversion rates across websites, apps, and emails.

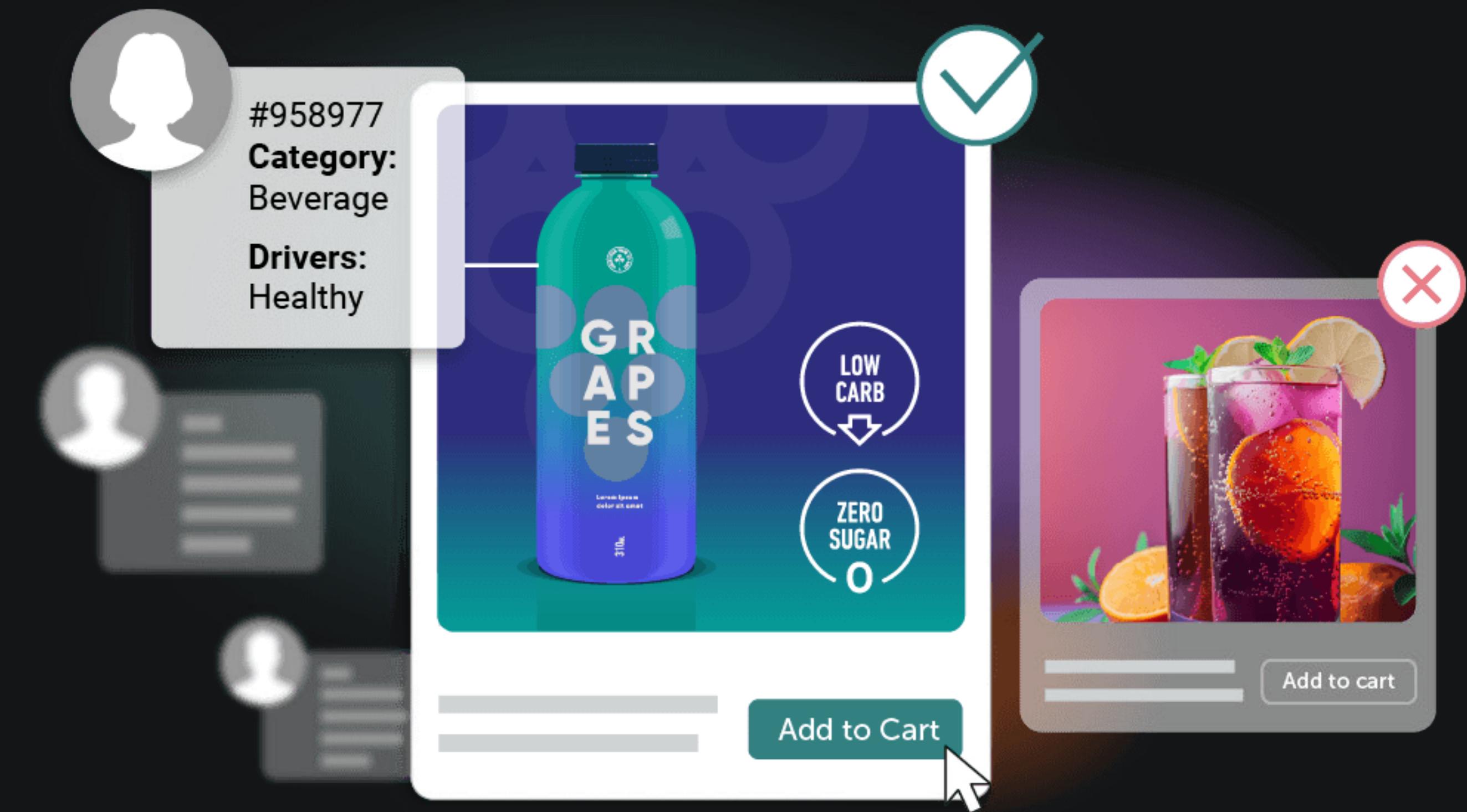


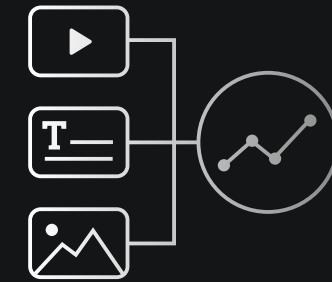
Cross-Channel Orchestration

Companies orchestrating personalized content across multiple channels through DAM systems are driving improved brand loyalty and creating seamless customer interactions.

Content Intelligence and Personalization

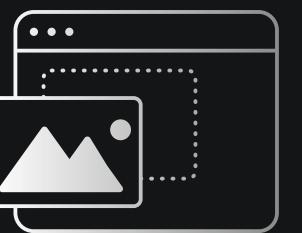
As content intelligence becomes a critical asset, organizations leveraging AI-powered insights are optimizing their personalization strategies and gaining deeper insights into content performance.





