

Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) Indian Supplier Landscape Report Preview

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This study focuses on suppliers that meet the following criteria:

India-centricity

India-centric suppliers include those that are predominantly focused on delivering BPO services from India. More tactically, the suppliers have been selected such that they:

- Are headquartered in India, or
- Have the majority of their workforce (>50%) in India

Additionally, we have included IBM Daksh in this study, which does not meet these specific criteria, but matches this profile for all practical purposes due to retention of its identity/independence¹

Scale requirements

We believe the numbers outlined below indicate achievement of critical mass and, hence, form the cut-off for supplier inclusion:

- CY06 revenues (or annualized revenue run rate) greater than US\$100 million, and/or
- Employees greater than 10,000 (as of December 2006)

Suppliers primarily focused on Knowledge Process Outsourcing segments and India operations of global BPO suppliers have been excluded from the study

¹ Another such example is MphasiS (EDS). However, MphasiS does not meet the scale criteria and, as a result, is not included in the detailed analysis but is profiled in Appendix

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List of suppliers covered in this study¹:

- EXL
- Firstsource
- Genpact
- HCL
- IBM Daksh
- Infosys
- Sutherland
- TCS
- TransWorks
- Wipro
- WNS

In addition to the suppliers analyzed in detail, this report also provides basic profiles of other emerging players who did not meet our cut-off criteria but have the potential to become serious offshore BPO contenders in the future. This list includes:

- 24/7 Customer
- Datamatics Technologies
- MphasiS
- Nipuna (Satyam)
- vCustomer

¹ Hinduja TMT, Aegis BPO, and Intelenet were other India-centric BPO suppliers that met this study's criteria but chose not to participate in the study

BPO offerings covered in this study¹



Category	Description	BPO offerings included (examples of processes)	Comments
Horizontal BPO	BPO services that are reasonably similar across industries	 Finance & Accounting (accounts payable, accounts receivable, taxes) Human Resources (payroll, benefits, recruitment) Procurement (spend management, purchasing, procureto-pay) Customer service (sales & marketing, service support) Others (facilities management, supply-chain management) 	Processes that require industry expertise (e.g., telecom technical support) are included under vertical-specific BPO
Vertical- specific BPO	BPO services that require a high degree of vertical-specific knowledge and which are not easily replicable across industries	 Financial services (loan processing, mortgage processing, credit cards, claims processing, policy administration) Telecom (billing, technical support) Healthcare (clinical data management, clinical trials, health insurance claims processing) Retail (store solutions, store cards processing) Other vertical-specific offerings in energy & utilities, travel, etc. 	
Knowledge Process Outsourcing	Knowledge- intensive outsourcing services	 Business research (consulting support, data collection, report writing, industry analysis) Data analytics (statistical analysis using tools such as SAS/SPSS, data mining, reporting) Data management (database creation, database cleaning, database maintenance, reporting) Market research (survey design and administration, analysis) 	Industry-focused offerings like media and publishing outsourcing are included under vertical-specific BPO

¹ Engineering services are not included in the scope of this study

Key messages



Indian offshore BPO market overview

- Following in the footsteps of IT ADM, offshoring of BPO services is becoming increasingly mainstream. India is at the forefront of this movement
- Key India-centric BPO suppliers have reached meaningful scale and are now successfully competing with traditional global majors in the BPO space

Key market segments

- To date, growth has been driven through select market segments, including:
 - Geographies: North America and the UK
 - Verticals: Financial services, telecom, and manufacturing sectors
 - Service offerings: Customer service, financial services vertical-specific, and FAO
- Among BPO offerings, the future growth focus is on FAO, vertical-specific offerings, and KPO

Supplier capability analysis

- The majority of Indian suppliers now have a BPO delivery presence outside of India
- Indian suppliers are offering a broad range of services across horizontal BPO, vertical BPO, and KPO segments in order to serve a buyer in multiple areas
- Distinctive spikes are beginning to develop across suppliers
- To fuel growth, suppliers are making significant investments including acquisitions, expansion of delivery footprints, and creation of technology platforms

