

Everest Group Multi-country Payroll (MCP) Solutions PEAK Matrix® Assessment 2023

Focus on BIPO October 2023



Background of the research

Managing payroll across multiple countries can become a complicated task involving regulatory, legal, and cultural differences. MCP providers have emerged as indispensable partners for enterprises seeking efficient solutions to navigate this complex terrain. Enterprises are now seeking assistance beyond just conventional payroll management. In response to evolving enterprise needs, MCP providers have evolved their offerings and extended their services beyond basic payroll processing. By offering consolidated solutions across geographies, MCP providers empower enterprises to centralize control, standardize procedures, and address the intricacies of cross-border employment.

Faced with economic uncertainty, enterprises have increased focus on cost reduction and resource allocation. MCP providers have risen to the challenge, offering flexible pricing models and easy scalability, aligning their services with enterprises' changing needs. As enterprises recalibrate their operations, MCP providers continue to demonstrate their value by offering cost-effective, compliant, and strategic solutions, underlining their essential role in the ever-changing global payroll landscape.

This research presents an assessment of 27 MCP solution providers featured on the <u>Multi-country Payroll (MCP) Solutions PEAK Matrix® Assessment 2023</u>. The assessment is based on Everest Group's annual Request For Information (RFI) process for calendar year 2023, interactions with leading MCP solution providers, client reference checks, and an ongoing analysis of the MCP market.

The full report includes the profiles of the following 27 leading MCP service providers featured on the Global MCP Solutions PEAK Matrix:

- Leaders: ADP, Alight Solutions, EY, and TMF Group
- Major Contenders: activpayroll, BIPO, Ceridian, CloudPay, Deel, iiPay, Immedis, Links International, Mercans, Neeyamo, Papaya Global, Ramco, Safeguard Global, SD Worx, Sopra HR, Vistra and Zalaris
- Aspirants: Allsec, Ascent HR, OS HRS, Paybix, PaySpace, Popay

Scope of this report







Multi-country Payroll (MCP) Solutions PEAK Matrix® characteristics

Leaders

ADP, Alight Solutions, EY, and TMF Group

- Leaders are working toward creating a more employee-centric solution and providing greater flexibility to clients by enabling them to customize the services as per their needs
- They are investing in proprietary technology, data security, and partnerships to differentiate themselves from other providers in the market

Major Contenders

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- Most Major Contenders are scaling up their platform capabilities through the adoption of AI, automation, and integrations to provide a cost-effective solution with faster implementation cycles
- They are increasing their geographic presence and broadening their scope of services to include more ancillary payroll, EOR, and other HR processes to deliver a holistic solution to the clients

Aspirants

Allsec, Ascent HR, OS HRS, Paybix, PaySpace, Popay

- Aspirants are focusing on increasing their geographic coverage through their network of in-country partners and building the ability to cater to clients with larger headcounts
- They are also focusing on scaling up their current platforms by upgrading data and cyber security capabilities, investing in improving user experience, and rolling out new features

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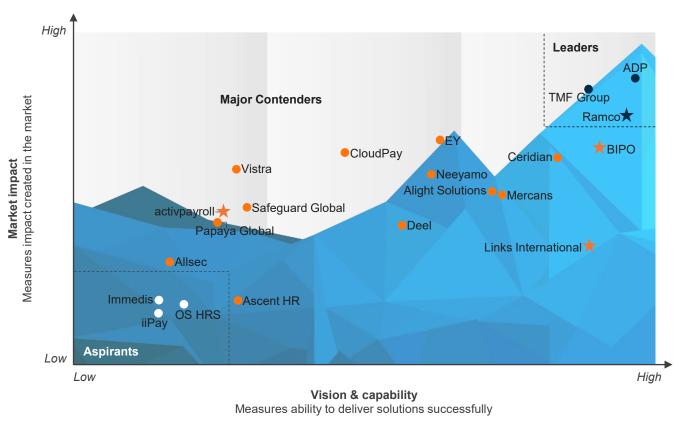
Leaders

Aspirants
Star Performers

Major Contenders

Everest Group Multi-country Payroll (MCP) Solutions PEAK Matrix® Assessment 2023 – APAC | BIPO is positioned as a Major Contender and a Star Performer

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Assessment for Allsec, Ascent HR, and Ceridian excludes service provider inputs and is based on Everest Group's proprietary Transaction Intelligence (TI) database, service provider public disclosures, and interactions with buyers

² Assessment for Deel includes its acquisition of PayGroup; Assessment for Vistra does not include its merger with Tricor, and for Immedis does not include its acquisition by UKG Source: Everest Group (2023)



BIPO profile (page 1 of 5) Service capability and strategy

Company mission/vision statement

BIPO HRMS is a cloud- and mobile-based HR management system hosted securely on the cloud using global infrastructure platform providers with ISO-27001 certification and SOC 2 auditing in progress. The platform is supported by an in-house R&D team across four countries – Singapore, China, Indonesia, and Malaysia. BIPO's business partners across 150+ countries support to develop end-to-end payroll and HR solutions, including a mobile app. BIPO HRMS platform automates HR processes and delivers insights to build a better employee experience along with payroll outsourcing solutions and global Employer of Record (EoR) services.

