

# The state of GenAISRAEL

A Unique Competitive Edge

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## In a Nutshell

Generative AI capabilities expand the effectiveness of traditional AI models

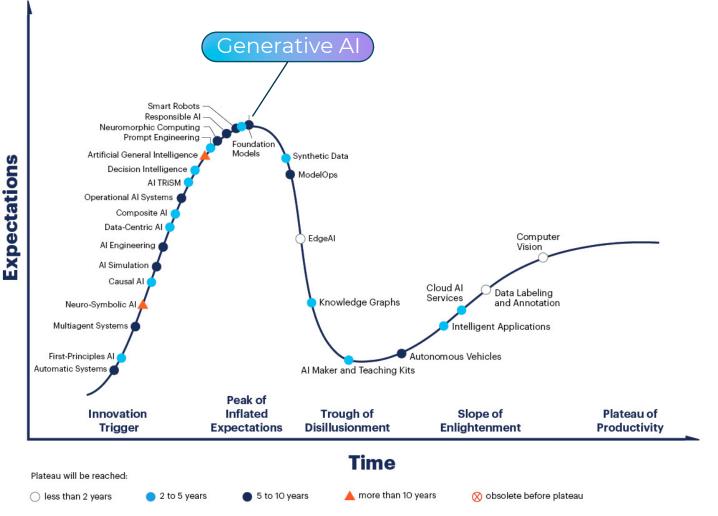
**Corporate adoption is limited** to non-core uses

**Infrastructure layer is crowded** by startups, CSPs and Al Model newly founded giants Israel is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest Generative AI VC ecosystem globally, driven by Application and Infra investments

We believe the main opportunities lay in Vertical and selected Infrastructure solutions



## Generative AI is at the Peak of the Hype Cycle

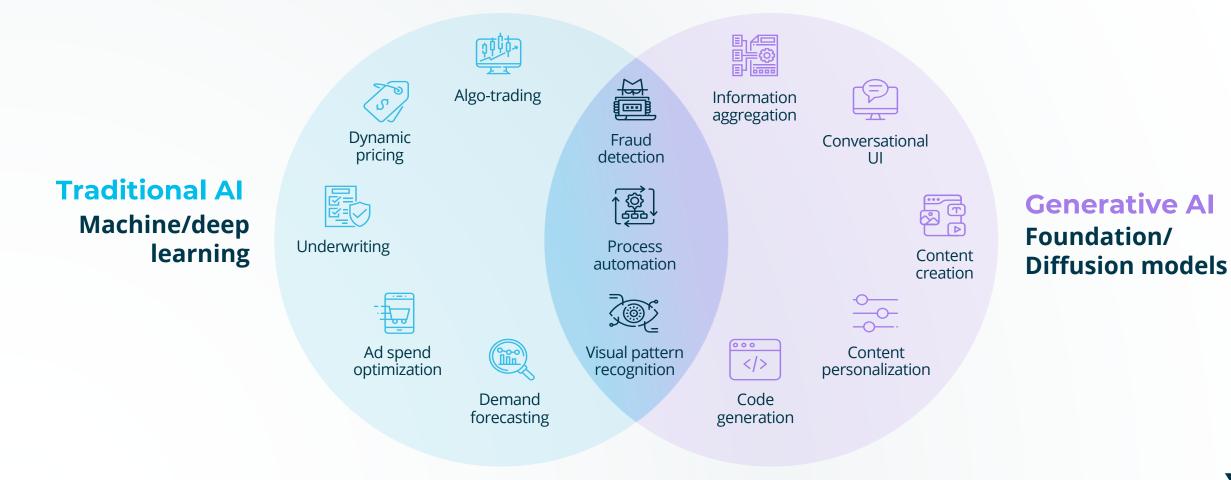


**Technology advances** are focused on **foundation models** and not generative Al applications

Adoption and business impact are driven by individuals and slower than anticipated

Corporate use-cases have yet to proliferate outside of marketing, knowledge management and coding

