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## MERGER AND ACQUISITIONS: WHAT TO EXPECT?

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## **Stage for Global Expansion** Expansion Opportunities...Emerging Economies

Growth in global demand for services, escalating costs and search for new markets give rise to both organic & inorganic expansion of outsourcing across the globe...

**Global IT-BPM Spend US\$130 Billion** Mid US\$885 billion (2014) Global IT-BPM Services Sourcing 19% 34% Offshored to Mid and 2000 Low Income **Countries** Asia Pacific Americas EMEA 2010 201



Move to Emerging

**Destinations** 

M&A Hotspots with Niche Capabilities



LAC offers M&A opportunities in a wide range of niche capabilities across the region...



- North: Mexico is primarily known for it's capabilities to provide nearshore multilingual customer service to United States
- Central: Costa Rica and Guatemala are the prominent countries in the region with expertise in providing English contact center services
- Caribbean: Smaller countries of the region like Barbados, dominical Republic, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Trinidad & Tobago are centers ideal for small scale back office and Finance & Account operations
- South: The larger countries like Brazil, Argentina, Colombia, Peru and Chile have the strength of scale and IT services combined with a number of vertical specific services

## Global IT/BPM M&A Trends

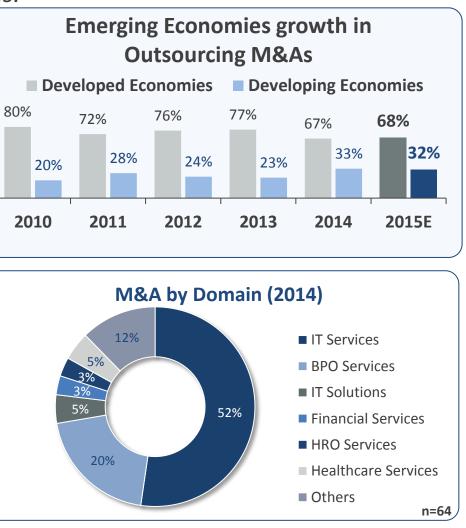


M&As has become a key lever to support growth strategy in outsourcing industry globally across Asia, Europe and Americas.



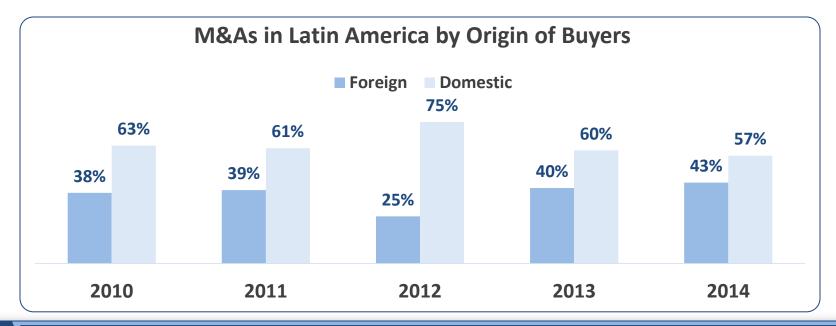
Source: Avasant Research 2015 (2015 YTD: Till end of June 2015)

NOTE: Deal size includes only for publically announced deal value; only IT/BPM deals © 2015 Avasant LLC. All Rights Reserved





Significant increase in M&As in the region indicate the overall attractiveness of the market for global investors and future opportunities in the region



- Estimates suggest that only 9% of the global M&A deals are in the LAC region, which is a small percentage but has grown from around 7% in 2010; influenced by regulations and currency variation making the region attractive
- > Brazil is the primary market for M&A along with countries like Mexico, Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Guatemala, Colombia, El Salvador and Trinidad
- > Rising number of M&As driven by foreign investors indicates the improving credentials and value of Latin America & Caribbean region

# Latin America & Caribbean

#### Success, Opportunities and Future Need...



LAC is often seen by investors as offering a compelling value proposition as a region, one-stop-shop to address investor community is the need of the hour

#### Strength & Opportunity Stronger together as a Region

- > Regulations: PPP (Public Private Partnership) laws regarding the formalization of procedures and clarification of rights of investors and sovereigns in connection with investments provides an attractive opportunity
- > Strong M&E and Private Equity (PE) market driven by regulatory reforms in multiple countries
- > Devaluation of currency in large countries like Brazil & Argentina has enabled improved labor arbitrage and attractiveness, focused regional promotion is the need of the hour

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#### Roadmap to the Future Develop & Promote as a Region

- > Coopetition: Countries in LAC region need to attract investments as a region and cooperate while they compete in order to leverage the complete value proposition the region offers
- > Successful regional ventures have shown significant growth & created significant M&A opportunities
- > Developing talent pool with private/non-profit organizations has enabled smaller countries like Costa Rica, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago take the next steps...moreover the region has pockets of niche talent which can be leveraged to maximize value to investors

#### **Develop Regional One-Stop-Shop**

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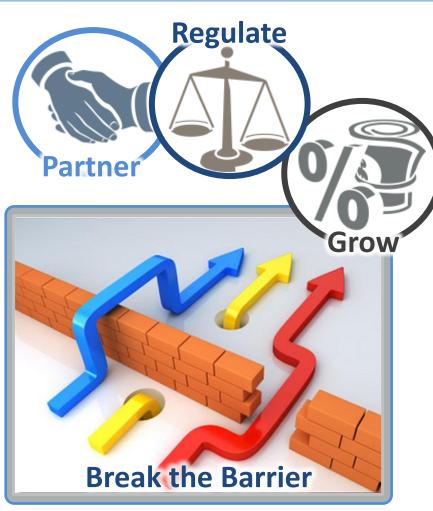
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## Eye on the Future



Latin America & Caribbean is still largely labor intensive



New trends in **automation/robotics** will be a game changer and impact the region earlier than other emerging economies



Make it an **opportunity**... collaborate as a region - key to success is to mitigate labor regulations which hurt region as a whole







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