

CONNECTED BUILDINGS

Growing Adoption and Business Value

IDC surveyed 207 IT and operations decision makers across North America to learn about the challenges and opportunities that connected building technology will provide to their organizations. A similar study was conducted in 2018 with 206 respondents.

CONNECTED BUILDINGS ON THE RISE



In 2018, 42% had deployed a connected building solution another 53% were considering it. In 2020, more than 50%



deployed a solution The remaining building management companies are considering it, with 20% planning to deploy in the next 12 months.

number of deployments that are now fully operational

Growing from 39.5% in 2018 to 55% in 2020

In the last 2 years, there has been a 38% increase in the

Those with active projects and/or are deploying agree they will extend or



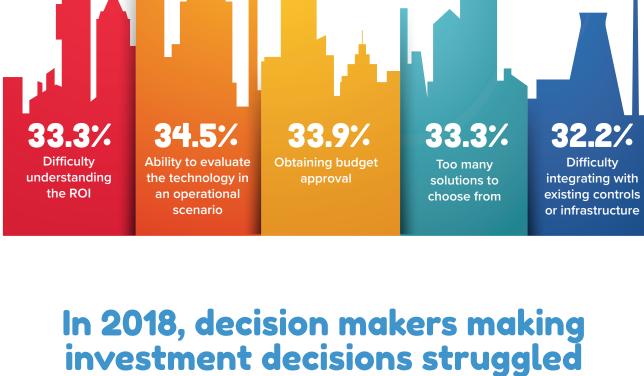
Ability to

in the next 24 months. **TOP 5 CHALLENGES TO**

expand connected building investments

BUILDING SOLUTION In 2020, decision makers deciding to invest in and purchase a connected building solution say they struggle with several issues such as:

SELECTING A CONNECTED



41.3% Too many solutions to choose from Difficulty deciding what specific Obtaining functionality is budget approval required) proving the ROI

Difficulty

for the project

Video surveillance

with issues such as:



BUILDING TECHNOLOGY BEING SELECTED

In 2020, the top connected building

capabilities being deployed are:

Sensors to monitor activity within the building **HVAC** controls $((\bullet))$ Lighting Real-time controls monitoring

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Comfort and sensing From the study data, **lighting** is movement/activity are top of a top item because it can mind in 2020, as building operate as a standalone managers aim to put more system that can later

There has been a significant shift in the focus of which technology investments should be made in smart buildings over the last two years.

Improve security **Reduce costs for** operations and

maintenance for

customers/tenants

28.7%

Freeze or delay in budget

emphasis on occupant

experience and the ability to

keep count of occupants in

spaces due to COVID-19.

Similar priorities: In 2020 & 2018, the following promised outcomes were key drivers to greenlight in connected building investments.

TOP 5 CHALLENGES TO

DEPLOYING CONNECTED

PATH TO A CONNECTED

BUILDING STRATEGY

For building management, there is a greater need to differentiate

offerings and capabilities that improve customer/ tenant/occupant

experience to keep up with increased competition for leased spaces.

Faster response times to building system issues Improve business productivity

and efficiency

integrate with sensors and

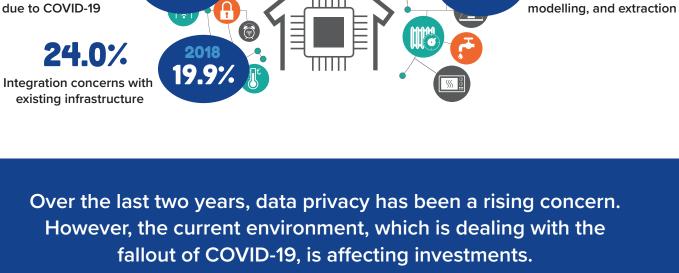
systems such as HVAC and

beacons and/or larger

access control systems.

BUILDING SOLUTIONS: Building management companies that have deployed a connected building solution had the follow challenges:

31.6% 22.2% Data privacy Security concerns concerns



mature in 2020, respondents are turning to how they will manage and use the data to add value to tenants and their own employees.

Again, proving that

deployments are more

investments and



endorsement of Acuity's products/or strategies.

organizations planning to use data from their connected building solution — more than 90% plan to use the data internally but also make it available to their tenants.

The 2020 study revealed an

increasing number of

9.9%

Data management,

20.9%



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