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Points to Consider in the Pricing of Outsourcing Services

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Introduction

- PricePoint is a quarterly compendium of key demand- and supply-side trends impacting pricing in the Information Technology Outsourcing (ITO) and Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) deals. It is published by Everest Group's Pricing Assurance practice, which conducts pricing advisory engagements for large global buyers and providers of outsourcing services. PricePoint draws entirely from first-hand information and insights generated from:
 - “Live” advisory engagements
 - Analyst briefings and direct market conversations
 - Proprietary cost- and transaction-tracking tools
- PricePoint focuses on market developments in India and United States as the key offshore and onshore delivery locations for outsourced services. Other delivery locations are included as part of “featured research” whenever necessitated by market developments

What objectives does PricePoint serve?

- Supports (re)negotiation efforts
- Assists internal decision-making or calibration, as per market dynamics
- Serves as a potential thought-starter on unexplored areas of pricing or spend efficiency

What objectives does PricePoint not serve?

- Comprehensive benchmarking of client-specific resource units, service levels, or delivery metrics
- Customized guidance on optimizing contracted fee
- Specific peer intelligence

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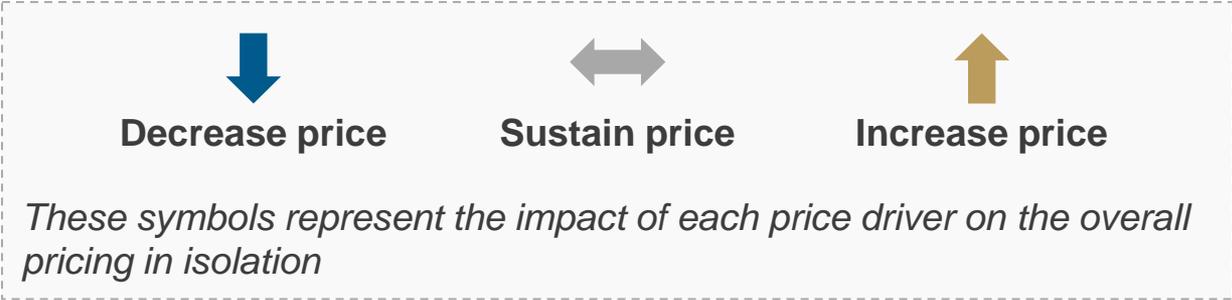
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Guide to interpreting pricing dashboards for outsourced IT and business process services

