

# INDO-US ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP: EXPECTATIONS, APPREHENSIONS & SOLUTIONS

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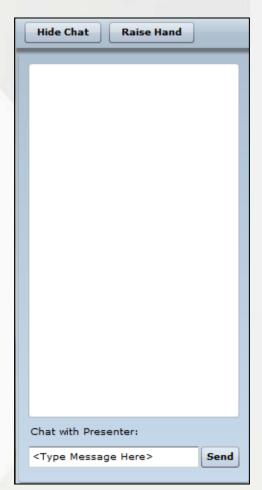
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### Decrypting the India opportunity





- World's #1 FDI destination
- Annual growth projected to overtake China by 2016
- Improving macro-economics, ongoing liberalization
- Carte blanche for a majority government
- Streamlined policy framework to simplify 'ease of doing business'
- Increasing alignment with global standards



# Past growth has transcended defining phases



Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	Phase IV
Technology	Manufacturing	Infrastructure	Consumerism



## Driving the next phase of growth



#### Flagship programs launched by government creating a host of opportunities

#### Make in India

- Promote local manufacturing across specific industry sectors
- Simplify existing regulations
- Reform existing labour laws

#### **Digital India**

- Provide nationwide digital access
- Develop India's egovernance systems
- Investment: \$70 billion over next 5-10 years

#### **Smart Cities**

- Develop 100 Smart Cities by 2020 under PPP model
- Key features Digital infrastructure, best urban planning
- Investment: \$30 billion over the next 5 years

#### The 'sunrise' sectors



Defence



Pharma





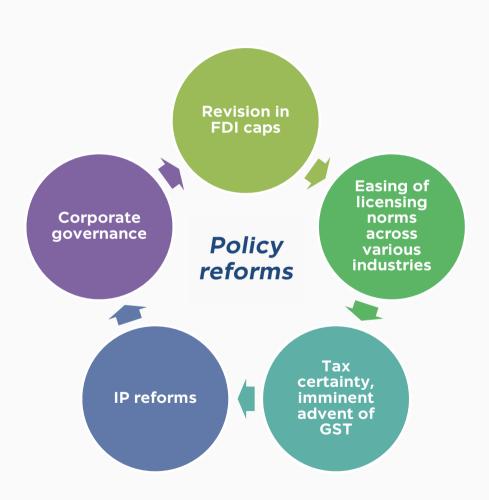






# Policy reforms complementing economic growth





### **Key challenges** Corruption and white collar crimes Compulsory licenses and patent infringements **Labour Reforms** Transfer pricing and tax issues Litigation and dispute resolution





### M&A Outlook



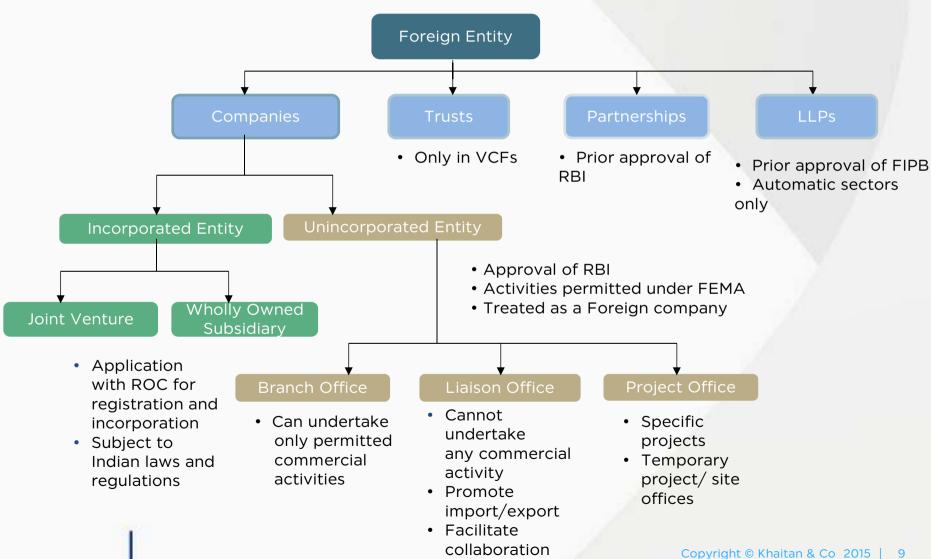
### Foreign investment regime



- 100% FDI is permitted in all sectors, except:
  - Prohibited sectors were no foreign participation is allowed; and
  - Certain sensitive sectors which have caps on the percentage of foreign ownership.
- FDI in sectors which have caps can be made under:
  - Automatic route: or
  - Approval route.
- Non-residents are permitted to invest both in equity and debt. Capital instruments that can be issued to a non-resident under the FDI route are:
  - Equity Shares;
  - Compulsory Convertible Preference Shares (CCPS); and
  - Compulsory Convertible Debentures (CCDS).
- All other capital instruments are considered as debt and are governed by the ECB guidelines.

