



**Alternative Business Models for Telcos  
in Content and Applications  
- “Smart Pipe” and “OTT” –**



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# Detecon

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We are **established**, with more than 50 years of consulting know-how



We are **experienced**, thanks to the successful realization of more than 6000 projects



We are **international**, with worldwide representation, clients in 165 countries, and employees from more than 30 nations



We are **part of a globally active shareholder**, Deutsche Telekom AG



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1977 DETECON  
2002 Detecon International GmbH

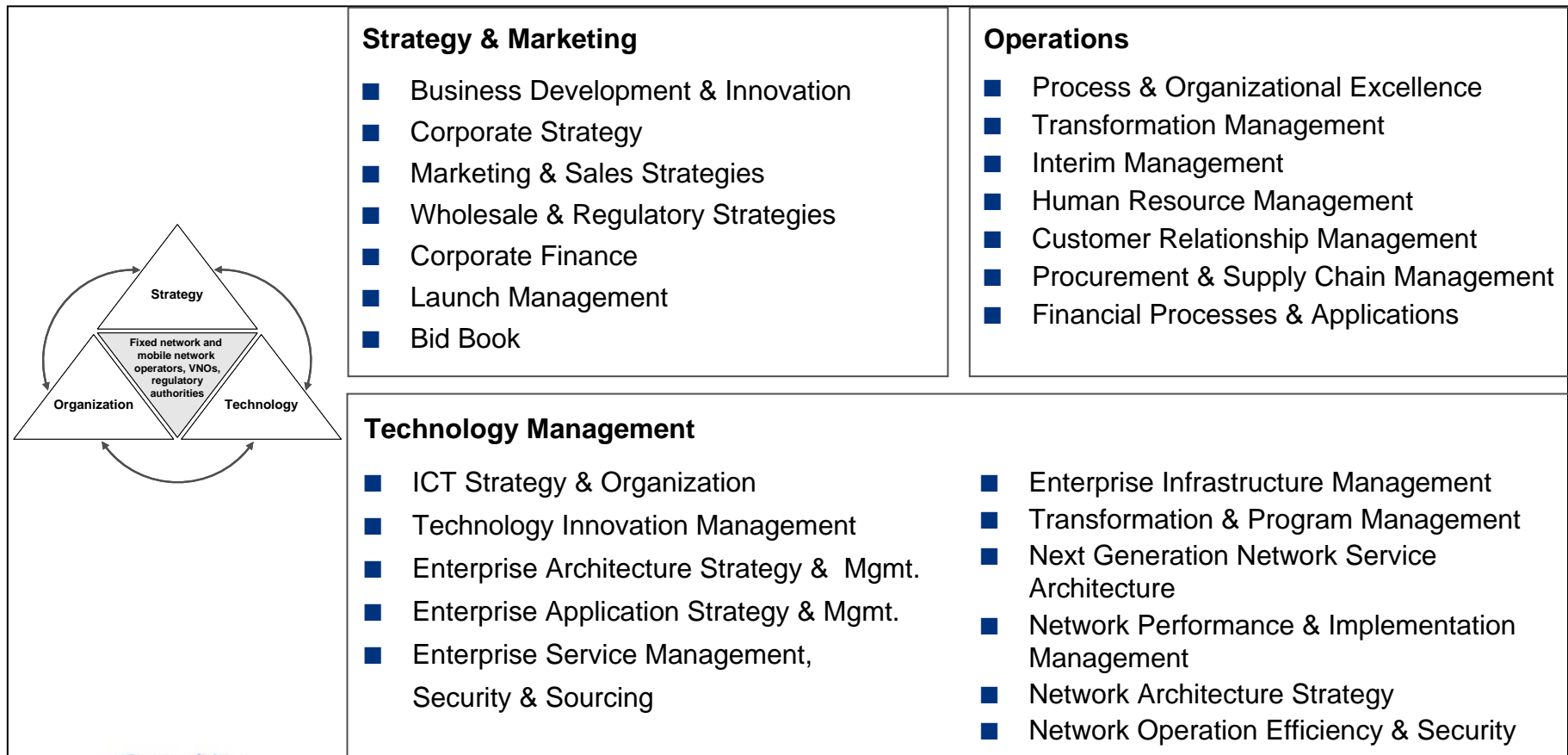
### Shareholder:

T-Systems International GmbH

# Company Profile

Our Consulting Approach

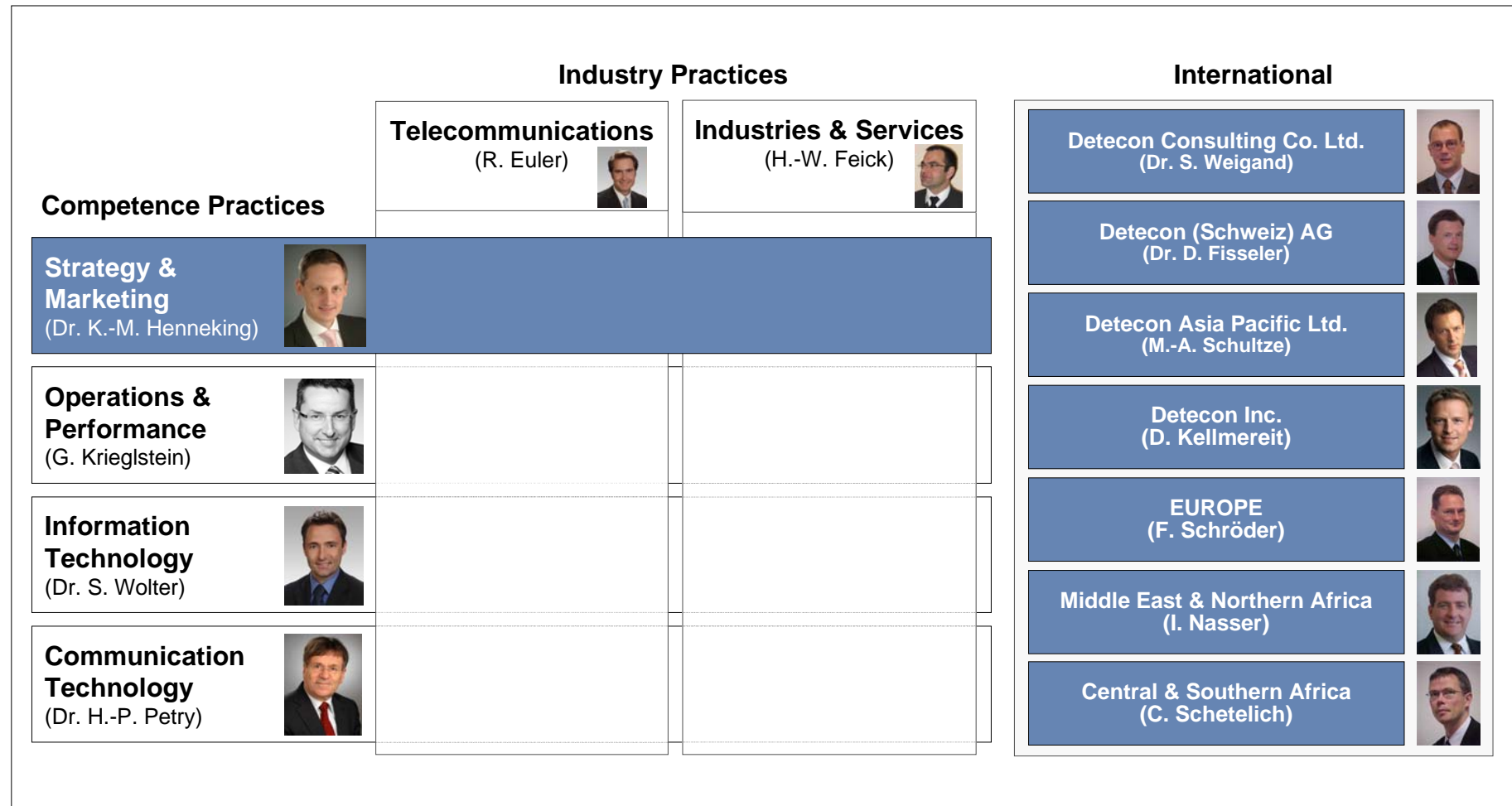
**We provide the management of ICT companies with advice on the issues of strategy, organization, and technology design.**



# Practice “Strategy & Marketing”

Detecon company architecture

The practice “Strategy and Marketing” is an integral part of Detecon’s industry-specific and competence-driven client approach.



# Practice “Strategy and Marketing”

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## Telco Strategies

- Market Entry
- Internationalization
- Growth
- Turnaround Strategies

## Strategic Marketing

- Marketing Strategies & Plans
- Market Intelligence & Modeling
- Value Proposition Management
- Pricing Strategies & Optimization

## Sales & Distribution

- Consumer Sales & Distribution
- Business Sales & Partnerships
- Sales Performance Management

## ICT Product Innovation

- Innovation Management
- Product Launch Management
- Portfolio Management

## Business Innovation

- Innovation Management
- Content & Multimedia Strategies
- HRD/Skill Management

## Wholesale Strategies

- Wholesale Business Development
- Portfolio Design & Development
- Costing / Tariff development
- Wholesale Capability Development

## Corporate Finance

- Transaction Services
- Performance Engineering
- Corporate Financial Management

## Regulatory Affairs

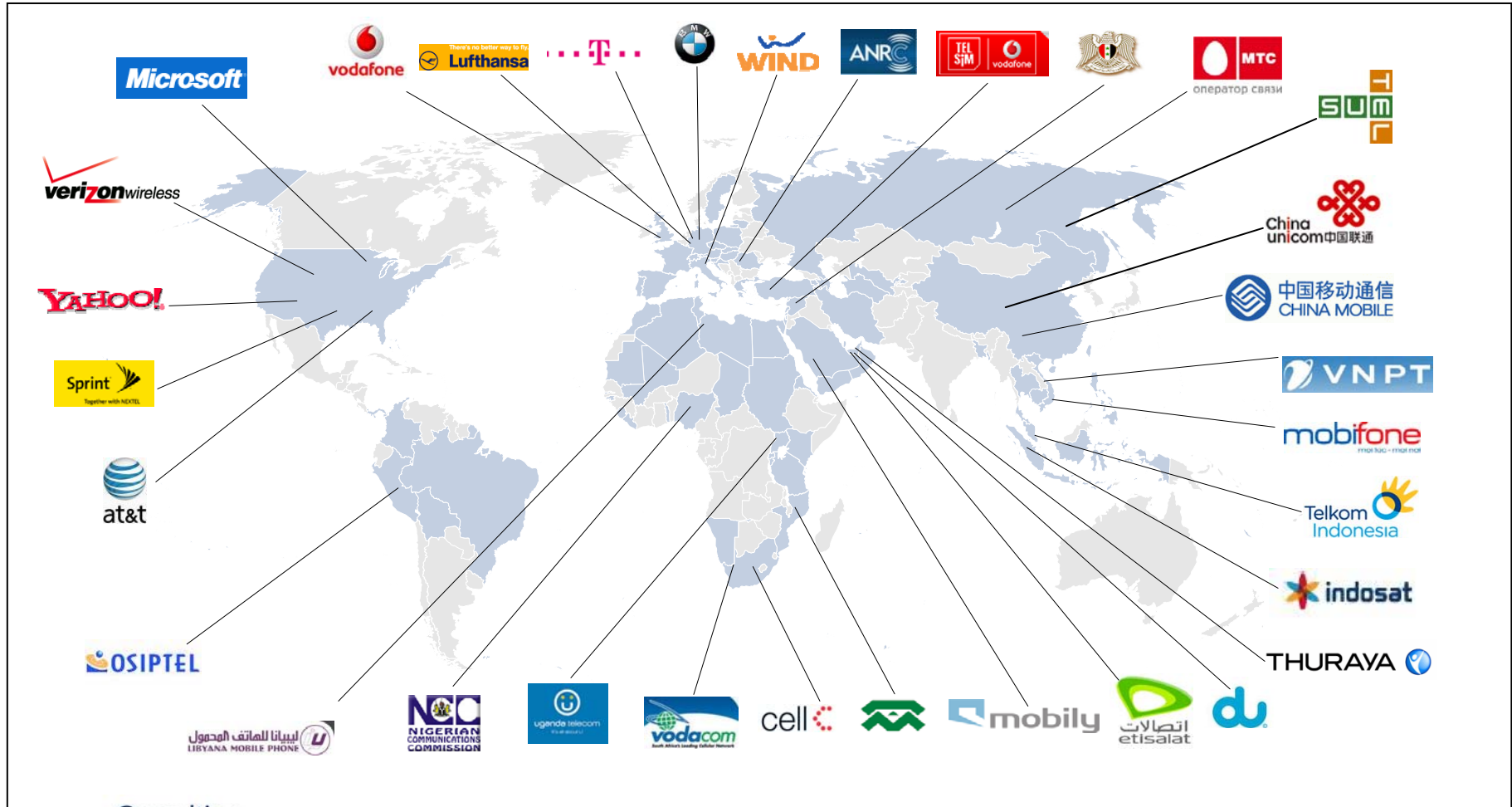
- Sector Policies & Legal Drafts
- ICT Development Strategies
- Regulatory Organization & Instruments



# Practice “Strategy and Marketing”

A selection of our clients

Clients from over 100 countries have already benefited from our consulting services.



