## The MBA Hiring Landscape: Managing Career Expectations

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### **GMAC<sup>®</sup>: The Corporate Perspective**

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### Moderator & Audience Q&A

### **Universum: The Student Perspective**

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## **Corporate Recruiter Survey: Ten Years of Data**



launches survey in 2001



<sup>r</sup> becomes partner in 2007



becomes partner in 2008

• 2011

• 1,509 recruiters responded from 51 countries representing 127 business schools



## **Participation Benefits**

Contextual Survey Report

**Comprehensive Data Report** 

**NEW!** Interactive Benchmark Report





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## **Companies Increasingly Growth-Oriented**

Efficiency Goals

**Expansion Goals** 



### **Economic recovery spurs MBA hiring**



\* 2011 Planned MBA Hiring

## **Projected # of MBA Hires Tepid**



## **MBA Hiring Plans Vary by Industry**

| Industry                       | Actual 2010<br>Hires<br>(% of Companies) | Average # of<br>MBA Hires in<br>2010 (Actual) | Projected 2011<br>Hires<br>(% of Companies) | Average # of<br>MBA Hires<br>Planned in 2011 |
|--------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| Consulting                     | 69%                                      | 14  | 72%   | 12   |
| Energy/Utility                 | 63%                                      | 3   | 64%   | 6  |
| Finance/<br>Accounting         | 67%                                      | 14  | 71%   | 19   |
| Health Care/<br>Pharmaceutical | 67%                                      | 24  | 68%   | 11   |
| Technology                     | 57%                                      | 16  | 62%   | 18   |
| Manufacturing                  | 68%                                      | 6   | 76%   | 7  |
| Nonprofit/<br>Government       | 31%                                      | 8   | 36%   | 6  |
| Products/Services              | 57%                                      | 8   | 61%   | 10   |



### **Starting MBA salaries rise over time.**



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# The MBA commands a premium compared with other programs.



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# MBAs are expected to have real world experience.



## **MBA Internships: A Foot in the Door**

| Industry                       | Average<br>Number of<br>Interns: 2010 | Average<br>Number Who<br>Applied for<br>Positions | Average<br>Number Who<br>Received a Job<br>Offer | Yield Rate |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|------------|
| Consulting                     | 50.7                                  | 32.6  | 22.8   | 70%        |
| Energy/Utility                 | 8.1                                   | 7.2   | 3.6  | 50%        |
| Finance/<br>Accounting         | 31.4                                  | 21.7  | 13.1   | 60%        |
| Health Care/<br>Pharmaceutical | 18.5                                  | 17.1  | 6.5  | 38%        |
| Technology                     | 17.8                                  | 18.3  | 12.8   | 70%        |
| Manufacturing                  | 20.2                                  | 16.0  | 9.8  | 61%        |
| Nonprofit/<br>Government       | 14.4                                  | 9.0   | 2.8  | 31%        |
| Products/<br>Services          | 27.1                                  | 22.9  | 11.4   | 50%        |

## **Companies hiring MBA for various positions around the world**

Marketing/sales **Business development** Consulting General management HR/organization management **Operations and logistics** Finance (other) Finance (investment banking) Accounting Information technology/MIS



## **Desired MBA Traits/Skills Vary by World Region**



APAC Europe United States



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## School Selection Criteria for On-Campus Recruitment

| Quality of the students                           | 72%              |
|---|------------------|
| Past experience at the school                     | 48%              |
| Existing relationships at the school              | 39%              |
| School ranking                                    | 37%              |
| Influence of alumni working at your company       | 31%              |
| Depth of the talent pool                          | 28%              |
| Global recognition of the business school         | 26%              |
| Quality of the curriculum                         | 25%              |
| Location of school                                | 25%              |
| Retention history of past hires                   | 24%              |
| Local reputation                                  | 16%              |
| Flexibility of students (willingness to relocate) | 14%              |
| Offer or hiring yield                             | 14%              |
| Admissions standards of the school                | 12%              |
| Salary expectations of graduating students        | 12%              |
| Quality of the faculty                            | 10%              |
| School accreditation                              | 9%               |
| International diversity of the class              | 9%               |
| Quality of the career services office             | 9%               |
| Ethnic diversity of the class                     | <b>7%</b>        |
| Demand for recent graduates from the school       |                  |
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## School Selection Criteria Differences, by World Region





