

“Profitable Growth”: Why Acquisitions Matter at Least in Some Industries”

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Growth: Driver of Shareholder Value and Long-term Survival

Shareholder Value:

- Revenue growth contributes to 72% of long-term shareholder value (© 2005 Deloitte Research)
- Fortune 500 companies that grow >15% and increase profits >15% augment yields on share by 10.1% on average; whereas companies that grow <5% and increase profits <5% reduce yields on share by 7.5% on average (© Core, University of St. Gallen, 2013)

Relevance:

- 40% of the companies, which grew slower than the GDP dropped out of the Global 1000 between 1999 and 2010 (Global 1000 analysis; Mc Kinsey Quarterly M&A survey, October 2011)

Organic vs. External Growth - Diversity of Evaluation

Fortune 500 Global Enterprise Study (1996 - 2005):

- Only organic growth had a significant positive effect on yields on share, EBIT and ROE growth, whereas growth by acquisitions had no positive effect
- Acquisitions even increase the need for organic growth

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Executives Say &A is Critical to Growth:



Source: Global 1000 analysis; Mc Kinsey Quarterly M&A survey, October 2011

Conventional Wisdom: M&A Destroys Value

[T]he sobering reality is that only about 20 percent of all mergers really succeed. Most mergers typically erode shareholder wealth ... the cold, hard reality that most mergers fail to achieve any real financial returns ... very high rate of merger failure ... rampant merger failure ...¹

¹Grubb and Lamb, 2000, Capitalize on Merger Chaos, New York, NY, Free Press

Drivers of Value Destruction

Diversification

Empire building (acquiring greater resource control)

Glamour acquiring (Buyers with high book-to-market ratios)

Paying with stock (signaling effect)

Unclear or badly quantified synergies

Building market power (anticompetitive combinations)

Misaligned management incentives (having no skin in the game)

M&A to use excess cash instead of distributing it to shareholders

Auctions (buyer's curse)

M&A Profitability: Opportunity Cost vs. Stock Market Expectations

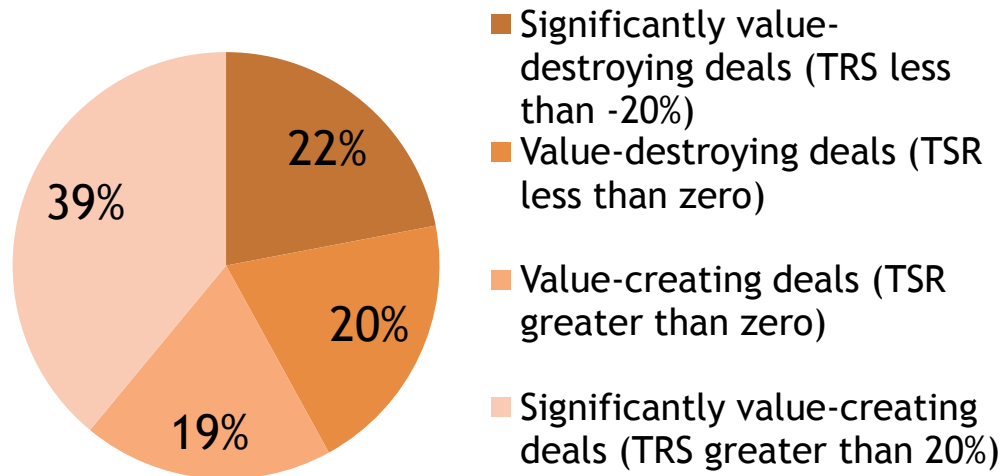
- **Period 1971 to 2001:**

60 - 70% of all M&A transactions covered the opportunity cost but failed short of creating any abnormal value¹

¹ Robert F. Brunner, Does M&A Pay? A Survey of Evidence for Decision-Maker, Journal of Applied Finance, Spring/Summer 2002

