

# **Growth Opportunity in Global UAV Market**

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#### **Executive Summary**

- UAS (Unmanned Aircraft Systems) are an emerging sector of the aerospace industry with great opportunity and market demand that can be leveraged to high profitability in the near future.
  - UAS market includes all unmanned vehicles such as UAVs, blimps and zeppelins
  - Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) are the most predominant segment of the UAS market
- Global UAV market spending was \$7.5 billion in 2013 and expected to reach \$11.3 billion in 2020 with a CAGR of 5.7% from 2014 to 2020
- Defense spending is growing more towards unmanned aircraft rather than manned aircraft.
  - Increase in home land security system and war against terrorism around the world are the key drivers
    of growth in the UAV industry
  - There will be significant growth in UCAVs driven by low cost and its capability in undertaking high threat task.
- USA contribute approx. 70% of global UAV market. European countries depicted mixed growth in UAV market due to defense budgetary constraints. Asian countries growth is driven by increasing defense expenditure from emerging economies such as India, China and Middle East countries
- Increase in awareness, mission capabilities of UAVs and increase use of composites are driving innovations and new applications
- Half of the expenditures on UAV are dedicated for research and development



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# UAS includes all Unmanned Vehicles such as UAVs, Blimps and Zeppelins

UAVs





- Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) are remotely piloted or self-piloted aircraft that can carry cameras, sensors, communications equipment or other payloads
- UAVs are smaller than manned aircraft and therefore more easily and more cost-effectively stored and transported
- UAVs make significant contributions to the fighting capability of operational war forces



- Blimp (technically called a "pressure airship") is a powered, steerable, lighter-than-air vehicle
- Blimps are simply shaped balloons with fins and an engine and has no rigid internal structure; if a blimp deflates, it loses its shape
- Blimps are best known today for their role as advertising, promotional vehicles and primary military use is for anti-submarine and reconnaissance roles

**Zeppelins** 



- Zeppelins are rigid or semi-rigid airship
- Zeppelins have rigid metal skeleton, making them suitable for longer trips in a wider variety of weather conditions (which also makes them expensive)
- Zeppelins were used for passenger transport as well as for military purposes; after World War I, zeppelins were extensively used as bombers and scouts



## Major Applications of UAS (Unmanned Aircraft Systems)

	Applications	UAV	Blimps	Zeppelins
Civil	Natural Disasters Humanitarian Relief			
Commercial	<ul> <li>Environment</li> <li>Weather &amp; Strom tracking</li> <li>Advertisement</li> </ul>			
Military/Security	> Defense			
Science	<ul> <li>Wireless Communications</li> <li>Precision Agriculture</li> <li>Cargo Transport</li> </ul>			
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UAVs: Challenging in dangerous environment and expensive relative to blimps Blimps: Low-tech and relatively low cost component

Zeppelins: Equipped with powerful engines and capable to lift heavier loads



#### **Relative threat of Blimps/Zeppelins to Established UAV Applications**

Segments	Applications	Strength of UAV	Strength of Blimps/Zeppelins	Conclusion for market potential of Blimps/Zeppelins
Civil	Natural Disasters/ Humanitarian Relief	<ul> <li>Data captured from disasters or crises area</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sky lifters support combat operations</li> </ul>	Practice of Blimps/ Zeppelins are high
Commercial	Environment/ Weather & Storm tracking	<ul> <li>Outstanding for sensitive area such as hurricane</li> <li>Used for precise data collection</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Excellent for constant access of data</li> <li>Low operating cost</li> </ul>	Usage of UAVs is positive but market share of Blimps/Zeppelins is high
	Advertisement	<ul> <li>UAVs are not used for advertisement activities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Highly active</li> <li>Low cost advertisement &amp; promotions</li> </ul>	Blimps/Zeppelins capture entire advertising market
Military/ Security	Defense	<ul> <li>Reconnaissance &amp; surveillance</li> <li>Missile capabilities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Low operating cost</li> <li>Keep eye on wide areas for very long periods of time</li> </ul>	UAVs capture very large share relative to Blimps/Zeppelins
ScienceWireless Communications• Outstanding for sensitive areas		<ul> <li>Excellent for constant access for high-speed data and voice communications</li> <li>Low operating cost</li> </ul>	Usage of Blimps/ Zeppelins is positive but market share of UAV's is high	
	Precision Agriculture/ Cargo Transport	Used for precise data collection	<ul> <li>Higher cargo capacity</li> <li>Capable to lift heavier loads</li> </ul>	Adoption of Blimps/ Zeppelins is optimistic



