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# India's IT Industry in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Vanguard of the Services Export Revolution

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# NASSCOM: Driving thought leadership and collaboration

- Premier trade body and chamber of commerce of the IT-BPO companies in India
- Over 1300 members – includes Indian Companies, MNCs and Captive units
- Access to an international network through 50 MoUs and linkages with 40 industry associations across the globe

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**Industry Development**

**Enabling Environment**

**Global Trade Development**

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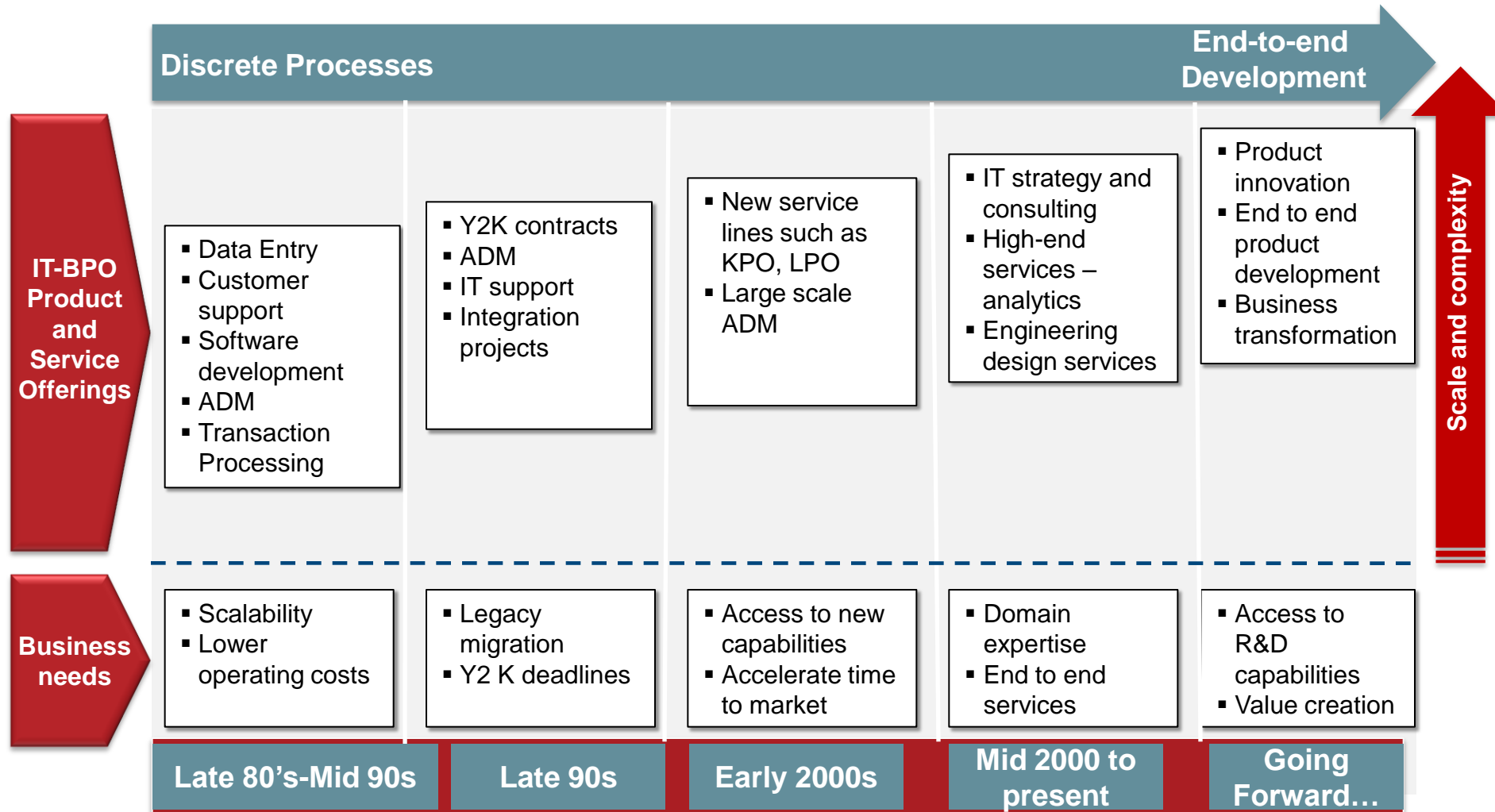
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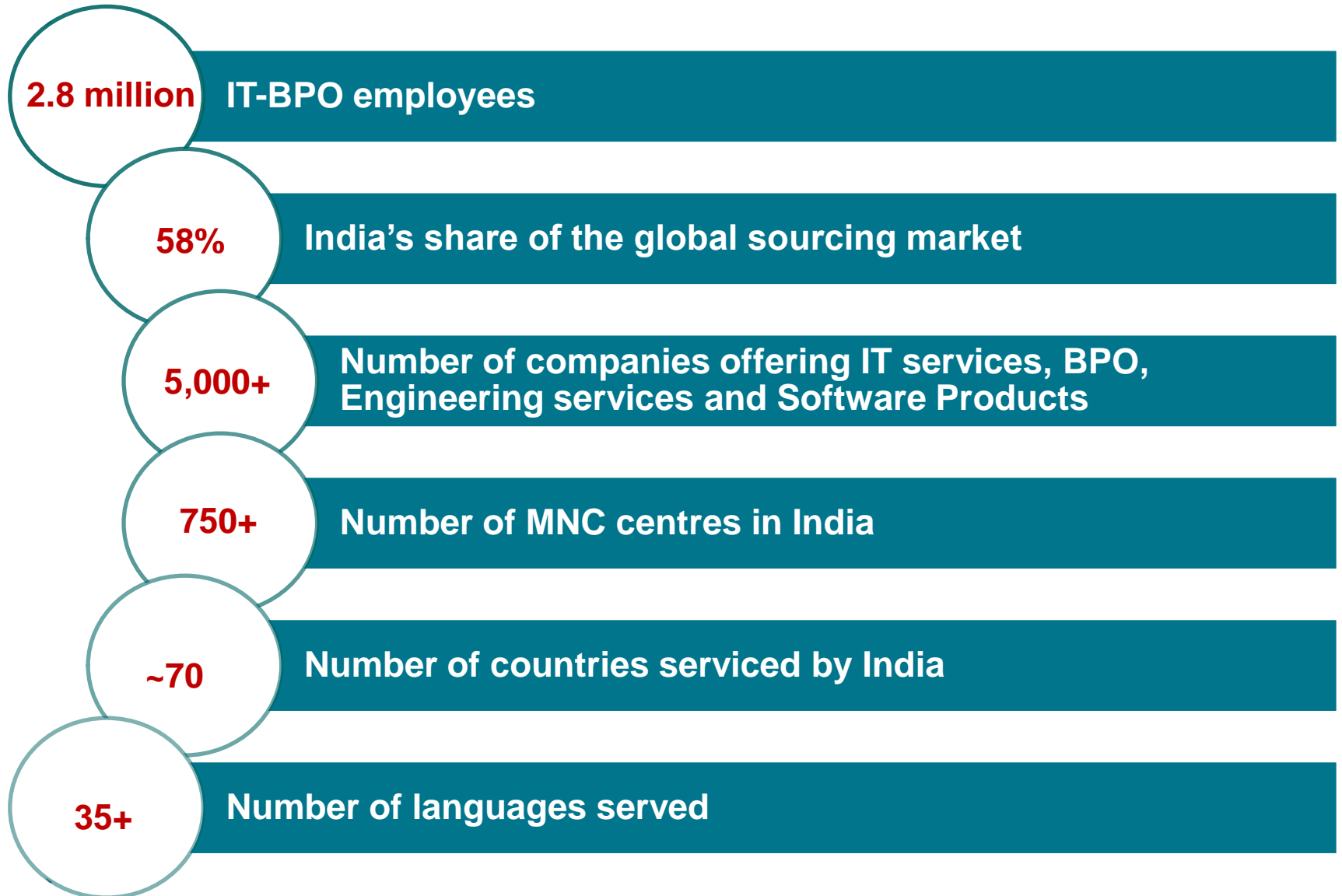