Content Intelligence for Strategic Decisions

By harnessing AI-driven insights, businesses are reducing decision-making times, thanks to real-time data on customer engagement and content performance, enabling more agile content strategies. This is expected to help brands make creative teams as well as agencies more efficient by streamlining workflows and enabling faster, data-backed decision-making.



Hyper-Personalization at Scale

The adoption of AI-powered personalization tools is transforming how businesses deliver real-time, tailored content across marketing channels like web, email, display ads, and more. Those embracing hyper-personalization are experiencing higher engagement rates and improving customer retention.



Optimizing ROI with Personalization Insights

Companies investing in AI-driven personalization are optimizing their content ROI by fine-tuning strategies based on real-time customer feedback and behavior analytics.

Streamlined Workflows and Efficiency Through Automation

Automation continues to revolutionize content operations, with businesses across mid-market and enterprise segments experiencing faster production cycles as they embrace AI-powered workflows.



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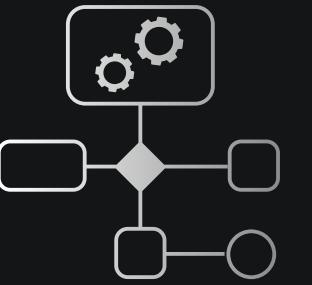
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Automating Content Review and Approvals

Automating content review processes is helping businesses reduce approval times and bring campaigns to market faster, with many teams now seeing 30% faster approvals.



Collaborative Workflow Tools

Integrating collaborative workflow tools into DAM systems is enabling real-time feedback and approvals, leading to significant gains in overall creative output.



Enhancing Content Velocity

Prioritizing content velocity through automation is giving companies a competitive edge, allowing them to respond quickly to market changes and customer demands.



As organizations manage an ever-growing volume of digital content, the ability to efficiently locate, retrieve, and repurpose assets is a critical competitive advantage. Predictive tagging and AI-powered search are transforming how teams interact with digital assets, turning previously inaccessible content into high-value resources that support personalization and speed to market.

IDC found that nearly 1/3rd of organizations are prioritizing AI/GenAI for their DAM software; 41% of organizations identified predictive capabilities as important for automation and efficiency gains, and 27% leverage advanced intelligent search for products/people to more easily discover assets in the library. Effective asset discoverability is not just a convenience; it's a foundational element in maximizing asset value across the content lifecycle.³

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33%

of organizations prioritize AI/GenAI for their DAM software

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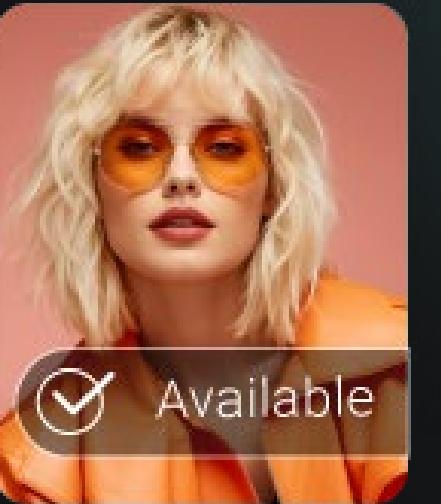
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Enhanced Compliance and Brand Governance in Content Operations

Throughout 2025, businesses will continue adopting AI-driven compliance workflows to ensure content remains compliant with legal and brand standards.



Rights Management	
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End Date	06/30/26
Territory	N. America
Usage	Website Display Ads



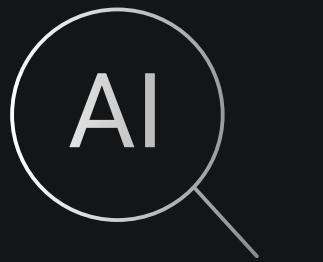
Automated Compliance Workflows

As more companies automate compliance workflows, they are cutting manual compliance efforts by as much as 30%, significantly reducing risks and streamlining approval processes.



Brand Safety and Digital Rights Management (DRM)

Large organizations are increasingly turning to advanced DRM tools to ensure content remains compliant, protecting it from unauthorized use and safeguarding brand integrity.



Ethical AI in Content Creation

The majority of businesses adopting AI content creation are implementing AI governance policies, ensuring that AI-generated content adheres to brand, legal, and ethical guidelines.

Improving Discoverability and Maximizing Asset Value

AI-powered tools are enhancing content discoverability, enabling businesses to unlock the full value of their content assets.



