# Delivering Benefits from Mergers & Acquisitions

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### Why Acquire?

#### Tend to Succeed

- Acquire brand, technology etc...
- Reduced cost to enter market
- Reduced time to enter market
- Better access to distribution chain
- Critical mass in new market
- Genuine synergies
- Improve asset performance

#### Tend to Fail

- Diversification
- Utilise marketing experience
- Extensive scope for synergy
- Market is undervaluing target
- To prevent someone else
- Spread risk
- Favourable exchange rate
- Become a billion £ business
- The City will like it

Whatever the Reason do it for the Right One

Whatever the Right Reason Make Sure it Enhances Shareholder Value



### Due Diligence

- Financial
- Legal
- Commercial

- Environmental
- Management & Culture
- IT
- Operational
- Patent
- Tax

Ensure Departmental Agreement to Synergies

Hone Bid & Revise Integration Plan



### What to do with an Acquisition?

Integrate

Harvest Synergies



### What Synergies?

Planned Achieved

• Revenue 57% 30%

• Cost 58% 60%

Cost Savings are Easier and Quicker to Achieve

Overheads are Easier to Reduce than Direct Costs



### Summary

- ➤ Have a Strategy
- ➤ Plan for Acquisition <u>and</u> Integration
- ➤ Due Diligence
- > Revise Plan
- ➤ Hone Bid
- **≻** Communicate
- ➤ Integrate