# Evolution of the industry

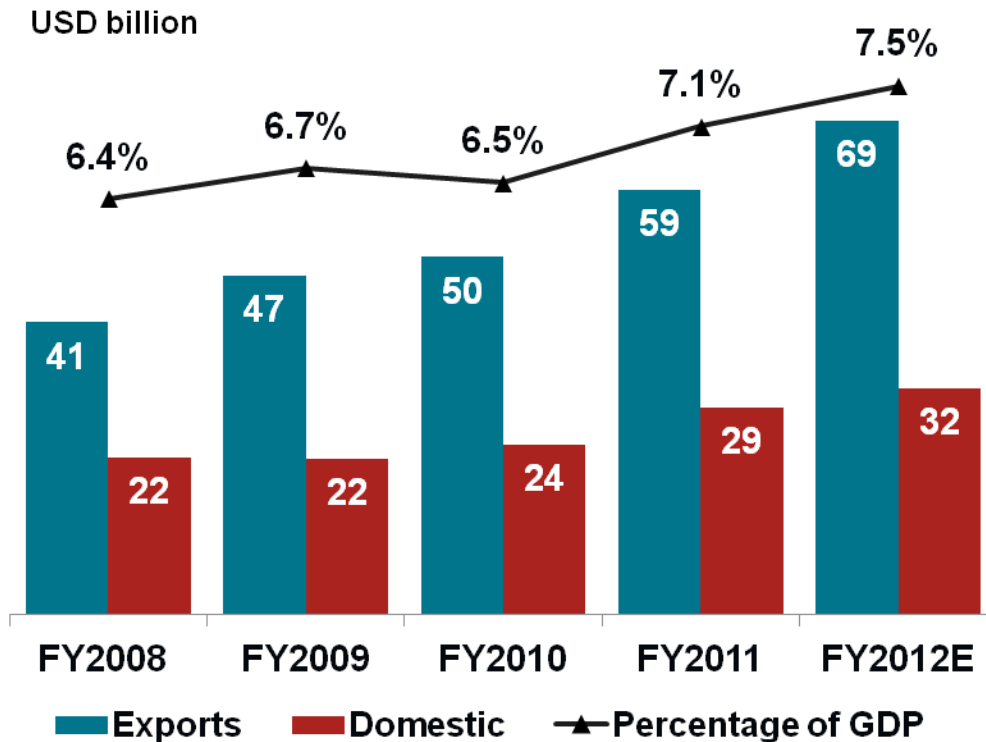
## Reinventing, transforming in a short span



