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Background and scope of the research

Background of the research

In the past five years, there has been a growing interest in onshore delivery of IT services from the United States, driven by changes in regulations, a rise in digital services, and a growing inclination among companies to explore lower-cost and non-traditional location options. As companies evaluate location options to set up onshore delivery centers, they face trade-offs in cost, talent, local market maturity, and business incentives. This report highlights the key factors to consider when selecting locations for onshore delivery centers and provides an overview of key drivers of onshore delivery of IT services.

In this research, we analyze locations within the United States for onshore IT delivery across various dimensions:

- Operating cost
- Talent pool availability
- IT services landscape
- Business environment and others

The scope of the analysis includes:

- IT-ADM¹ delivery from in-house centers as well as third-party service providers from locations in the United States
- Key location types and associated trade-offs
- Assessment of select cities in the United States for setting up delivery centers

¹ Application Development and Maintenance

Methodology - Everest Group's extensive databases, proprietary market intelligence, and inputs from market participants formed the foundation for this report

- Proprietary intelligence
- Market thought leadership
- Actionable and insightful research

1 Robust definitions and frameworks – location assessment, sustainability, and scalability

2 Proprietary databases (global in-house centers, service providers, market activity, cost/labor, and transaction intelligence)

3 Diverse set of touch-points with key global- services stakeholders for on-the-ground perspectives

4 Fact-based research adequately informed by deep domain expertise and experience

- A dedicated team for global sourcing research, comprehensively supporting all location-related requirements of clients (information, strategy, tracking, etc.)
- Comprehensive, year-round tracking of global sourcing activity across outsourcing transactions, locations, Global In-house Centers (GICs), and service providers
- More than 20 years of advising clients on global sourcing decisions spanning strategy, optimization, and implementation
- Executive-level relationships with buyers, service providers, country/industry associations, and other industry stakeholders (recruiters, real estate firms, and legal firms)

Overview and abbreviated summary of key messages

The report provides an overview of IT industry in the United States, emerging trends, and drivers for growth. As companies look at increasing their onshore operations, this report aims at helping companies make location selection decisions by providing an in-depth analysis on the value proposition offered by different locations.

Some findings of the report

Onshore IT services delivery in the United States and trends in the industry

- IT jobs in the United States are projected to increase by 23% from 2015 to 2020
- While traditional IT services continue to be sourced from offshore geographies, digital technologies such as social, media, analytics, and cloud are increasingly being delivered from onshore locations
- Onshoring is also driven by various factors such as regulatory factors, the need to be agile, faster time-to-market, and customer preferences
- Access to niche-skilled talent is another major concern, and is pushing companies to adopt alternative talent hiring and management practices to meet the demand for skilled talent

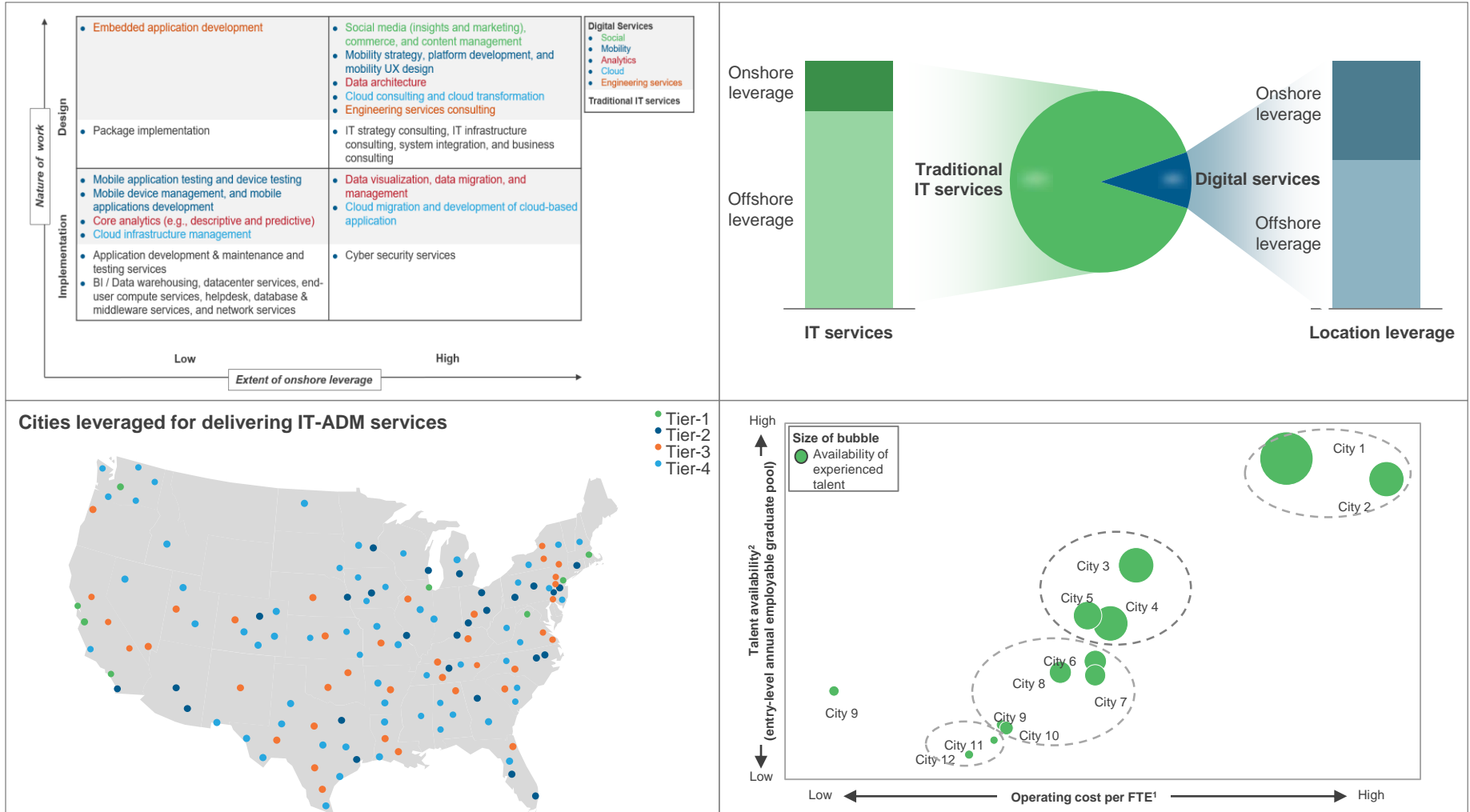
Location selection framework as a function of cost, talent and incentives