AI-generated tags

luxury cruise

June 2025

sunset

cruise ship

pool

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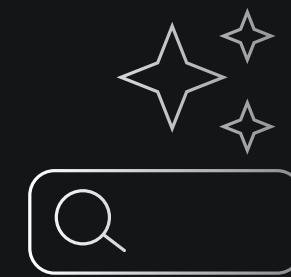
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AI-Powered Search for Enhanced Discoverability

Organizations that implement AI-driven search are significantly reducing search times, with some businesses cutting retrieval times by up to 50%.



Predictive and Dynamic Tagging

By adopting predictive tagging, small and medium-sized businesses are reducing manual asset management times, freeing up resources for higher-value creative work.

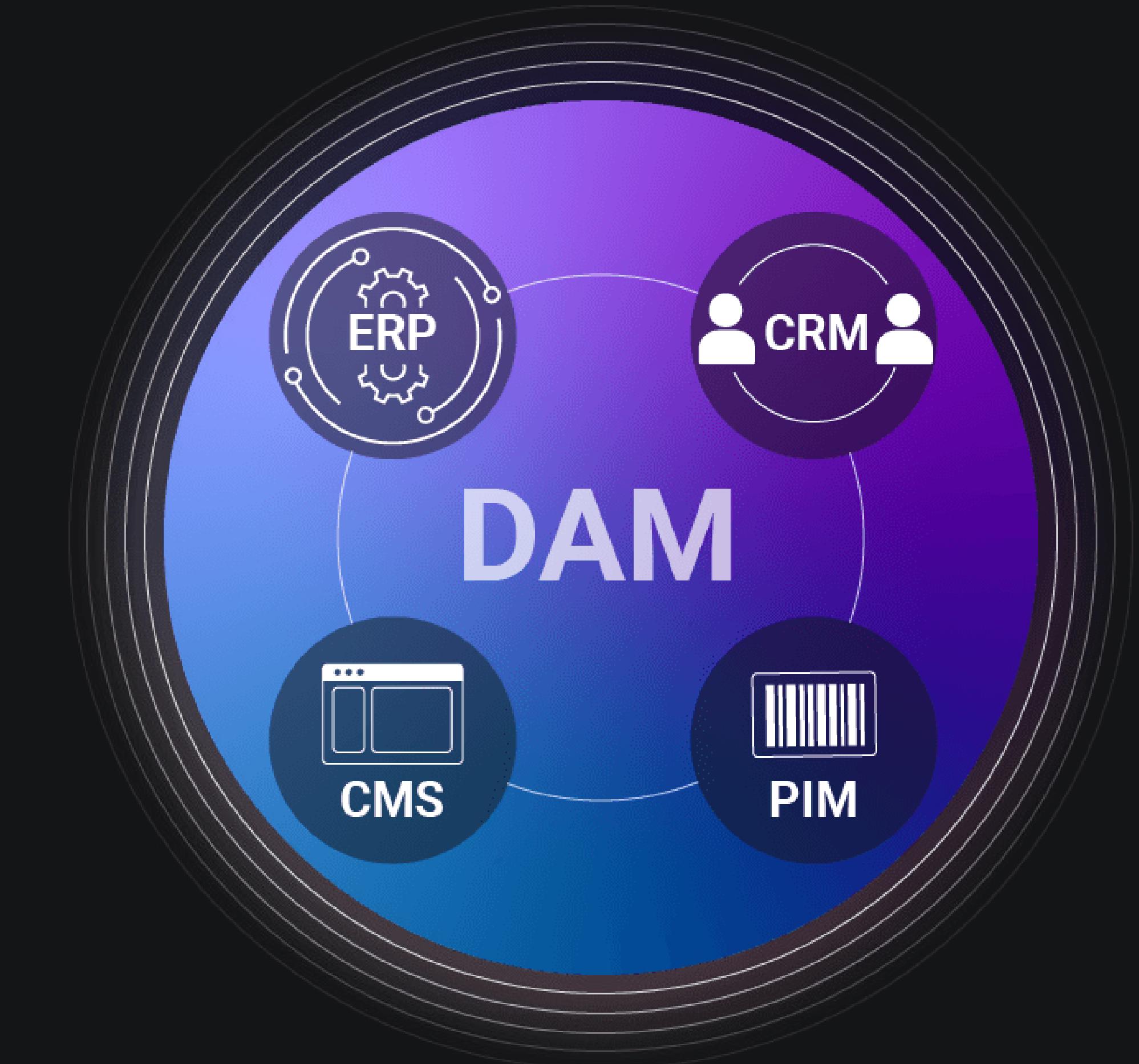


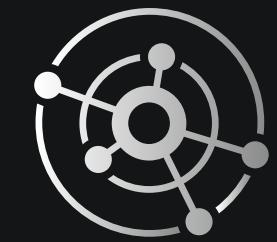
Content Reuse and Optimization

Businesses leveraging AI-driven content reuse strategies are reducing production costs and maximizing the value of their existing content libraries.

