### **Retail Network Workshop**

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We focus on the **development and implementation** of strategic, operative, commercial and administrative solutions to help our clients take advantage of opportunities and overcome challenges.

Auric has been working with **OXXO** during the last four years in the definition and deployment of their financial services strategy. During this period a series of Strategic, tactical and operative issues has been addressed.

#### Strategic

- Service portfolio definition
- Strategic partner assessment

### Operational

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- Process streamlining
- Till saturation analysis

Tactical

- Organization Design
- Technology selection







- Largest convenience store chain in North America with over 9,000 stores
- 6.5 million customers on a daily basis
- Over 73,0000 employees
- ~1,000 store openings per year
- Over 95% of open stores remain open



### North America C Store chains



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# Multiple retailers in Mexico getting involved in the Financial Services space for underserved /nonbanked customers with different product offerings:



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### Case study: OXXO

### First mover in Bill Payment

### -Great value proposition to service provider

- Largest store network
- Dedicated admin staff
- Robust settlement procedures

### Great initial value proposition to consumer

- Easy
- Fast
- Close
- Reliable
- 24-7 service

### Both value propositions in constant improvement and evolution

- Pay on due date
- Partial payments
- Non bar coded bills...

Undisputed market leader some service providers have built their entire collection function around OXXO's service

Decided to act as agent for multiple bank, customers of the largest bank will multiply +4x available service points, rest even more

OXXO understood that features of the channel are instrumental to the value proposition of its service offering

Services category is one of the strategic growth engines for the company

Simplified account + loyalty program to better understand their own customers



### **Case study: Elektra**



Core business (appliance and white line retailer), highly focused in targeting low income customers

Developed sophisticated credit screening skills specific to its customer base

-Successful Private Label Credit Card

Entered a Domestic Remittances market poorly served only by the national post service

Better value proposition to customer vs alternative

- -Large store network
- -Extended service schedule
- -Reliable faster service

Market leader with over 50% share of **Domestic Remittances** 

### Huge national TV communication and brand building effort

-Elektra is owned by the second largest TV broadcaster in Mexico

With a well established reputation as credit provider and Domestic and International Remittances operator launched a bank targeting its customer base

### Elektra has expanded its retail, remittances and banking operations to:

- -Brazil -Guatemala
- -Argentina -El Salvador
- -Peru -Honduras
- -Panama



# There is a strong business rationale for retailers to provide Financial Services through their networks of stores:



Diversify sources of revenue

### **Revenue across multiple products can be significant...**



Product	Rationale / comments	
Bill Payment	We estimate that the retail sector in Mexico collects the bills from 10% to 20% of all households with an average of 3 bills per household total should be around <b>7 to 14 million bills per month</b>	
Bank Agent	We estimate around 90 million transaction per month subject to be handled by Bank Agents with a share similar to that of bill payment that should represent around <b>9 to 18 million transaction per month</b>	
National Money Transfers	Elektra's annual income is estimated around <b>US133 million</b> for this concept, around <b>20% of its total margin</b>	
Simplified Account	There are around <b>30 million adults</b> with no access to formal financial services in Mexico	
Prepaid Public Transport	It may represent up to <b>1% and 1.5% of total margin</b> for C stores and pharmacies in large urban areas where implemented	
Credit Card	For some retailers revenues from the credit business are at par vs revenue from sales of goods	
International Remittances	Elektra pays around 75% of all Western Union USA-Mexico remittances, we estimate that to be around <b>17 to 14 million transactions</b> per year	



### Revenue potential is a function of per transaction margin and the market share that can be achieved...



**Example:** Domestic land line telephone service in Mexico

### **Per Transaction Margin**

• What are the costs of delivering the service? Labor Cash management Compliance Communication	~US 10¢	<ul> <li>What is the total market size?</li> <li>~ 23 million house holds</li> <li>~ 65% penetration land lines in house hold</li> <li>What is the portion of the market that with in the reach of my network?</li> <li>~ 60%</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>How much can you charge the service provider and/or consumer?</li> <li>Their current costs and the cost of other options</li> <li>Attributes of my service delivery</li> <li>—Relative size of my network</li> <li>—Service schedule (extended hours)</li> <li>—Pay in due date</li> <li>—Reliability</li> <li>—Issue resolution</li> </ul>	~US 80¢	<ul> <li>What if analysis Every 1% of share of the market within my network reach represents</li> <li>Similar rational for electricity and water</li> <li>A share between 1% and 3% of the market within my reach</li> </ul>
Value of each transaction:	~US 70¢	



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Market share:

~8.6 million at's

~1.0 million / yr ny

~3.0 million / yr

US\$2.1 -6.3 million / yr



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### Financial Services has been an instrumental initiative to diversify the sources of revenue for some retailers in Mexico

Grupo Elektra Total Revenue Billion US Dollars, 2009



 Domestic Remittances represented ~US\$133 million, 4% of financial services revenue

Indirect Reven

• We estimate that to be ~20% of Grupo Elektra's total margin



# Some services may significantly increase the foot traffic at stores and generate additional sales...

Prepaid transport reload frequency Major city in Mexico, June 2009



Over 90% of users visit a store to top-up once or more a week

% of reloads with purchase of another product Major city in Mexico, June 2009



Source: Auric, with 5,000 reload ticket sample and 2.5 travels per day

Source: Auric, 350 observation at store NSULTIN

# ...others may not provide a strong economic boost, but have strategic value





- Visa / MC branded, bank issued
- Vital to achieve a critical mass of users

Direct Revenue

- Once a critical mass is achieve, other financial products may be targeted to the customer base to generate revenue
- There is strategic value in better understanding customer behavior inside and outside the store



Retailers networks are typically larger than banks branch networks...