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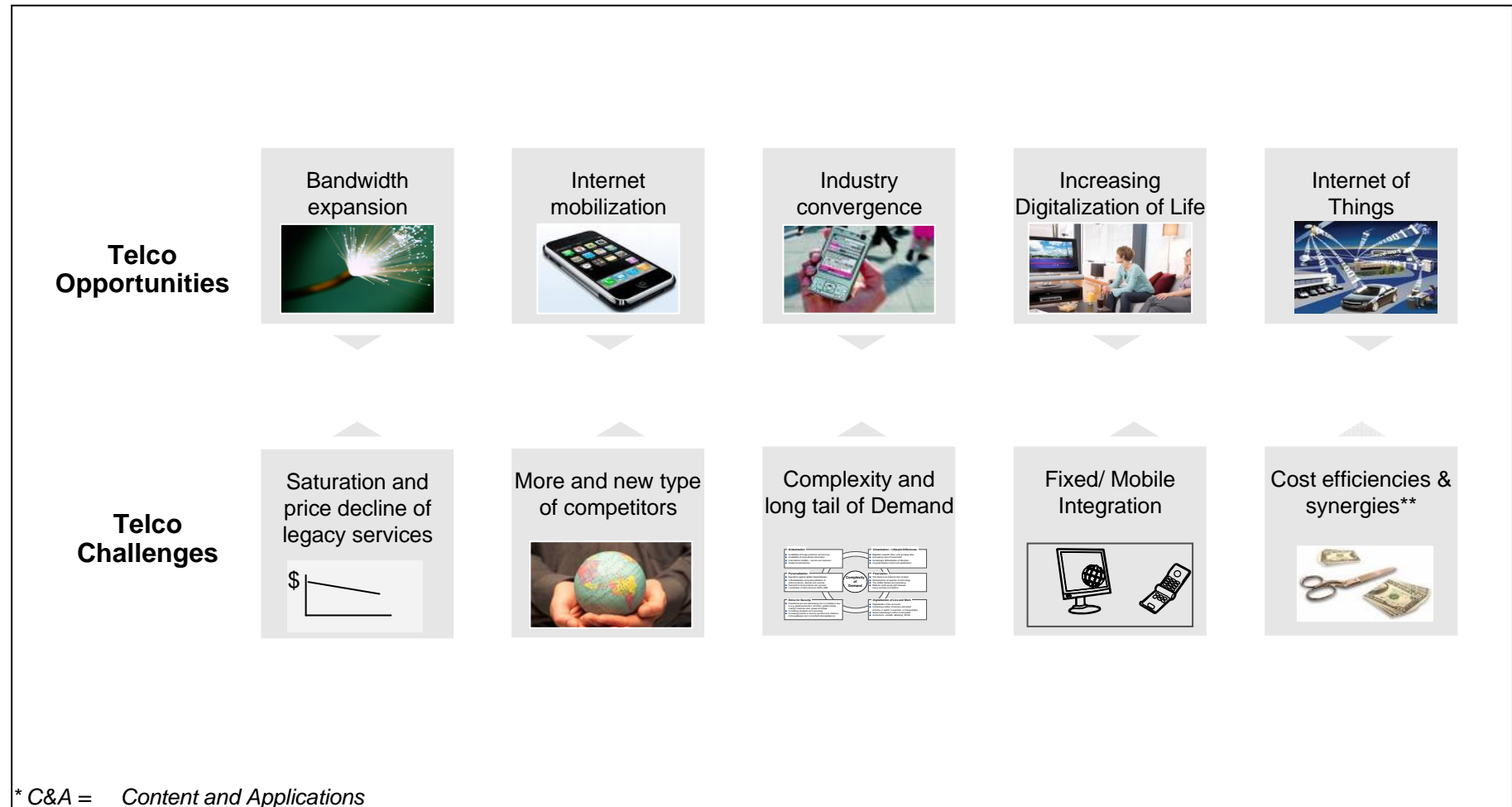
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## 1. Introduction

# New Business Models for Telcos

Telco Challenges & Opportunities – Content & Applications

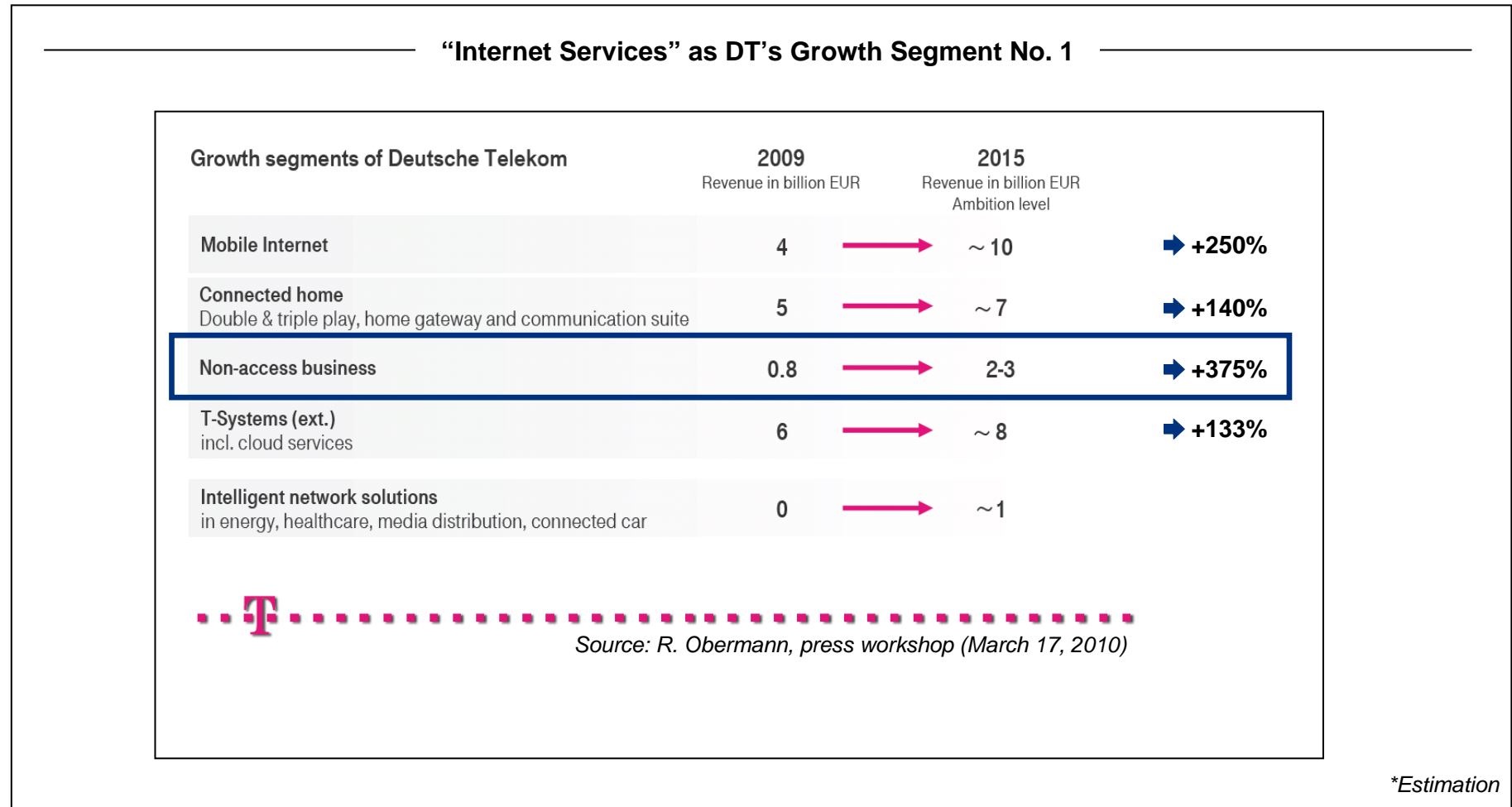
**Successful carriers leverage today's ICT opportunities and face their challenges by a clear strategic positioning towards content & applications, the major future growth driver**



# New Business Models for Telcos

Internet services as main growth driver of telcos – here: DT as an example

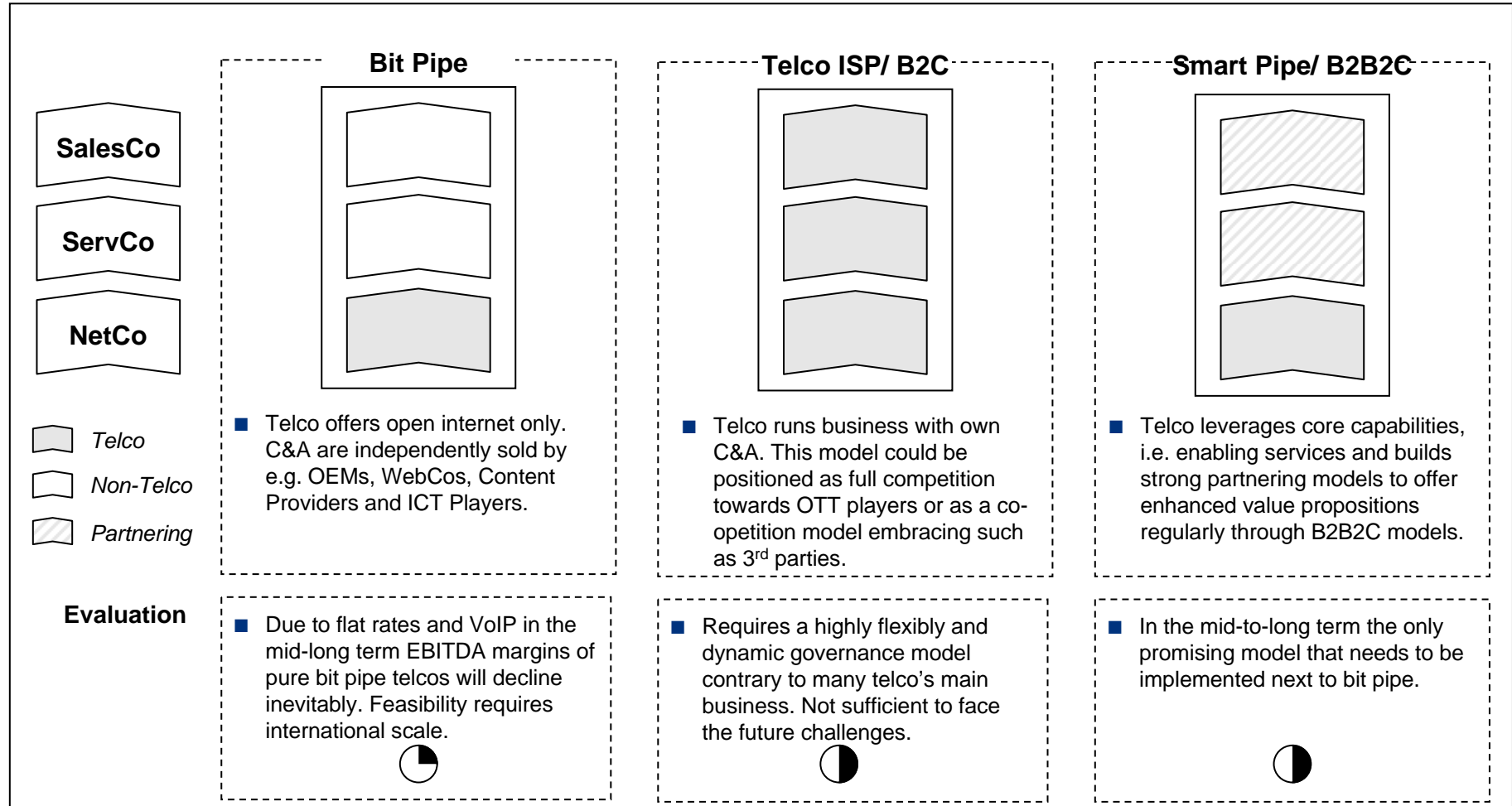
**The non-access business (“Internet Services”) is part of DT’s growth segments. Target is to increase current revenue volume from €0.8bn to €2-3bn in 2015.**



# New Business Models for Telcos

Alternative Strategies for Content & Applications

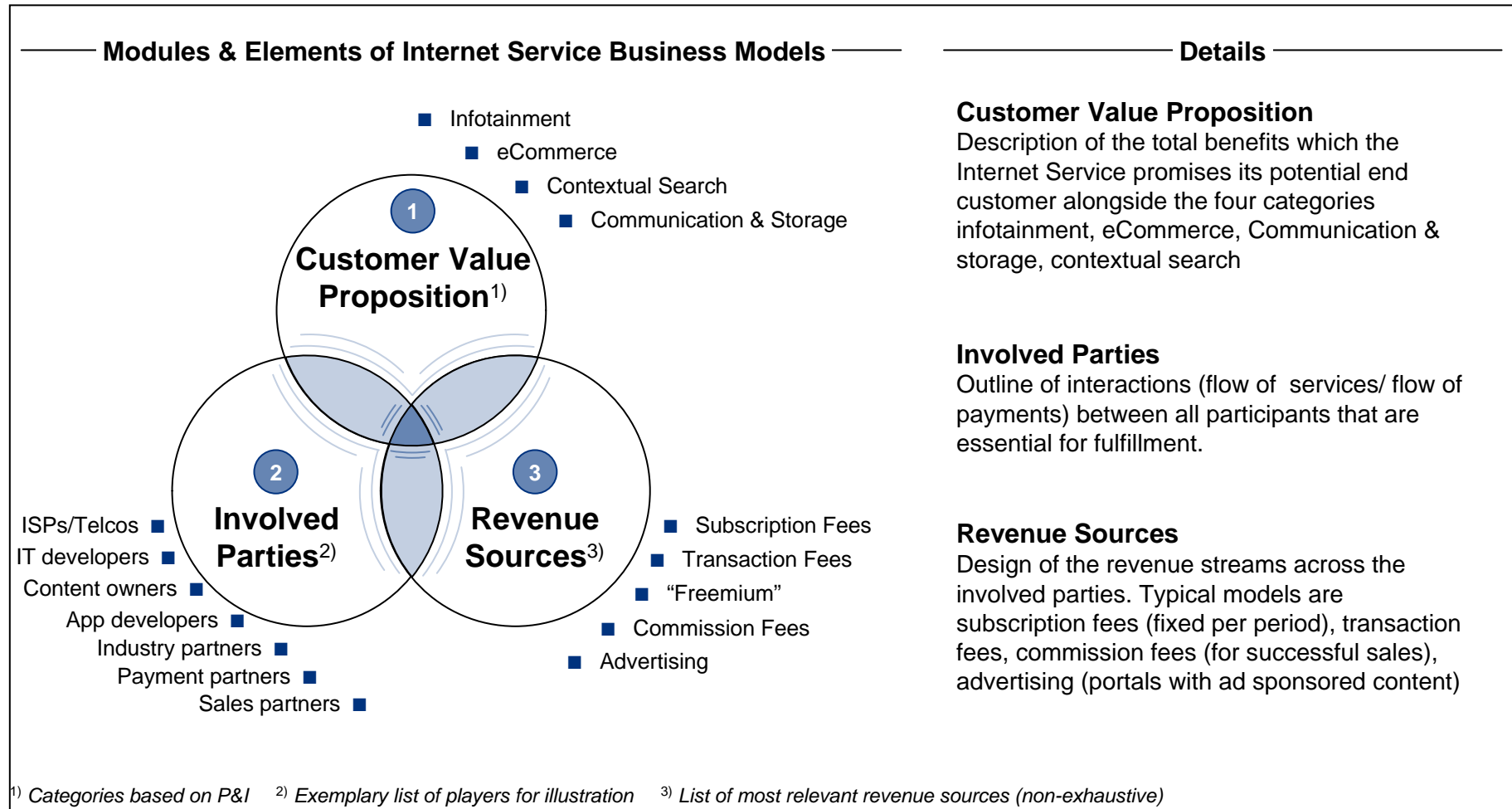
Three different strategies to market C&A: The Bit pipe requires “scale & efficiency”, the Telco ISP “scope & flexibility” and the Smart Pipe “extensive partnering capabilities”.