## Entering an Era of Interactive Software while Expanding Traditional AI



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## Both Consumer and Corporate Users Exhibit Bottom-Up Adoption

Chat GPT usage is high, while hype being stabilized

Gen-AI tools are used across the enterprise



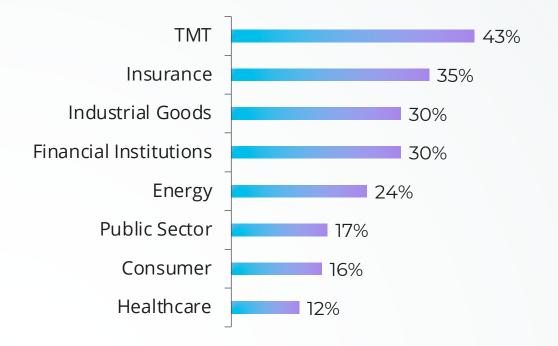


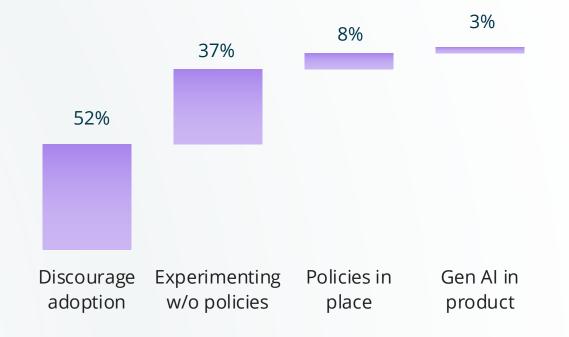
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## **Corporate Adoption is Low Across Industries, with Low Buy-In from Executives**

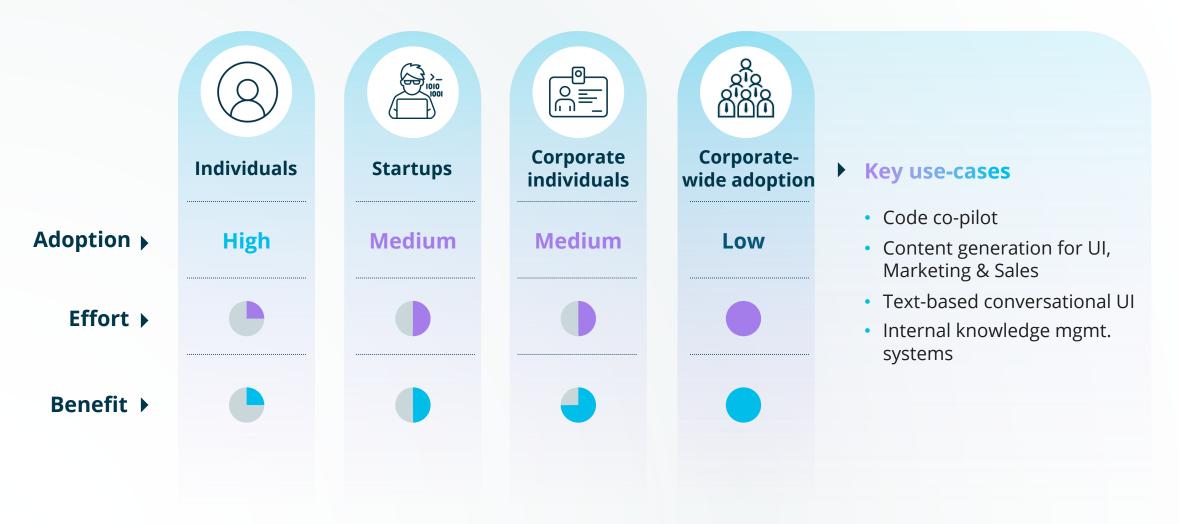
GenAl Maturity is low overall, with TMT leading the pack

Only 3% of companies use Gen AI in production





## **Corporate Adoption is Limited to Non-Core Use-Cases**



Based on discussions with portfolio companies, limited partners and multinational corporates



