



# Executive Summary

Experis IT Employment Outlook Survey for the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters 2017 was conducted by interviewing IT employers across India. In the face of automation and effects post Brexit and US Presidential elections, hiring intentions of Indian IT employers for the upcoming 2 quarters have dropped down significantly from that of the previous quarter.

Hiring intentions will be at an all time low in the coming months as this finding resonates with that of the ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey that reports the weakest forecast since the survey began in 2005.

In spite of the significant decline of 15 percentage points in the Employment Outlook of Indian IT industry, hiring intentions will remain positive and will be ruled majorly by on-demand hiring.







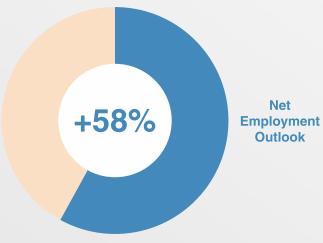
# India IT Employment Outlook

Indian IT Employers report a decline in their hiring intentions by 15 percentage points as compared to the last quarter. Survey has reported a positive Net Employment Outlook of +58% for the period "Apr – Sep 2017".

Industry seems to be in a wait and watch mode to understand the impact of the recent political changes and macroeconomical conditions. Employers are adopting alternate talent acquisition strategies to hire resources on demand this season. These alternate talent acquisitions strategies include increasing contract resources and implementing up-skilling / reskilling of internal staff to cater to complex / niche IT skill requirement.

The hiring outlook will move at a slow but steady pace as the Indian IT companies gauge the impact of the ongoing global slowdown compounded by automation in the IT sector and talent scarcity for niche skills.

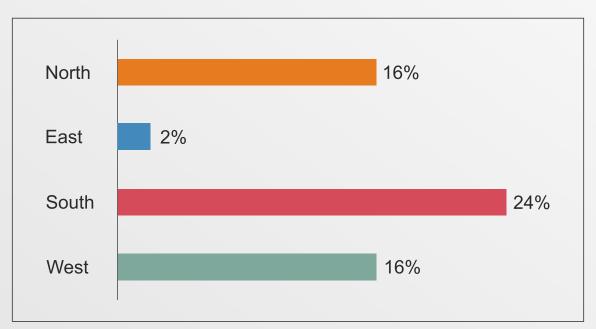
In the current scenario, companies do realize the need to embrace digital transformation and it is important for Indian IT employers to redefine their workforce strategies and adopt innovative ways to leverage the strength of people and stay competitive.



# Hiring Intention

# By Geography

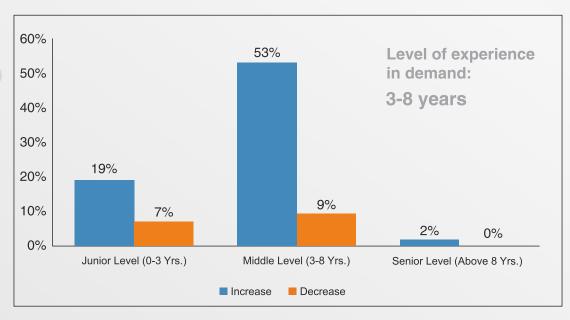
The strongest labor market is expected in the Southern region, with an Employment Outlook of +24%.





# By Level of Experience

Highest hiring intention was reported for candidates in the mid-level experience slab.

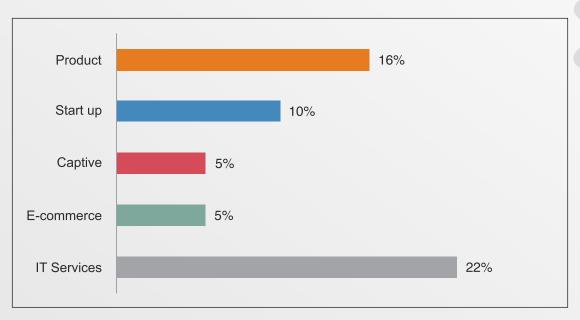


Representation of hiring intentions across experience levels



### By Type of Organization

The IT services companies reported highest hiring intention for the upcoming 6 months with a Net Employment Outlook of +22%. With focus on replacement and on-demand niche and complex skills, hiring alternate sources of talent such as IT contractors are also being considered due to uncertainty and various other macro economic conditions.



