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# Background and methodology of the research

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## Background and scope

- Everest Group closely tracks the Application Services (AS) market. In this annual report we analyze the major trends in AS adoption, key factors shaping this market, and the outlook for 2015-2016
- This research also provide the market share of leading service providers across different IT services such as applications, infrastructure, and consulting
- The key input to this report was Information Technology Services (ITS) Request For Information (RFI) exercise conducted in Q1 2015
- In the RFI 2015, we reached out to 30 IT service providers. They included large multinational (MNC) providers with headquarters in Europe, North America, India, APAC, and other regions

## Methodology

- We asked RFI participants to report their 30 largest IT services deals (by total contract value) for 2014. This data was augmented by Everest Group SMEs tracking the application service market
- We also estimated the overall market size for IT services split across multiple dimensions such as type of service (applications, consulting, infrastructure), geographic region, and industry verticals
- The analysis herein is an aggregated summary of the responses by category (i.e., buyer geography, buyer revenue, and industry group)
- Based on the perspectives from Everest Group SMEs and a continuous interaction with the buyer community, the research also analyze the key trends shaping the application service market

# Everest Group's application services research is based on two key sources of proprietary information

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- Everest Group's annual RFI process with leading IT service providers (conducted in Q1 2015)
- RFI participants were asked to report the 30 largest IT service deals (by total contract value) they signed in 2014
- We analyzed over 700 IT service deals reported in 2014
- We asked the respondents about their top 30 deals, so as to focus on the high-value market

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- Everest Group's proprietary database of application services contracts (updated annually) of major IT service providers. The database tracks the following elements of application services relationships:
  - Buyer details including industry, size, and signing region
  - Contract details including TCV, ACV, term, start date, service provider FTEs, and pricing structure
  - Scope includes coverage of buyer's geography as well as functional activities
  - Delivery locations and leverage of global delivery model

## Service providers reached out for the analysis



Note: We continuously monitor market developments and track additional service providers beyond those stated above

Confidentiality: Everest Group takes its confidentiality pledge very seriously. Any information, that is contract-specific, will be presented back to the industry only in an aggregated fashion

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# Summary of key messages (page 1 of 2)

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Enterprises are cautiously adopting the Agile model of application delivery. However, they are also realizing that quick application delivery will involve operations as well. Therefore, the mandate has expanded to leverage DevOps principles where the entire value chain of application development, release, testing, and operations work in unison. This Agile-to-DevOps journey has its own set of challenges

Buyers of application services will benefit from this report to understand the evolving AS landscape, key trends to watch out for, and outlook for 2015-2016. Service providers will gain by understanding the major factors shaping the AS market, buyer expectations, and overall market trends.

## Some of the findings in this report, among others, are:

### Major highlights and key trends

- Enterprises have started to meaningfully adopt Agile principles for application development. However, they now also aspire to leverage DevOps model to enhance the speed and quality of development and operations
- Despite the focus on DevOps, most adoption is internal to enterprises with limited role played by service providers. Service providers will need to develop distinct capabilities to remain relevant in the world of DevOps

### Overview

- Application services market grew by ~4%, higher than the overall industry growth of 3.4%
- Rapid technology disruption is making buyers to leverage consulting services from external providers. Moreover, the focus is shifting away from labour-only models to outcome-driven engagements

# Summary of key messages (page 2 of 2)

## Buyer adoption

- The BFSI segment again led overall deal activity with 30% share. Manufacturing and Healthcare and Life Sciences (HLS) witnessed increase in the average deal sizes
- The average deal size for the North American region continued to decline. However, it had the maximum share of 50% in deal volumes
- Most Europe buyers signed deals with higher values than their global peers. Though Europe is holding up strongly, the current crisis related to country defaults may impact the demand in near term
- APAC buyers lagged their global peers and their deal volumes share declined by 200 bps

## Outlook for 2014-2015

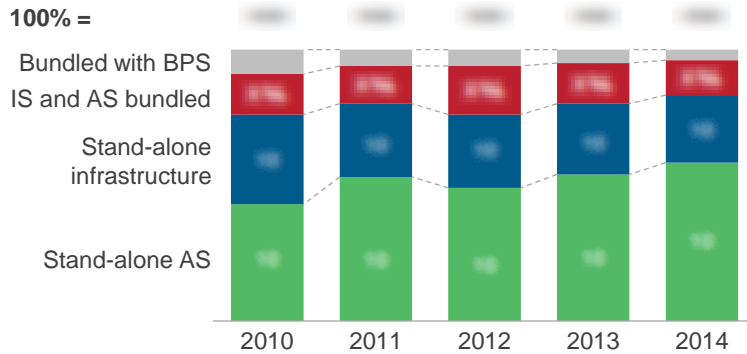
- Digital adoption will continue to drive appetite for applications. However, the bulk will be driven by traditional application services where the enterprises will demand 30-40% cut in operational spend
- Automation will play a key part in ensuring deal renewals. Service providers will have to offer significant cost savings for traditional application service deals
- North America will lead the growth of the broader industry. Europe will hold well, however, given the ongoing crisis may witness demand shock in the near term for a few service providers