## **Enterprise Adoption is Dependent on Solving Key Barriers**



#### Security

- Prompt Injection
- Training Data Poisening



#### Performance

- Dynamic Results Testability
- Low-Latency for Real-Time Activities
- Model Fine-Tuning Routine Workflow



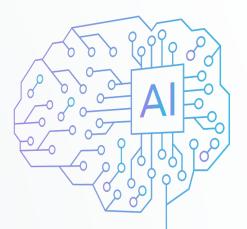
#### **Privacy**

- Corporate Policy
   Enforcement
- Data Leakage to 3rd Parties



#### Cost

- Training, Tuning & Running LLM-Based Apps
- Total Cost Visibility
- Scalable Cost Structure



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#### **IP & Copyrights**

- Copyright Infringement Risk
- Loss of Differentiation

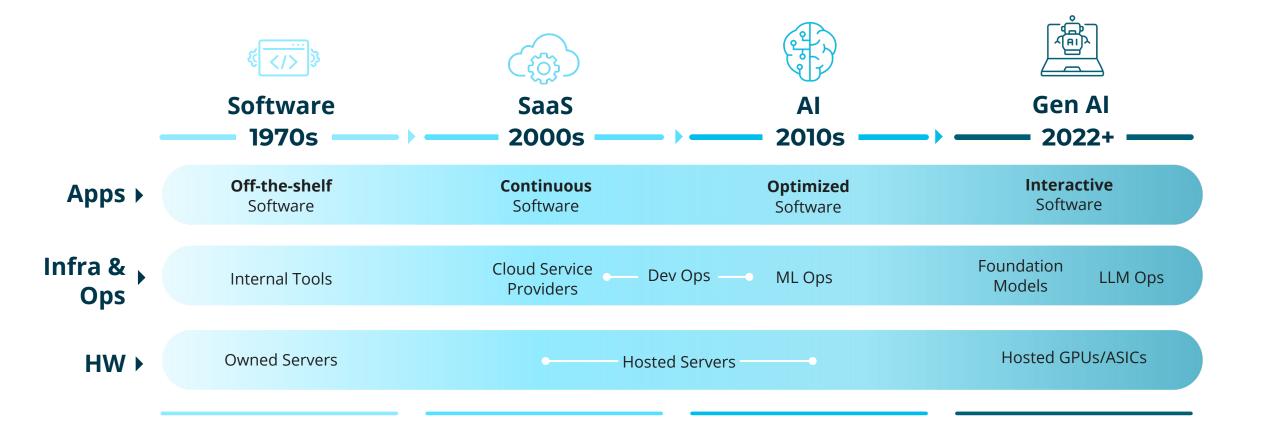


## Software Ate the World, Now Al is Eating Software

#### Jensen Huang, CEO 📀 NVIDIA

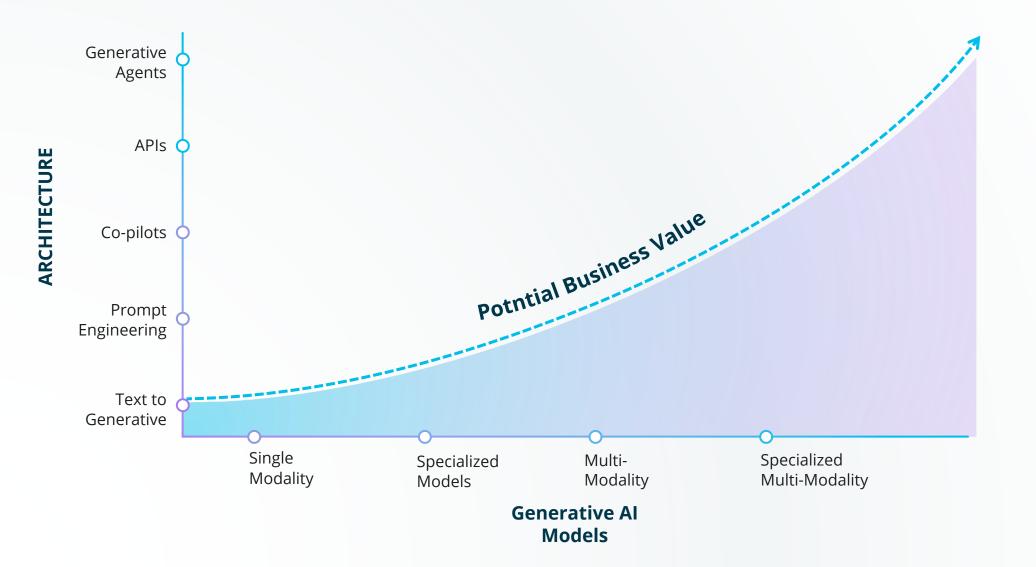