# New Business Models for Telcos

Classification of internet service business models

The multitude and complexity of business models – regardless Telco/ISP or Smart Pipe – can be generically described by three modules and their respective elements.





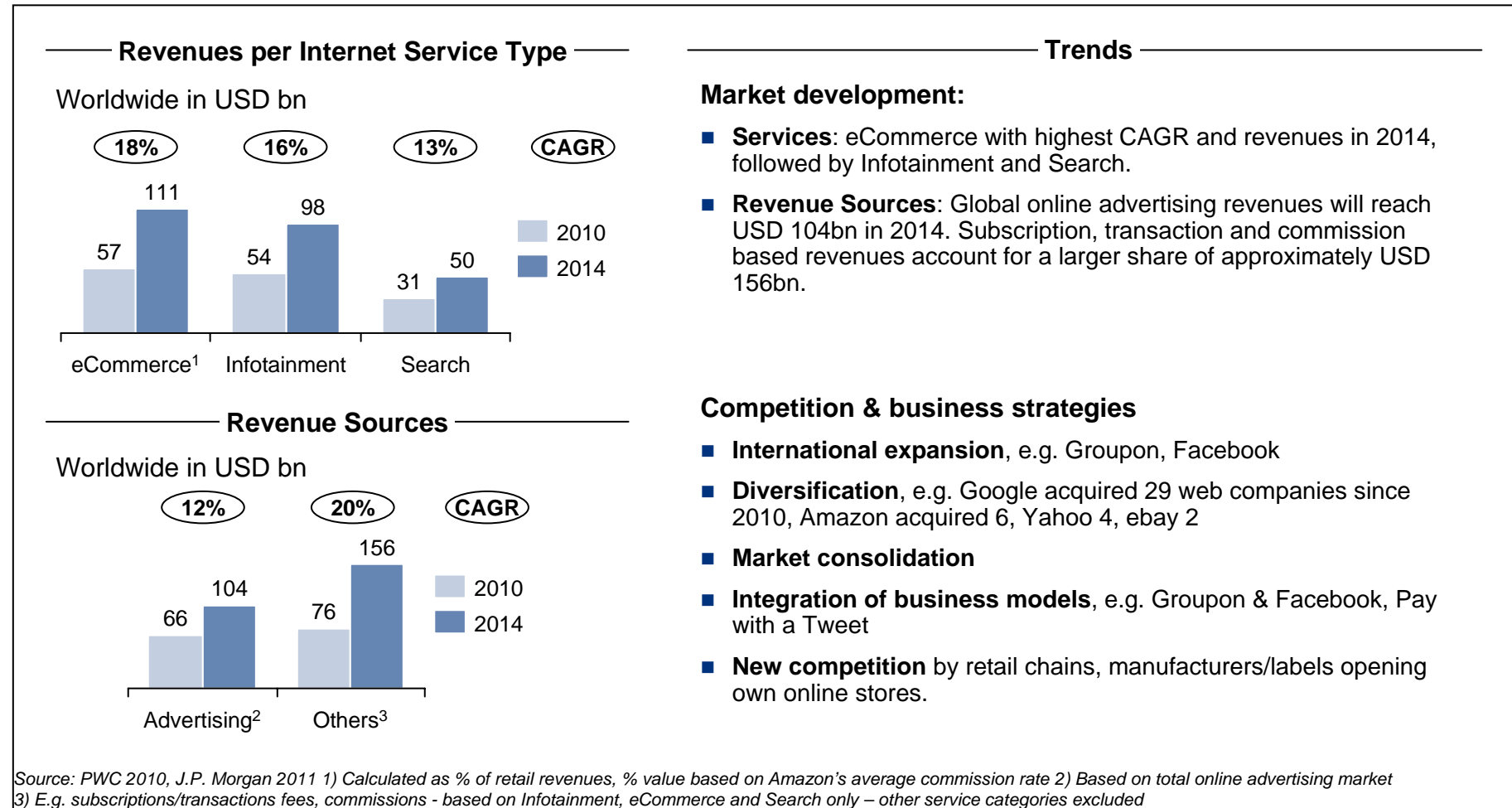
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## 2. Telco/ISP

# Telco/ISP

Key trends in internet services















































**The future of internet service markets worldwide is shaped by increasing competition of different players with tendencies towards internationalization and consolidation.**



# Telco/ISP

Example: Deutsche Telekom's ISP business - Did you know?

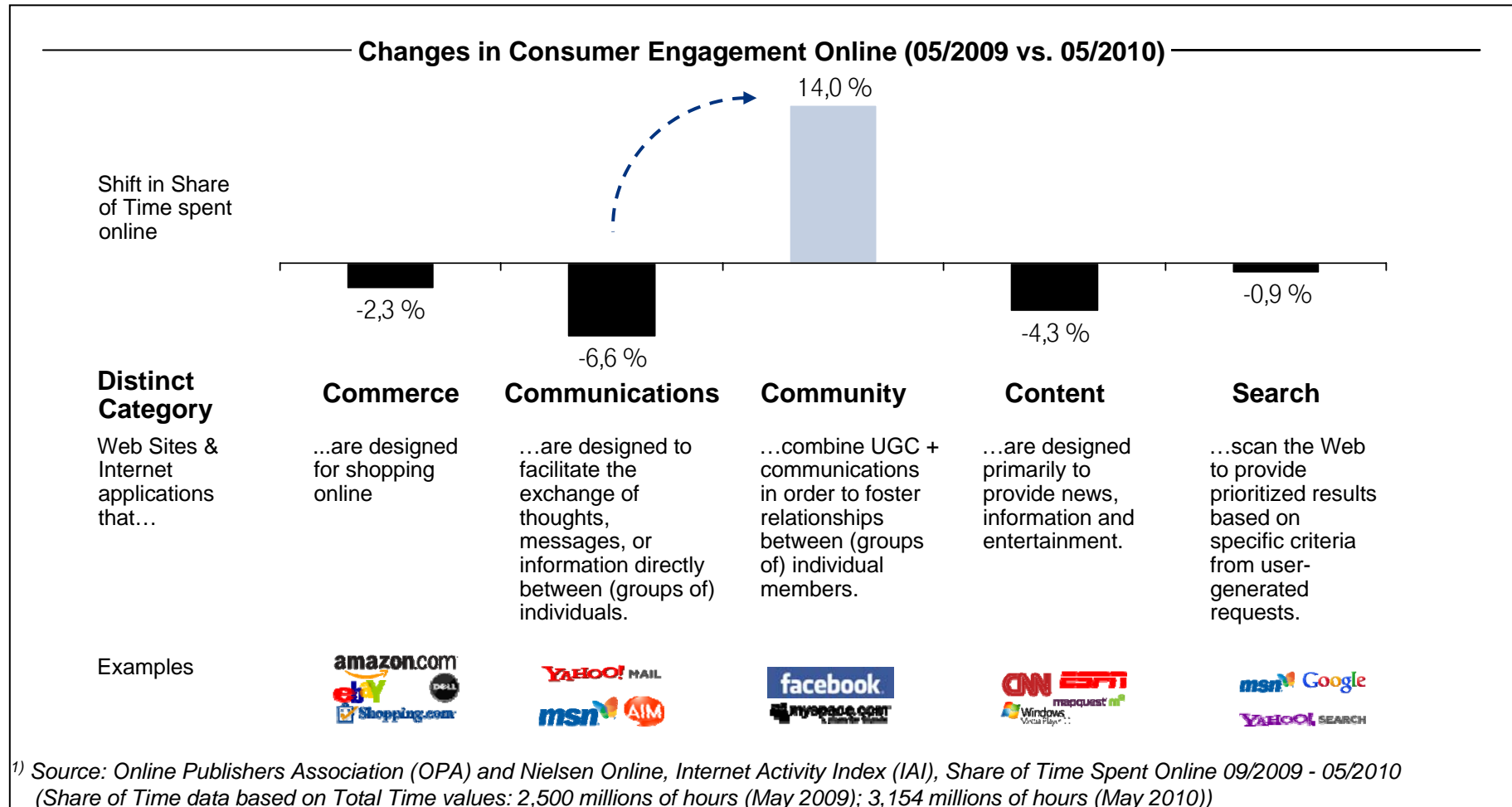
DT already has been embracing the ISP business model for many years. Most of them are run as independent entities. Communities are not part of the portfolio ...

	Infotainment	eCommerce	Communication & Storage	Search
 Germany	   	t-online.de Shop         		     <small>Deutsche Telekom Gruppe</small> <small>Die Suchmaschinen für Deutschland</small>
 Slovakia	      	 	 	
 Croatia	   			
 Hungary	    			
 Greece				

# Telco/ISP

Key trends in internet services – social communities as new category

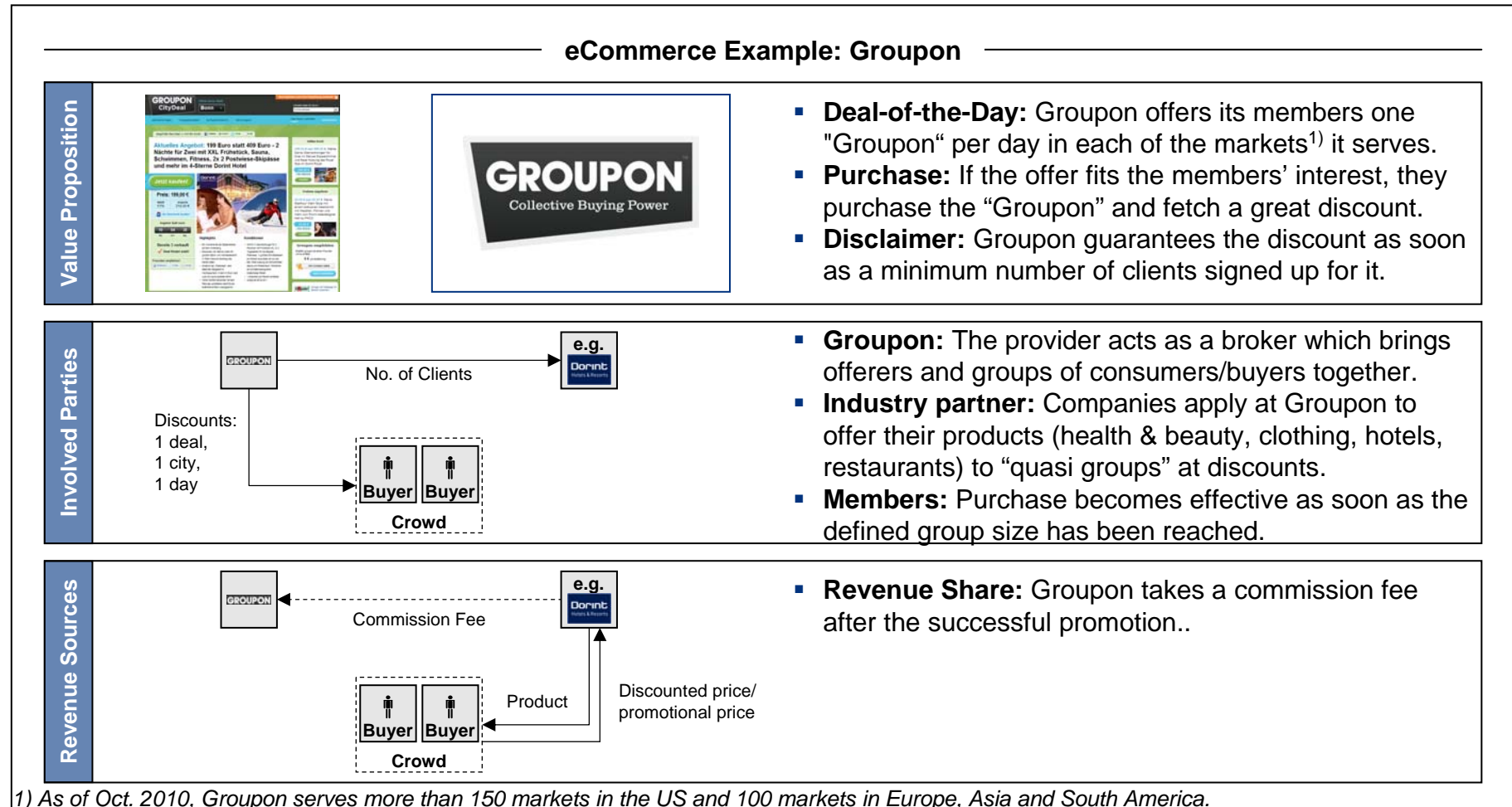
**But internet users are shifting their time spent online in favor of communities, which are integrating communication features.**



