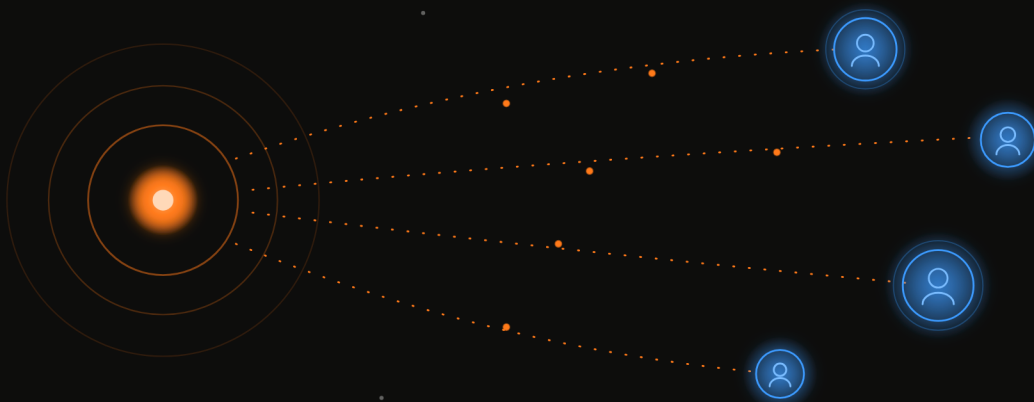


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Elevate Your Marketing Strategy

Unlocking success in the IT sector: how resource-strapped SMB teams orchestrate campaigns, harness AI, and out-market bigger budgets.



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INTRODUCTION

Staying ahead isn't a priority. It's a necessity

In the rapidly evolving IT landscape, 85% of SMBs fail because of an inadequate go-to-market approach. For most, the challenge is easy to name and hard to solve: limited staff, time, and expertise to execute complex B2B campaigns, and too much at stake to sit out any digital channel. Participation is no longer enough. Winning demands large volumes of targeted, intelligent content.

Now imagine the alternative. Synchronized campaign trains operating in harmony. Consistent messaging across every asset. Content moving from inception to final review at AI speed. Thousands saved annually in creation costs, scale without agency fees, instant access to industry and persona intelligence, and your whole team collaborating on a single platform, start to finish. No more content chaos.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

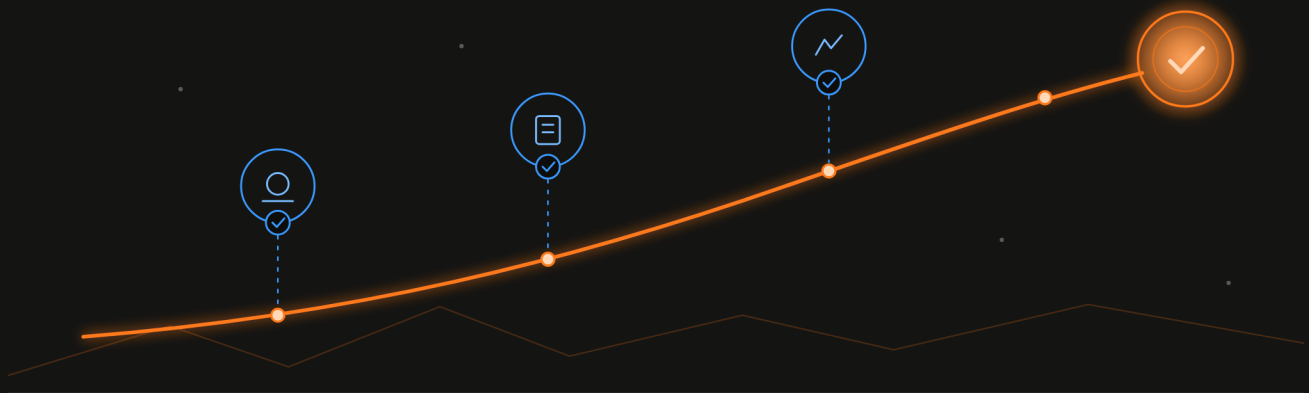
- Orchestrate multiple concurrent campaigns
- Leverage AI to accelerate content creation
- Keep messaging persistent across every channel
- Achieve greater ROI with less expenditure

Commit to the next few pages and you'll equip your team with the knowledge and tools to position your brand for success in the IT sector, and propel your organization toward marketing excellence.

CHAPTER 01

Navigating the SMB Go-to-Market **Conundrum**

A go-to-market strategy isn't just a plan. It's the blueprint that dictates whether your product reaches and resonates with customers. Most SMBs never get it right.



1.1 The 85% failure point

1.2 A landscape that won't hold still

1.3 From fragmented efforts to data-driven cohesion

1.0 • MARKET ENTRY

The failure point hiding in plain sight

Beyond just a hurdle, an inadequate go-to-market approach is the critical failure point for an overwhelming 85% of small to medium-sized businesses. In the competitive realm of IT, where strategic precision is paramount, a weak market-entry plan can be lethal. CB Insights finds the inability to correctly market a product and reach its intended audience is a primary reason businesses fail.

