



# **FinTech Diaspora Americas Forum**

The State of Fintech in Latin America Jan Smith, Partner jan.smith@korefusion.com

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# 60% OF FINTECHS ARE LESS THAN THREE YEARS OLD, AND ARE A MIX OF BOTH INNOVATIVE AND PIGGY-BACK MODELS

There are over 700 unique fintech companies in the region, concentrated in five countries



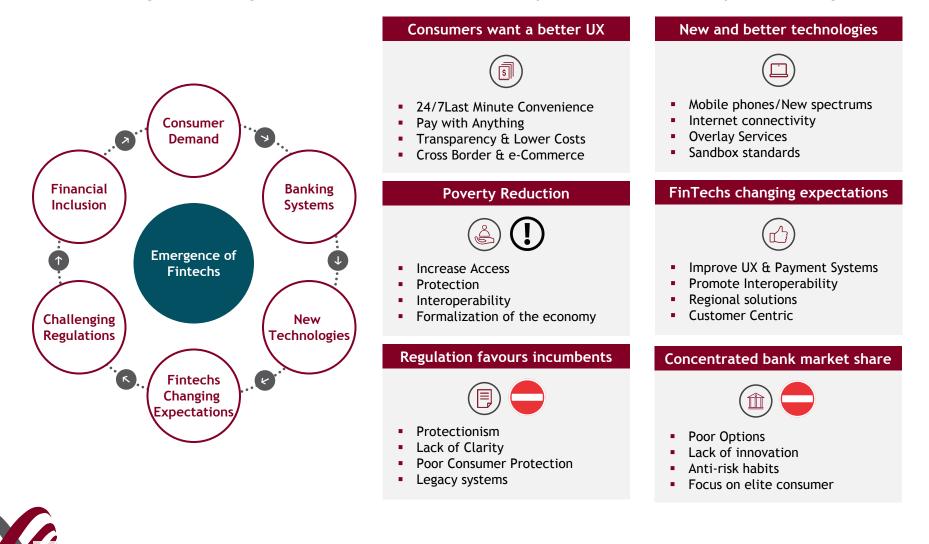
Country	Est. # Fintechs
Arg.	- 80+
Bra.	<b>i</b> 250+
Chi.	<b>10</b> +
Col.	90+
Ecu.	<b>2</b> 5+
Mex.	190+
Per.	25+

Fintech Focus	%*
Payments	24%
Lending	<b>28</b> %
Crowdfunding	<b>18</b> %
Enterprise Fin. Mngmt	11%
Personal Finances/Wealth	11%
Insurance	3%
Core Banking	2%

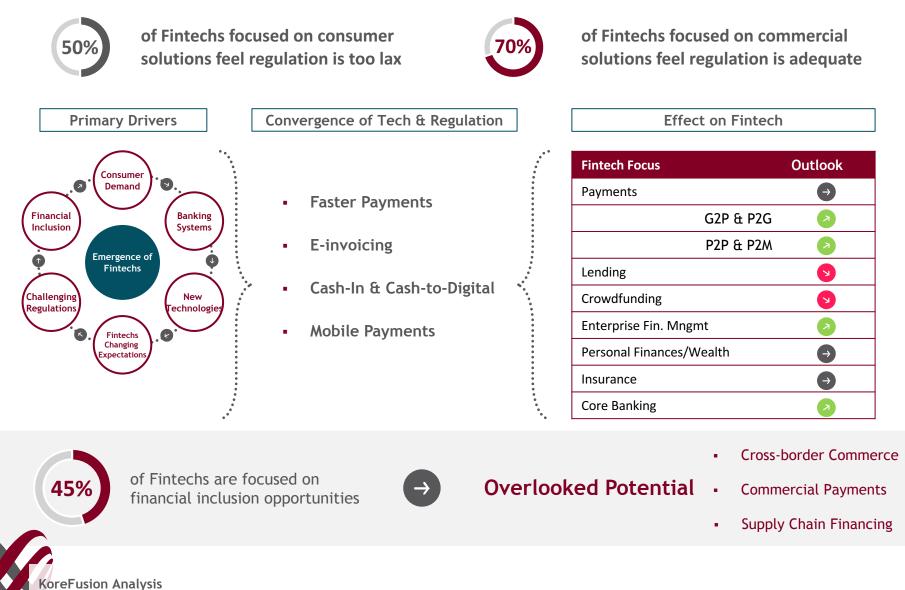
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## FINTECH GROWTH IS BUOYED BY SIX DRIVERS

New technologies, new regulations, new consumers, new expectations, but with uphill challenges



## **TECHNOLOGY IS OFTEN IN THE FOREFRONT BUT REGULATION IS HAPHAZARD**



# FOREIGN PLAYERS OFTEN UNDERESTIMATE THE HOME COURT ADVANTAGE

Leading Latin American fintechs are mostly homegrown and resourceful

**Market Constraints** 

40% non-banked 30% informal economy Regulatory gaps and hurdles Infrastructure gaps Monopolistic incumbents Less than \$1.2 billion in

financing

#### 1. Very Scrappy

- 27% bootstrapped; only 42% looking for investors
  - 40% reached Launch Phase with less than \$150,000 in funding
- 60% are in two or more countries
- Raised and average of \$3 million

#### 2. Experts at Navigating Shortcomings

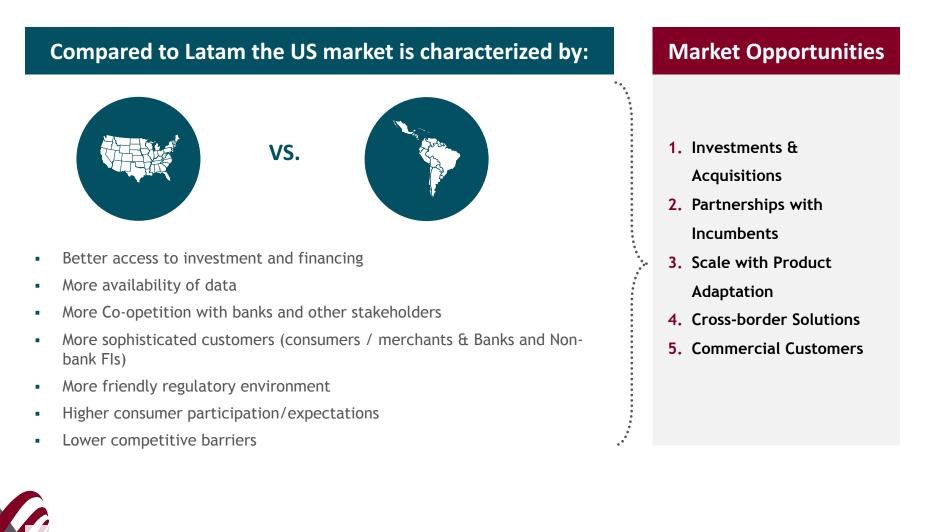
- Local Regulations
- Acceptance for local payment tools
- Consumer purchasing behavior
- Logistics shortcomings
- Thin credit files
- Limited financing

Incumbents are stronger and have more sway over regulators.

Sources: IADB, Finovista, Fintech Labs Brasil, KoreFusion Analysis

## DESPITE A HOME COURT ADVANTAGE FOR LATIN AMERICA, FOREIGN FINTECHS HAVE NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES

In Latin America greater focus on core financial service problems



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