# Telco/ISP

Successful business models - Caselet: Groupon

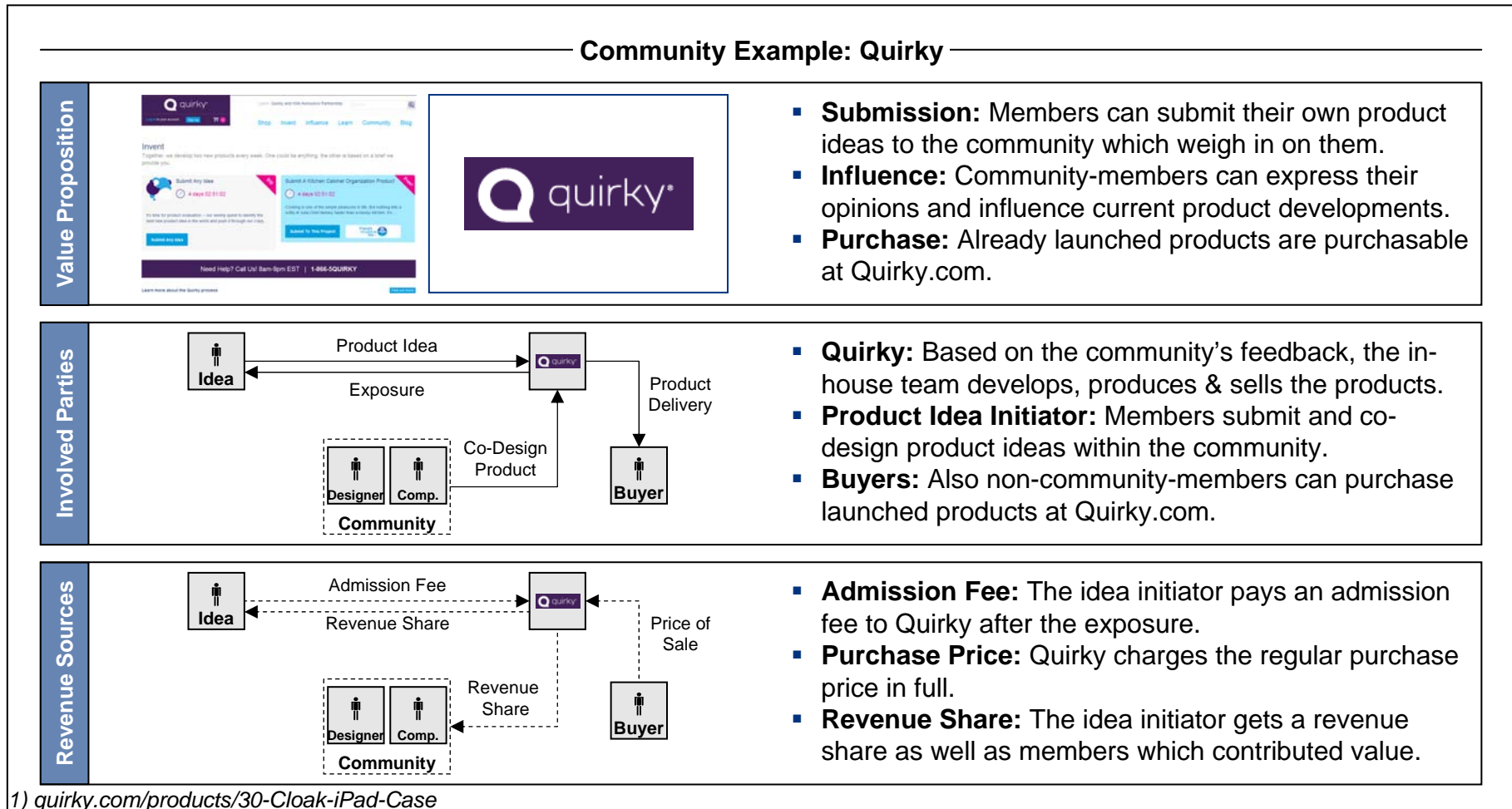
**Groupon generated ~ US\$ 500mn in 2010. Its successful international expansion<sup>1)</sup> led to a recent 6bn take-over offer by Google, but has been rejected.**



# Telco/ISP

Successful business models - Caselet: Quirky

‘Open Innovation’, ‘Crowd-Sourcing’, ‘Instant Market Research’ – Quirky is a community to socially develop physical products; e.g. +500 people co-designed 1 new iPad stand<sup>1)</sup>.



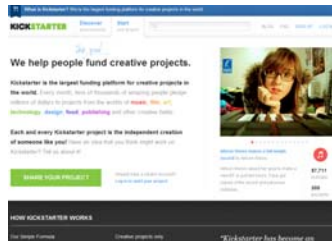
# Telco/ISP

Successful business models - Caselet: Kickstarter

**Kickstarter offers a marketplace for crowdfunding specialized for creative projects. In 2010, there were ~4,000 successful campaigns with an average funding of \$10,000.**

## Brokerage Example: Kickstarter

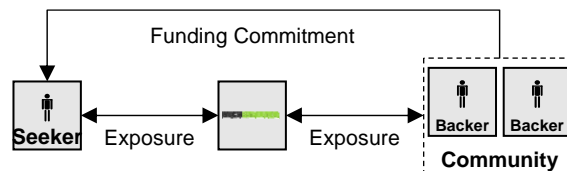
### Value Proposition



**KICKSTARTER**

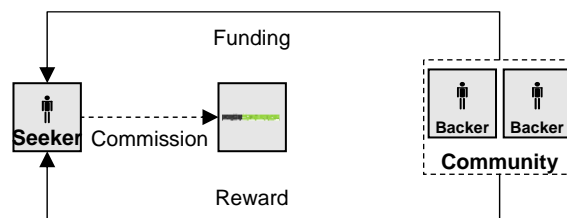
- **Fundraising:** Seekers post some basic exposure of their project ideas to attract interest of 'backers'.
- **Investment Scouting:** Investors can search for convincing ideas to pledge some money.

### Involved Parties



- **Kickstarter:** Kickstarter provides the marketplace and exposes as the 'man in the middle'.
- **Fund Seeker:** Seekers post their funding interest and receive exposures from Kickstarter.
- **Bakers:** Bakers commit funding to investments of their interest.

### Revenue Sources

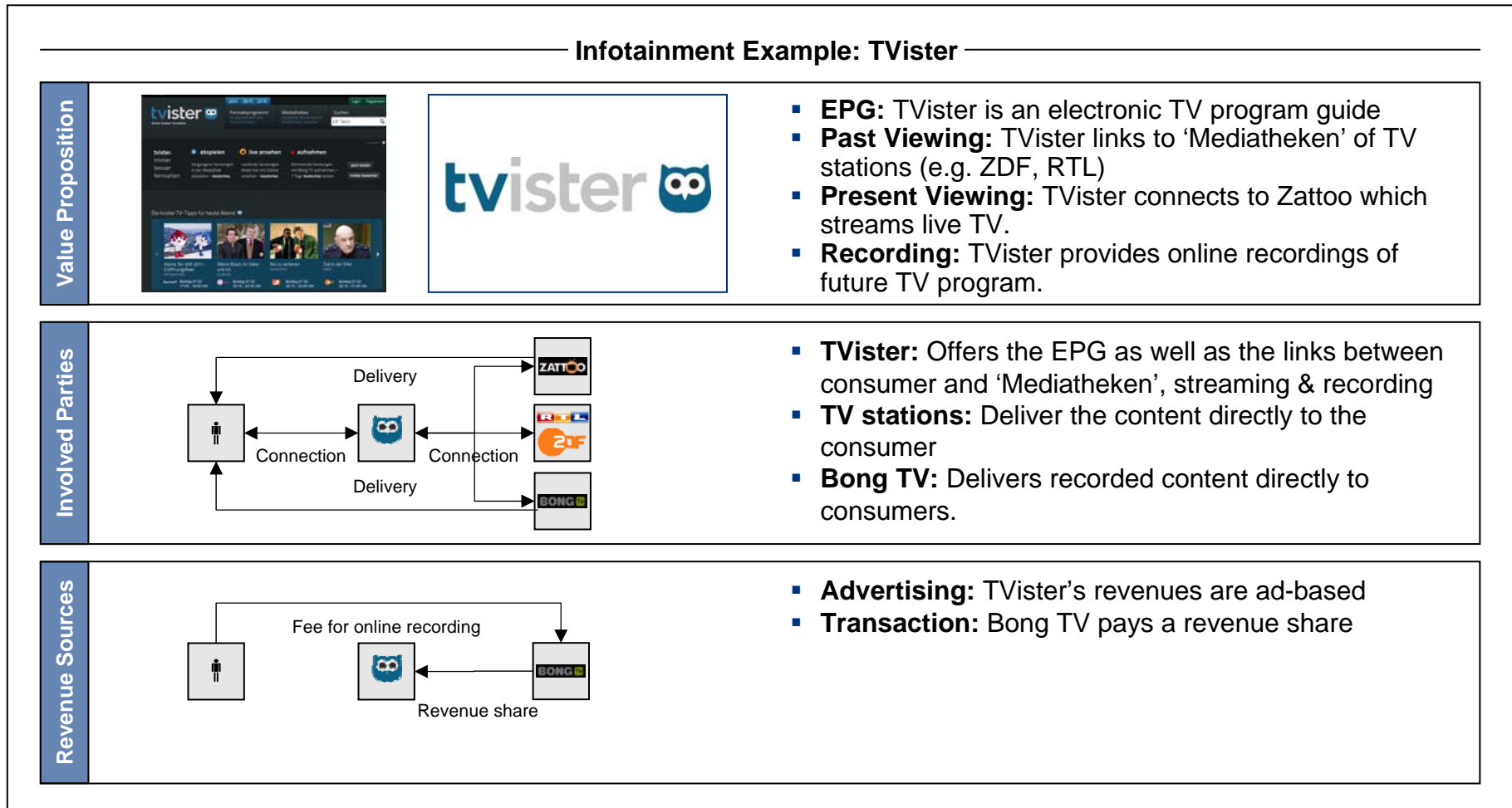


- **Commission:** Kickstarter takes 5% of the funding.

# Telco/ISP

Successful business models - Caselet: TVister

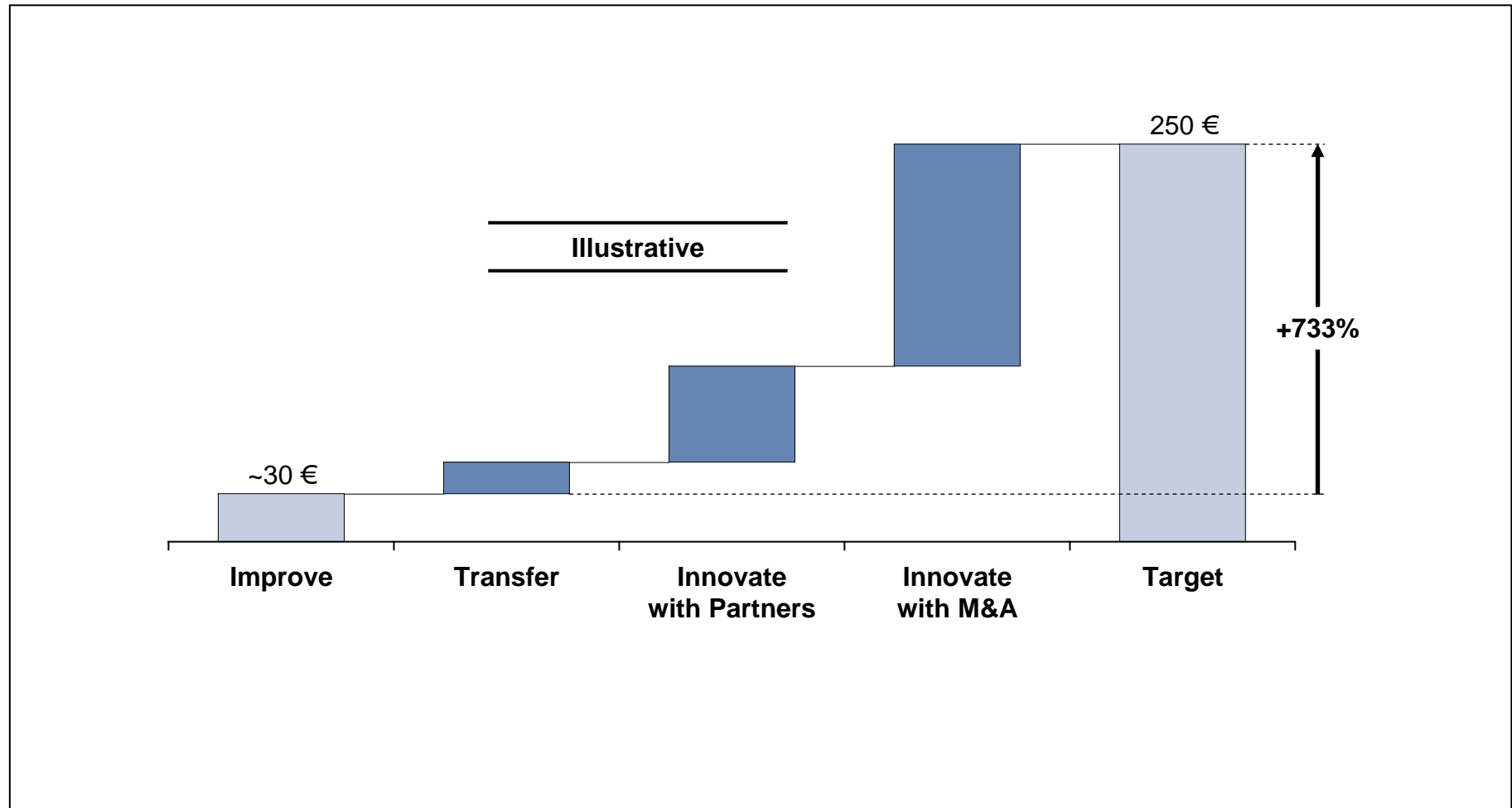
**TVister is an online portal which aggregates internet services from third parties. Its revenue sources are based on advertising and commission.**



# Telco/ISP

General realization options

Options for telcos range from improving existing services, transferring them to other countries of operation, building new services with partners or acquiring ISPs.



