

Emerging Opportunities in the Philippines' Cards and Payments Industry

Market Size, Trends and Drivers, Strategies, Products and Competitive Landscape

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1 Executive Summary

Steady growth was recorded in the Filipino card payments channel during the review period (2008–2012), as the number of cards in circulation increased at a CAGR of X.XX%, rising from XX.X million in 2008 to XX.X million in 2012. This growth was primarily driven by the prepaid cards category which registered the highest growth rate at a CAGR of XX.XX%. Over the forecast period (2013–2017), the number of cards in circulation is expected to increase from XX.X million in 2013 to XX X million in 2017, after registering a CAGR of X.XX%.

International banks dominate the credit card category while domestic banks lead the debit card category

The card payments channel is dominated by four large domestic banking groups – Metrobank, Banco de Oro, Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI), and Land Bank of the Philippines. In the debit card category, domestic banks held a collective market share of XX% in 2011. Foreign banks such as Citibank and HSBC dominate the credit card business. In terms of number of credit cards in circulation in 2011, Citibank held the highest share of XX.X% with X.X million cards, followed by HSBC with XX.X% and XXX,XXX cards.

Remittances driving debit and prepaid card categories

The cards and payments industry benefits from international remittances due to the large number of Filipinos migrating to other countries. Remittance money rose by X.X% to US\$X.X billion in the first quarter of 2013 and it is expected to grow further as more Filipinos seek employment abroad. In response to this, banks are offering a number of remittance debit and prepaid cards, allowing migrant Filipinos to transfer money to beneficiaries in the Philippines. OFW Cash Card and On-time Remittance Card are examples of some of the prevailing remittance cards in the country. In 2011, BPI held XX% of the remittance business market share, followed by Philippine National Bank (PNB), the Metropolitan Bank & Trust Co. (Metrobank) and Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. (RCBC) with respective market shares of XX%, XX% and X%.

Increased focus on technology to differentiate offering

As competition intensifies, banks are implementing innovative strategies to attract new customers and retain existing ones. Shopping rebates, raffles, installment programs, discounts and freebies at partner retail merchants on credit card purchases are common tactical promotions. To differentiate their offerings, banks are adopting new technology and redefining customer segmentation. Analytics-based platforms are used to improve customer segmentation and develop targeted offering. There is also an increased focus on rewards to retain customers and drive revenue growth. BPI Bank provides BPI Express credit cardholders with instant rewards at merchants while tracking each purchase made through a smart chip embedded in the card.

Interconnectivity is driving transaction volumes

The number of card transactions was positively impacted by the interconnectivity of domestic ATM and POS terminal network operators such as MagaLink, BancNet and Expressnet. In 2010, these three domestic operators connected their POS terminals across the country. Interconnectivity drove card transaction growth at a review-period CAGR of XX.XX%, rising from XXX.X million transactions in 2008 to XXX.X million in 2012. Transaction volume at ATM terminals grew at a slower pace compared to transactions at POS terminals, at a review-period CAGR of X.XX%, representing the shift from cash to cashless payments.



2 Appendix

2.1 Methodology

Timetric's dedicated research and analysis teams consist of experienced professionals with industry backgrounds in marketing, market research, consulting and advanced statistical expertise.

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2.2 Definitions

Table 1: Key Definitions

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Categories	Description
Gift cards	Suitable for a variety of purposes, such as key religious festivals or specific anniversaries including marriages and birthdays. The card can also be used by corporations as gifts to employees, vendors or clients.
Meal cards	Offers employees a meal allowance and eliminates the logistical problems associated with the procurement, stock-keeping and distribution of paper-based meal vouchers.
Payroll cards	Used to pay employee salaries by eliminating the need to put funds into a specific bank account. The payroll card is loaded with the salary amount or reimbursements, which can be spent by using the card.
Travel currency card	Targets international travelers and are available in a number of currencies.
Remittance card	Targets those who receive remittances from abroad.
Multi-purpose prepaid cash card	Used to purchase various goods and services from affiliated merchants.
Average Transaction Value	The average value of transactions made through each card in a year.
Frequency of Use	The average number of transactions made using different cards in a given year.
Turnover Per Card	The value of transactions generated by various cards in a year.
Online Spending Through Mobile	Value of transactions made though mobile using various payment options.
Card Penetration (per '000)	Average number of various card types available per thousand populations.
Contactless Transactions	It reflects the total number of NFC enabled cards in circulation.
NFC-enabled Cards	It reflects the total number of NFC enabled cards in circulation.
Source: Timetric analysis	© Timetric

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