### **Democratizing Al** Generative Al Shows Promise as the Next Platform Shift



## **Models and Architecture are Evolving**

#### Multi-Modality Interfaces Powered by Generative Agents Can Have Outsized Business Value





## **Early Adopters of Core Vertical AI Show Signs of Valuation Premium**

**Beauty tech leverages data & computer vision to enhance product & shopping experience** 

Founded in 2013
Raised \$130M
IPO at \$2.3B market cap (July 2023)

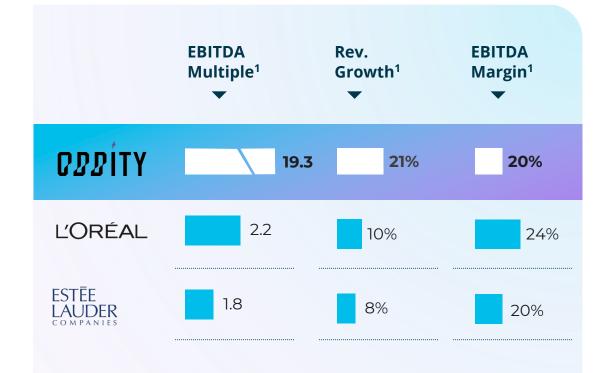
revela 2023 \$76M

Biotech Al-powered molecule discovery to explore ingredients



Hyperspectral machine vision to detect ingredients via phone camera

#### **Outperforming peers on growth & multiples**



1. NTM EBITDA and Revenue are based on analysts' consensus growth expectation for the next twelve months

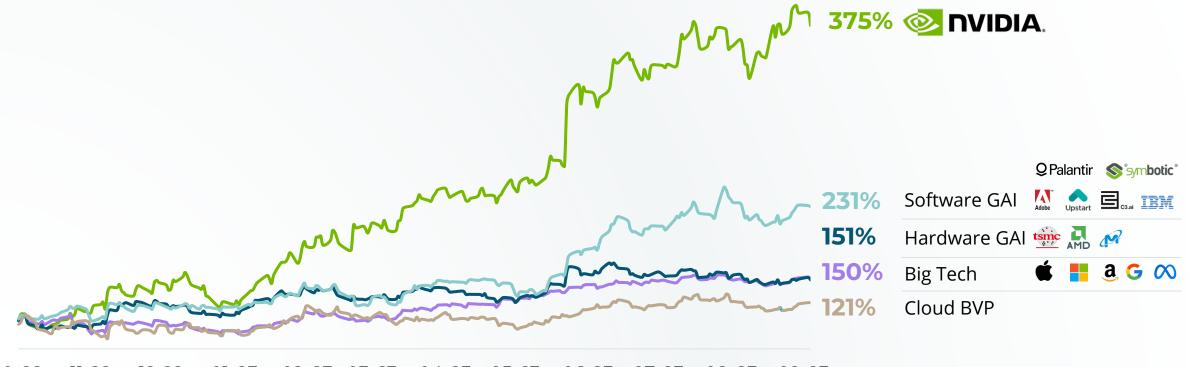
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## Generative AI Tailwind Benefits Software, Big Tech and Hardware Generative AI Companies