# Telco/ISP

Decision criteria for realization option selection

**Make or buy decisions are influenced by five factors: competitive landscape, NatCos' level of experience, availability of resources, potential synergies and technical feasibility.**

	Greenfield	Transfer	Build with Partners	Acquire
<b>Competitive landscape<sup>1</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weak or no presence of local/international players.</li> <li>Entry of new players not imminent.</li> </ul>	Weak or no presence of local/international players.	Presence of one or few strong local or international players. No atomistic market structure.	Presence of few local players that outcompete international OTTs.
<b>Experience level<sup>2</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Already existing NatCo internet service strategy.</li> <li>Already experienced with internet services.</li> </ul>	Transferring telco already has reliable and mature solution.	NatCo with already existing OTT portfolio and partnering structures.	Feasible for experienced and inexperienced NatCos.
<b>Resource availability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sufficient resources available to set up development team or to realize new organizational structures.</li> </ul>	Additional resources for platform/solution integration and management available.	Additional resources for partner/account management available.	No extra FTEs required.
<b>Synergy potential<sup>3</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Given synergy potential through adoption of other NatCos best practices.</li> </ul>	High synergy potential through e.g. common sourcing and platform usage.	No significant synergy potential between NatCos but high synergy potential with respective partner.	No significant synergy potential.
<b>Technical feasibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ability to build up necessary IT infrastructure.</li> </ul>	Given compatibility of existing IT systems.	Ability to integrate partner solutions into own IT.	No possibility to build up necessary technology.









1) Number and strength of OTT players and operators. 2) Degree to which NatCo is already involved in internet services.  
 3) Degree to which focus NatCo can profit from other NatCos' assets and know how.

● strong/high  
 ○ weak/low

# Telco/ISPs

Innovate through Acquisition or Partnering

Telcos utilize the innovative strengths of start-up companies by the spectrum between partnering and acquisitions.

Parties		Partnerships
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>ISP:</b> Skype is a VoIP provider.</li> <li>▪ <b>Service-Integration:</b> Q1 2010, Verizon established a partnership with Skype. The service-agreement includes free national Skype calling on CS network. "3" in UK partners with Skype already since Q4 2007. They even offer cross-branded mobile phones.</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>ISP:</b> Broadsupport.tv</li> <li>▪ <b>Service-Integration:</b> broad Support, a Hamburg-based start-up, developed the service-concept "Meine Konferenz" as add-on for LigaTOTAL! (Interactive TV Award 2009).</li> </ul>
Parties		Acquisitions
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>ISP:</b> Qype is a user-generated local review site.</li> <li>▪ <b>M&amp;A Deal:</b> Vodafone Ventures invested € 3.5 mn in Qype (Q4 2010).</li> <li>▪ <b>Service-Integration:</b> Qype provides a co-branded application which will be pre-loaded on supported Vodafone devices.</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>ISP:</b> Dailymotion is world's 2nd largest online video site dubbed "the French YouTube".</li> <li>▪ <b>M&amp;A Deal:</b> France Telecom buys a 49% stake for € 58.8 mn. (Q1 2011).</li> <li>▪ <b>Service-Integration:</b> Dailymotion still operates independently and will in future.</li> </ul>



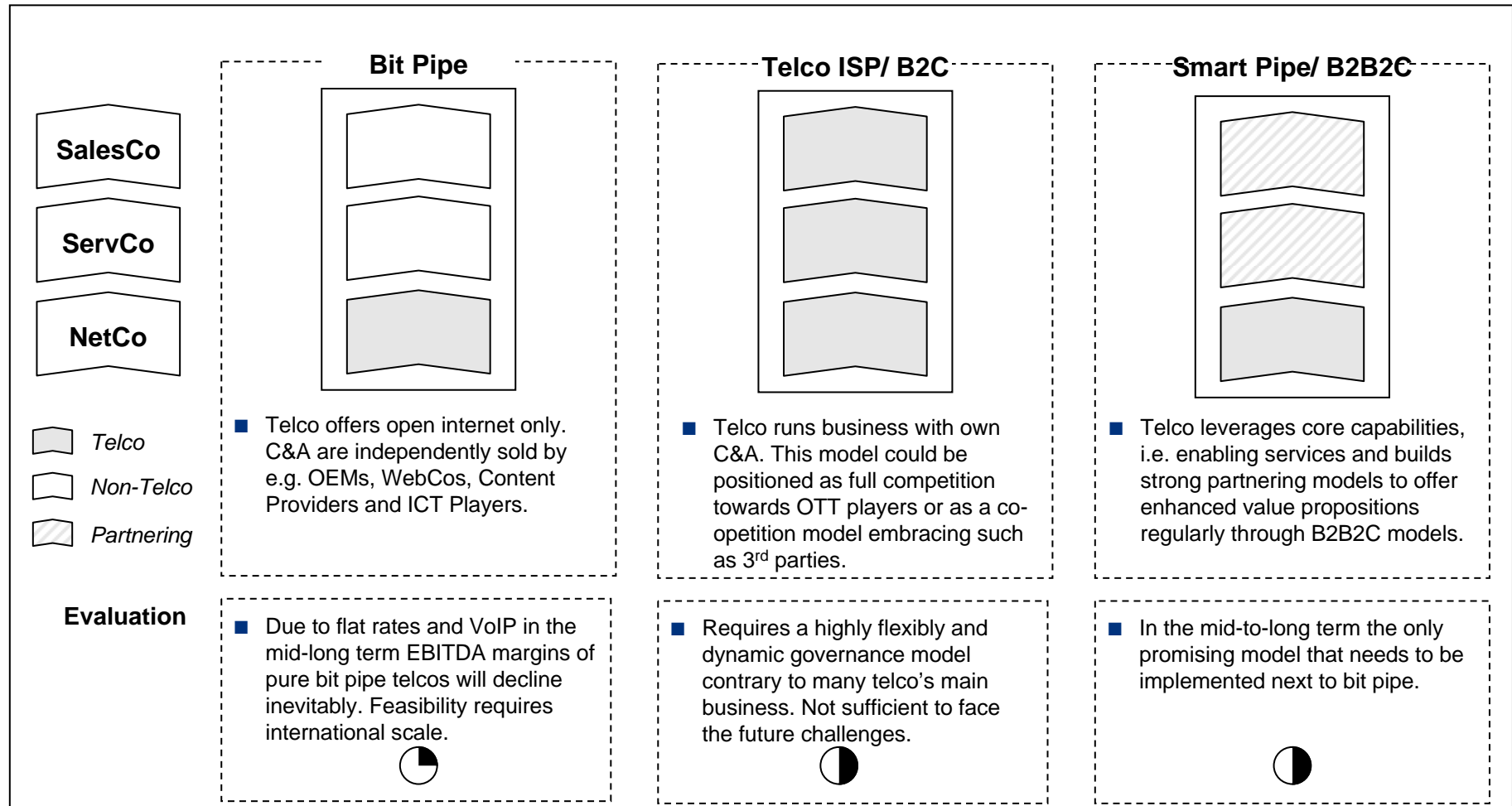
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## 3. Smart Pipe

# Smart Pipe

## Alternative Strategies for Content & Applications

Three different strategies to market C&A: The Bit pipe requires “scale & efficiency”, the Telco ISP “scope & flexibility” and the Smart Pipe “extensive partnering capabilities”.



# Smart Pipe

## Key Success Factors - Overview

The key success factors of the smart pipe strategy are all related to necessary substantial changes of telcos compared to their prevailing telco business model:

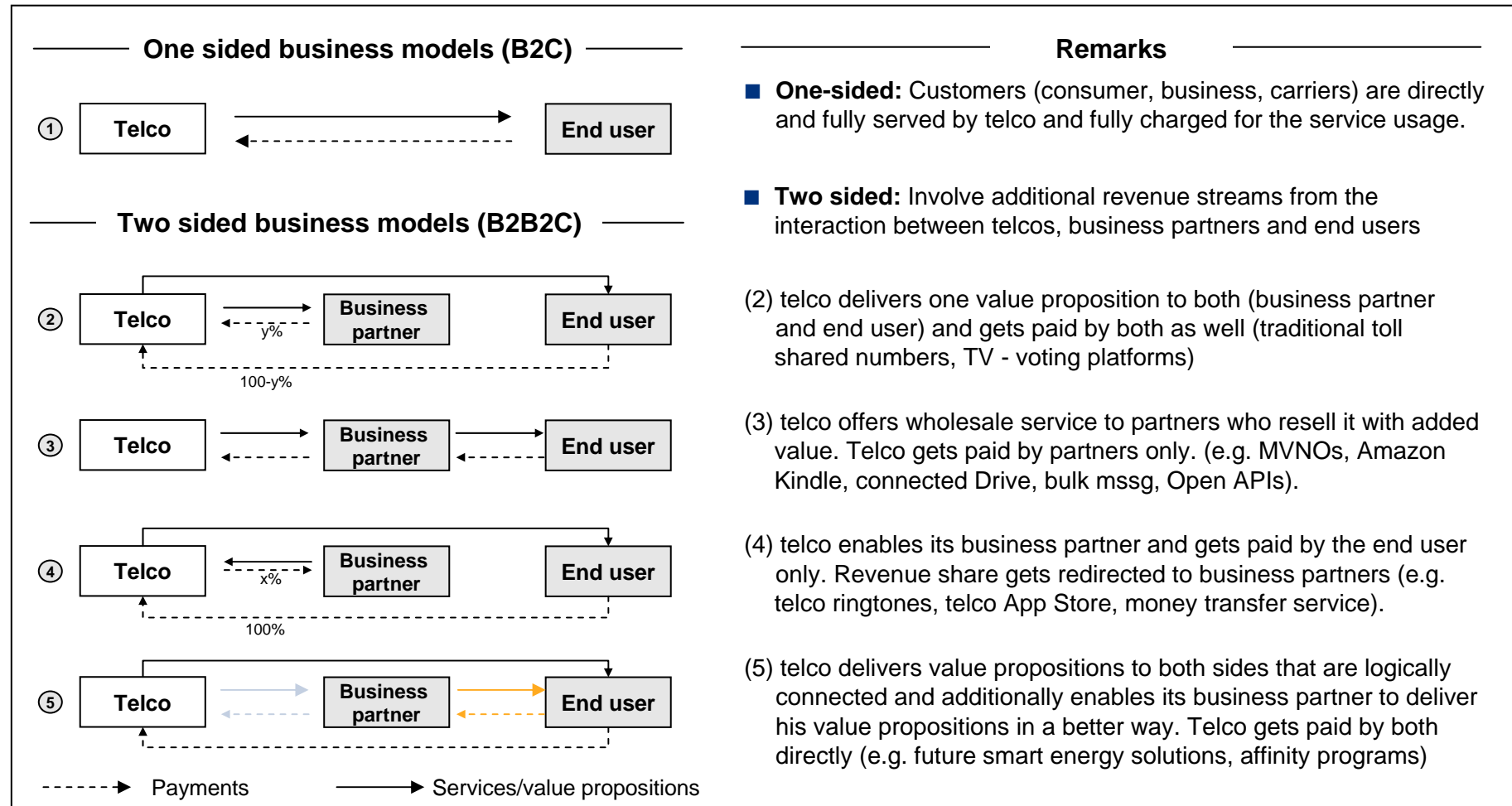
KSFs*	Description
<p>1</p> <p><b>Smart Two sided Partnering Models</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Clear strategy regarding different types of business models</li> <li>■ Partnering models for different solutions ranging from highly standardized wholesale agreements for telco services to highly complex joint ventures with business partners.</li> <li>■ Standardization of respective new processes.</li> </ul>
<p>2</p> <p><b>Smart Enabling Services/ VAS Platforms</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Enhancement of telcos' capabilities in e.g. billing, AAA, RDM, real time customer insight</li> <li>■ Further deployment of VAS platforms (e.g. IPTV, AppStores, Mobile Advertising, M2M ....)</li> <li>■ Commercialization of such enabling services (to be integrated into partner solutions) and VAS platforms (allowing business partners to integrate their offerings into them).</li> </ul>
<p>3</p> <p><b>Open APIs/ Distribution Platforms</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Development of Open APIs as wholesale offerings allowing business partners to more or less independently integrate telco functionalities into their solutions</li> <li>■ Compared to smart enabling services Open APIs are not or only to some extent managed by the operator</li> </ul>

\* KSF = Key Success Factors; E2E = end to end

# Smart Pipe

Key Success Factor: Two-Sided-Business Models B2B2C

Implementing the smart pipe strategy requires a bold move to a two-sided business model that generates revenues from end users and business partners simultaneously.




