



# Top Five Industrial Trends

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## TOP FIVE INDUSTRIAL TRENDS

Our expert's view of industrial sector in 2025

Key findings

## INTRODUCTION

Global manufacturing sector faces more uncertainty in 2025

Top five trends in industrial sector

Top five trends uncovered

## SUPPLY CHAIN DISRUPTIONS 2.0

Rising economic uncertainty adds new pressures on the manufacturing sector

Case study: Alcoa plans to review aluminium supply to avoid disruptions

Production efficiency tools can help to better navigate supply chain challenges

## PRODUCTION RESHORING

Production reshoring efforts present new growth opportunities for countries

Case study: Tata Electronics helps to strengthen Apple's supply chain in India

Production reshoring to create new sales opportunities in emerging Asian markets

## NEW WAVE OF AUTOMATION

Persistent cost pressures drive the need to improve production efficiency

Case study: Fernco improves factory productivity thanks to new tools

The need to improve efficiency will create stronger demand for production tools

## WORKFORCE UPSKILLING

Ageing population and growing skills gap will require more flexibility from companies

Case study: Toyota aims to retain older workers for longer

Upskilling and retaining workers for longer will be critical in solving labour market issues

## EXTRACTING VALUE FROM AI

AI tools expected to trickle down to manufacturing sector in 2025

Case study: Ducab uses AI platform to streamline supplier selection process

AI tools promise to improve production and sales processes

## CONCLUSION

Future implications

Opportunities for growth

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