# Indian IT-BPO industry overview



# Aggregate industry revenue – USD 100 billion+

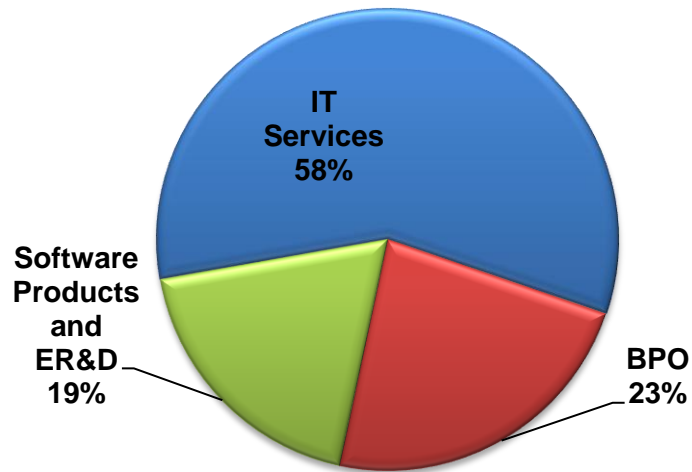


- **Total revenue: ~USD 101 billion**
- **Value add: 60-70%**
- **Exports CAGR: 17% for last 5 years**
- **Domestic CAGR in USD: ~10% – reflects impact of variable rupee**

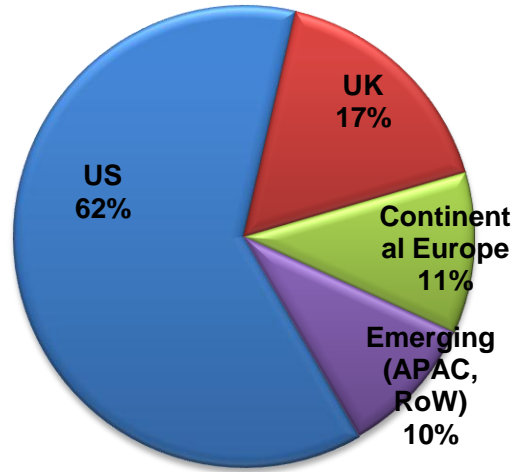
Note: E: Estimate  
 Source: World Bank, NASSCOM