# Smart Pipe

Key Success Factor: Two-Sided-Business Models B2B2C

**Right business partners within and outside the industry are to be targeted and managed professionally by implementing suitable and smart partnering models.**

### Different Types of Partners



- Types of business partners vary from
  - international OEMs and WebCos
  - International publishers in entertainment,
  - Banks and credit card issuers,
  - Enterprise clients and public institutions
  - IT developers for device applications; IT developers for enterprise solutions (e.g. for Supply Chain Management, Sales Force Automation and CRM),
  - Advertisers and media agencies

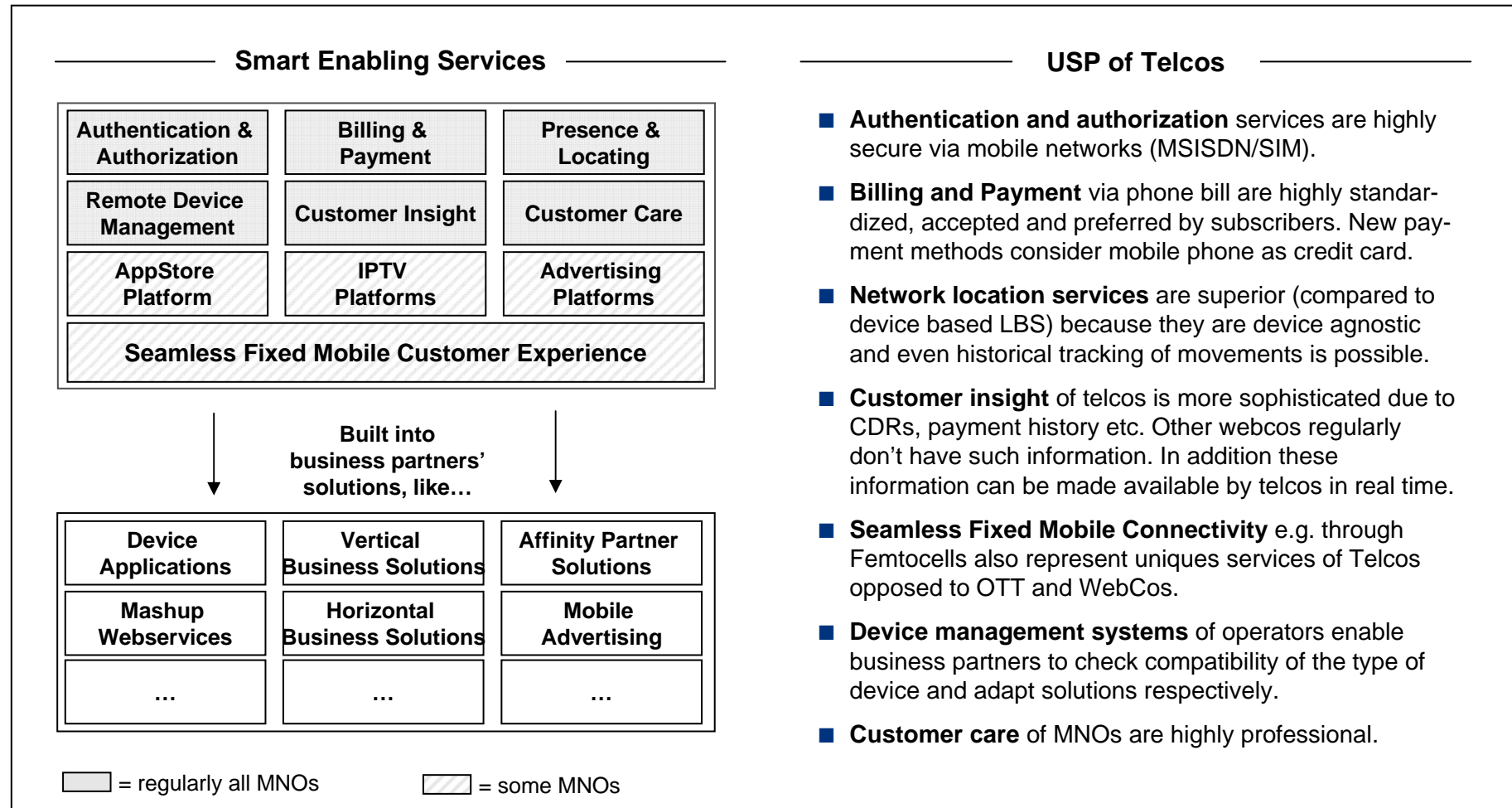
### Smart Partnering Models

- The type of partnering models vary from low (e.g. wholesale) to high involvement (e.g. JV) of the telco operator
  - Wholesale business models (e.g. MVNO, Amazon Kindl, “Internet of Things”, Open APIs )
  - Highly standardized/ operator managed vendor relationships e.g. in case of
    - Operator AppStores (e.g. China Mobile, Vodafone, Orange)
    - Enterprise solutions with applications including telco functionalities
    - Operator managed mobile advertising platforms (benchmark 3 Austria)
  - Solution oriented relationships (e.g. fleet management applications with telco functionalities)
  - Co-operations and joint ventures (e.g. in case of affinity partner programs, road toll collect programs, in-flight connectivity)

# Smart Pipe

Key success factor: Smart Enabling Services/ VAS Platforms




**Developing existing core capabilities towards managed enabling services for business partner solutions will improve the telcos competitive positioning with clear USPs.**



# Smart Pipe

Key Success Factor: Distribution Platforms/ Open APIs

**Open APIs enable third parties to integrate telco functionalities more independently from telcos into their applications thus shortening time to market for new 3<sup>rd</sup> party apps.**

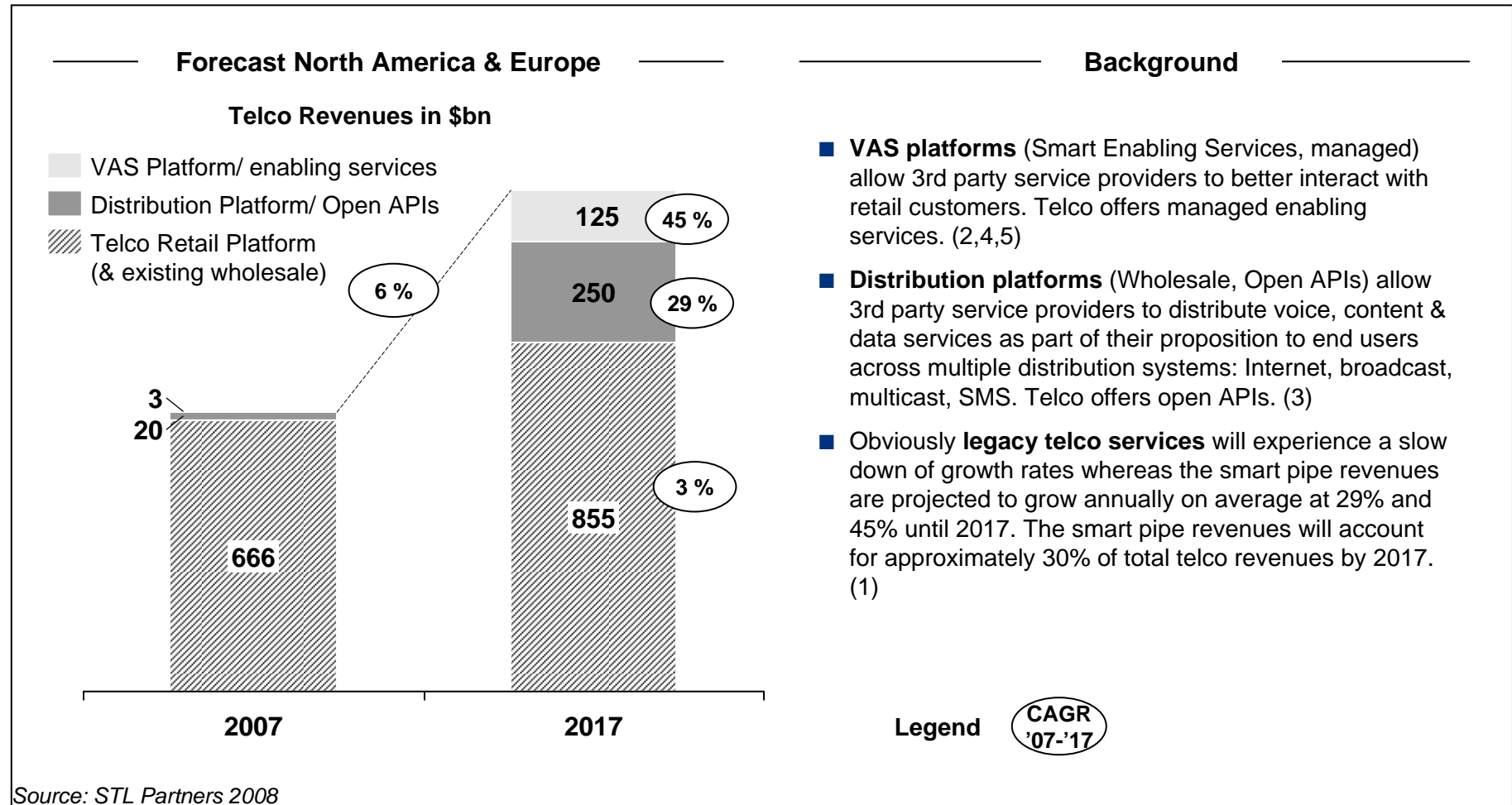
Carrier	Open APIs	Evaluation & Impact
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Content Provider Access program targeting enterprise clients, large content providers and WebCos with a large array of open APIs for telco enabled solutions.</li> <li>■ No AppStore until today.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ In 2008 Telenor's CPA program generated about 6% of total revenues in Norway which is an outstanding result due to its niche positioning.</li> <li>■ Whether they can refrain from an AppStore is questionable.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Orange Partner programme with several Open APIs for enterprise solutions etc.</li> <li>■ AppStore and developer community for mass market device applications</li> <li>■ Widgets experiencing program for webservices mashups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Four years experience and most advanced in terms of number of open APIs</li> <li>■ Enterprise solutions with substantial traffic increase (e.g. Pharmagest)</li> <li>■ Faster time to market. New apps appear within two weeks.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ O2 has developed a whole ecosystem for application developers ranging from several open APIs (though less than at Orange) up to IPR consultancy and venture capital for promising developers and business partners.</li> <li>■ AppStore that will compete with OEMs AppStores in the long term.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Ranked as the <b>most advanced open APIs</b> program by industry experts</li> </ul>

Source: Informa Mobile Network APIs 2009

# Smart Pipe

Market Forecasts – North America and Europe

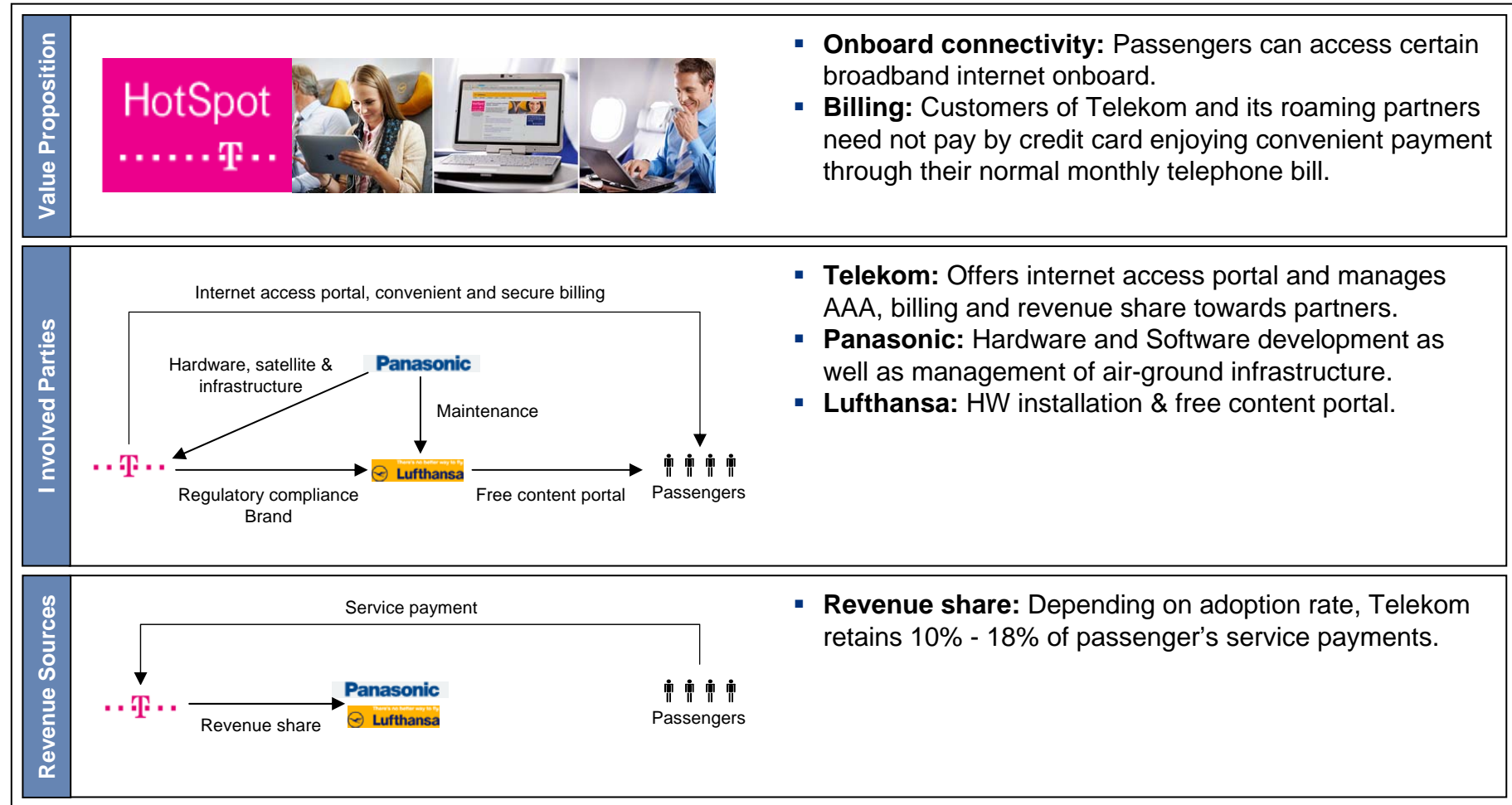
**Forecasts for North America and Europe estimate a \$ 375bn telco opportunity by deploying enabled services (managed) and Open APIs for such two-sided business models.**