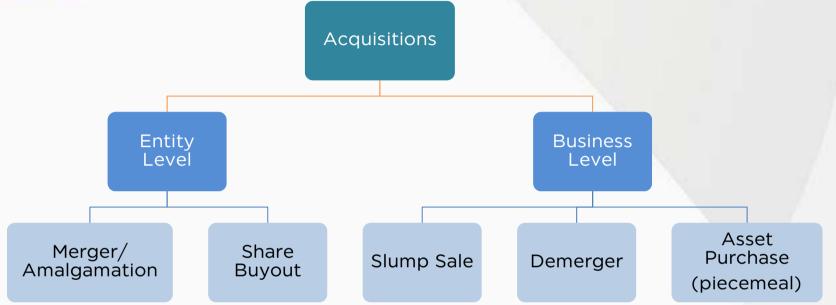












#### **COMMERCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- **Funding**
- Value addition
- **Business objectives**
- Deal size and other commercial parameters

#### **TAX CONSIDERATIONS**

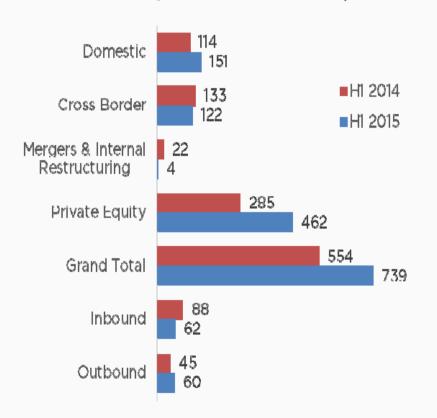
- Tax certainty
- Minimum India tax cost
- Tax efficient exit
- Tax efficient income repatriation

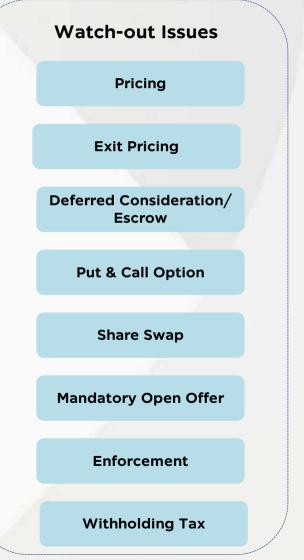


## View from the Deal Street



### Deal Summary India - H1 2015 v/s H1 2014









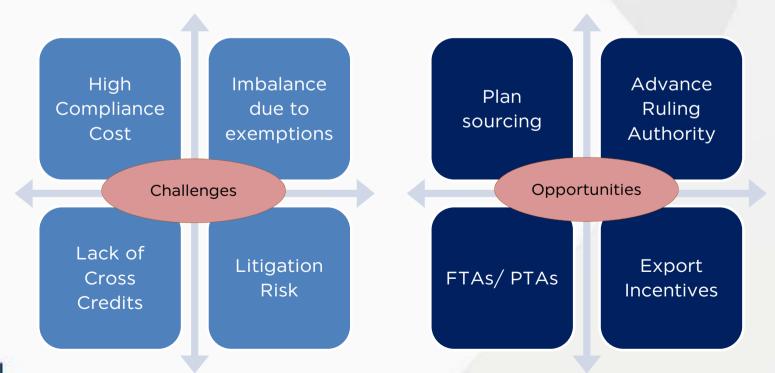
# Taxation issues impacting investment decisions



### Deciphering indirect tax regime in India MERITAS®



- Approximate impact of Indirect taxes on cost 30% on goods and 25% on services
- Federal Indirect tax regime
  - Central government collects taxes on import, manufacture, services and interstate trading of goods.
  - State government on manufacture of a few goods and trading of goods





### Deciphering direct tax regime in India



- Residents taxed on worldwide income, non-residents taxed on Indian sourced income
- Effective tax rates:
  - Indian company approx. 48% (including base rate of 30%, DDT of 20% and surcharge and cess);
  - Foreign company approx. 43% (income attributable to a taxable presence, other sources)
- Special regime for Foreign Portfolio Investors and funds sector
- Key areas of concern:
  - Double taxation on exit
  - Dispute & litigation risk
- Strategic decisions:
  - Tax treaties
  - Repatriation methods
  - Advance Pricing Agreements





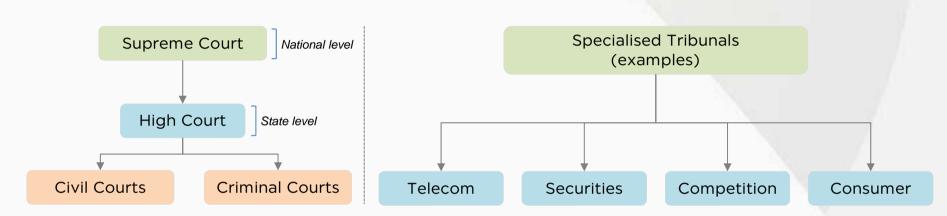
# Understanding litigation and white collar crimes risks



### Dispute Resolution in India



#### **Dispute Resolution Landscape**



Efforts to promote international arbitration

- Sweep of 'public policy' definition substantially reduced for enforcement of foreign arbitral award
- Expanding jurisdiction of arbitral tribunal to reflect international trends
- Concept of 'seat' and the principle of territoriality in international arbitration has come to stay
- Issue of interim injunction for foreign seated arbitration is subject matter of legislative debate, expected to resolve soon
- Institutional arbitration has taken deep roots in India



## White Collar Crimes



#### Heightened Scrutiny: management and promoters under

spotlight

**Amended** legislations: risk mitigation is imperative

> **Emerging areas of** concern: data protection and privacy

### White Collar Crimes Investigation & Trial (Criminal Liability) Investigation of Promoters/ KMOs Arrest, search & seizure, etc. Long drawn court trials Proceedings for attachment of assets and prosecution



## Most Global MNCs are in India

















































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