

#### **CONSULTING MARKET PROGRAMME**

# The Australian consulting market in 2014





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#### Executive summary

- Growth in the Australian consulting market slowed in 2013 to just 2%, meaning
  the market is now worth a little in excess of US\$4.2bn. Political uncertainty,
  allied to ongoing concerns about the fragility of the economy (domestically and
  internationally) accounted for much of this slowdown in the rate of growth.
- We expect the rate of growth to recover slightly in 2014, to about 3%.
- Australian clients are focused on their productivity, both in response to a relatively
  weak domestic economy and to the opportunities that exist for them internationally.
- The consulting market in Australia's large services sector led the way in 2013, growing by 3.9% to a value of US\$687m. Transport saw significant investment, while logistics and distribution companies benefited from Australian consumers' interest in buying goods online from overseas vendors. But healthcare was also strong, growing by 3.1% to a value of US\$150m. Public sector investment, despite the new government's austerity measures, drove the use of consulting here.
- From a consulting service perspective, technology dominated, growing by 3.2% in 2013 to a value in excess of US\$1bn. Productivity is the driver here, but clients are embracing the potential held by new technology to enable much of what they want to do both in terms of productivity and the way they interface with customers. Consulting support around more traditional IT services like ERP remained in relatively strong demand, too.





### Definitions of sectors and services

Sectors	Sub-sectors
Energy and resources	Includes utilities
Financial services	Includes banking, insurance, investment and capital markets
Manufacturing	Includes construction
Pharma and biotech	
Healthcare	Includes publicly-funded healthcare
Public sector	Includes federal/central and state/regional/local government, state-owned organisations and education. Excludes healthcare
Retail	
Services	Includes business and consumer services, real estate, professional services and transportation
Technology, media and telecoms	·

Services	Sub-services
Financial management and risk	Responding to regulation
	Finance function
	Budgeting/financial planning process
	IT risk
	Operational risk
	Financial risk
	Programme risk
HR and change management	HR strategy and effectiveness
	Benefits, compensation and pensions
	Change management
	Internal communications
	Organisational design and culture
	Stakeholder management
	Team effectiveness and collaboratio
	Leadership and governance
	Performance management
	Talent management/training and development
Operational improvement	Business continuity and recovery
	Knowledge management
	Lean and Six Sigma
	Property and estate management
	Quality and performance management
	Supply chain management
	Cost-cutting
	Innovation
	M&A integration
	Managing quality
	Post-M&A integration
	Process design and re-engineering
	Procurement/purchasing
	Research and development

Benchmarking

Services	Sub-sectors
	Distribution strategy
	Environmental, sustainability and CSR
	Operational review
Strategy	Business and financial modelling
	Corporate re-structuring
	Corporate recovery and turnaroun
	Corporate strategy
	Market analysis and strategy
	Market research
	Policy formulation
	Strategic sourcing/ offshoring strategy
	Due diligence and valuation
	Infrastructure/asset financing
	and management, PFI
	Mergers and acquisitions
	Customer service
	New product development
	Branding
	Marketing and channel management
	Customer relationship managemen
	Pricing
	Sales force effectiveness
	Category management
	Sales and distribution planning
Technology	ERP consulting
	IT training
	Application of new technology
	Hardware/software selection
	IT design and build
	IT strategy, planning and review
	IT testing and integration
	Management information and business intelligence
	Technology and security risk services
	Hardware/software and systems implementation
	Requirements definition
	Web and internet consulting
	Project and programme management (eg where consulting firm has been engaged to run a specific project which it is otherwise not involved in)

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# 2014 Consulting Market Programme research schedule\*

#### Reports for different regions vary in length but the content includes:

- Overall description of the market in the region
- Data for the consulting market, by sector, service and segment
- High-level breakdown by geography within region
- Discussion about the current state of, and prospects for, the consulting market by sector, service and segment, combining the feedback of consultants
- Analysis of the key challenges and opportunities in the market
- Feedback from clients about individual firms (in selected regions)
- Growth forecasts

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	Southern Europe	
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	India	
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