And the landscape never holds still. Digital channels expand and innovate at a relentless pace; without a comprehensive strategy, SMBs are ill-prepared to seize emerging opportunities or pivot when conditions shift. Fragmented media punishes disjointed messaging. What's needed is a focused approach that aligns market strategy with clear, data-driven insight into customer behavior, competitive dynamics, and market trends. Miss that, and launches underperform, or fail outright.

IN THIS CHAPTER

The implications of the go-to-market gap: the statistics and expert insight behind why so many SMBs struggle at this pivotal stage, and how IT marketing leaders can circumvent the pitfalls.

CHAPTER 01 • QUANTIFIED

Market entry is where SMBs die

85%

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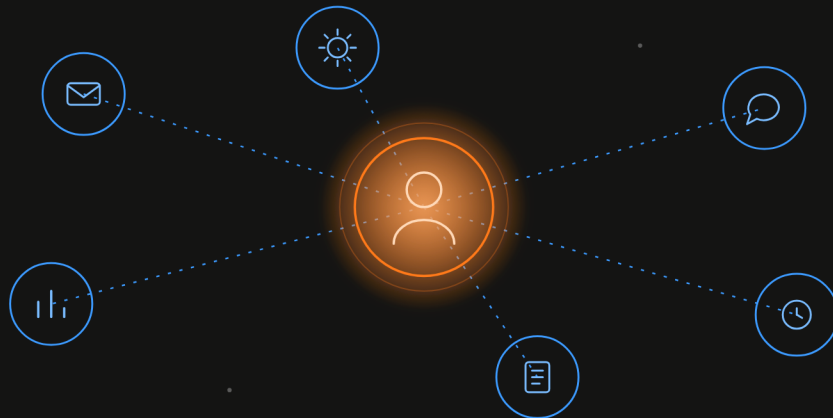
SOURCE: CB INSIGHTS • CBINSIGHTS.COM

The go-to-market strategy is not just a plan. It's the blueprint that dictates how effectively a product reaches, and resonates with, its customers.

CHAPTER 02

Resource Constraints in Effective **B2B Marketing**

Staff, time, expertise: the three shortages that keep SMB marketing teams from executing the campaigns their products deserve.



2.1 Small teams, many hats

2.2 The time squeeze

2.3 Doing more with what you have

2.0 • STAFF, TIME, EXPERTISE

One or two people, wearing every hat

SMBs face formidable barriers in executing complex B2B campaigns, chiefly limits on staff, time, and expertise. Forrester reports that 69% of SMBs cite limited resources as a critical impediment to achieving marketing objectives, and in an industry as competitive as technology, that shortage shows up directly in market performance.

Marketing in the IT sector demands an intricate understanding of both the products being promoted and the nuances of B2B buying behavior. Yet teams are often just one or two individuals wearing multiple hats, making it nearly impossible to specialize or deep-dive into digital marketing, content creation, data analytics, or customer relationship management. Time is equally constrained: professionals juggle multiple campaigns and strategic goals simultaneously, a recipe for burnout and compromised campaign quality.

IN THIS CHAPTER

How these constraints play out in real campaigns, plus strategies to optimize existing resources, streamline operations, manage time and priorities, and tap external expertise at a fraction of typical cost.

CHAPTER 02 • QUANTIFIED

The resource wall

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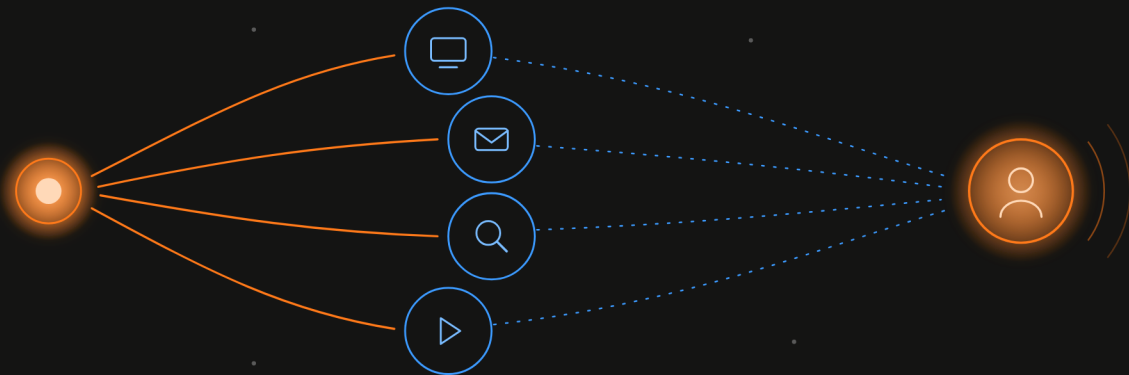
SOURCE: FORRESTER • FORRESTER.COM

Teams of one or two can't specialize: digital, content, analytics, and CRM all compete for the same hours.

CHAPTER 03

The Pivotal Power of Digital Channels

Modern IT business is inseparable from digital engagement. Presence was once enough; today only a fully integrated, insight-driven approach competes.



