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• AI is no longer an advantage reserved for large corporations; today, it is an accessible tool that enables SMEs to enhance productivity and strengthen competitiveness.
• From a tax perspective, AI helps identify errors and inconsistencies before they result in penalties, audits, or unnecessary costs.
• The real challenge is not simply adopting artificial intelligence, but integrating it strategically, with human oversight and a culture of continuous improvement.

Artificial intelligence is no longer a futuristic technology. For thousands of small and medium-sized enterprises, it is becoming a practical tool to reduce administrative costs, strengthen tax compliance, and free up time for higher-value activities.

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AI as a Strategic Enabler for SMEs

Artificial intelligence (AI) is no longer a capability reserved for large corporations. It is increasingly becoming an accessible and high-impact tool for small and medium-sized enterprises, enabling them to enhance productivity, strengthen financial management, and mitigate tax-related risks and costs. **The strategic question is no longer whether SMEs will adopt AI, but how quickly and effectively they will be able to integrate it into their operations.**

AI adoption in Mexico is gaining momentum. According to data from ManpowerGroup and AWS Mexico, 55% of companies already use some form of AI tool, while 72% of knowledge workers incorporate AI into their daily activities. Although adoption figures vary depending on the methodology used—for instance, INEGI's 2024 Economic Census reports that only 8% of SMEs use AI, reflecting the formal adoption of more structured AI systems—**multiple studies indicate that SMEs are increasingly integrating these technologies into their business processes.**

Digitalization as a Driver of Competitive Advantage

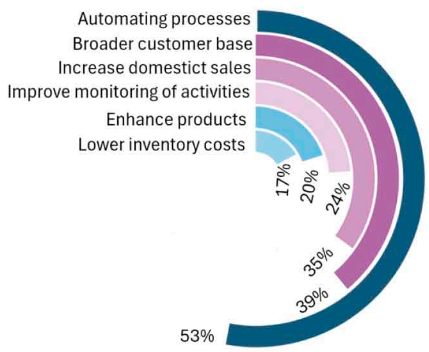
International experience shows that AI's main contribution is not replacing people, but automating repetitive tasks to free up time and resources. The OECD identifies three core benefits for small businesses:

- Process automation
- Expansion of the customer base
- Increased sales and productivity

In addition, one in four companies recognizes that digitalization improves operational monitoring and strengthens data-driven decision-making.

For Mexican SMEs, this can translate into fewer hours spent on administrative tasks and more time dedicated to serving customers, developing products, or exploring new markets.

Perceived Benefits of Digitalization (% of Responses*)



Source: Competimex, S.C., based on OECD data from SME Digitalization for Competitiveness: The 2025 OECD D4SME Survey.
*Average percentage of responses across all surveyed countries.

The Next Leap in Tax Compliance

One of the areas where AI is creating the greatest value is in tax and accounting compliance.

Modern accounting faces an increasingly complex challenge: **the volume of information now exceeds the capacity of manual review.** Electronic invoices, bank statements, tax filings, accounting entries, and financial reports generate vast amounts of data that must be continuously validated.

AI-powered tools now enable companies to:

- Review thousands of CFDIs in seconds
- Detect inconsistencies between invoicing and accounting records
- Identify errors before tax returns are filed
- Automate accounting reconciliations
- Classify expenses and supporting documentation
- Generate preliminary financial reports

Competitive advantage no longer depends solely on expanding administrative teams, but on having better tools and better-trained personnel capable of analyzing information, identifying risks, and acting in a timely manner.

Tax Authorities Are Moving Ahead

AI adoption is not limited to the private sector. Tax authorities are increasingly using data analytics tools to identify inconsistencies, risk patterns, and potential cases of non-compliance.

This means that errors that may have previously gone unnoticed are now far more visible. As a result, preventive compliance has become increasingly important. The most effective tax strategy is no longer to correct errors after an audit or review, but to identify and prevent them before they occur.

The Barriers Are Organizational, Not Technological

Contrary to common perception, the main barriers preventing SMEs from adopting AI are not primarily technological. Studies show that the greatest challenges include:

- Maintenance costs
- Limited time for training
- Investment in technology infrastructure
- Shortage of specialized talent
- Lack of a clear implementation strategy

According to available studies, 43% of SME executives acknowledge that they do not know where to begin, while only one-third feel fully confident about investing in AI.

The answer to this uncertainty is relatively straightforward: before considering complex algorithms, companies must first organize their processes, digitize their documentation, and train their teams.

SMEs have two main paths available. The first is commercial, paid solutions, which offer ease of use, technical support, and rapid implementation. The second is open-source solutions, which provide greater control over information and lower licensing costs, although they require stronger technical capabilities for implementation and maintenance.

However, advancing in the use of AI should not mean losing sight of a fundamental principle: technology must serve people, not the other way around. **In an increasingly digital economy, competitive advantage should not come from simply giving way to artificial intelligence, but from integrating it strategically, responsibly, and with clearly defined business objectives.**

At Competimex, S.C., we bring more than 25 years of experience supporting companies in administrative and financial management. Our approach integrates comprehensive impact analysis, cost-structure reconfiguration, and proper accounting, tax, and financial alignment, enabling organizations to adapt to the evolving business and economic environment in an orderly, efficient, and sustainable manner.

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