## UNIVERSUM

**Building Brands to Capture Talent** 

• A Short Guide to MBA Career Expectations June 24, 2011

Presented by: Karl-Johan Hasselström US Regional Manager North-East



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| 2 | •Profile & career preferences                           |
| Z | •Employer preferences                                   |
| 3 | •Employer attractiveness                                |
| 4 |   |



### **Universum in brief**

- We employ approximately 200 people in 12 locations on 5 continents.
- The group head office is located in Stockholm, the regional head offices are located in Philadelphia (Americas), London (Europe), Cologne (DACH) and Shanghai (Asia).
- We serve more than 1 200 clients globally, including the majority of the Fortune 100 companies.
- We survey over 300 000 students and 100 000 professionals annually in 28 countries.
- We publish more than 150 career publications in 10 countries.
- We have 10 career sites with 400 000 visitors/month.
- We organize 40 events with over 3 000 participants in 14 countries.
- We publish the world's foremost journal on Employer Branding – Universum Quarterly.

### Some of our 1 200 clients:





**The Universum business** Universum helps companies improve their performance through more successful recruitment and retention by ensuring improvements to their Employer Brand.

### We help employers:





### Universum around the world

Universum annually surveys over 350,000 students and 100,000 professionals worldwide through our standardized research. In addition we conduct research in several other countries through our consulting projects.

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Employer attractiveness



Employer preferences





### **Personality profiles**

Over the last few years it has become more important to understand the personality profiles of the talent that you recruit. Cultural fit is also becoming increasingly important to both employees and employers. Universum has developed personality profiles based on the Drivers of Employer Attractiveness and what students perceive as important in their career.



### **US MBA students are** *Leaders*



This slide presents the students' personality based on the attributes that the students chose as important within the Drivers of Employer Attractiveness. Chart presents Personality Profiles of the US MBA students.

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### US MBAs: It is no longer about work/life balance!



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## Top career goals are similar... but there are some regional differences!



## US MBAs show a great deal of interest in consulting and financial sector



#### SURVEY QUESTION:

In which industry would you ideally want to work when choosing your first employment after graduation? *Please select a maximum of three alternatives* 

### **Optimism returning to the MBA marketplace**



### MBA internships a key factor to getting a full time job

43% of the US MBAs said they have received an offer for an internship from up to 5 top employers during the course of their studies.

Top 4 reasons for seeking an Internship program:

- 1. Gain experience (74%)
- 2. Opportunity for a full-time position (16%)
- 3. Company name for my resume (7%)
- 4. Requirement for academic studies (2%)

### **Reasons for applying**

"Experience life working in a company rather than in a college and find out my career preference. Meet and learn from professionals who are successful in their career and to find out whether I am ready to work, maybe I am not well prepared in knowledge."

*"1. Get in touch with future employees. 2. Get experience. 3. Increase my own value in comparison to students without practical experience."* 

"To get an experience and basically make a link between what I'm taught and what I'm expected to become."

"I applied because I wanted to make real and useful my knowledge and skills. I utilized the internship as a good reason to change place to live."



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### **The Drivers of Employer Attractiveness**

|   | Employer Reputation & Image<br>The attributes of the employer as an organization<br>Attractive/exciting products and services<br>Fast-growing or entrepreneurial<br>Financial strength<br>Good reputation<br>High ethical standards<br>High level of Corporate Social Responsibility<br>Innovative products and services<br>Inspiring top management<br>Market success<br>Prestige   | <ul> <li>Job Characteristics</li> <li>The contents and demands of the job, including the learning opportunities provided by the job</li> <li>A variety of assignments</li> <li>An attractive geographic location</li> <li>Challenging work</li> <li>Control over my working hours</li> <li>Flexible working conditions</li> <li>High level of responsibility</li> <li>Opportunities for international travel</li> <li>Opportunities for relocation abroad</li> <li>Professional training and development</li> <li>Secure employment</li> </ul> |
|---|--|--|
| Will enable me to have good work/life balance     Sponsorship of future education | The social environment and attributes of the work place<br>Has a culture that is accepting towards minorities<br>Has a culture that respects my individuality<br>Has a culture that supports equality between the sexes<br>Has leaders who will support my development<br>Offers a comfortable physical work environment<br>Offers a creative and dynamic work environment<br>Offers a friendly work environment<br>Offers interaction with international clients and<br>colleagues<br>Recruits only the best students | <ul> <li>Clear path for advancement</li> <li>Competitive base salary</li> <li>Competitive benefits</li> <li>Good possibilities for rapid promotion</li> <li>Good prospects for high future earnings</li> <li>Good reference for future career</li> <li>Leadership opportunities</li> <li>Overtime pay/compensation</li> <li>Performance-related bonus</li> </ul>   |

### PLEASE NOTE:

The framework is developed together with professor Paula Caligiuri, Director of the Center for HR Strategy at Rutgers University. Based on specific research within HR, as well as focus groups and general communication with both our clients and students.