# Smart Pipe

## Case Study - Lufthansa FlyNet

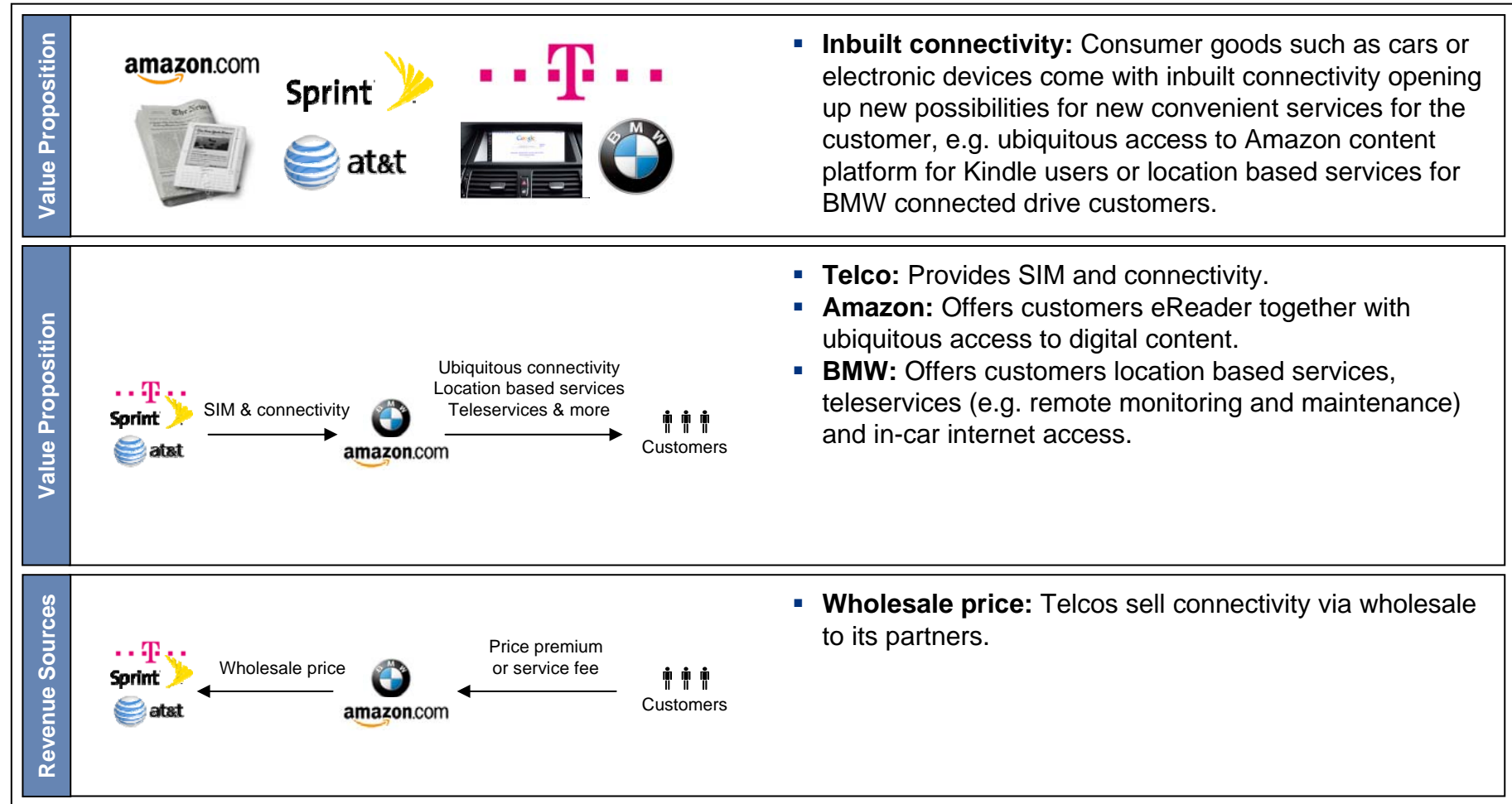
Together with Lufthansa and Panasonic, Telekom provides onboard connectivity on long haul flights.



# Smart Pipe

Case Study: Amazon Kindle & BMW connected drive

**Selling basic connectivity services is not limited to MVNOs. Car manufacturers and OEMs are one of many potential partners to profit from network operators.**



# Smart Pipe

New wholesale models

**New wholesale models are emerging with increasing pervasiveness of the internet – the internet of things. However, the BT example shows that success is not guaranteed.**

## PSP Go!Messenger

Sony & BT developed the PlayStation Portable into a mobile video & messaging phone:

- Contract to offer communication services for PlayStation Portable (PSP).
- Wireless broadband connection allows for video, messaging, voice services.
- BT was planned to be main partner of SCEE in all SCEE-sales regions (102 countries). Started in UK in 07/2007 as BT retail offer. Was planned as wholesale offer to Telcos and WISPs in other countries.
- However, the cooperation was **stopped** in 03/2009. Major reasons were slow uptake and licensing issues.



**BT** wholesale

## Amazon's Kindl

Amazon launched hardware based e-book reader in the US in 11/2007.

- Uses electronic paper display, reads the proprietary Kindle (AZW) format.
- Content (digital books with DRM) only available at Amazon's Whispernet platform.
- Customer pays one off price – wireless connectivity included – no contract needed.
- In US content download through Sprint's EVDO and most likely through AT&T network as well.
- Available in more than 100 countries (Q42009).
- Key driver for **Amazon's profitability** in 2009.
- Sold out in Germany on November 24<sup>th</sup> 2009 – one month after launch (connectivity through AT&T).

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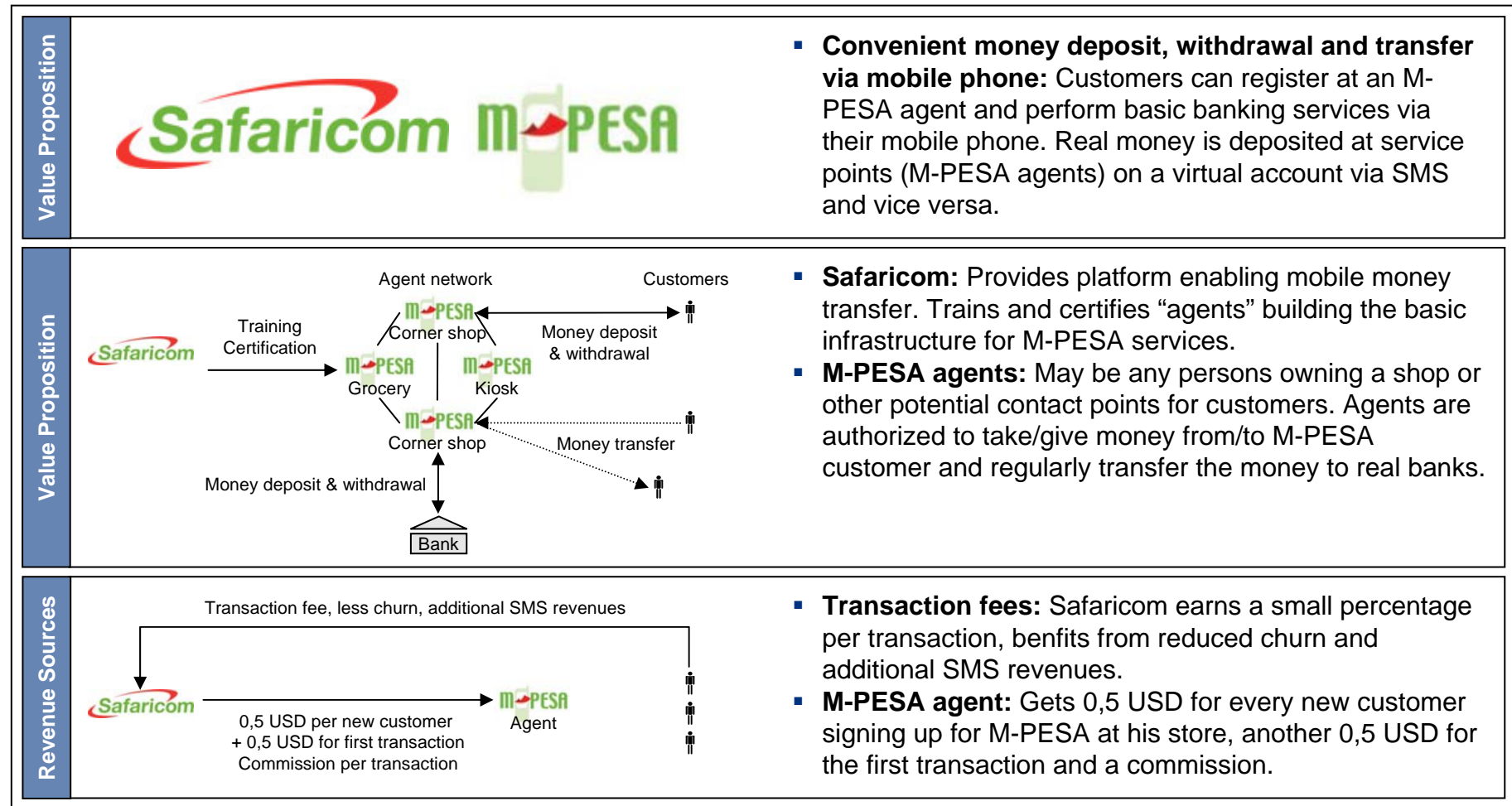
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# Smart Pipe

M-PESA Mobile money transfer

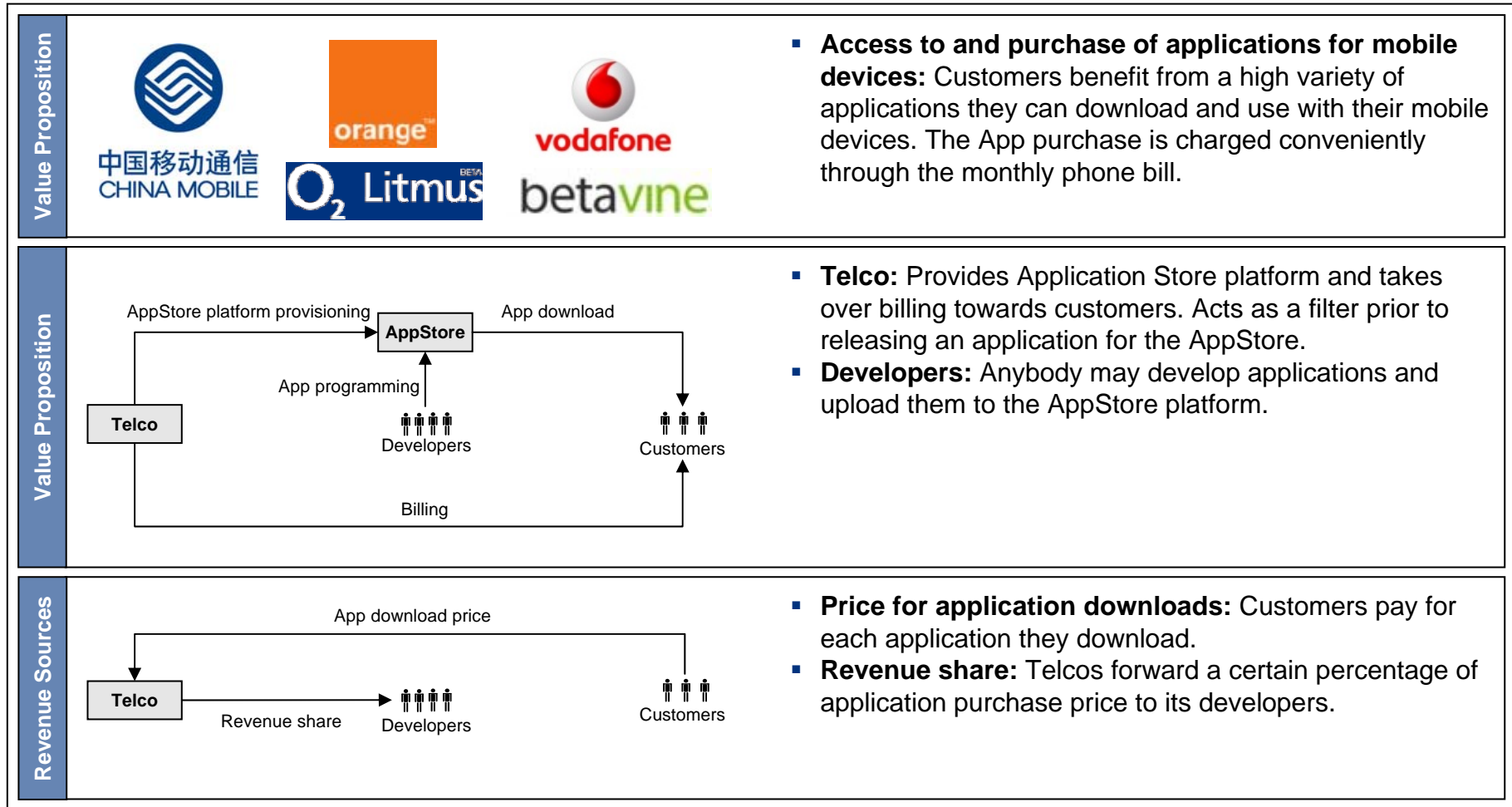
**Kenyan mobile operator Safaricom has established a sophisticated money transfer service generating revenues from every transaction that takes place.**