# India has built global leadership in IT-BPO

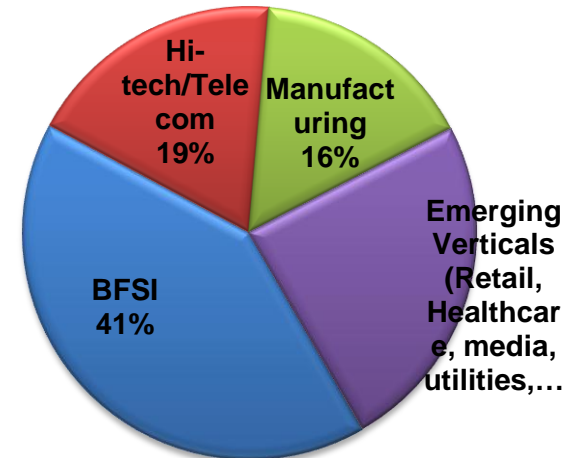
**Exports by Sectors**



**Exports by Geographies**



**Exports by Verticals**

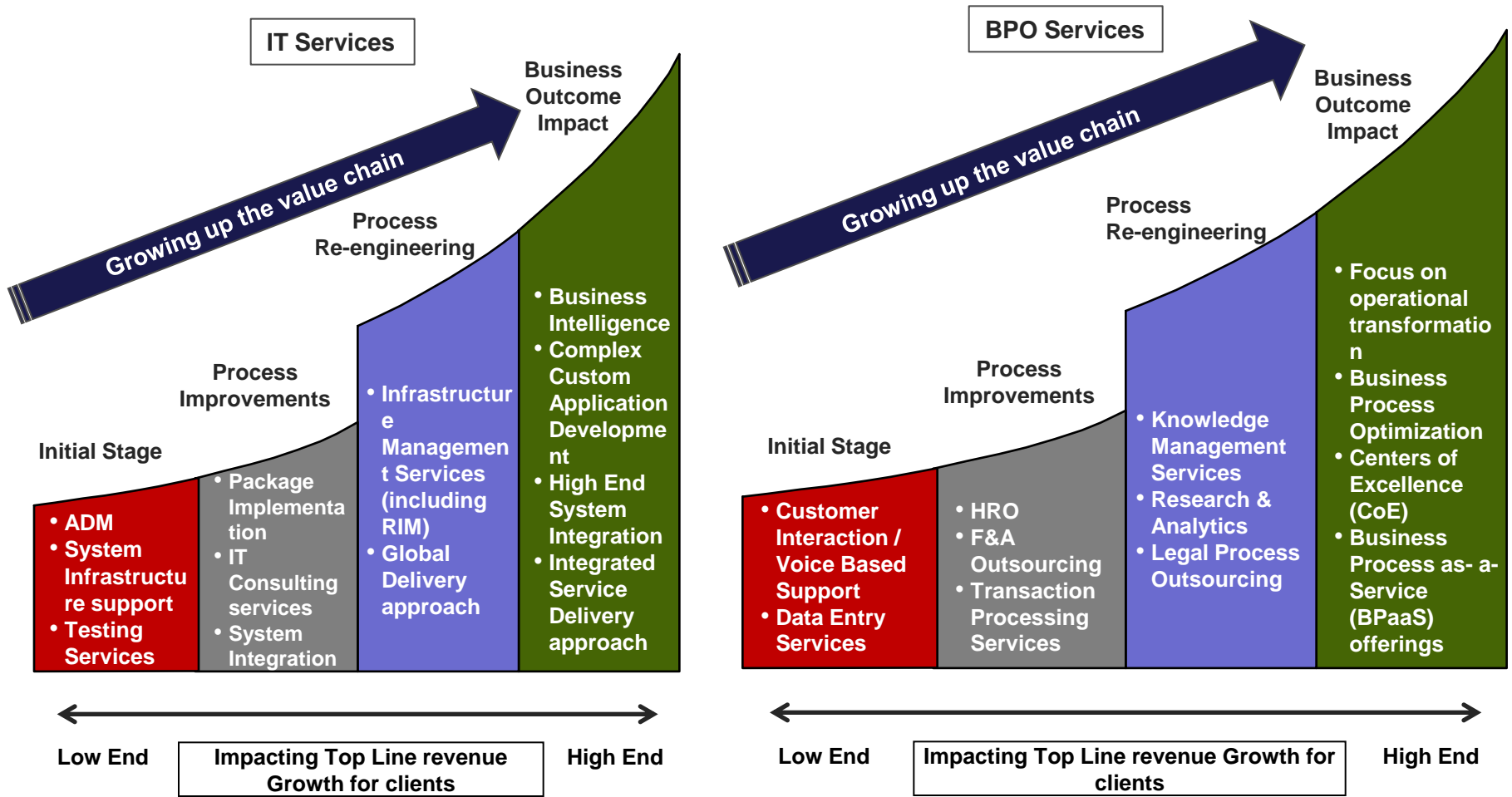


100% = USD 69 billion

- **80% of Fortune 500 companies and 20 of world's largest banks are clients**
- **70% share in global Knowledge Services outsourcing industry**
- **~7.5% share in India's GDP and ~23-25% in total exports**
- **~560 global delivery centers**

# Industry taking lead in delivering business outcome impact solutions

## IT-BPO sector: The New Wave



# Multi-fold impact on Indian economy



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### Driving Balanced Regional Development

Contribution to state GDP; Enhancing the education system; Employment generation; Infrastructure creation

### Empowering diverse human assets

58% of the workforce from tier 2/3 cities, 31% are women, 74% less than 30 yrs old, 5% economically backward classes

### Creating Innovation Platform

30X increase in patents filed in last 5 years; Growing R&D spend

### Putting India on the Global map

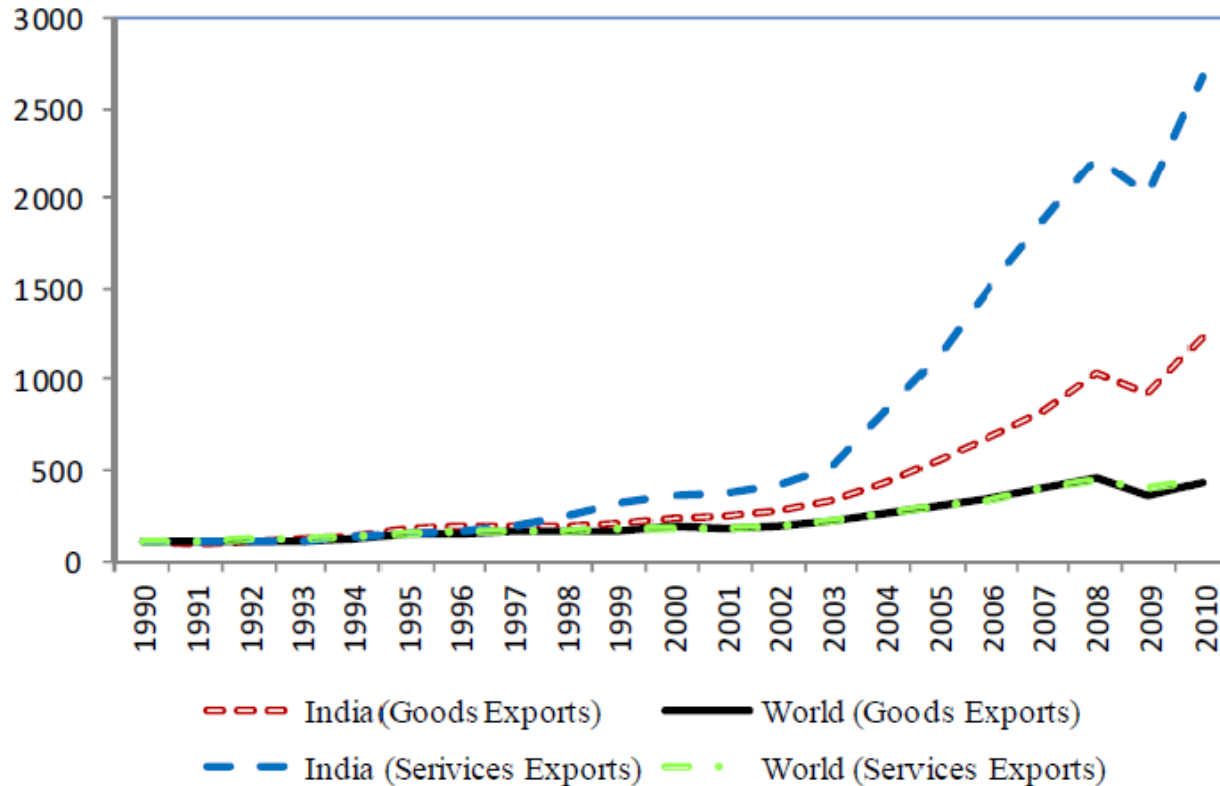
5-6% of total employees in large organisations are non-Indians, From 2009 to 2011 M&As increased 77% CAGR to reach USD 4.5 billion, 770+ captives