# UAVs are divided by Class Categories on the basis of Range or Endurance or both

UAV Classes	UAVUAV-Close RangeUAV-Short RangClasses(UAV-CR)(UAV-SR)		UAV-Short Range (UAV-SR)	UAV-Endurance (UAV-E)
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Range	$\implies$	Approx. 50 Km	200 KM	More than 200 KM
Endurance	$\implies$	30 min–2 hours	8 to 10 hours	Minimum 24 hours
Weight	$\implies$	2–10 lbs	<10,000 lbs	<2,29,000 lbs
Speed	$\implies$	-	<300 mph	<454 mph
Altitude	$\implies$	<1000 ft	<50,000 ft	<65000 ft
Pay load	$\implies$	-	<3800 lb	<1,900lb
Cost	$\implies$	\$500–\$1500	<8,000,000	<\$123,000,000

UAV class categories are selected to achieve the required flexibility and capability of organized task



# UAVs are divided on the basis of Different Type

UAVs	Description	Example
Mini UAVs	Small UAV launched by person	AeroVironment RQ-11 raven
Tactical UAVs	UAV used for reconnaissance with endurance of several hours and operating radius of 200 km or less	US Shadow French Sperwer
MALE UAVs	Medium Altitude/Long Endurance UAV with endurance of about 24 hours and long range capability used for operational reconnaissance.	Predator Eagle
HALE UAVs	High Altitude/Long Endurance UAV with endurance of a day or more and long range capability used for strategic reconnaissance	Global Hawk
UCAVs	Uninhabited Combat Air Vehicle, High performance UAV designed primarily for ground attack.	Х-47В



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# **Opportunities in Civil and Commercial UAV Market**

#### **Requirements**/ **Opportunities**

- Forest fires
- Wild life protections
- Robbery, looting, snatching
- Riots
- Illegal cross border immigration
- Asset and property protections
- Natural disasters
- Increasing traffic •
- Road accidents
- Agricultural activities
- Communication connectivity

Nature of Requirements	Acti
<ul><li>Small Scale</li><li>Low intensity</li></ul>	• Real Ti
<ul><li>Unidentified perpetrators</li><li>Uncertainty</li></ul>	• Consta Surveill
Sporadic activity	• Wider /

- Much wider area
- Hidden activities
- Among civilians

Action Required	
Real Time Intelligence	
<ul> <li>Constant Uninterrupted Surveillance</li> </ul>	
• Wider Area for Reconnaissance	
<ul> <li>Immediate and Precise Action</li> </ul>	



# **Opportunities in Defense UAV Market**





### **Defense Budget & UAV Spending Trend and Forecast**



#### Key Insight

- Global defense budget was \$1,747 billion in 2013 and expected to reach \$2,056 billion in 2020
  - Global UAV expenditure comprises very small portion of global defense budget, which is approximately 0.4% of the entire defense budget across the globe
  - This portion of UAV expenditure expected to rise in the coming future, implying that UAVs will get a significant attention in defense market
- Global UAV market spending was \$7.5 billion in 2013 and expected to reach \$11.3 billion in 2020 with a CAGR of 5.7% from 2014 to 2020
  - Approximately half of the expenditure of UAV market spend on procurement of UAV and another half spend for Research and Development activities



### **UAV Market Trend and Forecast**



#### **Key Insight**

- Spending for UAVs tends to come primarily from defense budgets
  - UAV spending across the globe has received increase attention after the terrorist attack on World Trade Centre in 2001
  - USA Department of Defense increased its funding for UAV programs significantly after the attack
- UAV market spending in the USA was \$5.5 billion in 2013 and expected to reach \$7.8 billion in 2020 with a CAGR of 5.4% from 2014 to 2020
  - USA share in 2013 in the UAV market is 74%, whereas the USA share in total worldwide defense spending is about 37% in 2013
  - USA armed forces have witness more success with strategic endurance UAVs than with tactical short-range UAV



# UAV Procurement Market by Region: Global average annual growth rate of UAV market has been projected at 5.7% through 2020

Europe UAV Market: Replace their existing aging tactical UAV with new ones

NA UAV Market: U.S accounts for more than 70% of UAV market

APAC UAV Market: Major UAV manufacturers are concentrated in APAC region

ROW UAV Market: Use of UAV's is experiencing a decline in under developed regions



# **Developing Countries have Significant Potential in UAVs**



#### Key Insight

- USA is in the forefront of developing and deploying reconnaissance and strike UAVs
  - Accounted for more than 70% in RDT&E spending & procurement
- France and Germany have set the pace for UAV deployment in Europe
- In Mid- East region Israel was the pioneer for many of the current tactical UAV efforts and major player in UAV sales to armed forces around the globe
- Asia-Pacific region has great potential in the coming years
  - Asian countries have increased actives in UAV development