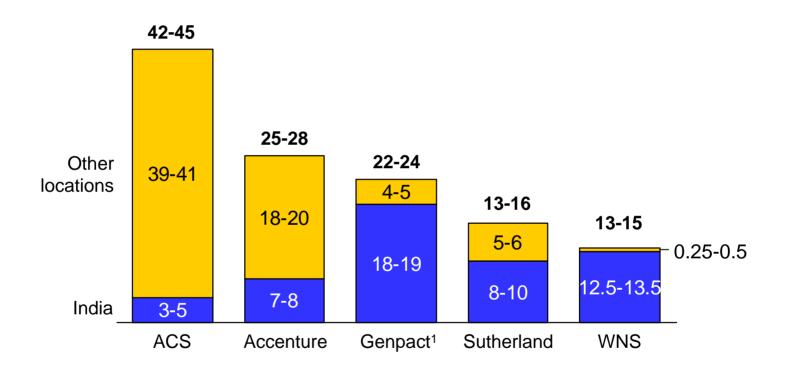
Beyond labor arbitrage

- Indian BPO suppliers are developing capabilities to move beyond the "low-cost provider" model and become end-to-end "process owners"
- As suppliers make this transition, they will need to:
 - Make significant investments across people, processes, and technologies
 - Structure and manage engagements differently, including higher risk-sharing, greater management participation, moving to output-based pricing, and other changes

The top India-centric suppliers have already achieved moderate scale in terms of employees



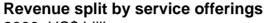
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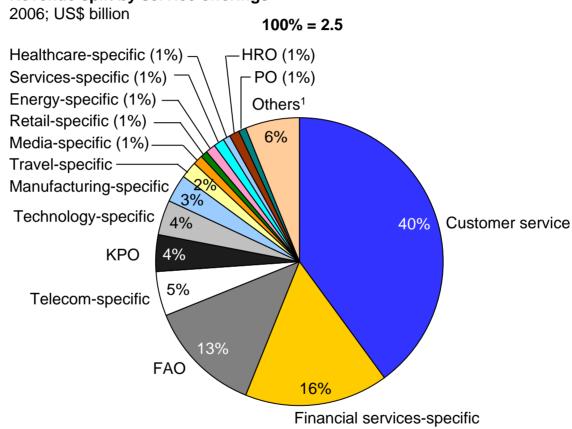


¹ Everest estimate of Genpact's BPO employees, excludes employees engaged in IT services Source: Everest Research Institute (2007)

Among service offerings, customer service, financial services vertical-specific, and FAO account for ~70% of supplier revenues







Vertical-specific service offerings account for 35% of total revenues

Source: Everest Research Institute (2007)

¹ Includes risk consulting, call-center consulting, data entry, validation, etc.

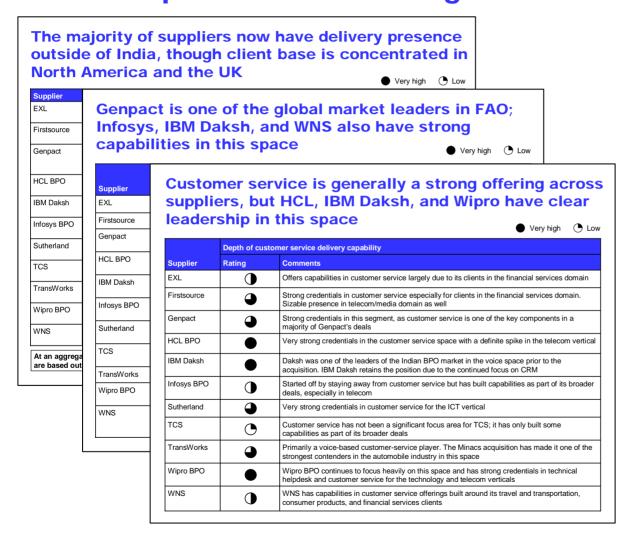
Future growth is expected to come from a different offering set, with FAO, vertical-specific offerings, and KPO providing the bulk of the growth



