# **COMMERCIAL CHALLENGES IN THE CURRENT SCENARIO**

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# **CURRENT SCENARIO IN STAINLESS MARKETS**

- Macroeconomic uncertainty.
- High impact of raw materials in the purchasing behaviour of a growing number of customers specially in the distribution sector.
- Global over supply.
- Low inventories, being rebuilt in some countries, although distributors/stockists are delaying restocking.
- Moderate global growth. Capital goods still on a freeze box but manufacturing has exceeded expectations globally, specially in the consumer goods sector (ie. Automobile).
- Base prices still low and transaction prices have fallen significantly in recent months due to the alloy surcharge.
- Credit conditions still relatively tight.



- Lean and flexible commercial structure.
- Focus on stainless with an experience team of people.
- Reducing the stocks in the supply chain and centralizing.
- Reducing our lead times.
- Profitability and service, our driven fundamentals.
- Proximity to markets. We are locals in each markets.
- Wide range of <u>products</u> from our mills in 4 continents and Experts in Ferritics, Duplex grades and 301 & 200 series.







- Global supplier to global customers.
- Taking advantage of new opportunities in emerging markets, like Eastern Countries, Turkey, Middle East, South America and Africa.
- Emerging Asia, led by China, and specially ASEAN countries will be the fastest-growing region of global economy over next decade.
- Stainless steel end-of-live recycling rates are high compared with other metals and growing recommendations for long-term use in buildings and infrastructures.
- Currency fluctuations could become an opportunity for our mills.
- Main areas for growth in stainless steel:

Climate change	<ul> <li>Solar Energy / Wind Energy / Biofuels</li> </ul>
Quality of life	<ul> <li>Water treatment / Food industry</li> </ul>
Urbanization	<ul> <li>Arquitecture / Bridges / Tunnels</li> </ul>
Mobility	Public Transport

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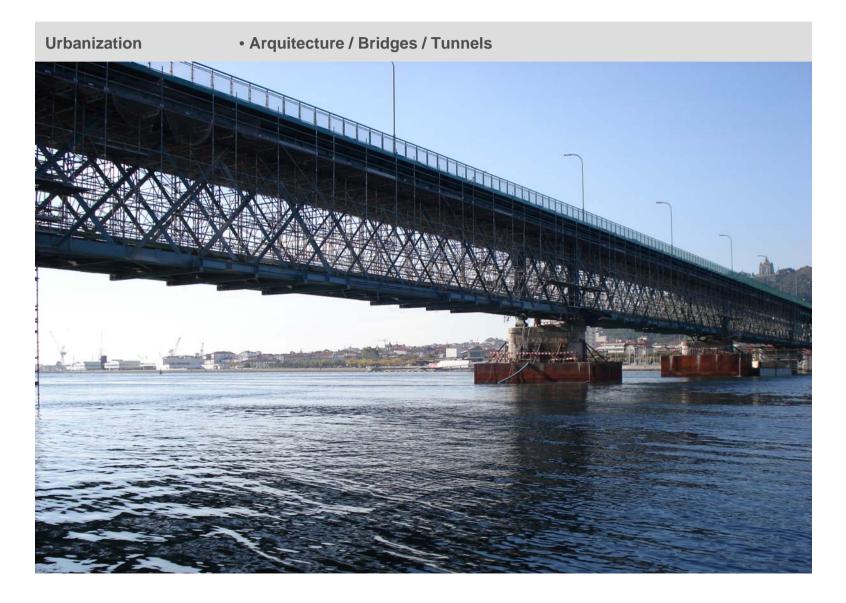
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# WHERE DO WE SEE THE OPPORTUNITIES?