Share price change, Indexed to Sep-22



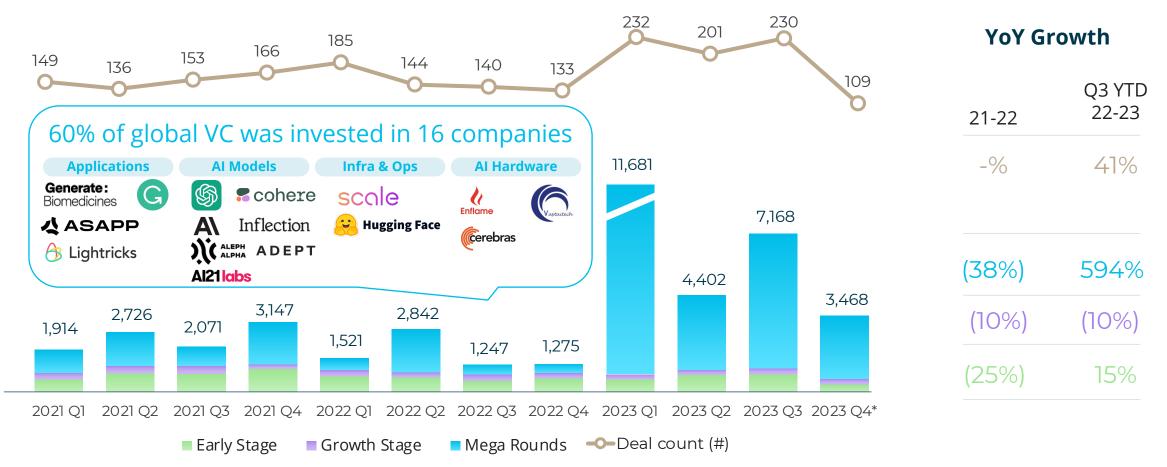
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Public companies that support Generative AI capabilities or are introducing Generative AI capabilities to their core products Indices are weighted based on market capitalization



## VCs are Active on Early and Mega Generative AI Rounds

#### 2021-2023 VC funding invested (\$M)

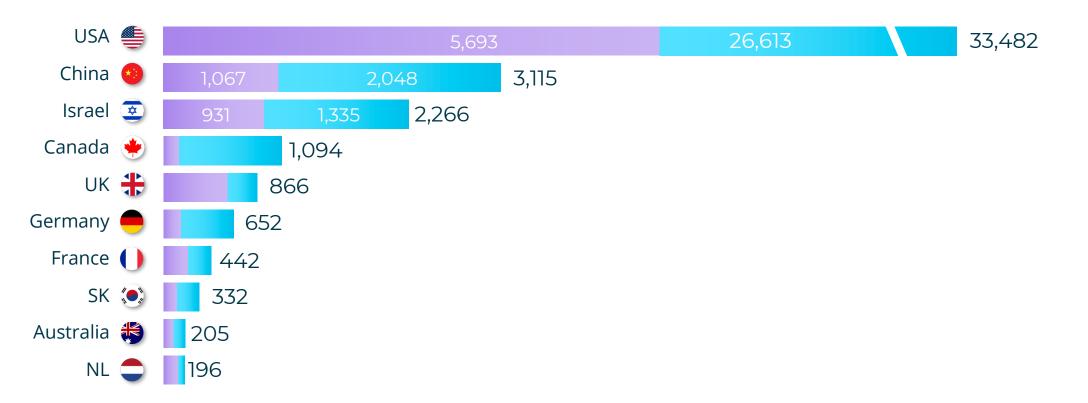


Source: Pitchbook, Global, Global, #Gen-Al or #Al Hardware \* 2023 Q4 YTD as of Dec 7, 2023