### Socially responsible and inclusive

Improved access and delivery of services, bridging technological divide, e-governance solutions, CSR activities



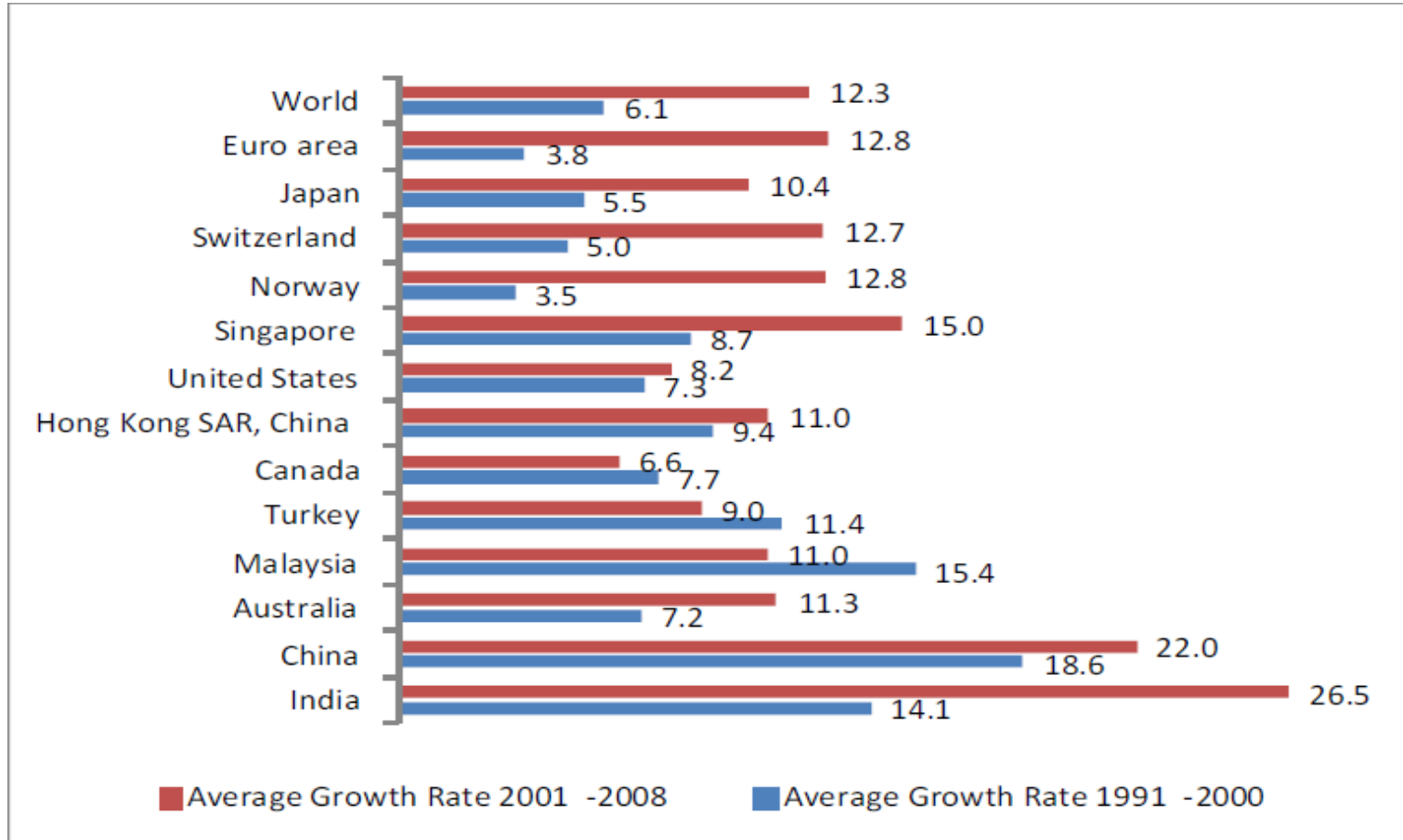
# Trends in World exports and Indian exports of Goods and Services in current USD (Index=100 in 1990)



Source: Barry Eichengreen & Poonam Gupta - Report on Exports of Services

**In the last decade India's exports of goods and services has risen at a faster pace as compared to the world's exports of goods and services**