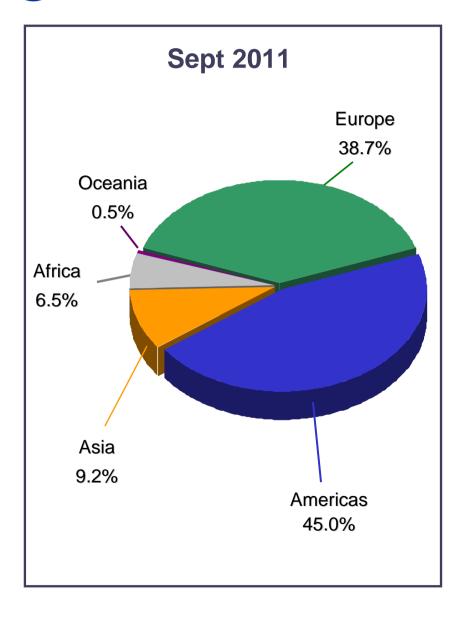
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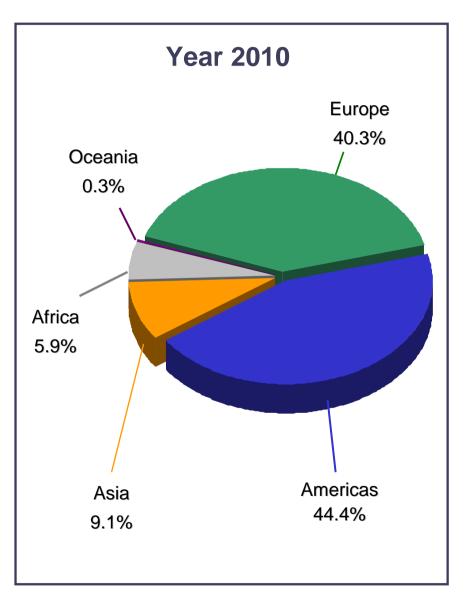
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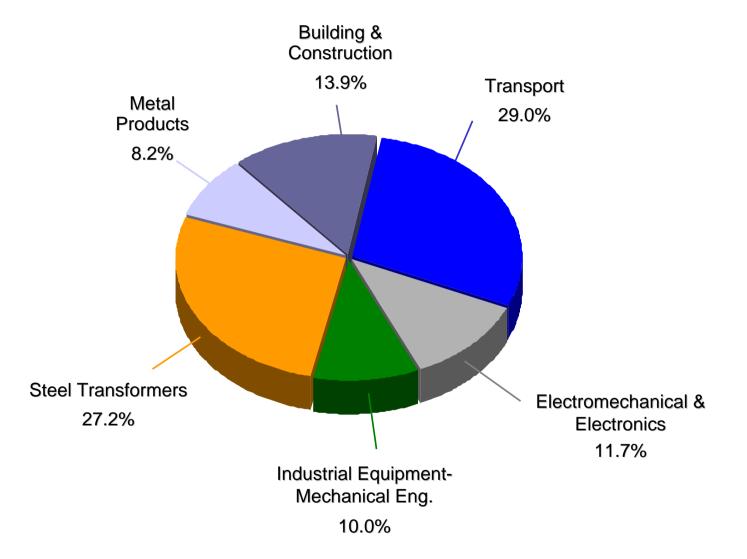


## GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF ACERINOX GROUP NET SALES

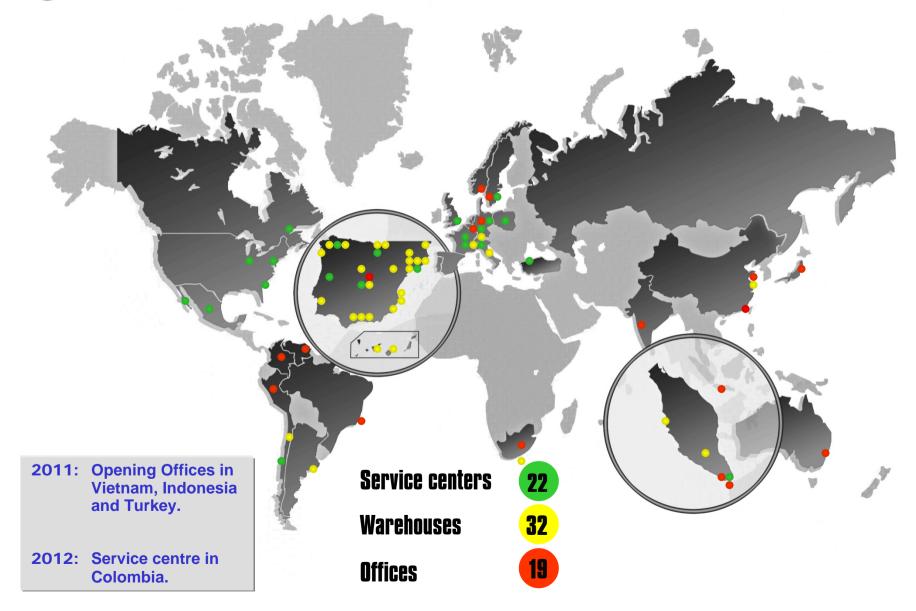








# COMMERCIAL NETWORK OF ACERINOX GROUP . YEAR 2010





## WAREHOUSES





## SERVICE CENTERS





# 400,000m<sup>2</sup> $\rightarrow$ 98.84 acre covered surface, warehouses





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# COMMERCIAL NETWORK: WAREHOUSES



#### **COMMERCIAL NETWORK: WAREHOUSES** CERINOX



**GRUPINOX - 22 WAREHOUSES - SPAIN** 

# **ACERINAL OF COMMERCIAL NETWORK: SERVICE CENTERS**





# **COMMERCIAL NETWORK: SERVICE CENTERS**



# **SERVICE CENTERS: LINES and CAPACITIES**





SLITTER: 800,000 TONS/YEAR CUT TO LENGHT: 500,000 TONS/YEAR POLISHED: 60,000 TONS/YEAR



#### Long time presence in China:

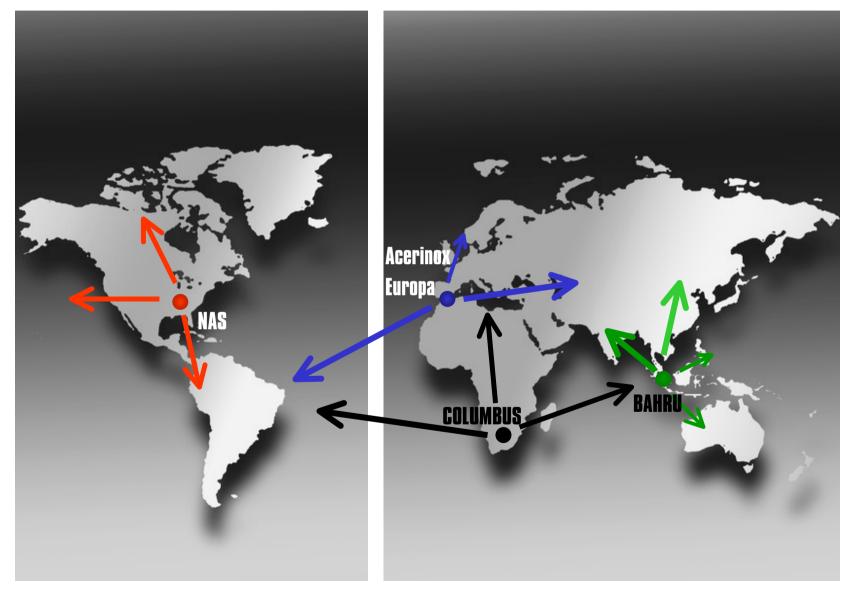
- Acerinox Pacific, in Hong Kong since 1980 office and a warehouse.
- Acerinox Shanghai, in 2007 office and warehouse, followed by a sales office in Wuxi in 2009 and opening another in Guangzhou in 2011.

#### South East Asia:

- Acerinox SEA, 1994 sales office in Singapore.
- Acerinox Australia, 1997 sales office in Sidney.
- Acerinox Malaysia, in Johore in 2009.
- Yick Hoe Metals, in Johore (Malaysia) in 2005, 25% stake in a coil service center and in 2009 full ownership.
- 2009, warehouse in Kuala Lumpur.
- 2010, warehouse in Penang.
- Acx India, in 2008 Sales office in Mumbai.
- Acx Indonesia, 2011 sales office in Jakarta and planned warehouse in 2012.
- Acx Vietnam, 2011 sales office in Hanoi.









### Thank you