## Israel is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Largest Generative AI VC Ecosystem Globally

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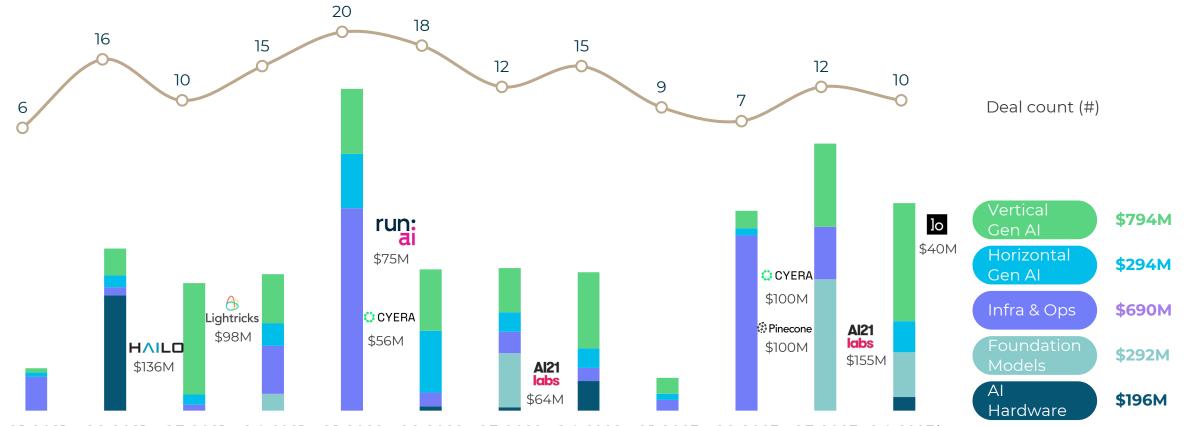
Early & Growth Rounds
Mega Rounds

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Figures include only private equity investments, excluding IPO, M&A, secondaries, university research institute investments and government investments related to generative AI. Those financial investments might skew results, specifically benefiting China and UAE



## Generative AI Investments in Israel are Focused on Vertical Apps and Infra & Ops



Q1-2021 Q2-2021 Q3-2021 Q4-2021 Q1-2022 Q2-2022 Q3-2022 Q4-2022 Q1-2023 Q2-2023 Q3-2023 Q4-2023\*

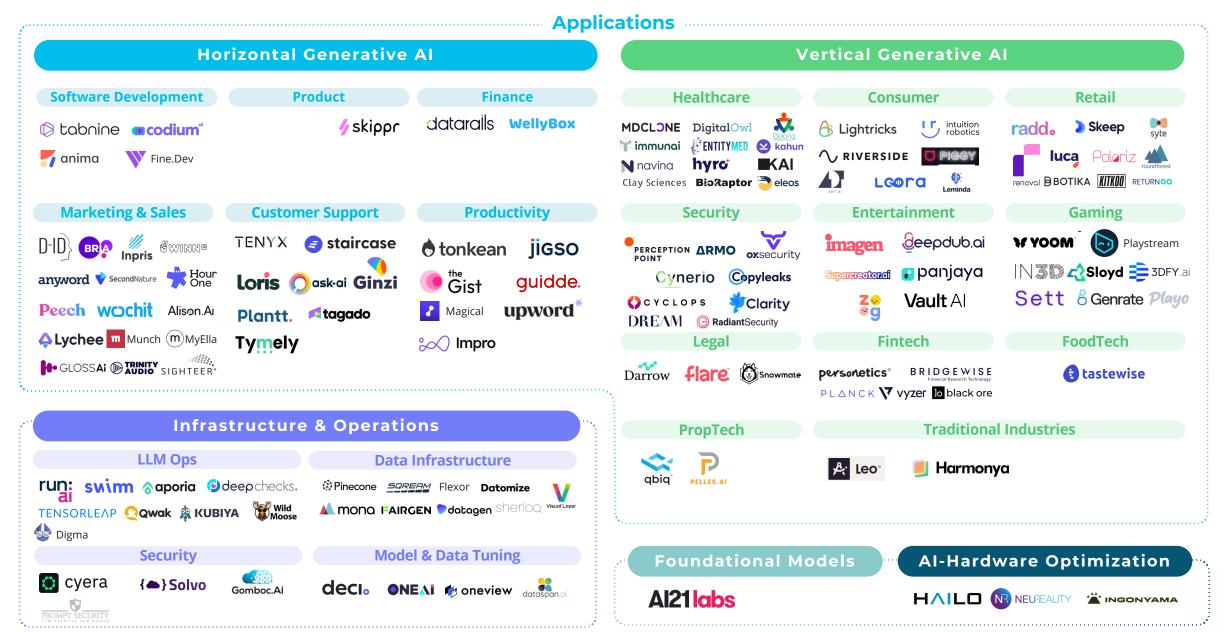
Source: Viola Data Categories are defined in next slides. Figures only include companies that have raised +\$1M funding or reached initial traction. \* 2023 Q4 YTD as of Dec 7, 2023