3.1 The cost of standing still

3.2 Insight-driven execution

3.3 The path to digital excellence

3.0 • DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT

Presence isn't strategy

The modern business arena, especially in IT, is unequivocally intertwined with digital engagement channels, and failing to proactively capitalize on them carries severe repercussions. Gartner warns that businesses without a comprehensive digital strategy risk losing substantial market share to more digitally adept competitors.

Maintaining a presence was once sufficient. Today's market demands a fully integrated approach spanning social media, content channels, search engine marketing, and beyond. And presence alone is not execution. Campaigns must be strategic, targeted, and consistent: according to BCG, campaigns that leverage data-driven insights outperform those that don't by as much as 85%. That makes audience insight and competitive intelligence the pivotal challenge behind every creatively engaging campaign.

IN THIS CHAPTER

The pitfalls of underutilized digital channels, best practices that maximize engagement and influence, and a clear path to digital excellence through the right platforms and technologies.

CHAPTER 03 • QUANTIFIED

Insight is the multiplier

85%

**better performance from campaigns informed by
data-driven insights**

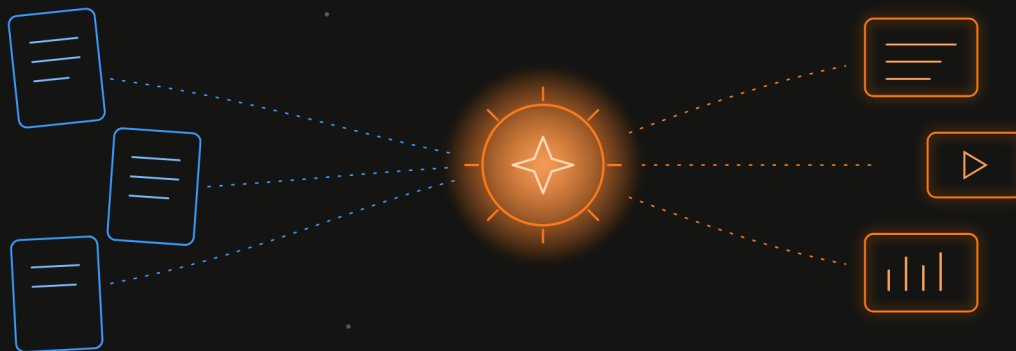
SOURCE: BCG • BCG.COM

Gartner: without a comprehensive digital strategy, businesses risk ceding substantial market share to digitally adept competitors.

CHAPTER 04

Overcoming Content Challenges in **SMB Campaigns**

Content is the heart of every campaign, and the volume and quality needed to make an impact is exactly where SMBs struggle most.



4.1 The volume problem

4.2 The quality bar

4.3 AI as the accelerant

4.0 • VOLUME & QUALITY

Enough content, good enough, consistently

The heart of any marketing campaign is its content, and for SMBs, producing the volume and quality required for meaningful impact remains a formidable challenge. The Content Marketing Institute finds that 63% of SMBs struggle to produce enough engaging content, and 48% find it difficult to create content consistently. That scarcity can critically undermine even the best-strategized campaign.

Effective content creation is time-intensive and demands expertise most SMBs lack internally. The result is sparse messaging that fails to capture the complex, dynamic needs of a B2B audience. The IT sector adds its own bar: a level of sophistication and relevance that generic content simply can't deliver. Beyond quantity, it's quality, informed by insight, creativity, and precision, that decides whether content engages and converts.

IN THIS CHAPTER

Strategies to streamline content creation, use AI tools for rapid development, and distribute content in ways that amplify reach, so even resource-restricted teams can run a robust content strategy.

CHAPTER 04 • QUANTIFIED

The content gap, quantified

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SOURCE: CONTENT MARKETING INSTITUTE

Sparse messaging fails a B2B audience. Generic messaging fails an IT audience. The bar is both.

CONCLUSION

Transforming challenges into strategic triumphs

The pattern is clear: an 85% failure rate from inadequate go-to-market strategies, compounded by constrained resources, scarce time and expertise, and digital channels that evolve faster than most teams can follow. In today's fast-paced digital marketplace, the gravity of strategic misalignment is impossible to overstate.

The potential for transformation is just as immense. Zasta's Intelligent, Integrated Go-to-Market System lets SMBs transcend these challenges: orchestrating multiple campaigns in unison, maximizing impact through persistent messaging, and leveraging AI to accelerate content creation, while industry intelligence at your fingertips keeps every campaign precise, relevant, and affordable.

THE SYSTEM

- **Campaign Module** : build campaign architectures swiftly
- **Messaging Module** : persistent, on-brand messaging everywhere
- **Content Module** : AI-accelerated creation, inception to final review
- **Intelligence Module** : industry and persona insight on demand

Backed by experienced go-to-market strategists and robust workflows, campaigns land both innovative and flawlessly executed. The urgency is real. The competitive edge belongs to those ready to act.



NEXT STEPS

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Turn pervasive challenges into achievable victories.

Talk to us about how Zasta's go-to-market system maps to your business objectives, and drive revenue faster.

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