Headquarters: Scotts Road, Singapore Website: www.biposervice.com

Leadership

Michael Chen, Chief Executive Officer

Recent developments

- 2022: expansion and growth into new countries Laos, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste, and Brunei
- 2022: continued European expansion in countries such as Germany, France, Morocco, and the Netherlands
- 2022: released an enhanced version of BIPO mobile app with updated features
- 2022: established Global innovation hub in Singapore, with planned release of new analytics and Business
 Intelligence (BI). BIPO will leverage technologies such as RPA and ML to support predictive analytics and attrition
 through its new analytics solution, integrated with BIPO HRMS

Current MCP market segment focus

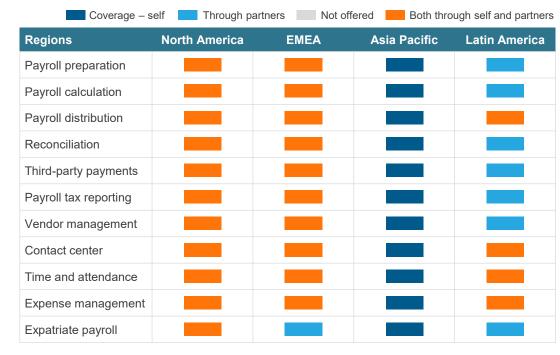
- Buyer segment: SMEs and enterprise
- Geography: APAC, ANZ, EMEA, the US, and LATAM

Total MCP delivery FTEs = 478						
Offshore	Nearshore	Onshore				
117	78	585				

Key partners

Oracle Netsuite, Oracle, Workday, Alibaba Cloud, AWS, SAP / SAP SF, Microsoft, Docusign, Thunes, Airwallex, PageUpPeople, and Cornerstone onDemand

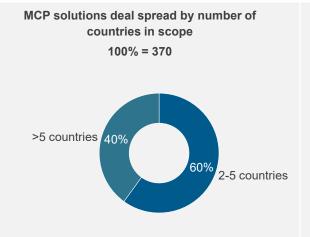
Functional capabilities within key MCP areas across regions

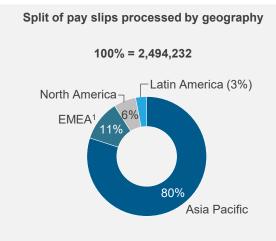


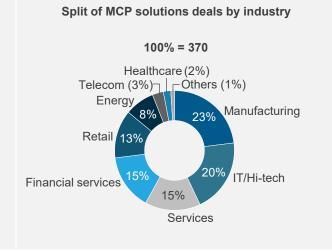
BIPO profile (page 2 of 5) Client portfolio

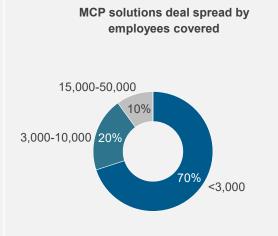












1 EMEA refers to UK, Europe, Middle East, and Africa Source: Based on contractual and operational information as of December 31, 2022



BIPO profile (page 3 of 5) Location coverage by payroll technology – G2N engines



BIPO profile (page 4 of 5) Location coverage by payroll processing FTEs



BIPO profile (page 5 of 5)

Everest Group MCP assessment – Global | Major Contender Everest Group MCP assessment – APAC | Major Contender and Star Performer

Measure of capability: Low Low										
	Market impact				Vision & capability					
Market adoption	Portfolio mix	Value delivered	Overall	Vision and strategy	Technology capability	Services capability	Innovations and investments	Engagement and commercial model		
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Strengths