DAM as the Central Hub for Integrated Content Operations

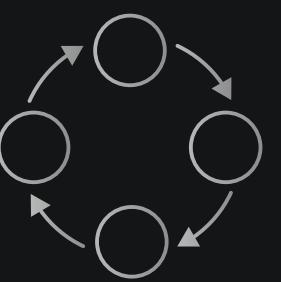
As content ecosystems grow increasingly complex, DAM systems are evolving into central hubs that orchestrate content across all touchpoints.





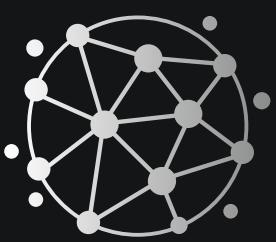
Seamless Integration Across Systems

Companies that fully integrate DAM systems with CMS, PIM, ERP, and CRM platforms are improving cross-departmental collaboration and enhancing content delivery times.



DAM-Driven Content Lifecycle Management

Businesses managing the entire content lifecycle within their DAM systems are reducing content management time by improving scalability and efficiency.

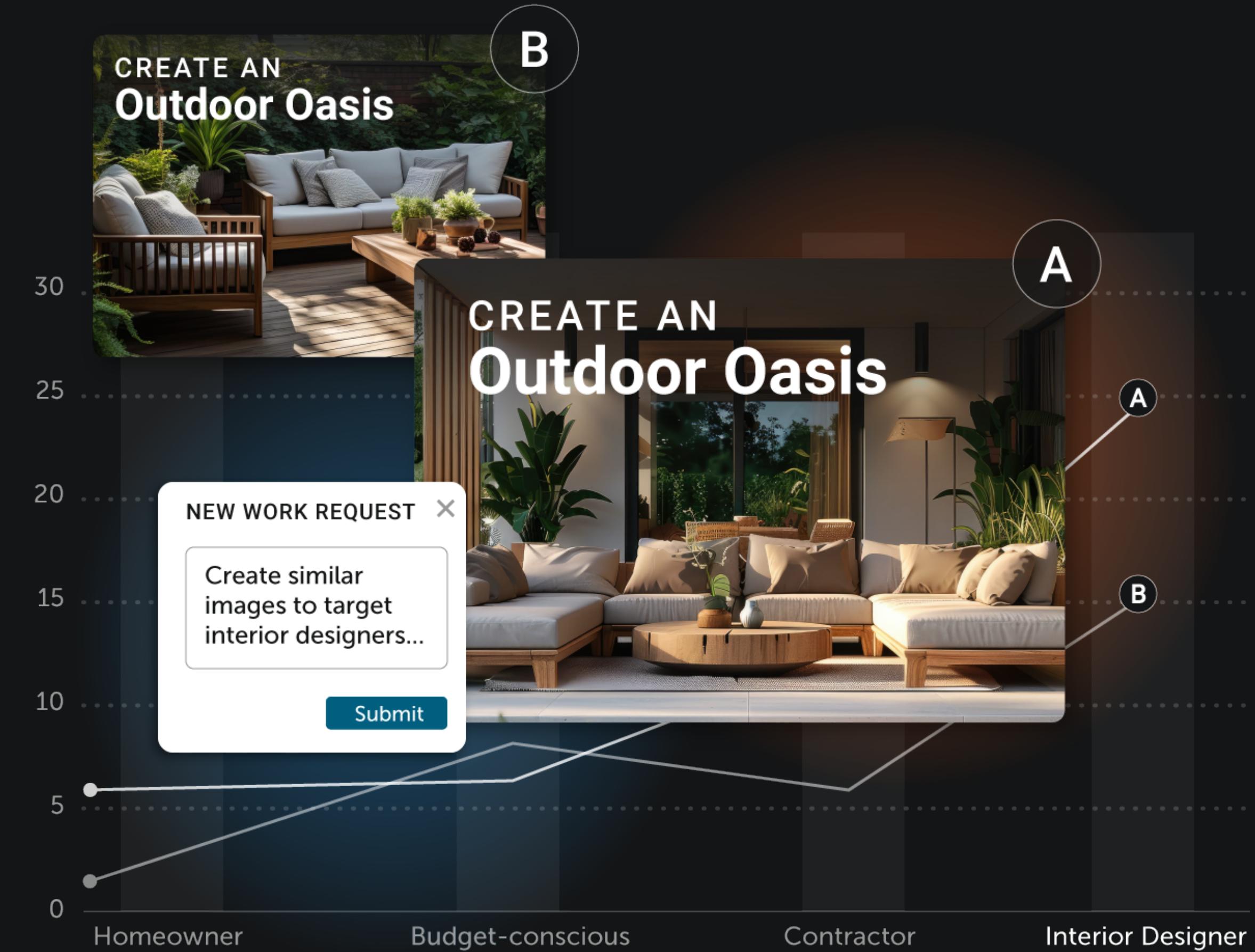


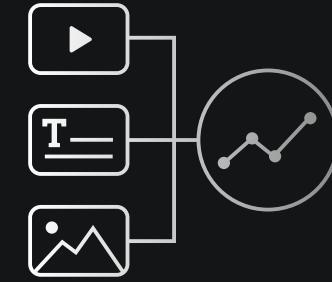
Global Content Distribution

Enterprises adopting global DAM strategies are maintaining brand consistency while ensuring assets are adapted for local markets, leading to greater success in managing regional content.

Data-Driven Content Operations and Optimized ROI

Data-driven insights are shaping the future of content operations, allowing businesses to optimize their content strategies and achieve higher ROI.





AI-Driven Insights for Real-Time Optimization

Businesses that adopt AI-powered content performance tracking are improving engagement and ROI by adjusting strategies in real time based on actionable insights.



Connecting DAM with Performance Analytics

Companies integrating DAM systems with performance analytics tools are gaining a comprehensive view of content performance, driving smarter decision-making.



Content ROI Optimization

Organizations using DAM systems to optimize their content strategies are improving their overall marketing ROI, helping them outperform competitors in an increasingly data-driven marketplace.



Companies that fail to adopt AI for their DAM and content operations will face more than inefficiency—they will face irrelevance in an increasingly customer-centric, data-driven world.

Preparing for the Future

Navigating DAM and Content Operations in 2025

The AI-driven revolution in Digital Asset Management (DAM) and Content Operations represents a pivotal moment in the way brands operate. Just as the fax machine and email transformed communication and operational efficiency, AI is now driving a renaissance in how businesses manage their content ecosystems. Companies across the enterprise, mid-market, and SMB segments that embrace AI-driven DAM solutions today will position themselves to lead in tomorrow's digital landscape. On the other hand, those that delay adoption risk being left behind—struggling with customer attrition, stunted growth, and diminished competitive advantage.