# Growth rate of Services exports, Various countries



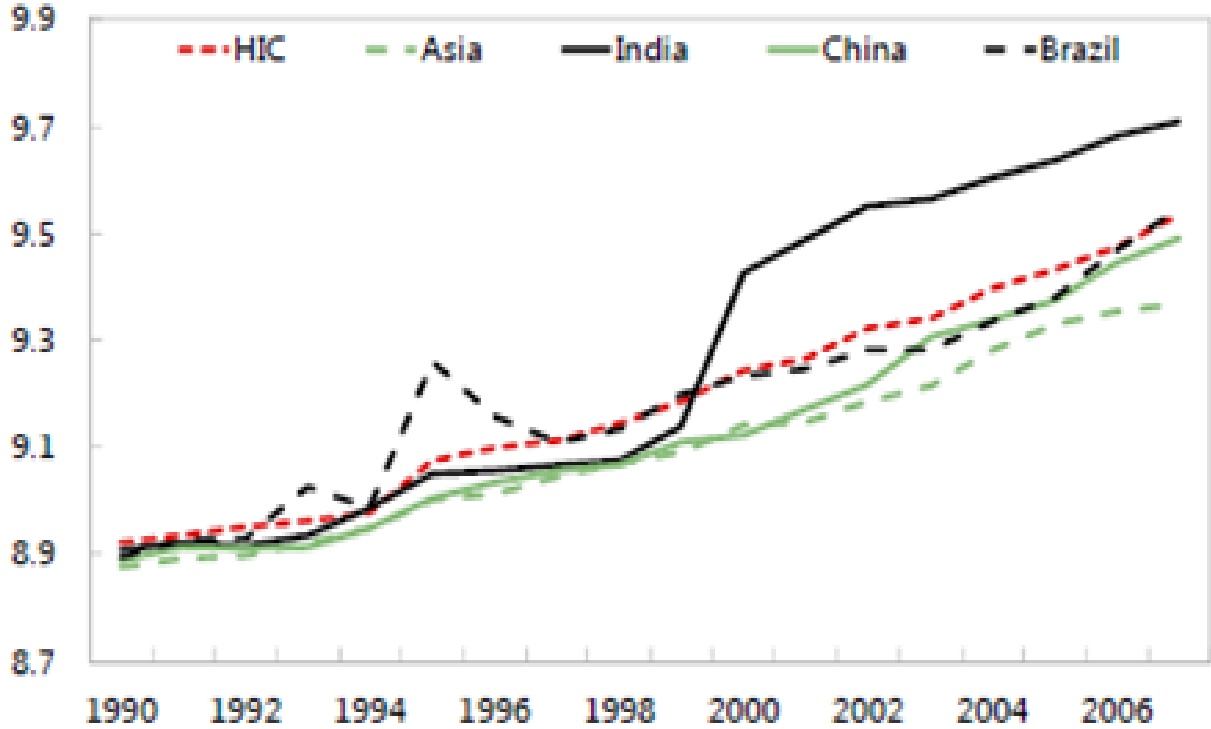
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**India recorded the fastest growth (averaging 26.5%p.a.) in services exports during 2001-2008 among countries, with China at 22%p.a. and Singapore 15%p.a.**

# Sophistication of Services exports

## Sophistication of Services Exports

(Non resource rich countries)



Source: IMF

**India's services export portfolio is close to that of developed countries**

# Services Trade: Surprising resilience during crisis

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- Experience during early crisis period (2007-08) - *Short lived dip*
  - Differences across service sectors - *IT-BPO did better*
  - Impact of economic crisis on trade
    - Supply side – *Drop in trade because credit dries up*
      - IT Industry less vulnerable
    - Demand side features of IT/ITeS services
      - No inventory or vintage effects
      - Long-term relationships
      - Less discretionary decision-making
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# Product development and Innovation vibrant

## Indian Product Innovation

**India – entering product era**

**2400+** Product Firms – **USD 2** billion revenues

**Start-ups innovating and growing**

**~1100** startups in last 5 years

**Entrepreneurship beyond metros**

**330** product companies located in Tier 2/3 cities

**Focus Areas – new technologies and India**

SMB, Cloud, Mobility, Social Media, Analytics, Internet, Education

## MNCs leveraging India

**Global Product development**

**500+** centers focused on product design and development

**Products tailored to rural needs**

Healthcare, telecom, financial inclusion, energy efficiency.