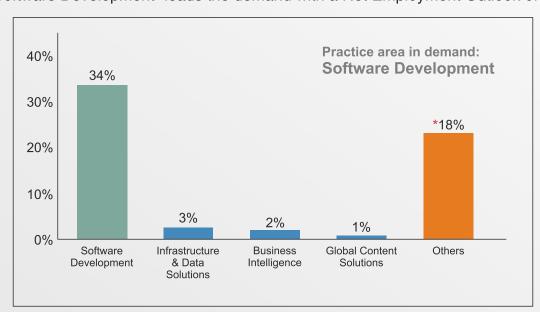
Representation of hiring intentions across types of organizations



### Practice Areas & Skills in demand

# **Top Practice Areas**

"Software Development" leads the demand with a Net Employment Outlook of +34%.

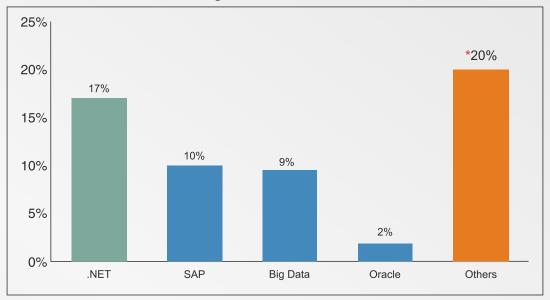


Representation of hiring intentions across practice areas

<sup>\*</sup>Job seekers adept at **Programming, Digital Media, Cloud based technology**, **CRM**, **CSI ADM** can expect a decent hiring in the upcoming 2 quarters. An Employment Outlook of 18% anticipates workforce gains including these practice areas.

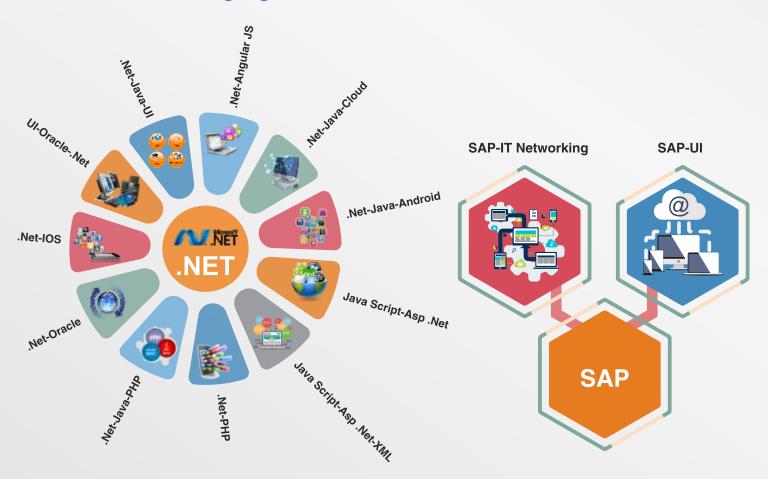
### Top Skills

+20% of the total respondents stated that combination of complex and niche IT skills will lead the demand in the coming months.



Representation of hiring intentions across IT skills

### IT Skill / Language & Combinations in demand this season



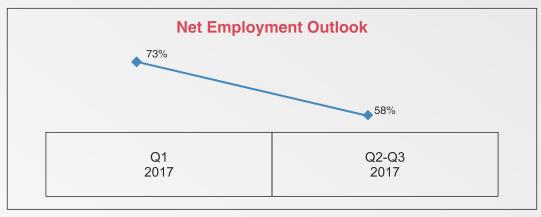
<sup>\*</sup>The finding that the demand for "Other" skills has gone up further emphasizes the fact that continuous up-skilling and re-skilling will result in a greater employability of candidates. The demand of combination of complex and niche IT skills is going up. Candidates, however, should not limit up-skilling themselves to just these combinations. Any combination of niche & complex IT skills will be in demand.

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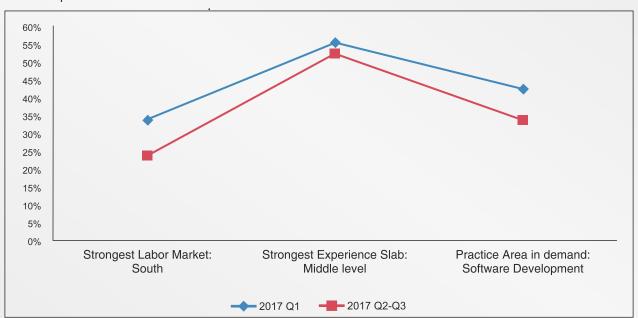
# Quarter on Quarter Comparison

When compared to the previous quarter, hiring intentions weaken in almost all the categories. The Net Employment Outlook declined by 15 percentage points.



