

The Benefits of a Hybrid Model for Building a Global Capability Centre (GCC)

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Executive Summary

As global businesses look to innovate faster, stay cost-effective, and access specialized talent, the establishment of Global Capability Centres (GCCs) has become a strategic necessity. However, the traditional model of setting up a proprietary GCC is often time-consuming, expensive, and inflexible.

This white paper explores the **Hybrid GCC Model**—a flexible, scalable, and cost-effective alternative—delivered through trusted engineering service providers like **Ilensys Technologies**. With over **13+ years** of industry experience, partnerships with **Fortune 500 companies**, Ilensys empowers global organizations to scale engineering operations, reduce go-to-market time, and align quickly with strategic goals.

Why Traditional GCC Models Fall Short

While setting up a proprietary GCC offers control, the traditional approach often includes:

- **Time-Consuming Setup:** Establishing a legal entity, setting up infrastructure, and local compliance may take 6–12 months.
 - **High Initial Costs:** Legal, real estate, hiring, and operational costs often exceed initial estimates.
 - **Inflexibility:** Scaling the team up or down is difficult and time-bound by local labour laws.
 - **Delayed ROI:** Value realization can take years, especially in niche or complex domains.
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Introducing the Hybrid GCC Model

A **Hybrid GCC Model**—partnering with a capable engineering services provider—offers a middle path between control and agility. It enables global enterprises to access talent, infrastructure, and domain expertise immediately, while gradually transitioning to a proprietary model if desired.

1. Built-In Governance, Legal Framework, and Domain Experience

- **Existing Operational Framework:** Ilensys operates within robust legal, financial, and HR frameworks that reduce the friction of setup.
- **Compliance Ready:** Local statutory, tax, labour, and export control regulations are fully managed.
- **Domain-Specific Expertise:** Experience across the industries including but not limited to Life sciences & Laboratory products, Scientific & Analytical instruments, Material handling, Static equipment, Automation & control and more.

2. Execution Flexibility

- **Scalable Teams:** Ramp up or scale down based on seasonal or strategic needs.
- **Talent Pool Access:** Tap into a vast engineering talent pool with expertise in:
 - Product Design & Development
 - Sustenance Engineering
 - AI & Machine Learning
 - Compliance and Obsolescence Management
 - Software Application development
- **Rapid Activation:** Projects can begin in weeks, not months.

3. Strategic Operational Alignment

- **Accelerated Integration:** Teams align with parent company culture, goals, and tools from day one.
- **Parallel Setup Option:** Use the hybrid model to run operations while proprietary GCC is being built.
- **Market Responsiveness:** Easily adjust strategies based on global economic shifts.

4. Cost Efficacy

- **Lower Operational Costs:** Shared infrastructure and process optimization reduce overhead.
- **Resource Optimization:** No upfront capital expenditure for facilities or administrative functions.
- **Reduced Time-to-Value:** Speed of execution delivers faster returns and innovation cycles.

5. Faster Growth and Competitive Advantage

- **Time-to-Market Benefits:** Launch products and features faster with experienced cross-functional teams.
- **High Retention Rates:** Ilensys' employee-centric policies ensure continuity and knowledge retention.
- **Innovation at Scale:** Agile teams foster innovation and utilize DFSS, DFR & VAVE methodologies, while maintaining global engineering standards.

6. Possible Restraints:

- Organizations may face pushback from employees or management who are accustomed to traditional work environments, making the transition to a hybrid model challenging.
- Inadequate digital infrastructure and tools can hinder effective communication and collaboration between remote and on-site teams, limiting the hybrid model's potential benefits.

The future of GCCs hinges on their ability to continuously adapt and innovate. Organizations that successfully embed human-centric values into hybrid work models are more likely to achieve higher operational efficiency and improved employee satisfaction. With the hybrid model now firmly established, GCCs are well-positioned to lead transformative changes that not only boost organizational performance but also enhance employee satisfaction. This evolution underscores their growing role as indispensable players in the global economy.

Approximately 70% Global Organizations are inclined towards a Hybrid model. Hybrid model GCC Market Scope is expected to reach \$ 227 B by 2032 in India.

Why Ilensys Technologies?

Proven Engineering Partner for Global Enterprises

- Partnered with global customers to develop GCC Setup & Service delivery
- Multiple New Product Launches across geographies
- Sustenance engineering expertise in reducing the product costs as high as 20%
- Software-driven solutions (SaaS Based) for:
 - Obsolescence Management
 - Environmental
 - Regulatory Compliance

- **Certifications:**
 - ISO 9001:2015
 - ISO 13485
 - ISO 27001:2022
 - Customized benchmarking solutions for feature and cost competitiveness
 - Fully integrated eco system for prototyping, verification & Validation
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Case in Point: Scalable GCC Deployment for a Fortune 500 Client

- **Challenge:** A top tier medical laboratory products manufacturer needed to establish a 100+ person R&D capability in Asia within 6 months.
 - **Solution:** Ilensys deployed a hybrid GCC model leveraging existing infrastructure, domain specialists, and regulatory compliance frameworks.
 - **Result:**
 - Operations began in 8 weeks
 - Achieved 25% cost savings
 - Enabled faster entry into new markets
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Conclusion: A Smarter Path to Global Engineering Excellence

The Hybrid GCC Model, enabled by Ilensys Technologies, provides the speed, flexibility, and cost-effectiveness that today's global companies demand. It allows leadership to focus on strategic outcomes, while engineering execution is managed by a trusted partner with deep domain and operational expertise.

Whether your goal is to launch products faster, reduce engineering costs, or build long-term capabilities, the hybrid approach offers a future-ready solution.

Let's Build Your Global Capability Centre – Smarter and Faster

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