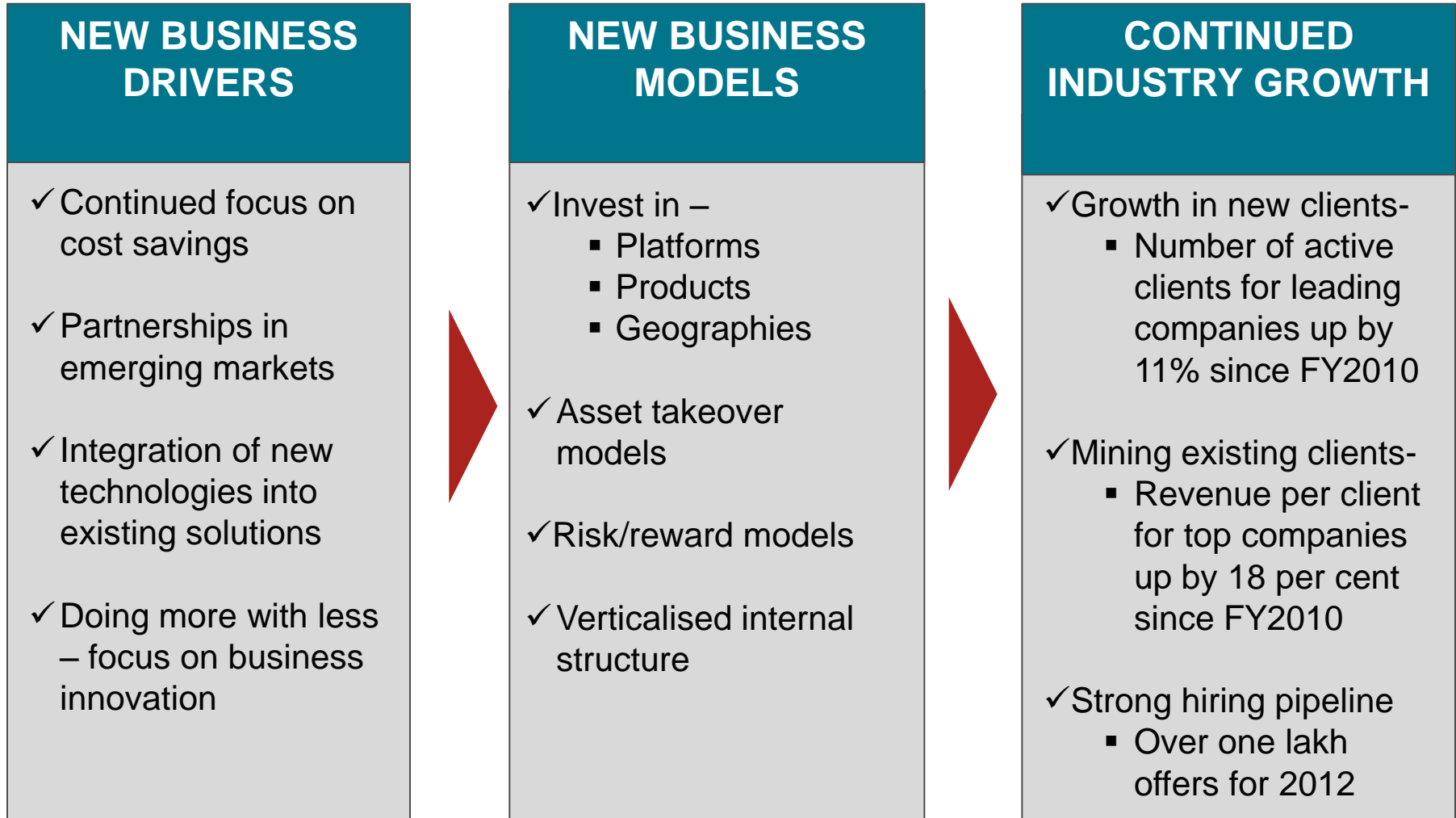
**Products for emerging markets**

Products for India used in other emerging markets.

**New lines of revenue**

India specific products creating new revenue streams

# New business models and drivers to ensure continued growth of the IT-BPO industry



# Emerging competition: Threat or followers?

## Countries

- 15+ countries, spread across 5 continents global sourcing aspirants
- Philippines, China, Egypt, South Africa, Brazil, Mexico, Bulgaria, Poland, Vietnam, Malaysia, Czech Republic etc

## Government Support

- Government – key driver
- Fiscal/tax incentives- Tax holidays, reduced corporate tax
- Talent development- training subsidies, faculty development
- Branding and Marketing support

- Each country - unique value, different services
- For example, China offers very good infrastructure levels, Philippines offers good multilingual support, Brazil offers time zone sync with US

## Unique Value Proposition

- As a result, each country targeting specific segments in global sourcing
- Philippines competing in the voice BPO space, China in the R&D space, Eastern Europe in the KPO segment, Brazil in animation space