National formal retail chain Number of outlets, different segments 2010



Direct Revenue

Indirect Rever



### A large proportion of the customers pay close to the due date and are willing to pay a premium at convenience stores



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Direct Rever



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# On the demand side there is a very similar picture in terms of financial inclusion between Mexico and South Africa



Rapid growth of lower income brackets fueled mainly by the migration of cash and check payrolls to debit cards

Evidence suggests that a significant number of these payroll accounts are only used to withdraw funds at ATM, there are challenges to *activate* these accounts

The next wave of penetration will require a product able to engage the self employed and workers of the informal economy (they're not in a payroll)

A transactional product seem the to be the way forward, a traditional saving product is unlikely to work given expected balances



Source: Auric with information from INEGI

## And on the supply side formal retail chains outnumber bank branches in both markets

#### **Mexico**

Total Number of formal outlets: ~16,900

#### ~1.7 X Total current bank branches



#### **South Africa**

Total Number of formal outlets: ~8,200

**?? X Total current bank branches** 





# Estimate of direct and indirect benefits from provision of financial services in South Africa

Product	Rationale / comments		
Bill Payment	9 Million households in South Africa, assuming a penetration of 50% of regular public services and 2 to 3 bills paid monthly by house hold, 9 to 13.5 million bills a month. Assuming retail captures 10% of the share, 0.9 to 1.3 million bills a month		
Bank Agent	Similar bank account penetration and half the population, South Africa's bank transaction susceptible of being operated by agents should be around 45 million transactions a month, assuming retail capture 10% of the share, 4.5 million transactions a month		
National Money Transfers	Services offered by SPAR and Shoprite show that there is a market for this service		
Simplified Account	According to FinScope South Africa 2010, 12 million adults do not have a formal bank product. Assuming 10% may be served by a simplified account. 1.2 Million accounts		
Credit Card			
International Remittances	Fast growing immigrant community (how many economically active?)		
Prepaid Public Transport			



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### Summary of lessons learned

Providing Financial Services through retail stores changes liquidity patterns
 → Need to rethink internal cash controls

- 2. Need to tailor processes to fit existing operating model  $\rightarrow$  cannot simply take existing processes from banks
- Should aim towards retaining customer ownership
   → Same product may have a range of customer ownership opportunities according with the value you provide to the business
- 4. Negotiating leverage will be determined by your value added to the service delivery
- 5. Tellers need to be incentivized to undertake transactions  $\rightarrow$  either through revenue shares or targets
- 6. Consider the entire product roll out
- 7. Different products have different strategic and economic advantages
   → Short term revenue generator or long term investment



### Different products have different strategic and economic benefits

Product	Strategic	Economic	Rationale / comments
Bank Agent			Increased traffic Increase in "brand trust" Retailers dominate overwhelmingly in enabled outlets
Simplified Account			Understand consumer behavior (even outside my store) It can be used to improve core business value proposition Some retailers testing the market, banks alone have not been successful
Credit Card			Increased sales through financing Additional revenue form credit business Target to offer him/her other financial products Relative to banks share is modest, much better in lower brackets
Bill Payment			Increased traffic Increase in "brand trust" In some cities bills collected at retail outlets combined reach over 25%
National Money Transfers			Increased traffic Target to offer him/her other financial products Market leader with over 50% share is a retailer, runner up is the national post, the rest are also retailers
International Remittances			Increased traffic Target to offer him/her other financial products Business dominated by the collecting party outside Mexico, however largest nonbank player is a retailer
Prepaid Public Transport			Increased traffic Increase in "brand trust" Largely dominated by retailers specially convenience stores and pharmacies



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### **Topics for Discussion**

- 1. Should I offer services on behalf of one bank or multiple banks?
- 2. Is my distribution network strong enough to go it alone or do I need to partner with other retailers?
- 3. What is the right product mix to offer?
- 4. How can I maintain ownership of the customer?



### Roadmap to articulate a financial services strategy aligned with your business

Agree on vision and strategic objectives

Define and prioritize products to develop

Establish business adminsitration model

#### Define

- Goals
- An owner of the program

#### Understand

- Resources
- Challenges

### • List of possible products, for each:

- Estimate economic potential
- Estimate strategic potential
- Understand value proposition and players
- Understand competitive position
- Define best scheme to develop each product
  - Own
  - Partnership
- Estimate gaps between required and current resoruces / abilities

- Long and medium term objectives
- Projects and assistance required by different business platforms
- Mechanism to update tactic plan
  - New opportunities
  - New technology
  - New regulation
  - New players