Global

APAC

- BIPO, a provider of HCM, EOR services, payroll outsourcing, and HR advisory and compliance with delivery centers across 40+ locations, is a Major Contender on the Everest Group Global MCP PEAK Matrix® assessment 2023 and the APAC MCP PEAK Matrix® assessment 2023
- It can serve 18+ countries in the APAC region through its proprietary G2N engines and own FTEs resulting in strong in-country compliance support. It has the capability to provide reporting and payslips support in over 18 languages and contact center support in over 13 languages in APAC
- In addition to payroll, BIPO, as part of its HCM platform has modules that cover the complete hire-to-retire cycle including recruitment, training, T&A, leave, claim, and expense management. BIPO's EOR services, which it offers through its single platform in multiple markets, are a strong complement to its payroll and HR services and can support enterprise use cases for global expansion
- It provides a mobile application for managers and employees that allows them to view and download payslips, tax details, and remuneration, upload documents, and clock in/out attendance
- BIPO, through its Athena BI platform, equips enterprises to make strategic business decisions based on trends and forecast data as well as real-time reports, in addition to providing advanced features such as smart rostering
- It has partnered with Al Singapore, a national program in Al-driven by the government, to develop Al-based solutions for labor-intensive industries such as the retail and service sectors. It recently launched the BIPO Kiosk synced with payroll that provides an efficient way to track and upload employee attendance on-site through facial recognition
- Referenced clients have appreciated BIPO for its willingness to go the extra mile by providing customizable solutions

Limitations

- Enterprises based outside of the APAC region will need to examine BIPO's offerings carefully as its capability to serve clients outside the region is currently limited
- BIPO's current MCP client portfolio is consolidated toward serving clients with less than 15,000 employees. Enterprises with higher employee count should evaluate BIPO's offerings carefully
- It is not a certified Workday partner currently; however, it offers API and file-based integrations with HCMs, payment and fund transfer systems, ERP, recruitment, learning, and talent management systems
- Referenced clients want BIPO to improve its internal cross-country communications and consistency in services across geographies



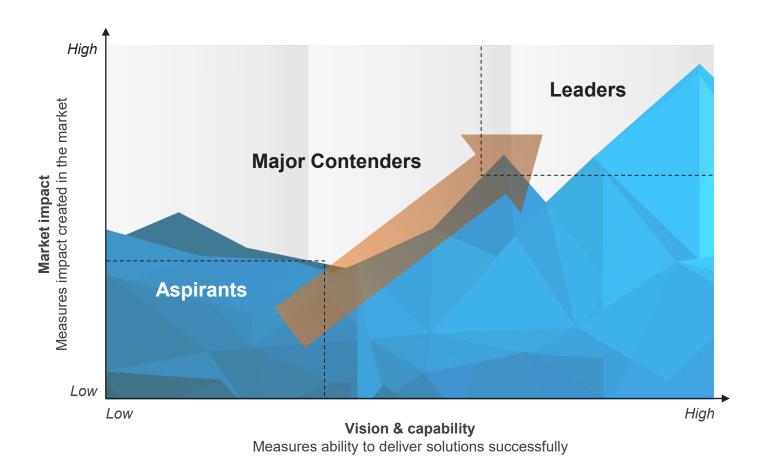
Appendix



Everest Group PEAK Matrix® is a proprietary framework for assessment of market impact and vision & capability



