

**DELIVERING SUCCESSFUL
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Transaction Integration: Meeting client objectives

Typical Merger Objectives (Most clients)

- Ø Greater competitive advantage (scale)
- Ø Greater financial flexibility
- Ø Synergies to fund future growth and expansion
- Ø Expansion in vertical or horizontal adjacencies
- Ø Greater efficiency
- Ø Maintain quality and safety

Challenges we typically see (Based on our experience)

- Ø Minimize disruption to ongoing business
- Ø Rapidly evaluating scenarios and developing realistic synergy-capture plans
- Ø Sustaining momentum and keeping the integration effort "on the rails" at a reasonable investment level
- Ø Establishing controls and reporting mechanisms
- Ø Aligning supporting infrastructure
- Ø Maintaining quality and safety standards
- Ø Maintaining top talent

What Grant Thornton brings to the integration equation

- Ø **Trusted Advisor** – independent, objective point of view to guide client's through the integration
- Ø **Industry expertise** – strong experience in the relevant industry sectors
- Ø **Collaborative approach** - we will work with multiple groups in a pragmatic, organized manner
- Ø **Integration team** - deep experience, adaptable methodology and a robust tool kit

Why Integration: The perfect complement

Transaction Due Diligence

- Ø Validates the dream (possibility)
- Ø Identifies / Validates Sources of Value
- Ø Identifies Risks

Transaction Integration

- Ø Turns the dream into reality (realization)
- Ø Sources of Value captured
- Ø Risks mitigated
- Ø Seamless transition

Performance Improvement

- Ø Builds upon the foundation of the combined organization
- Ø Optimizes the business for sustainable competitive advantage
- Ø Transforms the business to meet future market requirements

Promise



Performance



Transformation



Why Integrations fail

Strategic Intent

- Integration objectives not aligned with strategic intent
- Lack of clarity on integration approach (A+B=?)
- Hand-off between deal team and integration team

Business Alignment (Acquirer and Target)

- Clash of ownership and management styles
- Organizational structure differences
- Cultural disparity
- New market or business entry

Process Takes-over

- Overly complex integration process
- Lack of focus on key decisions
- Lack of prioritization of value drivers and risks
- Form over substance

Executive Alignment

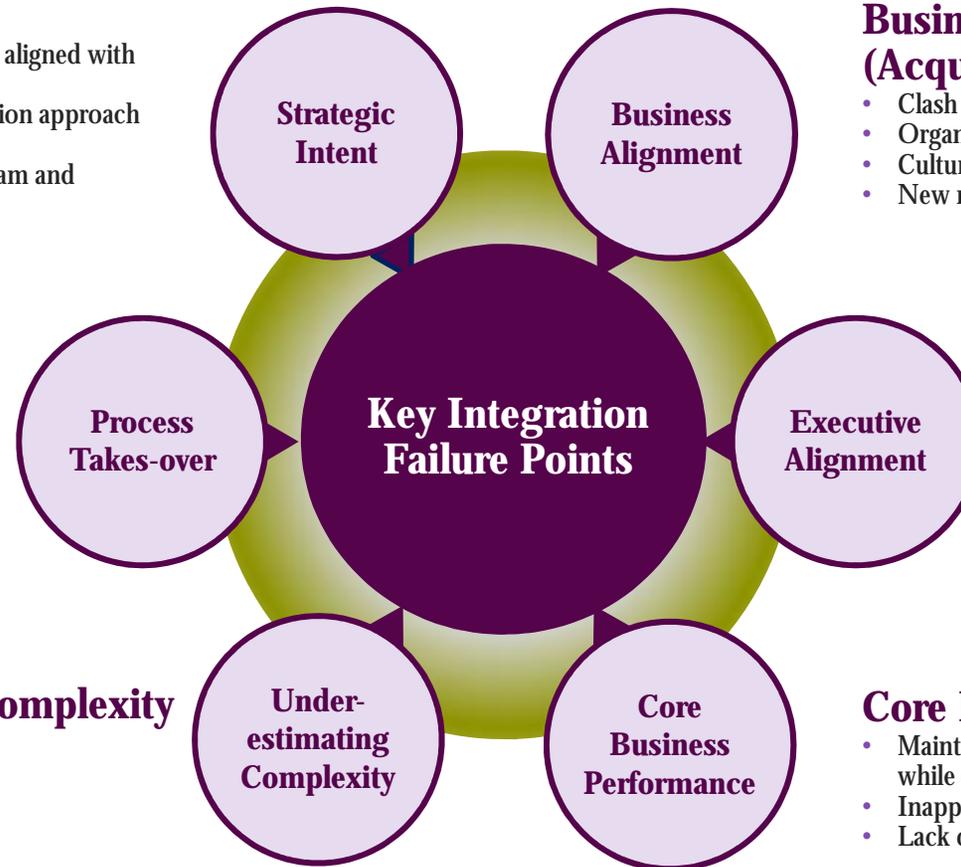
- Lack of common understanding and approach
- Executives not engaged with integration
- Wider stakeholder misalignment

Underestimating Complexity

- External factors
 - Size of transaction
 - Foreign operations
 - Business and market risk
- Internal factors
 - Centralized vs. decentralized
 - Technology complexity/reliance on systems
 - Legal entity structure

Core Business Performance

- Maintaining core business performance while completing integration
- Inappropriate integration leader
- Lack of resource alignment (constraints)