Representation of quarter on quarter comparison (NEO)

The strongest labor market remains the same in terms of region, experience level and practice area. However, upcoming 2 quarters show an overall decline in the hiring intention across all these categories when compared to the last quarter.





### **India Employment Outlook**

	Increase	Decrease	No Change	Don't Know	Net Employment Outlook	Seasonally Adjusted
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Apr-Jun 2017	19	1	68	12	18	18
Jan-Mar 2017	22	1	59	18	21	23
Oct-Dec 2016	31	0	62	7	31	31
Jul-Sep 2016	37	1	49	13	36	34
Apr-Jun 2016	48	9	23	20	39	38

Source: ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey

Indian employers report positive hiring plans for the second quarter of 2017. With 19% of employers expecting to increase staffing levels, 1% anticipating a decrease and 68% forecasting no change, the Net Employment Outlook is +18%. However, hiring intentions are 5 percentage points weaker when compared with the previous quarter and decline by 20 percentage points year-over-year, resulting in the weakest forecast since the survey began in 3Q 2005.

### A Skills Revolution in the Human Age

The need for robust talent pipelines with relevant skills and an appetite for continuous learning will be greater than ever in a Skills Revolution, where the focus will be on developing resilient careers versus just jobs.

Helping people upskill and adapt to this fast-changing world of work will be the defining labor challenge of our time.

Learnability — having the desire and ability to learn new skills to become and stay employable throughout long career journeys — will be crucial.



Source: A Skills Revolution: From Consumers of Work to builders of Talent

# Key Take-aways of the Survey Net employment outlook for IT workforce in India: +58%, dropped by 15 percentage points from last quarter Highest labor market in the Southern India: +24%, employment outlook dropped by 10 percentage points from last quarter Highest Hiring intention anticipated for 3 – 8 years experience slab, employment outlook dropped by 10 percentage points from last quarter Practice Area in demand: Software Development, employment outlook dropped by 9 percentage points from last quarter Top skill that will lead the demand: Combination of Niche & complex IT skills Type of Organization who plan to hire the most: IT Services Companies Learnability will determine a candidate's employability

# About the Survey

Experis IT Employment Outlook Survey (EITEOS) is a one of its kind exercise executed for the first time in the Indian IT domain. For this survey, Experis IT surveyed IT employers across India. This survey will be conducted every 6 months to measure IT employers' hiring intentions to increase or decrease the number of employees in their workforce.

IT employers across India were surveyed with the focus on their hiring intentions of employment trends pertaining to the regions, type of organizations, practice areas, skills, and experience levels.



### **About Experis IT**

Experis IT, a ManpowerGroup company is a leading provider of innovative IT solutions offering Custom Application Development, Custom & Packaged ERP, Collaborative Computing Practices, Web & Portal Development, Security & Storage Solutions for various industries, including Banking & Financial Services, Consumer & Retail, IT, Telecom, ITES, Manufacturing & Healthcare.

### Company Snapshot

- Over 4500 associates at any given time
- Offshore Development Centers in Kolkata and Bangalore
- Top supplier to more than 81 clients across IT sector
- Market-leading University recruiting program and resource development program, giving ManpowerGroup a large stream of top talent
- 200+ specialist IT recruiters
- Won the "Most Innovative Recruiting & Staffing Program" award at the 25th World HRD Congress, 2017

### **About ManpowerGroup India**

ManpowerGroup, the world leader in innovative workforce solutions, has been helping clients and candidates win in India since 1997. ManpowerGroup India provides unique value to clients and candidates through a comprehensive suite of innovative solutions, which cover an entire range of talent-driven needs from recruitment and assessment, training and development, and career management, to outsourcing and workforce consulting. This is the Human Age, where access to talent has replaced access to capital as the key competitive differentiator. ManpowerGroup India creates powerful connections between organizations and the talent they need to enhance their competitiveness and unleash their workforce potential.

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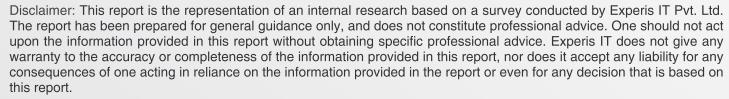
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