# This study analyzes the application services market in terms of size, growth, deal characteristics, and key trends

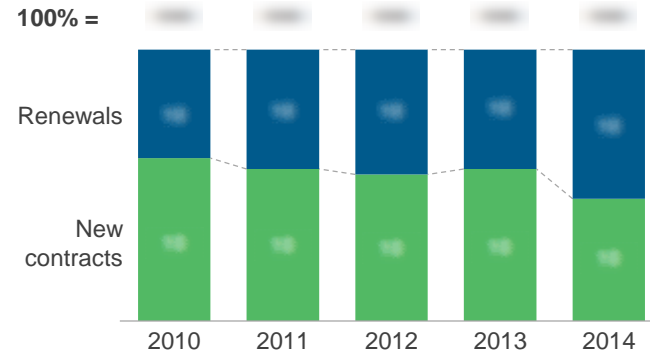
## Stand-alone AS drives the market

**Bundling trend in IT services deals**  
2010-2014; Number of deals



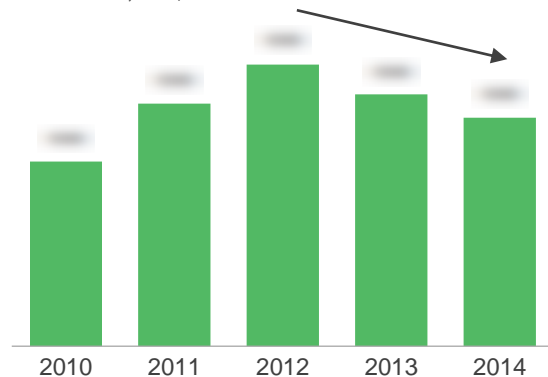
## Application services deals – New & renewals

**Trends in contract type in AS engagements**  
2010-2014; Number of deals



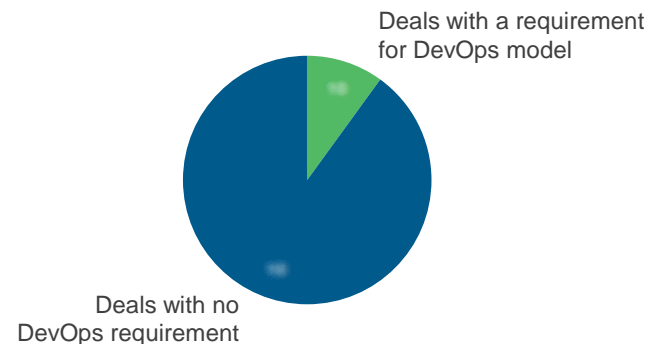
## Deal value trend in application services

**Average ACV trends in AS engagements**  
2010-2014; US\$ million



## DevOps in application services engagements

**Inclusion of DevOps-based delivery in application services engagements**  
Percentage of deals



Source: Everest Group (year)

# Application and Digital services research calendar

Topic	<span style="color: blue;">■</span> Published <span style="color: green;">■</span> Current <b>Release date</b>
Optimizing IT Service Delivery: Technology is the Answer .....	February 2015
Practitioner Perspectives - Wayne Butterfield Interview .....	March 2015
Upcoming Contract Renewals – Application Services .....	March 2015
The Agile Journey: Following Agile to Being Agile .....	May 2015
Application Services – Annual Report 2015: “Agile to DevOps? Not so Fast” .....	July 2015
Enterprise Digital Adoption: High Returns, Will They Sustain .....	Q3 2015
Independent Testing Services Market Update .....	Q3 2015
PEAK Matrix – Independent Testing Services .....	Q3 2015
PEAK Matrix – Independent Testing Services - Europe Focused .....	Q3 2015
Digital Adoption Market Update .....	Q3 2015
Digital Adoption Market Update - Europe Focused .....	Q3 2015
PEAK Matrix – Digital Services .....	Q3 2015
PEAK Matrix – SaaS Implementation .....	Q4 2015
SaaS Market Update .....	Q4 2015
What's Your Mobility Strategy? .....	Q4 2015

# Additional research references

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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 complementary content which may be of interest

1. **The Agile Journey: Following Agile to Being Agile** ([EGR-2015-4-R-1453](#)); 2015. This research focuses on pitfalls and suggest best practices for enterprises to scale their Agile adoption from a few teams to an enterprise level. It discusses they key challenges witnessed in this journey, mitigating factors, and a pragmatic approach to achieve Agile scaling across an enterprises
2. **Application Outsourcing – Annual Report 2014: “Rationalization Goes Hyper”** ([EGR-2014-4-R-1120](#)); 2014. This annual research analyses into the application services landscape. It provides data-driven facts and perspectives on the overall market. The research covers AS adoption trends, demand drivers, next-generation services such as mobility, analytics, and cloud. The research analyzes buyer challenges, and trends shaping the market

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