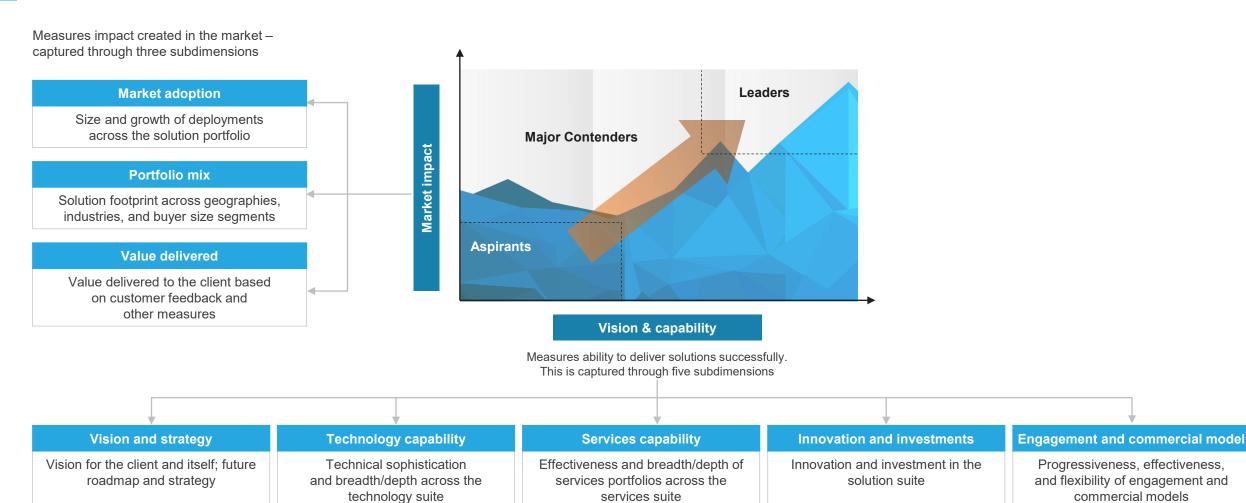
Everest Group PEAK Matrix





Solutions PEAK Matrix® evaluation dimensions



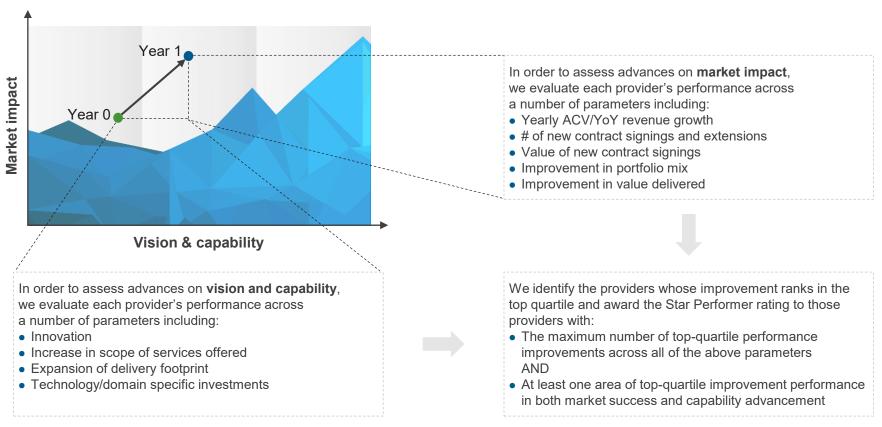


Everest Group confers the Star Performers title on providers that demonstrate the most improvement over time on the PEAK Matrix[®]



Methodology

Everest Group selects Star Performers based on the relative YoY improvement on the PEAK Matrix



The Star Performers title relates to YoY performance for a given vendor and does not reflect the overall market leadership position, which is identified as Leader, Major Contender, or Aspirant.



FAQs

Does the PEAK Matrix® assessment incorporate any subjective criteria?

Everest Group's PEAK Matrix assessment takes an unbiased and fact-based approach that leverages provider / technology vendor RFIs and Everest Group's proprietary databases containing providers' deals and operational capability information. In addition, we validate/fine-tune these results based on our market experience, buyer interaction, and provider/vendor briefings.

Is being a Major Contender or Aspirant on the PEAK Matrix, an unfavorable outcome?

No. The PEAK Matrix highlights and positions only the best-in-class providers / technology vendors in a particular space. There are a number of providers from the broader universe that are assessed and do not make it to the PEAK Matrix at all. Therefore, being represented on the PEAK Matrix is itself a favorable recognition.

What other aspects of the PEAK Matrix assessment are relevant to buyers and providers other than the PEAK Matrix positioning?

A PEAK Matrix positioning is only one aspect of Everest Group's overall assessment. In addition to assigning a Leader, Major Contender, or Aspirant label, Everest Group highlights the distinctive capabilities and unique attributes of all the providers assessed on the PEAK Matrix. The detailed metric-level assessment and associated commentary are helpful for buyers in selecting providers/vendors for their specific requirements. They also help providers/vendors demonstrate their strengths in specific areas.

What are the incentives for buyers and providers to participate/provide input to PEAK Matrix research?

- Enterprise participants receive summary of key findings from the PEAK Matrix assessment
- For providers
- The RFI process is a vital way to help us keep current on capabilities; it forms the basis for our database without participation, it is difficult to effectively match capabilities to buyer inquiries
- In addition, it helps the provider/vendor organization gain brand visibility through being in included in our research reports

What is the process for a provider / technology vendor to leverage its PEAK Matrix positioning?

- Providers/vendors can use their PEAK Matrix positioning or Star Performer rating in multiple ways including:
- Issue a press release declaring positioning; see our <u>citation policies</u>
- Purchase a customized PEAK Matrix profile for circulation with clients, prospects, etc. The package includes the profile as well as quotes from Everest Group analysts, which can be used in PR
- Use PEAK Matrix badges for branding across communications (e-mail signatures, marketing brochures, credential packs, client presentations, etc.)
- The provider must obtain the requisite licensing and distribution rights for the above activities through an agreement with Everest Group; please contact your CD or contact us

Does the PEAK Matrix evaluation criteria change over a period of time?

PEAK Matrix assessments are designed to serve enterprises' current and future needs. Given the dynamic nature of the global services market and rampant disruption, the assessment criteria are realigned as and when needed to reflect the current market reality and to serve enterprises' future expectations.







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