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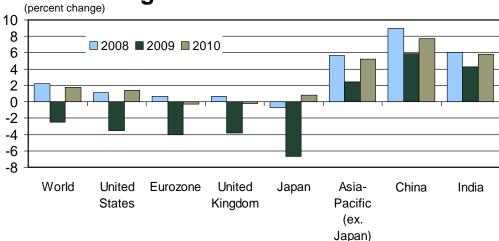
## Global Business Challenges, Trends and Emerging Solutions

## Global Economic Challenges Continue – But Forces of Recovery are at Work

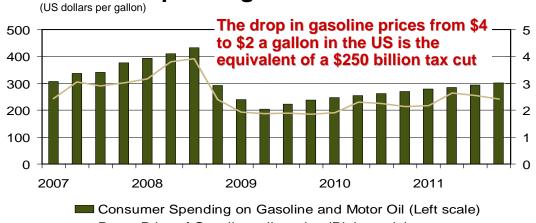
- World GDP expected to contract by over 2% in 2009.
- Global synchronized recession in advanced economies.
- Emerging markets not immune but affected in different ways.

- Forces supporting recovery:
  - Lower commodity prices
  - Fiscal stimulus programs
  - Low or near zero interest rates
  - Bail-out of troubled banks
  - Pent-up demand
- US and China likely to lead recovery





#### Gasoline spending: less of a burden



Pump Price of Gasoline, all grades (Right scale)

Source: IHS Global Insight

#### **Economic Trends and Challenges are Impacting Business Priorities**

- Shortened outlook and timescales
- Cutting costs beyond the normal
- Focus on customer impact
- Retaining and motivating employees
- Marketplace opportunities and competitive advantage



#### Four Key Imperatives Today

- Rapid and Sustained Cost Management
- 2. Operational Excellence
- 3. Customer Acquisition and Retention
- 4. Effective Merger and Acquisition



# **Accenture Technology Vision:**Four Trends Will Define Technology Landscape



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