## Niche Segments

**Multiple countries trying to compete – India cannot take leadership for granted**

# Change of the business development model

**Building business relation beyond CIO and global sourcing managers**

**Identifying newer niches – Customers, Verticals and Geographies**

**Building non-linearity in growth**

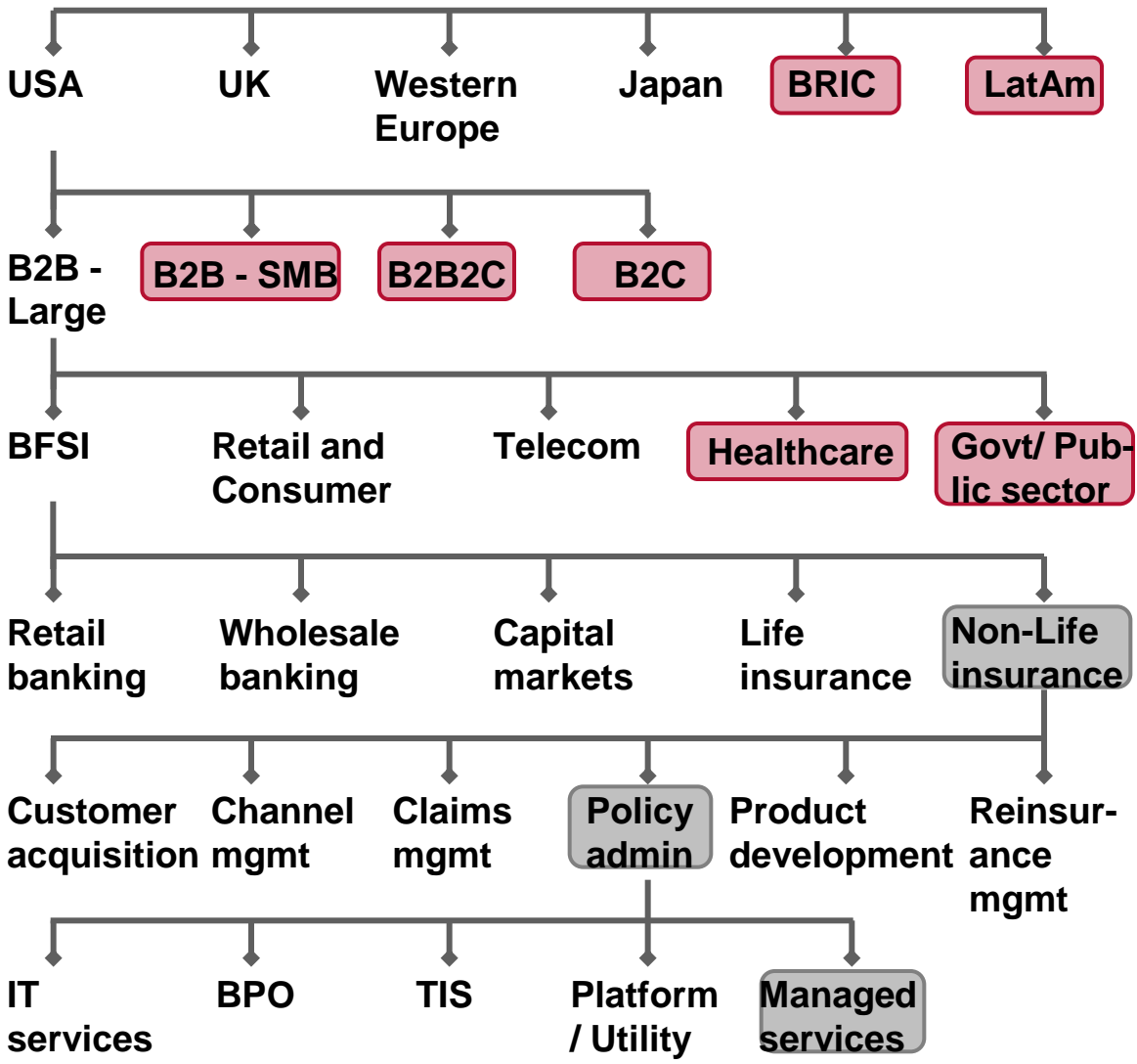
**Becoming truly more global**

**Driving growth from Alternate Business Models**



# Hyper specialization will drive growth

- 1 Geographies
- 2 Customer segments
- 3 Verticals
- 4 Sub-verticals
- 5 Business process/ functions
- 6 Service lines



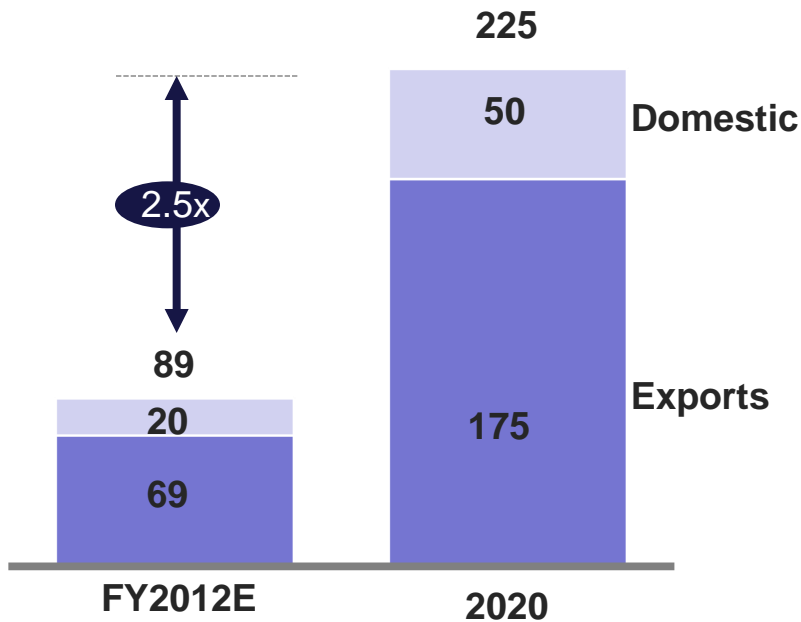
ABM enables providers to target opportunities that they hitherto had limited access to (e.g. Latam, B2B-SMB)

In core markets, ABM forces providers to focus on opportunities at granular level; potentially 200 granular opportunities exist with >100 M USD revenues

# The industry's vision for 2020 – Transform Business, Transform India

## IT/BPO industry revenue potential\*

USD billion



- Domestic market will be a major growth driver
- ICT as the key enabler for delivery of public services
- Innovation hub driving additional GDP contribution
- Increased diversity
- Free market provides opportunities for all

\* Excluding Hardware

# Need to mitigate challenges

## Macro-economic Environment

- Deteriorating EU situation
- Consumer spending not picking up

## Competitiveness

- Competition from other locations
- Pressure on billing rates
- Low profitability

## Talent

- Availability of specialized talent
- Soft skills enhancement

## Policy

- Fiscal incentives withdrawn
- Data security and privacy
- Employee safety and security

## Industry Measures

- **Strategic customer partnership**
- **India value add**
- **Global delivery**
- **Talent development**
- **Delivery centers in tier 2/3 towns**

# Policy and institutional challenges

- Ensure favourable business environment
  - Stable, consistent and predictable tax regime
  - Elimination of administrative hassles and protracted litigation
- Support for SMEs and start-ups
- Attract FDI to move up ladder of “Sophistication”
- Monitor and maintain cost competitiveness
- Strategic priority on exports
  - Special Economic Zones
  - Institutional and Fiscal support for new market development
- Skill development
- Immigration and regulatory barriers to services trade

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