# **GATS** and Telecom Market **Evolution**

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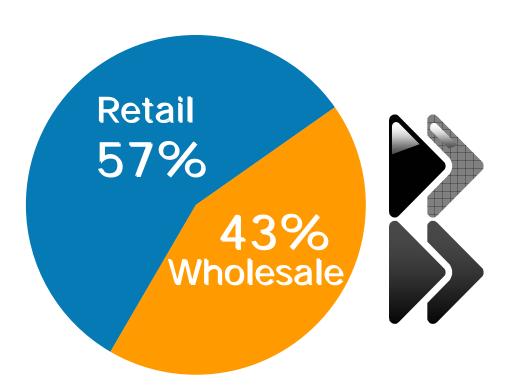
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### AT&T Global Business Services in 2008



### **Employees**

40,000 on six continents

#### **Customers**

140,000+, including all Fortune 1,000

### Wholesale

Carrier's carrier + bilateral arrangements

#### Retail

Go where MNCs go



# Globalizing Customers Drive our Business Strategy

"Reach Where I do Business"

"Need for Consistent Service"

"Support Me Locally"



## How We Go To Market for Retail Business

Own and Operate: we own and operate in-country nodes and core backbone, with an extensive list of facility and competitive access suppliers

**Agreements:** absent available licenses, we work with local licensed providers as business partners, with AT&T-defined, pre-agreed operations

Equity Joint Ventures: where regulation requires and strategically justifiable, we invest in joint-ventures with "AT&T inside"

Examples:

- UK
- Japan
- Brazil
- Thailand
- Indonesia
- Saudi Arabia
- India
- China
- Mexico



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## **Core GATS Impact on Sector Growth**

- Market Opening
- Legal Stability
- Virtuous Circle of Investment
- Expansion of Market Participants
- Unbound "Me-Too" Emerging Markets



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## **Critical Conditions for Market Entry**

- ✓ Commitment nice;
  Implementation necessary
  - Speed, thoroughness
- ✓ Independent Regulator and Transparent Process
  - Objective, efficient, nondiscriminatory
- ✓ Foreign Direct Investment
  - 100% ideal; majority control avoids non-market oriented JV
  - National champions need competition, not protection

- ✓ Broad Market Access Commitment
  - Full-service market access on both facilities and resale basis
- ✓ Safeguards to Prevent Anticompetitive Practices
  - Abuse of customer information attained from competitors
  - Withholding commercially relevant technical information
- **✓ National Security Reviews** 
  - Narrowly tailored



### The Next Ten Years . . .

- 1997-2007 has brought competition to scores of countries and most of the existing telecom economy.
- 2008-2018 should complete the potential of deep commitments, and fluid global competition
- **Demand-driven regulations** will allow carriers to meet the constantly evolving needs of their customers.
  - Convergence, Collaboration, Competition
  - Provide customers what they want, where they want it