- There are 150+ locations in the United States being leveraged for delivery of IT services, however, only half of them can support a center-scale of 300+ IT resources
- For companies making location decisions for delivery of IT services, various parameters such as operating cost, talent, industry landscape, business environment, and incentives should be considered
- While significant cost arbitrage can be achieved in tier-2 and tier-3 cities, the availability of talent availability also decreases, requiring companies to carefully evaluate trade-offs

Implications for buyers and providers

- Enterprises should carefully consider operating costs and scalability potential amongst location options while deciding their location portfolio
- While tier-1 locations rate high on availability of niche-skilled talent, they have high operating costs, making them suitable for low-scale and complex work centers
- Tier-2 and tier-3 locations offer significant cost arbitrage along with moderate availability of quality talent and can be leveraged for both traditional and complex service delivery
- Tier-4 and beyond are nascent locations with limited availability of talent and established infrastructure

The reports provides insights on locations in the United States for onshore IT services delivery in the light of their cost-talent-incentives value proposition



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"Next-wave" location profiles: Chandigarh, India	September 2016
"Next-wave" location profiles: Cape Town, South Africa	September 2016
"Next-wave" location profiles: Morocco	September 2016
IT Services Delivery from the U.S.: Making Location Decisions as Onshoring Increases	September 2016
Global Locations Annual Report	Q3 2016
"Next-wave" location profiles: Kiev, Ukraine	Q4 2016

Additional research references

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

1. **Global Hotspots For Digital Services** ([EGR-2016-2-R-1778](#)); 2016. This report provides an in-depth view of the global digital services industry from a talent perspective. It covers the global distribution of digital talent coupled with cost trade-offs and provides readers with an up close view of global “sweet-spots” for various digital services
2. **North America Domestic Outsourcing Services: Providers Embrace Onshoring – Is the World Still Flat?** ([EGR-2015-2-R-1455](#)); 2015. This report analyses key trends in domestic outsourcing market in the U.S. and Canada, looking at variations by location type across different functions, type of service provider, and other factors. The analysis includes over 670 delivery centers representing more than 50 leading service providers across IT, business process, and contact center, in approximately 300 cities.
3. **Global Locations Annual Report 2015: Resurgence of Activity Amidst Evolving Propositions** ([EGR-2015-2-R-1619](#)); 2015. The global sourcing locations landscape showed definite signs of recovery in 2014, after a slump in 2013. The Global Locations Annual Report 2014 is a unique and comprehensive guide to understanding the nuances of the locations landscape and interpreting locations-related developments and trends to frame locations strategy. It presents insights into the size and growth of the global services market, update of locations activity, changes in risk profiles of locations, and an analysis of the maturity, arbitrage, and potential of locations (MAP Matrix™)

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