

TABLE 9

Growth of the "Big Eight" on Various Continents*

<u>Country</u>	<u>No. of offices in 1982</u>	<u>No. of offices in 1988</u>	<u>Growth rate %</u>	<u>No. of partners in 1982</u>	<u>No. of partners in 1988</u>	<u>Growth rate %</u>
North America	1 042	1 186	14	8 939	11 487	29
Europe	811	1 297	60	4 480	7 085	58
Asia/Pacific	425	544	28	2 019	3 019	50
Africa/Middle East	310	357	15	935	1 185	27
South America	217	245	13	691	847	23
Total	2 805	3 629	29	17 064	23 623	38

Source: V.B. Bavishi, *International Accounting and Auditing Trends*, CIFAR, Vol. 1.

* Now referred to as the "big six" (see the first chapter of Part 2 of this report for information on the reorganization of international networks).