#### VIOLA's Israel Generative AI Map



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## **5** Generative AI Categories

#### Each Requires Different Business Models, Technology & Ecosystems

**Horizontal Generative AI** 

End-user apps serving functions within organizations across different industries

#### **Vertical Generative Al**

End-user apps serving industry specific functions & utilizing Gen-AI in core product

#### **Infrastructure & Operations**

Developer apps either utilizing Gen-AI in core product or optimizing utilization of LLMs/Diffusion Models

#### Foundational Models

Proprietary LLM and Diffusion Model developers

#### **AI-Hardware Optimization**

Hardware and software for Al-enabling chipsets

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## Israel Has Strong AI Environment and Know How to Win Generative AI Categories

#### **Established AI Leaders with GTM Know How**



#### **Critical Mass of Global R&D Centers**

	Google	Microsoft	+50
Hyperscale Gen Al	Largest non-USA Al	Leading GPT security	Other MNC Leading
supercomputer	search team	& office co-pilots	R&D centers



## Where Do We Go From Here?

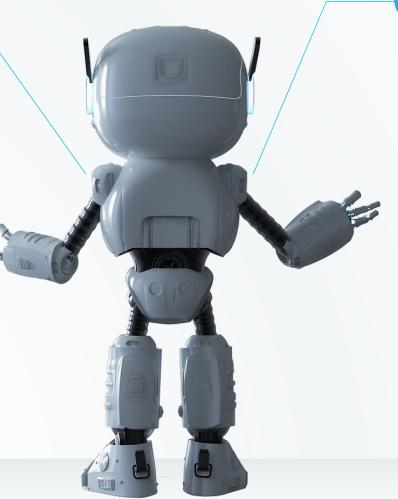
#### Applications

**Application layer will blur** as SaaS companies continue introducing Generative Al into **core products** 

**Horizontal software** will be **dominated by incumbents** as they own the data and have access to existing client base

**Horizontal services** will be **replaced by Generative Al winners** (e.g., SDR, customer support, personal assistants)

Vertical Generative AI will privail by addressing industry specific needs at high ACV





Democratization of AI software developemnt will shift teams to focus on **product understanding** and **GTM excellence** 

Time to market will shorten, **reducing tech-based competitive moats** 

Access to superior data will become key

Text focus will evolve to **Multi-Modal UX** 

Agent based architecture will introduce new use-cases

Model companies will either be commoditized or become the new CSPs for Al



## What are we looking for in Generative AI companies



#### Product

- Strong founders' product capabilities to be customer centric and adapt
- Significant application layer on top of Generative AI, not just UX or API
- Solution that leverages multi-modality and multi-model environment
- Ops & Infra products with advantage over CSPs/ AI Model companies

#### **Business**

- Solve a core business need that Traditional AI doesn't
- Replace knowledge-based services requiring real-time interaction or unstructured data
- Clear ICP and competitive advantage over direct & in-direct alternatives
- Method creating dependencies and stickiness