# Smart Pipe

Operator managed application stores

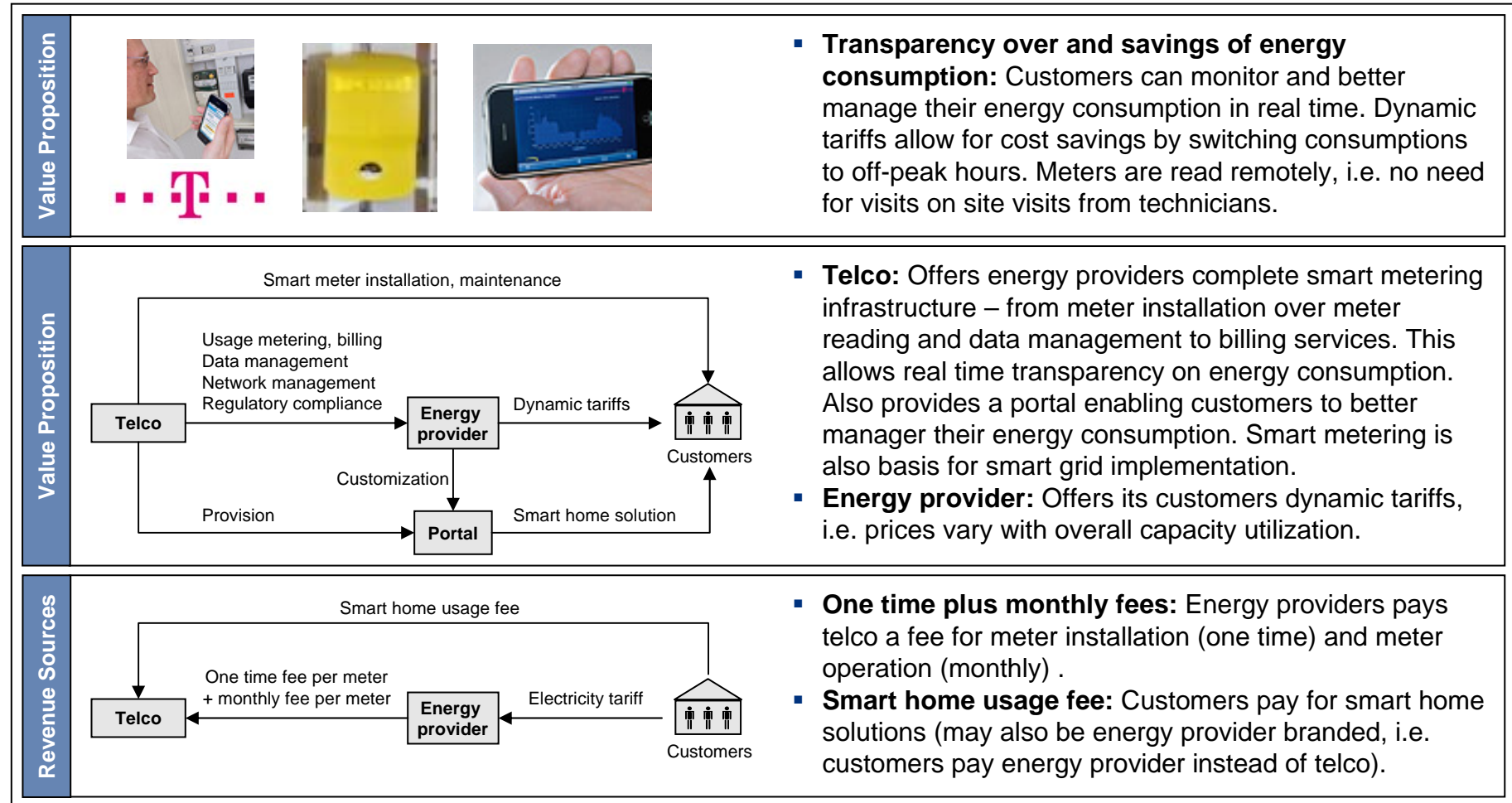
**Operator managed AppStores – though still lagging behind OTT solutions – form another opportunity to generate additional revenues in form of higher ARPUs.**



# Smart Pipe

Smart metering<sup>1)</sup>

**With their distinct competence in data and network management as well as billing services, telcos can position themselves as valuable players in the energy industry.**



*1) Though technically feasible, smart metering in this form is not implemented in Germany, yet. Case displays potential use cases – non exhaustive.*

# Smart Pipe Strategy – Selected Cases

## Smart Energy

**Smart metering offers customers more transparency and control over their energy consumption and allows utilities to optimize the utilization of their capacities.**

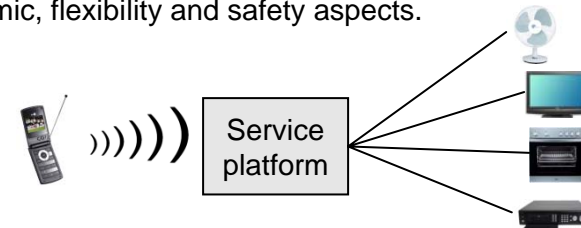
### Smart metering

- Real time **recording, display** and **storage** of energy consumption, as well as **transmission** of readings to energy provider via a telco network (**Automated Meter Reading**).
- Gateway function for other meters (e.g. water, gas, heating) for consumption monitoring.
- For customers, smart meters offer transparency on their consumption patterns, giving incentives for a more efficient use of energy.
- Dynamic pricing for energy consumption depending on time of day and capacity utilization.
- Smart meters enable **Advanced Meter Management**, which refers to the possibility to remotely control the metering device and household appliances.
- Basic elements for **smart homes** and **smart grids**.



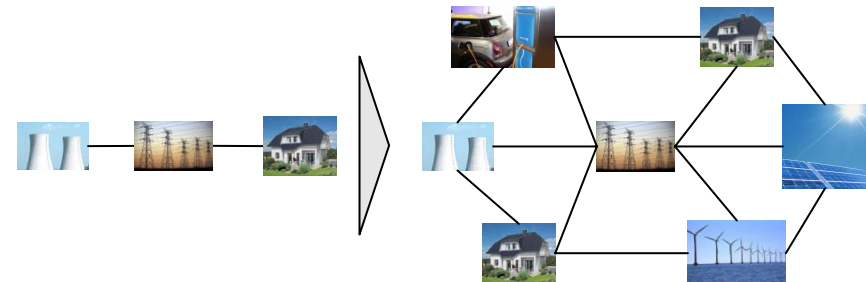
### Smart home

- **Smart home** refers to a household where appliances are connected via an intelligent network and can be remotely controlled , e.g. via an online service platform, to ensure an optimal utilization with regard to efficiency, comfort, economic, flexibility and safety aspects.



### Smart grid

- **Smart grids** refer to an intelligent network managing all elements of an energy infrastructure in such a way that capacity utilization is optimized (decentralized energy supply)



# Smart Pipe Strategy – Selected Cases

## Affinity partner programs

**Vimpelcom joined the Malina coalition in 2006 and offers the loyalty plan over its BeeLine. The program has turned in positive results in retaining subscriber base.**

### The Challenge

- Although the number of its active subscriber base increased, Vimpelcom's market share shrank from 34% in 2005 to 25% in 2008 in the face of aggressive competition in Russia threatening to shake its number two market position by 2009.
- Vimpelcom was the first Russian operator to venture outside the FSU region, nevertheless this did not help to increase brand awareness at home.

### The Result

- Vimpelcom reports positive results of its participation in the loyalty program, with Malina members having 2,5 times lower churn as non-members and 10% higher ARPUs.
- 56% of participants accepted to receive offers by SMS, 34% by e-mail.

Source: Informa, Ovum, Detecon

### The Approach



#### Principle

- According to a bonus structure based on usage, members holding Malina card collect reward points that can be used for shopping through the 300-member strong retail coalition.

#### Details

- Malina program is a loyalty program common to a coalition of shops allowing members to collect rewards at the shops including BeeLine.
- Participating shops include: patrol station BP, restaurants, pharmacies, supermarkets, movie tickets etc....
- Furthermore, Vimpelcom offers airtime credit to subscribers based on spending.

# Smart Pipe Strategy – Selected Cases

## Affinity partner programs

**T-Mobile Austria offers since 2006 a bonus program for all subscribers. The program is easy to use and provides discounts at partner shops as well as rewards from T-Mobile.**

### The Challenge

- With 132%, the mobile penetration in Austria is above EU average: loyalty strategies are critical.
- At 33%, T-Mobile occupies the number two market position in Austria and has been slightly losing market share to the incumbent Mobilkom and challenger Drei.
- Mobile revenues in Austria are in decline with T-Mobile losing 2,8% in Q1 '09 compared to Q1 '09.

### The Result

- T-Mobile is the only operator that operates a coalition program as part of its bonus program (Orange Austria has a bonus program but offers only discounts on Orange handsets and services). No clear contribution of the program to customer loyalty has been reported so far.

### The Approach



#### Principle

- Participants in the Flamingo bonus program collect rewards that can be traded for free handsets, free airtime or reduced yearly fees .

#### Details

- Every €5 euro spending result in 2 Flamingos.
- For example: for 400 Flamingos a subscriber can choose a Nokia 5000 or a Samsung J700; for 40 flamingos a subscriber can receive a cinema ticket in value of €6 or airtime in value of €5.
- Additionally all participants in the Flamingo bonus program are entitled for discounts at partner shops including flowers, car parking, and furniture.

Source: RTR Telekom Monitor Austria, Detecon

# Smart Pipe Strategy – Selected Cases

Affinity partner programs

**DiGi maintains a challenger strategy and has a reputation of being the most innovative operator in the Malaysian market: partner shops choice reflect the young target segment.**

## The Challenge

- DiGi targets the youth and young professional market, a highly price sensitive segment favouring prepaid plans.
- With 4 major operators in the country, MNP implemented, 3G licenses awarded, as well as encouragement of MVNOs by the regulator, DiGi is up for a heated competition.

## The Result

- DiGi, the number 3 operator in Malaysia by market share, has increased its share from 20% in 2003 to 30% lately. It is not clear if the third party discount initiative has influence in the improved market share.

## The Approach



### Principle

- All registered DiGi subscribers are entitled to discounts on participating third party shops.

### Details

- Subscribers get access to the discounts at partner shops by flashing their DiGi phone screen.
- Participating shops include everyday articles such as: Dunkin Donuts, EH! Magazine, Golden Oven Bakery, Football tickets etc...
- Additionally, DiGi provides priority services including personal and travel assistance to their tenured subscribers.

Source: Ovum, Detecon

# Smart Pipe Strategy – Selected Cases

Joint Ventures with first tier OEMs and Media

**In Japan the partnering models for the two sided business model even led to joint ventures. The two recent examples show the potential of cooperation with OEMs and Media companies.**

## NTT & Nintendo's Wii

NTT and Nintendo cooperation in Japan:

- Cooperation addressing Wii customers with internet enabled Wii console based on NTT's fiber optic network service
- NTT offers a special package including installation of web access equipment
- Nintendo provides exclusive games content to NTT's customers
- NTT and Nintendo jointly operate the call center services



## NTT Docomo & Avex Group

NTT Docomo and Avex Group Joint Venture

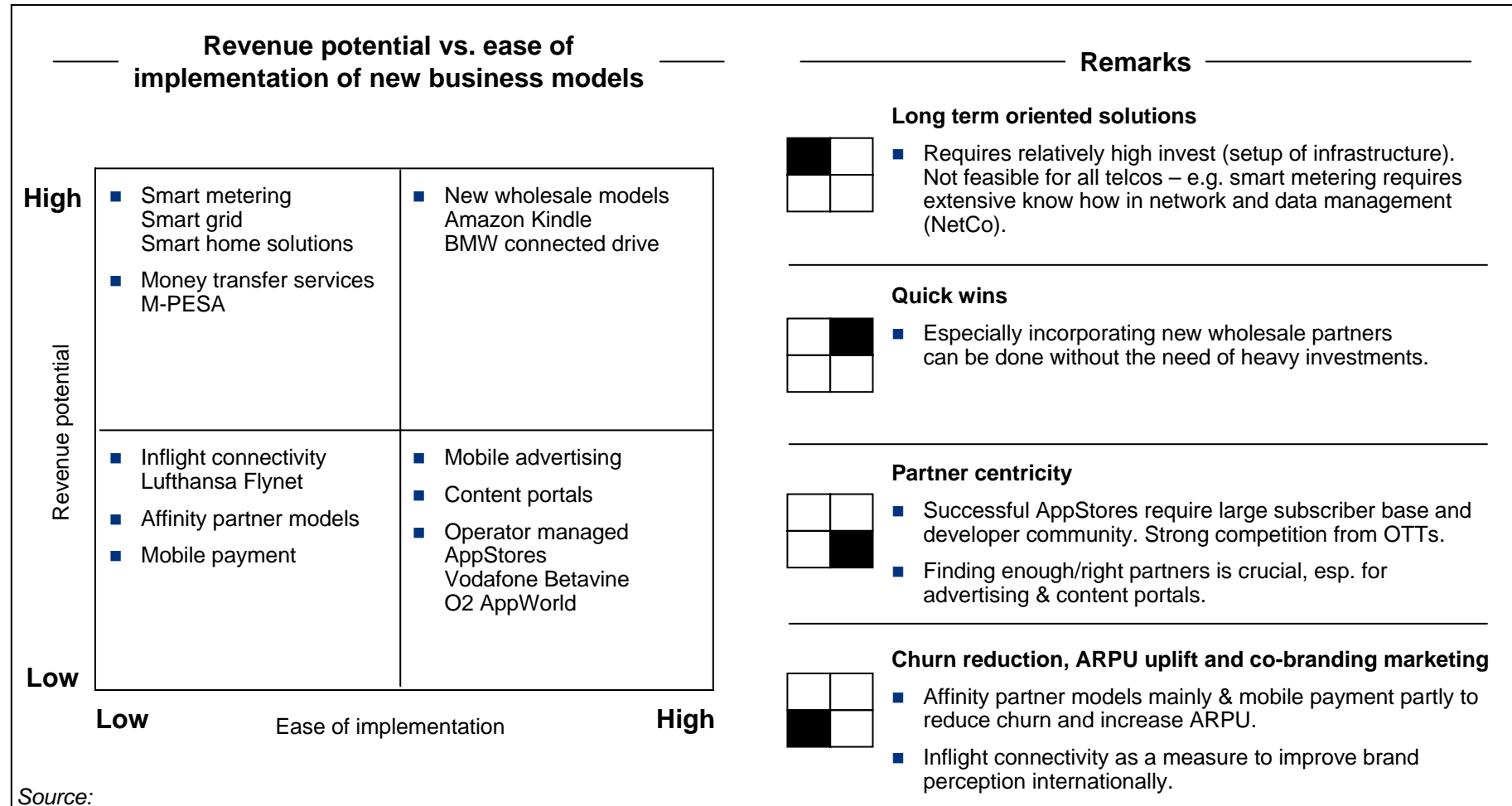
- Joint Venture was launched May 2009
- Type of JV: 30 (NTT Docomo):70 (Avex)
- Purpose: Production and on-demand distribution of video content packages for the mobile phone environment
- Avex Group is the Japanese biggest music and movie entertainment company.
- Service is available at NTT Docomo's mobile network under the portal brand beeTV.



# Smart Pipe

## Evaluation

**Not all telcos are suited to run new business models – subscriber base, brand perception and network competency are few of many prerequisites for success.**



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