# **Relative Market Attractiveness of UAVs in Different Regions**

Segments		USA	Europe	Mid East	Asia Pacific	Others
Civil	Natural Disasters/ Humanitarian Relief	ightarrow				lacksquare
Commercial	Environment/ Weather & Strom tracking	lacksquare	lacksquare			lacksquare
	Advertisement	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Military/ Security	Defense					$\bullet$
Science	Wireless Communications					$\bullet$
	Precision Agriculture/ Cargo Transport		lacksquare	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$





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# **Relative Market Attractiveness of UAS (Unmanned Ariel Systems)**

Parameters	UAV	Blimps	Zeppelins
Range		ightarrow	$\bigcirc$
Endurance			
Weight			
Speed		O	$\bigcirc$
Altitude			
Pay load	O	O	
Cost	O	$\bullet$	
Overall market attractiveness	•		
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#### **Emerging Trends in UAV Market**





#### Trend A: Increasing Presence of Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicles (UCAV)

UCAV is a new segment and have a long way to go for further development. It is anticipated that fully developed product in UCAV's will take another decade

#### **Major UCAV and their Players**



- UCAVs is expected to replace manned fighters and provide more persistence but lesser sensor capabilities than manned fighters
- Global UCAVs expected to reach \$3.2 billion in 2020



#### Trend B: Increase in demand of High Altitude Long Endurance (HALE) UAVs







Global Hawk is the most advanced system which can loiter for more than 36 hours at the altitude of 60,000 feet or above



#### **Key Insight**

- Global HALE UAVs is an attractive market with total opportunity of US \$940 million in 2013
- Increasing demands for HALE due to high altitude and more endurances
  - Solar powered UAVs have a demonstrated endurance of more than 300 hours
  - Lighter materials and carbon composites are allowing UAVs to operate with longer range and carry more ordinance
- Northrop Grumman, Gulfstream Aerospace and Aerovironment are major manufacturer of HALE UAVs



#### **Trend C: Increase in Awareness and Mission Capabilities of UAVs**



# UAVs can perform dangerous missions without risking human life

- One unmanned system teamed with other unmanned system and manned system to increases mission capability
- Optionally piloted vehicles and lighter than air vehicles emerge to bridge the gap between manned and unmanned capabilities
- UAVs can be a smart and cost-effective complement to traditional manned aircraft

#### Increase in awareness of novel use of UAVs

- UAVs used for civil and science purpose such as natural disasters, humanitarian relief, environment, weather and storm tracking
  - Data captured from disasters or crises areas
  - Outstanding for sensitive areas such as hurricanes
  - Used for precise data collection



# **Trend D: Increasing Use of Composites in UAVs**

Use of light weight advanced composite materials reduces the weight of aircraft which helped in increasing the loitering time (endurance hours) and increasing the payload of aircrafts and also lowered the cost of structural parts of UAVs.

Advantages	Disadvantages	Earlier prototype version of ScanEagle was
Low weight Excellent corrosion resistance High resistance to fatigue Ability to orient reinforcement in the direction of maximum stiffness and strength Reduced number of assemblies and fasteners	<ul> <li>Higher cost.</li> <li>Relative lack of established design criteria</li> <li>Poor energy absorption and resulting impact damage in hard landings.</li> <li>Need for lightening strike protection</li> <li>Expensive and complicated inspection procedures needed.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>largely made of aluminum and composites but the current versions are made of light weight carbon composites.</li> <li>Northrop Grumman X-47 A, which is in research stage, has 45% composites of its structural weight, while it will have approximately 90% composites at the time of full production.</li> <li>Global Hawk which has 65% composites of its structural weight is likely to have 25% more composites by the year 2015.</li> </ul>



### **Growth Strategies for Global UAVs Market**

Technological advancement and improve mission capabilities

- Technological advancement such as increase in payload and endurance limit
- Teamed unmanned vehicle with manned system to increases
   mission capability

Focus on Civil segment of UAVs • Demand of Civil UAVs is increasing to check for damage on road and rail bridges, monitor natural disasters such as flooding and spray crops with pinpoint accuracy.

**3** Focus on HALE (High Altitude Long Endurance), UCAV Segment

Demand of High Altitude Long Endurance (HALE) UAVs is increasing due to high altitude and more endurances in UAV
Capability of UCAV is more than 10 times higher than that of a UAVs Lucintel has Strong Capability in Developing Growth Strategies for Companies



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