- **Period 2002 to 2009:**

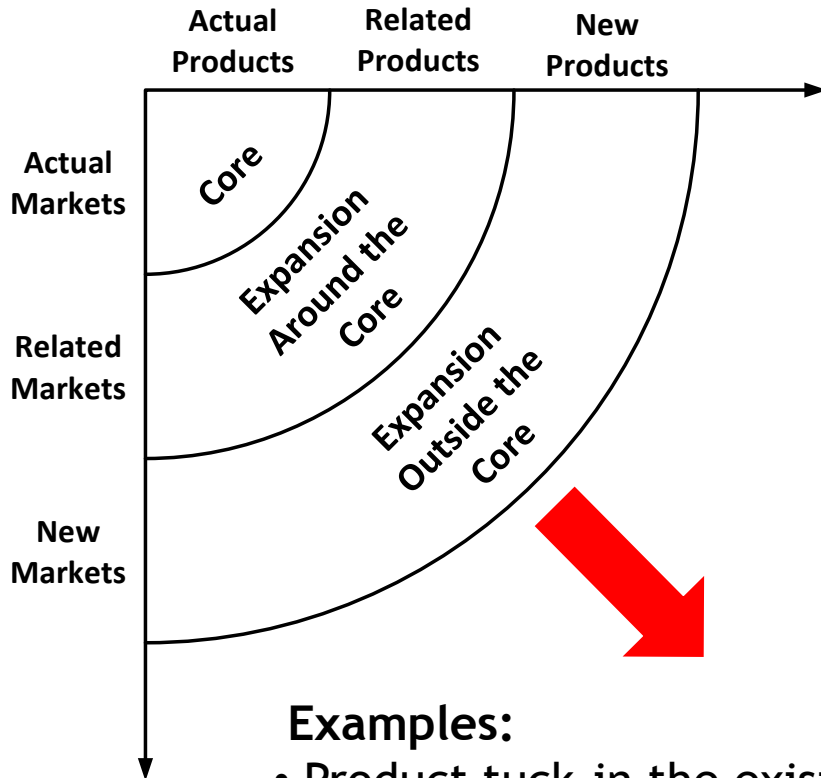
Total Return to Stakeholders (TRS) vs. Industry Benchmark



Source: Accenture Analysis

Creating Growth: Growth Path and Related M&A Deal Types

Growth Path



Related M&A Deal Types:

- Buy to improve
- Buy scale
- Buy scope
- Buy adjacent markets
- Buy geographies

Examples:

- Product tuck-in the existing geography
- Acquisition of a new business in the existing geography
- Acquisition in a new geography

Industry Related Predominance of Specific Deal Types



Due to decreasing margins in their core market Vodafone primarily buys entry to adjacent markets (38%) and entry into new geographies (46%)



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Need to replace drugs running out of patent protection and margin erosion (price pressure + increasing regulatory costs) let Sanofi Aventis to focus on buying scale (38%) and scope (50%)



Price competition and market saturation with core products induced Cisco to buy primarily scope (38%) and entry into adjacent markets (55%)

Source: Dealogic, Company annual reports, Bloomberg (2005 - 2008)

Organic vs. External Growth: An issue of Opportunities and Timing

- Growth strategies quite frequently ask for changes in the product/market mix
 - Organic development of products and markets can be too time consuming
 - M&A can be a fast way for companies to scale up their operations, broaden their product portfolio and enter new markets
- Companies should decide on a case to case basis, which road to pursue

Example: Addressing the Growth Gap in the Pharmaceutical Industry

Decreasing sales: In 2012 and 2013 sales revenues of big pharma companies decreased in absolute USD values

Loose of market share: By 2015 big pharma companies will lose USD 100 billion in annual sales due to their decreasing share of the global drug market

Source: The Global Use of Medicines: Outlook through 2017, IMS Health, 19 November 2013

Growth Challenges of the Pharmaceutical Industry

Host of blockbuster drugs losing patent protection

Fewer drug approvals due to more stringent approval criteria (superior efficacy in relation to existing drugs)