Our experience of what you need to get right

Aligning the vision to capture value

Aligning Vision

- A clear deal rationale
- What does success look like and by when?
- Clarity on the approach (A+B=?)
- A clear view of the Target Operating Model
- Clarity on the non-negotiables and key decisions
- Clarity on the integration team structure and resourcing
- Align key stakeholders

Engaging People

- Clear leadership and direction; stakeholder engagement
- Clarity on the new organizational structure
- Bridge the culture gap
- Leverage key people from both organizations to plan and deliver the integration (at the right time)
- Address differences in compensation and benefits
- Proactive communications campaign; manage expectations

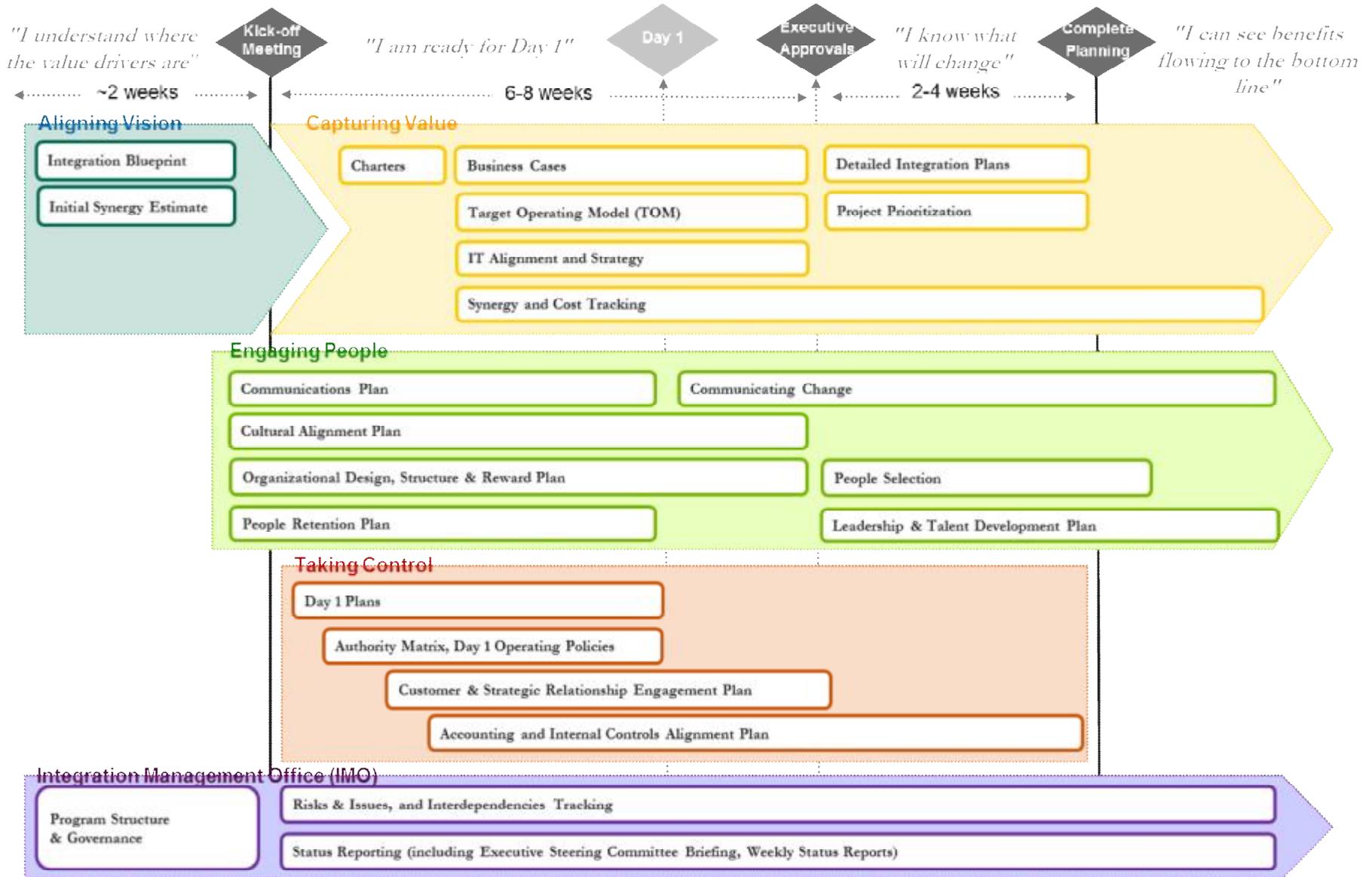
Taking Control

- Protect the core businesses
- Proactively engage customers and strategic relationships
- Take immediate financial control (cash, cost, revenue)
- Establish authorities and interim reporting
- Align accounting and internal controls
- Maintain quality and safety standards
- Address all completion, statutory and legal requirements
- Develop detailed Day 1 plan

Capturing Value

- Rapidly evaluate integration scenarios and quantify synergies
- Develop detailed 'bottom-up' business case for each synergy
- Develop a scalable IT solution
- Consider leading practices of the target as opportunities
- Establish accountability for synergies (amount and timing)
- Identify and quantify negative synergies
- Prioritize quick wins to establish momentum
- Develop a robust approach for 'proving' value delivery
- Use the integration as a catalyst for change/transformation

Overview of what you need to do when



Risk assessment frame work:

What we see as major transaction risks



Additional Priority Risks with Trucking:

- DOT Compliance**
- Health & Safety**



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