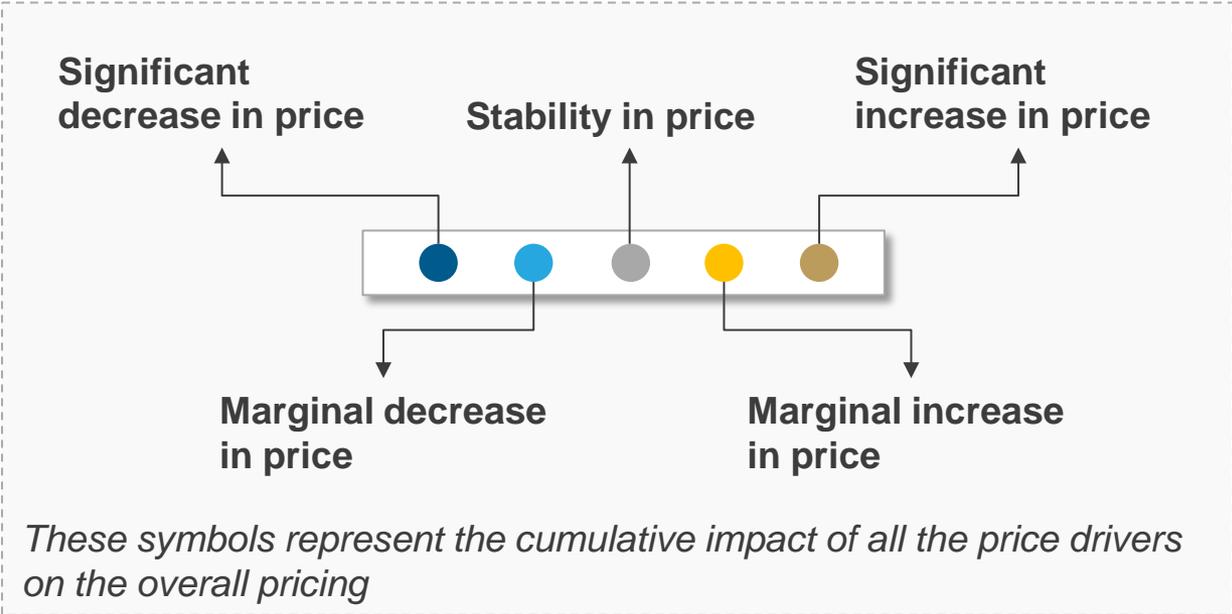
Area

Impact of price driver

Pricing implication symbols



Overall price trend/outlook



Pricing dynamics in outsourced IT services

Pricing dashboard – summary of pricing drivers in Q1 2014

Overall trend in Q4 2013



- Deal activity in Q4 XX.
- Pricing XX as evident from XX

Outlook for Q1 2014



- Demand is expected to XX in Q1 2014. As a result, pricing is expected to XX

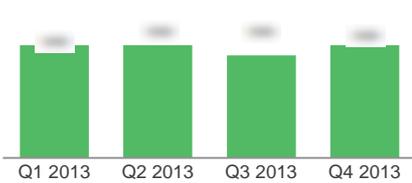
Dimension	Price driver	Impact Q2 2013	Impact Q4 2013	Conclusion
Demand-side factors	Deal size			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the previous quarter (Q3 2013), we assessed XX demand for discretionary, as well as simple outsourcing deals, though Enterprise Resource Planning / System Integration(ERP/SI) demand was XX • In Q4 2013, the demand for transformational and traditional outsourcing deals XX, leading to an overall XX demand environment, both in United States and XX <i>(Refer to pages 8 and 9 for details)</i>
	Deal volume			
	Value mix			
	New deal – renewal mix			
Supply-side factors	Resource utilization			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the previous quarter, XX operational efficiencies and INR depreciation allowed providers to have XX margins • In Q4 2013, XX utilization impacted providers XX, lower Selling, General and Administrative (SG&A) costs allowed for a marginal XX in operating margins <i>(Refer to pages 10 and 11 for details)</i>
	Overhead cost			
	Financial performance			
Macro-economic factors	Inflation			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating costs XX moderately in Q4 2013 • Also, marginal XX in INR led to further XX in operating costs <i>(Refer to pages 12 and 13 for details)</i>
	Forex rates			

Pricing dynamics in outsourced IT services

Snapshot

Demand-side factor (sample extract)

Size of ITO deals announced
US\$ billion



- The size of announced ITO deals XX in Q4 2013
- This was primarily due to XX
- We expect the demand for discretionary transformational project to XX in the long term

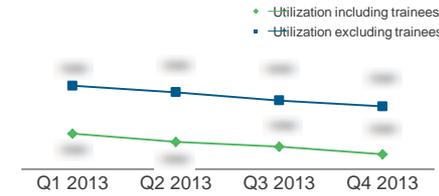
Total ITO deals announced
Number



- The magnitude of XX in deal volume was XX compared to that for cumulative deal size due to the following:
 - XX
 - XX
 - XX

Supply-side factors (sample extract)

Resource utilization



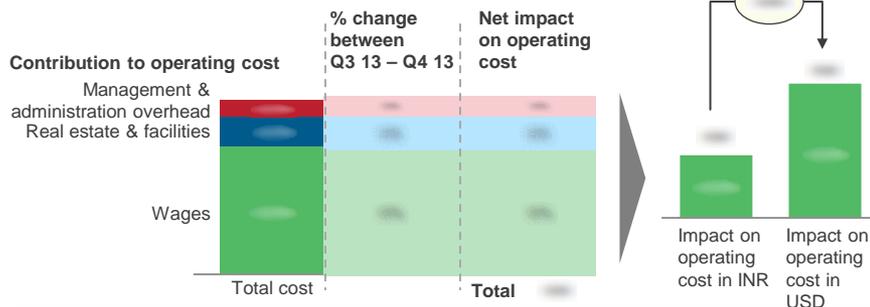
- In Q2, we witnessed XX in the average resource utilization for IT service providers . This was primarily due to :
 - XX
 - XX
 - XX

SG&A



- SG&A expenses, as a percentage of revenue incurred by providers, remained XX in Q4 2013
 - XX
 - XX
 - XX

Macro-economic factors (sample extract)



- Wage cost increased by XX% in Q4 2013 due to XX. In the near term, wage inflation is XX
- Real estate rentals XX in Q4 2013 due to XX. This led to XX% increase in the facilities costs
- Overall, operating costs of service providers increased by XX% in local currency (i.e., INR)
- However, INR XX against USD in Q4 2013
- Accounting for these currency fluctuations, net USD operating cost XX by XX% in Q4 2013

Trends and future outlook (sample extract)

Trend in blended FTE price at offshore (India) for ADM
US\$/hr/FTE



Trend in blended FTE price at onsite (U.S.) for ADM
US\$/hr/FTE



- On the buy-side, delays in / cancellation of some XX projects led to XX
- On the supply-side, revenue growth XX but favorable forex led to XX
- Most providers reported XX in pricing
Overall, offshore and onsite pricing XX

