# Improve Your Acquisition Integration Success

For successful M&A, the integration of the businesses must deliver the envisioned value

# Acquisitions Rarely Fail. Integrations Fail



Objectives not met



Missed business opportunities





Unrealized



Operational mistakes



Deadlines missed



Lack of staff engagement



# Solving issues: the five areas of acquisition integration



Org. Charts



Technologies & Products



Business Operations



Processes



Business Cultures

# The average success rate of acquisition integration is 30%. Ours is 90%

### **Private Equity**



Gain a competitive advantage in scaling. Exit businesses that have used integration Best Practices

### Strategic Acquirers



Successfully balance acquisitions and your organic growth

#### Advisors



Provide clients with best recommendations for achieving M&A value

#### Consultants



Plan and deliver M&A integrations that return the value modeled in the Deal Thesis







We train and mentor our clients' employees in acquisition integration, building in-house skills for serial acquirers

# Your People. Our Expertise

#### The SSIM™

Intista has developed a straightforward, unambiguous approach to integrating acquired lower-mid or mid-size businesses

Learn more at <a href="https://intista.com/integration/ssim/">https://intista.com/integration/ssim/</a>

# How We Help



#### Readiness

- Health Check your integration preparedness
- · High-level integration planning
- Assess if your business is prepared and able to deliver M&A ROI



### Certification

- Train, certify and mentor your inhouse team as Acquisition Integration Managers
- Relevant, actionable, practical learning
- Monthly Mastermind groups
- Checklists, templates, reference documents



#### Delivery

- Implementation of Intista's SSIM™ methodology
- Align integration strategy with deal thesis
- Plan and setup your integration
- Run the IMO, monitoring and coordinating projects
- Advisory service to Steering Committee



#### Support

- Your team leads the integration, Intista supports and mentors them to a higher level
- Delivery through, flexibility, determination, pragmatism, and empathy

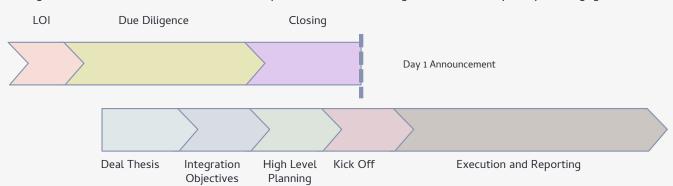


#### Resources

- Available expertise and advice
- Continued access to online training
- Integration Mastermind sessions
- Recommendations on further improvement

# When to Involve the Integration Team

The Integration Team is selected after LOI is completed. When Due Diligence is underway, they are engaged



# Broad experience. Focused on acquired lower-mid and mid-size businesses.



Acquired business has 20 to 1000 employees



Deal size between \$5M and \$2B





Acquirer can be any size



>50% of our engagements have some cross border element

Client	Location(s)	Industry		Engagement Type	No. of acquired employees
<b> </b>	China, Germany, Ireland, USA, UK, Italy	<u></u>	Medical devices	Phenox integration	400
COX AUTOMOTIVE	USA, UK		Automotive	Integration training	N/A
BORAL	USA: GA, UT		Construction materials	Headwaters integration	750
CROSS COUNTRY HEALTHCARE	USA: FL	<b>(</b>	Medical staffing	Medical Staffing Network integration	200
	USA: FL, AZ	Ų	Healthcare assessments	HealthFair integration	100
Office DEPOT	USA: FL		Retail	OfficeMax integration	29,000
<b>EVER</b>	USA: TX		Construction	Transformation assessment	N/A
CAE	USA: OK, TX, FL	<b>†</b>	Flight simulators	Titan Corporation integration	7,600
FLAGGER  FORCE  Frattic Control Services	USA: PA	<u>A</u>	Traffic Safety	Integration training, process setup	N/A
EMPERATE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS	USA: LA	- 100 100	Construction	Acquisition announcement prep.	25
Envision HEALTHCARE	USA: FL	Ų	Medical Practices	Healthcare IT integration	35
H <sub>0</sub>	USA: FL		Retail	Business Analysis	N/A

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# 12 Ways to Deliver M&A Value

For acquisitions to be successful, the integration of the businesses must deliver the value



### Ownership

- Appoint a person to deliver the integration, and a hierarchy of people that will deliver their parts of the integration to him/her
- Leadership must ensure that departments
   Buy Into the acquisition: they are aligned
   with the fact that the acquisition is an
   important business initiative, and the
   integration will affect their resources
- 3. Workstream leaders need to have the bandwidth to devote 25% of their time to the integration, and not be an empire builder: you need collaborative, communicators to work through the chaos of multiple workstreams working in parallel
- 4. Once the Integration Management Office (IMO) has identified the strong areas, leadership should focus upon encouraging or helping the weak links in the chain



#### Communications

- 7. Plan your announcement carefully: what, where and how you will announce an acquisition will affect how employee engagement
- 8. Employee communications are usually thorough at the announcement but drop off soon after. In the absence of information, employees will fill the void with guesswork, rumor and worst-case scenarios
- Communicate honestly and frequently, adjusting the messaging as the integration progresses



# Project Management

10. Use *simple* tools for tracking integration activities. Progress must be capable of being summarized for executive review



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- 5. Migrating network domains (including email accounts) is a minefield of problems that need to be navigated. The owner of this must think of (and accommodate) every scenario that could go wrong
- 6. Probably the biggest cost in an integration.

  Make sure that they are supported, not
  questioned (and delayed) with budgeting
  discussions



### Revenues

11. Plan for revenues to not grow significantly in the first 6 or 12 months: integrations are huge distractions and disruptors to business operations



### HR

12. Resist letting employees go to save costs. The effect upon the morale, trust and productivity can often be greater than the savings



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