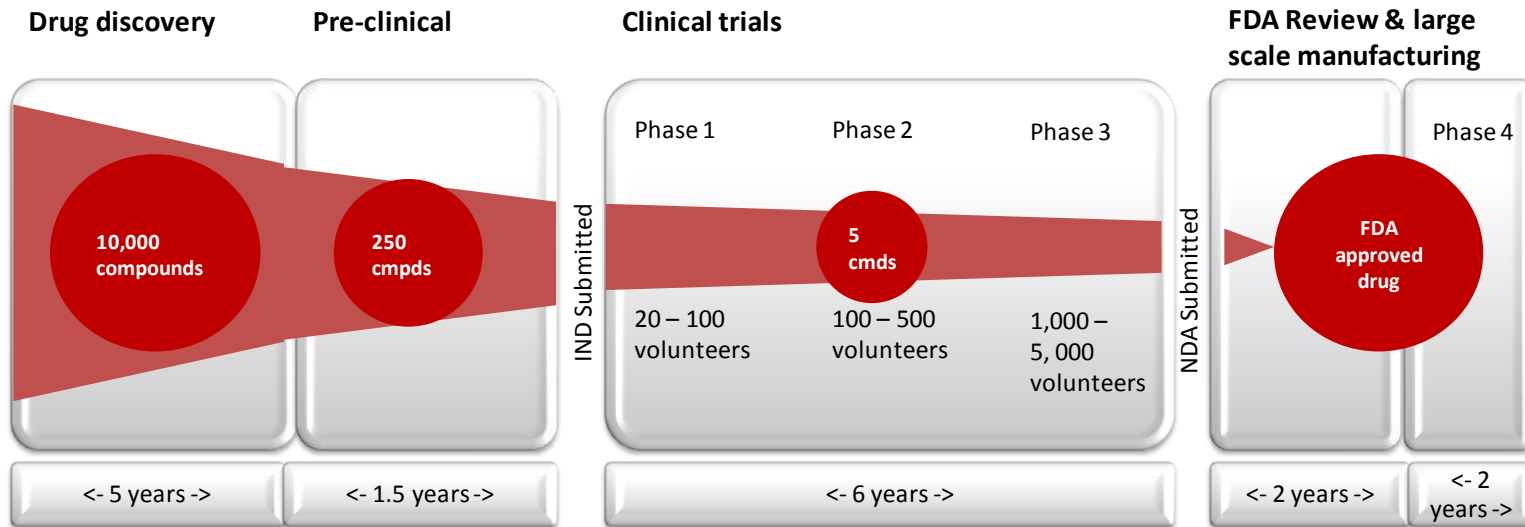
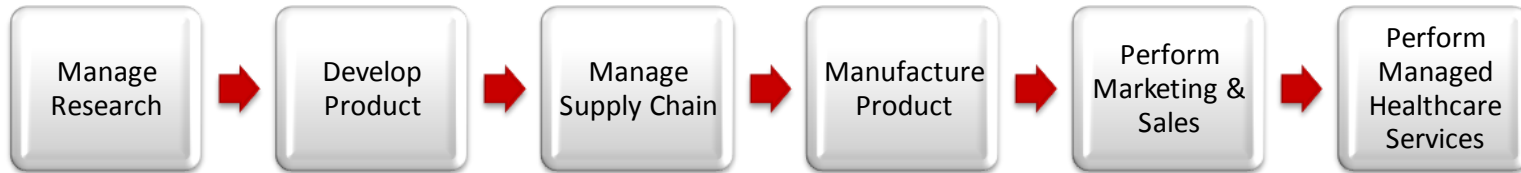
Increasing buyer power (private + public)

Increasing price sensitivity (cost of health care system)

Cost reductions are getting more and more crucial

Emerging markets are becoming more and more important

Supply Chain: Source of Constraints



Main constraints:

- Long development cycles with high attrition rate
- Expensive marketing & sales activities

Measures to Address the Growth Gap

M&A

- A top priority is buying companies or in-licensing products for fueling the distribution network
- Overall M&A deal value is increasing
- Focus is not primarily on big takeovers but on competition for assets that have the potential to drive growth

Partnering

- Partnering in product development and marketing and sales activities increases
- Companies spend up to 20% of their R&D budget on partnered products

Measures to Address the Growth Gap (continued)

Rely on Organic Growth

- In recent years only very few companies have been in a position to rely on their own pipeline of late-stage and newly approved products

Refine and Focus the Business Model

- Some big pharma companies are divesting or have divested non-core businesses; or
- Exit therapeutic areas where they are not a leading player

Case Study: Novartis

- Pursuing all strategic measures in one multi-party transaction (April 2014):
 - **M&A:** Acquiring cancer business of GSK to get to the critical threshold (number 2 behind Roche) for further growing the business organically
 - **Partnering** with GSK in the OTC business (more products, reducing overlapping sales force)
 - **Focusing** business model by divesting the vaccination business (GSK) and the animal health business (Lilly)

Summary

Without profitable growth the long-term survival of a company is at risk

Evidence on M&A profitability is exceeding perception; but pitfalls like lack of strategic fit, unclear synergies and overpaying have to be avoided

M&A and organic growth are not alternatives but viable cornerstones of any balanced growth strategy

Differences in the growth path as well as in the industry structure are asking for different M&A deal types

Depending on the industry structure M&A activities can be the preferred growth option (Pharmaceutical industry)

Caveats or longstanding truth¹:

- The costs of entry should never capitalize all future profits
- Either the new unit or the buyer must gain some kind of competitive advantage

¹Michael Porter, From Competitive Advantage to Corporate Strategy, Harvard Business Review, May-June 1987, p. 6

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