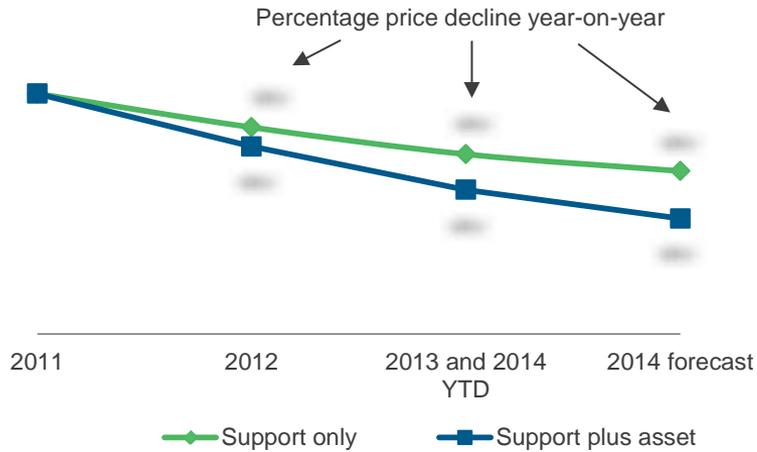
- **We** expect the demand to XX
- As highlighted earlier, demand outlook for XX initiatives is XX
- Providers' operating cost inflation is expected to XX
- Forward looking pricing cues, shared by most service providers, suggest XX
- Overall, pricing is expected to XX
 - XX
 - XX

Featured research

Snapshot

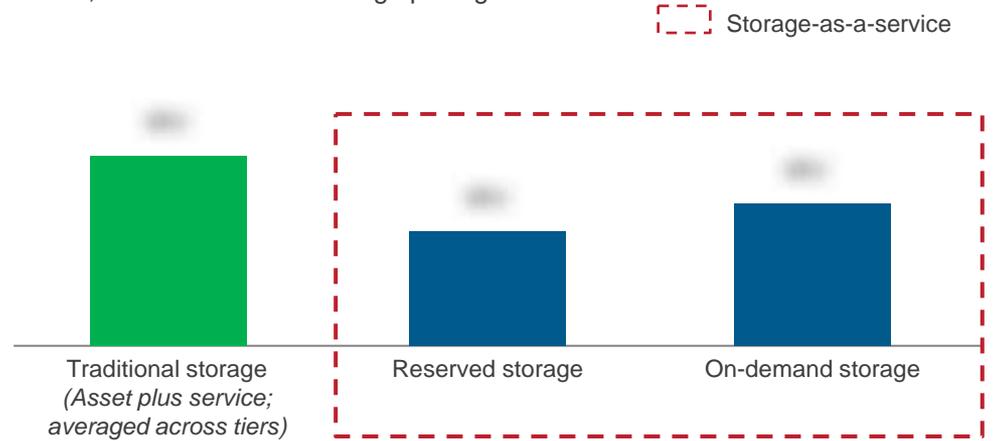
Trend in storage services pricing

Indexed, base = 2011 price



Storage pricing

Indexed, base = traditional storage pricing = 100

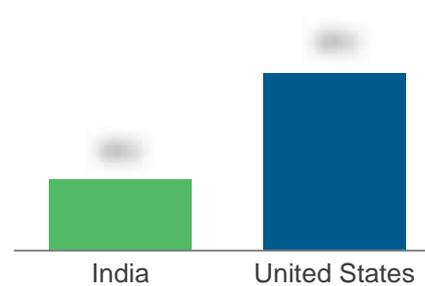


Key factors impacting the price difference between vendor site and client site resources



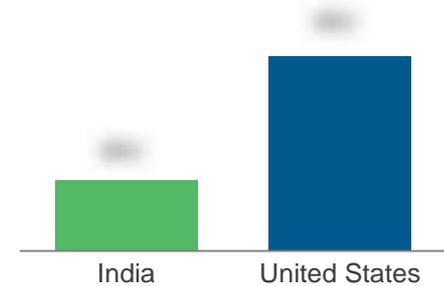
Cost difference between vendor site and client site

USD per annum, ITO



Price difference between client site and vendor site

USD per hour



PricePoint research calendar

■ Published
 ■ Current

Topic	Release date
Webinar Deck: State of the Global Services Market: 2013 Predictions	January-2013
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PricePoint™: Q4 2013	June-2013
Webinar: Pricing trends	Q2-2014
PricePoint™: Q1 2014	Q2-2014
PricePoint™: Q2 2014	Q3-2014

Appendix | Additional research recommendations

The following documents are recommended for additional insight into the topic covered in this research. The recommended documents either provide additional details on the topic or provide complementary content, that may be of interest:

1. **Benchmarking for Good** ([EGR-2011-9-R-0599](#)); Though buyers of outsourcing services are increasingly adopting price benchmarking as a lever to optimize spend, we have observed that “quick-and-dirty” benchmarks often fail to provide the expected negotiating leverage. This viewpoint outlines some of the common challenges buyers need to be aware of, in order to derive meaningful benchmarks
2. **Outsourced Portfolio Rationalization** ([EGR-2011-9-V-0585](#)); Large outsourcing arrangements are frequently plagued with complexities that can significantly undermine the outsourcing benefits. This viewpoint highlights a real-life client situation to describe how Everest Group’s proprietary “Outsourced Portfolio Rationalization” methodology helped unlock sourcing efficiencies

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