Market segment	Growth focus	Comments on market segment potential
FAO	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	 Continued strong buyer demand with no indication of a slowdown Suppliers making investments in people expertise, technology platforms, and process excellence
Financial services vertical-specific		 Although current contribution is high, buyer penetration is still low due to the large potential of this segment Fortune 500: will see further growth, with a trend towards captives Non-Fortune 500: expected to witness significant growth
Other vertical- specific	•	 Significant addressable market Suppliers focused on developing vertical spikes Key focus segments are telecom, media, and healthcare
KPO	•	 Expected to grow rapidly by cannibalizing some of the onshore work and creating new demand for these services Challenges around labor supply constraints and the need for a strong sales force
Customer service	•	 Buyer demand evolving towards integrated services across processes and channels Tier-1 suppliers attempting to increase non-voice work (e.g., order processing, marketing support) with an increased focus on building competencies in key processes (e.g., customer analytics)
PO	•	 Increasing buyer interest for outsourcing indirect spend Procure-to-Pay (P2P) seen as an extension of FAO capabilities; fully leveraged offshore sourcing model not yet established
HRO Source: Everest F	Research Institute (20	 Inherent buyer resistance to offshore internal employee-facing processes Suppliers are expected to push for offshore delivery as a lever to reduce costs

This report analyses suppliers on multiple dimensions to provide a comprehensive view of the suppliers' overall capabilities and strength areas

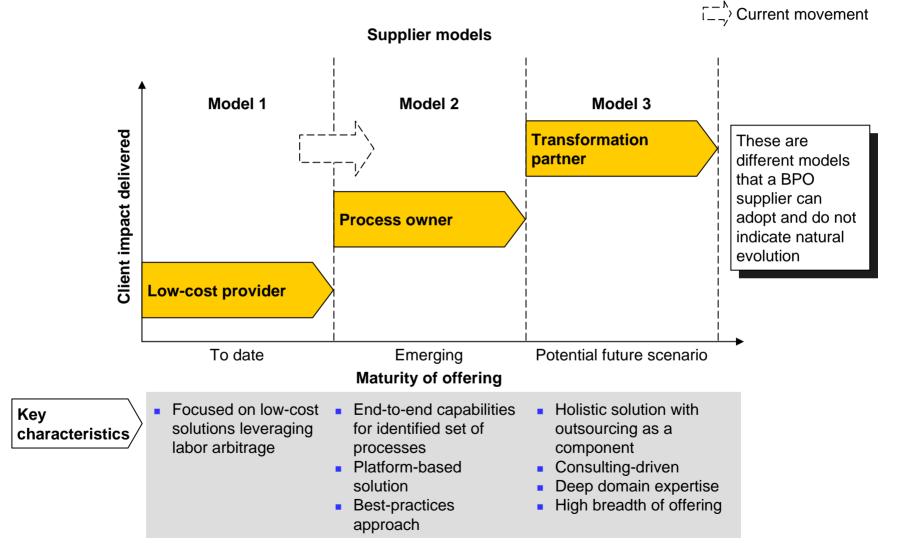




- All the suppliers have been evaluated in detail using a robust quantitative model on four dimensions:
 - Scale
 - Geographic reach
 - Breadth of offerings
 - Depth of offerings
- Additionally, qualitative perspectives based on Everest experience and knowledge have also been provided to supplement the quantitative evaluation

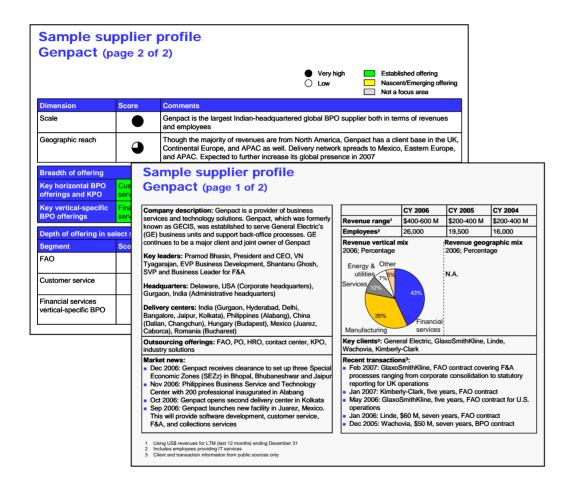
Further, it evaluates different supplier models prevalent today and provides tactical suggestions on how suppliers can move beyond labor arbitrage





The report also includes detailed profiles of sixteen key Indian BPO suppliers





Each profile contains the following supplier information and assessment:

- Company overview (description, leadership, etc.)
- Financial metrics (revenues, splits by geography, etc.)
- Details of service offerings
- Key clients
- Delivery locations
- Key transactions and other market news
- Quantitative and qualitative assessment along key dimensions (scale, breadth and depth of offerings, etc.)

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