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### 2011 Top 5 overall most important attributes

### **USMBA**

- 1. Has leaders who will support my development (People & Culture)
- 2. Challenging work (Job Characteristics)
- 3. Offers a creative and dynamic work environment (People & Culture)
- 4. <u>Will enable me to have good work life</u> <u>balance (People & Culture)</u>
- 5. Professional training and development (Job Characteristics)

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- 1. Challenging work (Job Characteristics)
- Professional training and development (Job Characteristics)
- 3. Has leaders who will support my development (People & Culture)
- 4. Offers a creative and dynamic work environment (People & Culture)
- 5. <u>Leadership opportunities (Remuneration</u> <u>& Advancement Opportunities)</u>



This is the importance of all 40 attributes in relation to how important the students think its driver is. This analysis gives a summarised 360 degree view of what influences employer attractiveness.

### **Commitment to a challenging career is evident**



### Women leaders in the economy



For a number of years insufficient career development has kept women from reaching the top of the corporate ladder.

Universum's study shows that the desire for growth, professional training, and leadership opportunities is as important to MBA women as

4% 4%

4%

**4**%

men.

8%

■ Female ■ Male

Total

Chart presents the 2011 preferences of the US MBA students; Difference compared to 2010

### SURVEY QUESTION:

Job Characteristics refers to the content and demands of the job, including the learning opportunities provided by the job. Which attributes do you perceive as the most attractive? Please select a maximum of three alternatives

### PLEASE NOTE:

This chart shows the difference between the attrubutes in 2011 compared to 2010. The difference is shown in per cent units.

### MBAs seek creative environment and want to be surrounded by leaders



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Chart presents the 2011 preferences of the US MBA students

#### SURVEY QUESTION:

People & Culture refers to the social environment and attributes of the work place. Which attributes do you perceive as the most attractive? *Please select a maximum of three alternatives* 

### They also want to work with the best and the brightest

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3%

11%

11%

Total
 Female

Male

9%

1%

2%

Has a culture that is accepting towards [underrepresented] minorities

Has a culture that respects my individuality

Has a culture that supports equality between the sexes

Has leaders who will support my development

Offers a comfortable physical work environment

Offers a creative and dynamic work environment

Offers a friendly work environment

Offers interaction with international clients and colleagues

Recruits only the best talents

Will enable me to have good work/life balance

MBAs want to work with high quality peers – reflected in the increasing interest in employers recruiting only the best talents.

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### MBA students are thinking about the future

### Attractiveness of "Good reference for future career"



#### SURVEY QUESTION:

Remuneration & Advancement Opportunities refer to monetary compensation and other benefits, now and in the future. Which attributes do you perceive as the most attractive? *Please select a maximum of three alternatives* 



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Employer attractiveness



53% of MBAs are optimistic about finding a job with their favorite employer within 6

months after graduation

On average, MBAs expect to stay 4.7 years at their first employer after graduation



### The Universum rankings



working for?



### Ideal Employers 2011

| Total                       |      | Female                      |      | Male                        |      |
|-----------------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|
| Employer                    | Rank | Employer                    | Rank | Employer                    | Rank |
| Google                      | 1    | Google                      | 1    | Google                      | 1    |
| McKinsey & Company          | 2    | Apple                       | 2    | McKinsey & Company          | 2    |
| Apple                       | 3    | Walt Disney Company         | 3    | Goldman Sachs               | 3    |
| Goldman Sachs               | 4    | McKinsey & Company          | 4    | Apple                       | 4    |
| The Boston Consulting Group | 5    | Facebook                    | 5    | The Boston Consulting Group | 5    |
| Bain & Company              | 6    | Johnson & Johnson           | 6    | Bain & Company              | 6    |
| Facebook                    | 7    | Nike                        | 7    | J.P. Morgan                 | 7    |
| Amazon                      | 8    | The Boston Consulting Group | 8    | Amazon                      | 8    |
| J.P. Morgan                 | 9    | Amazon                      | 9    | Deloitte                    | 9    |
| Nike                        | 10   | Bain & Company              | 10   | Nike                        | 10   |

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