# **Cloud Computing**

Leveraging The Cloud For Your Business

### Agenda

- Introduction
- Cloud computing landscape
- Enterprise issues
- Emerging / high-growth company opportunities

#### Actionable Strategies - Firm Overview

- Boutique consulting firm
- Focused on key items on the executive agenda
- Unique perspective of solution offerings and thought leadership
- Solutions drive performance improvement and lower TCO
- Unique SME, domain knowledge and capacity to deliver end-to-end solutions for clients
- Global delivery capabilities

#### **Americas**

- New York headquarters
- · Washington D.C. branch

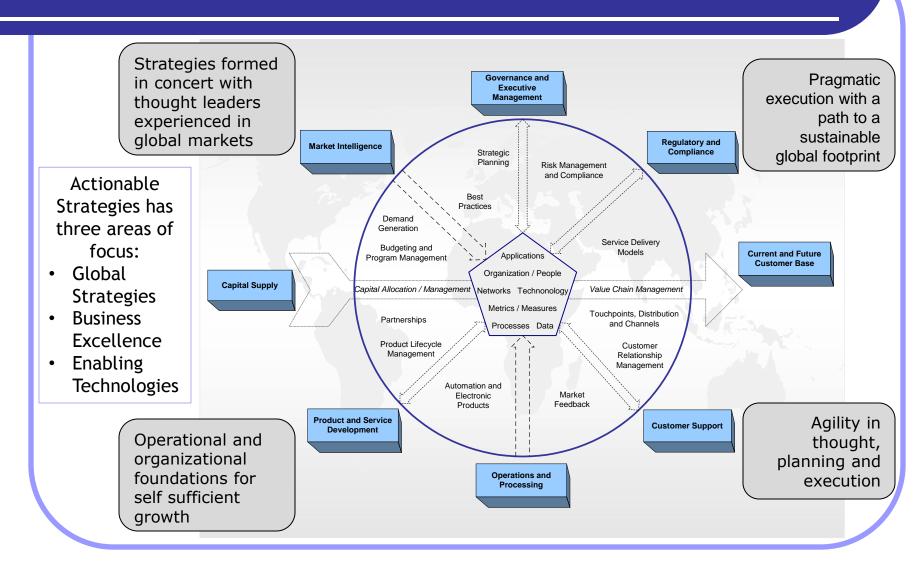
#### **EMEA Alliances**

- · Bucharest, Romania
- · Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- London, U.K.
- · Madrid, Spain
- Prague, Czech Republic

#### **Asia-Pacific Joint Venture**

- Beijing
- Guanzhou
- Shanghai
- Sichuan
- Tokyo

#### Solutions Map



# Speaker Background

- Double major in Finance and Management from Wharton
- Business leadership roles
  - Sales
  - Marketing
  - Operations
  - Client services

Jeffrey A. Wu CEO

**Actionable Strategies** 

- Technology/process experience
  - Lean and Six Sigma Green Belt
  - Agile software development
  - Global teams including technology and operations at Thomson
  - Software-as-a-Service offerings as CTO at ADP
- Prior roles
  - CEO of Claritas (launched multiple SaaS businesses)
  - VP Business Development at software companies Mergent International,
    Computer Concepts in addition to Thomson Financial

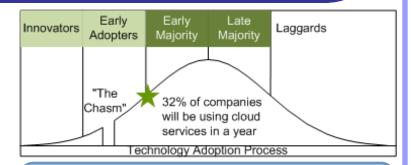
# Strategic Landscape

- Technical advances have enabled technology providers to deliver their products in service form
  - Fast and ubiquitous network connectivity
  - Virtualization of hardware to reduce costs
  - Off-the-shelf technologies that enable multi-tenancy
- Cloud providers operate at different levels of complexity from basic infrastructure to entire business processes
- Cost models are attractive
- Services are generally well delivered
- Gartner Group predicts 20%
  of organizations will have no
  IT assets within 2 years

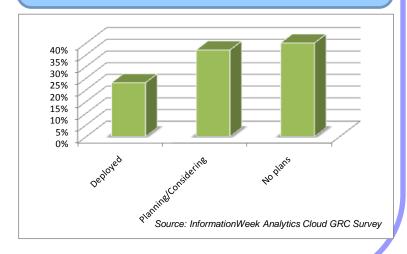


#### Established Models / Cautions

- Functionality designed for the Web
- Customization and integration
- Client support
- Service level management
- Elastic cost model
- Information security
- Business continuity
- Governance (IT, operations, data)
- Compliance

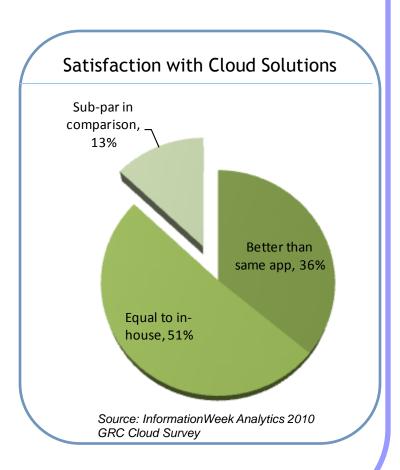


Early adopters have unearthed the major risks and the market will adopt the cloud over the next several yeas



# Successful Cloud Computing

- Promised and measured SLAs are generally higher
- Web access, when secured, eases deployment and broadens availability (except for untethered users)
- Financial results are compelling but cost models can vary across providers
- Service providers have lower change management costs
- Compliance is typically more difficult, sometimes driven by perception



### Top Ten Enterprise Issues

- Cost containment (board level issue) \*
- IT bypass
- Resistance (perpetuating status quo)
- Culture (e.g., perceived risk)
- Governance across clouds (including public / private)
- Regulatory / Compliance \*
- Data governance \*
- Information security (including BCP) \*
- Onboarding / Self provisioning
- Monitoring / SLAs \*

\* Issues critical to High Growth Companies

### Operating Efficiencies

- Elimination of capital expense
- Direct alignment of cost to required capacity
- Cost elasticity enabling bursting and cost retraction
- Linear scalability
- Ubiquitous access
- Self provisioning and other self-service

### Partnering in The Cloud

- Varying levels of business integration from bundling / resale, depending on:
  - Customer / market segment ownership
  - Partner / channel model
  - Technical architecture
  - Service delivery model
- Delivering a service fulfills all or part of an end-to-end process
  - e.g., extending the core salesforce.com platform
- Technologists can act as an intermediary in bringing tradition-bound processes to the Cloud; examples
  - Strategy / Policy Deployment
  - Check deposits
  - ▶ Timesheets, expense capture

#### Driving Investor Value

- Preservation of capital, notably in development infrastructure
- Linear expense growth
- Elastic cost model
- Mitigation of scalability risk
- Venture and early stage investors understand and are interested in the Cloud model
- Opportunities with investor portfolio companies