As 2025 progresses, the competitive gap between early adopters of AI-powered content operations and those hesitant to innovate will widen significantly. 3 out of 4 leading enterprises will already be leveraging AI-driven insights to deliver personalized content at scale, reduce operational inefficiencies, and streamline compliance. Those still relying on manual, outdated processes will find themselves overwhelmed by the complexity of modern content demands. The result? Lost market share, lagging customer engagement, and a clear disadvantage against more nimble, tech-driven competitors.

This is not just a technological upgrade—it is the next great leap in digital transformation. The AI frontier represents an opportunity for businesses to reimagine their content strategies and operations, much like the internet reshaped how we communicate and do business in the 1990s. Companies that fail to adopt AI for their DAM and content operations will face more than inefficiency—they will face irrelevance in an increasingly customer-centric, data-driven world.

Why Acting Now is Critical

The stakes are higher than ever, and the time to act is now. Organizations of all sizes are already seeing the benefits of AI-powered DAM systems: faster content creation, more effective personalization, and real-time insights driving smarter decisions. For those still on the fence, consider this: competitors are not waiting, and the cost of delaying adoption is growing by the day. Companies that invest in AI-powered content operations will be equipped to:

Retain customers through hyper-personalized experiences that meet their evolving needs.

Outperform competitors by delivering content more quickly, efficiently, and at scale.

Drive growth by optimizing every step of the content lifecycle, from creation to delivery to ROI measurement.

Future-Proof Content Strategy

In the same way that businesses once had to embrace email and digital communication to stay competitive, adopting AI-driven DAM systems is no longer optional—it is essential. Regardless of company size, assessing your current content operations and DAM capabilities is critical. Identify areas where AI and automation can reduce bottlenecks and commit to building a data-driven, future-proof content strategy. Those who move now will not only stay in the race—they will lead the charge into a new era of digital business.

¹ Forrester, Generative AI Ignites Change In B2B Content, June 28, 2023.

² Forrester, Advance GenAI Marketing From Pilot Projects To Proficiency, February 22, 2024.

³ Source IDC Digital Asset Management Survey, 2024, DocID #US52554624

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