



# A Few Ideas about Partnerships

...from the perspective of a Sales-focused CEO



# Who's Jack Derby?





# Corporate Education...

- Becton Dickinson Medical Systems, EVP
- Datamedix, CEO
- Litton Medical Systems, Group President

17 years

# **Entrepreneurial Education**

- CB Sports, President
- AW Mayer, President

# **Management Coach**

Derby Management











- Business & Strategic Planning
- Sales Planning & Execution
- Financial Planning & Fundraising
- CEO/Founder Coach
- Venture Capital & Private Equity
- New England
- 375+ customers
- Raised over \$300 million

What we do











# Creating Effective Sales Partner Models

( ...and why you should care )





# The Simple Truths...



- Direct sales models are very expensive
- Direct sales models take a long time to build
- Indirect sales models sound like they're easy
  - They already call on the same customers
  - They already carry similar products
  - They need our product to build a complete solution
- Most indirect sales models fail!







# Why Partner?

The math of Direct Sales is very ineffective







# Derby Management's Law of 3,000









- How many hours a week do you work?
- How about your average salesperson?











- 3120
- 180
- - 40
- - 80
- 180
- 15%
- $\bullet$  = 2244
- times 50%
- = 1122/19

hours/week/year

15 days vacation

5 days sick & personal

10 company holidays

training, sales & company meetings

standard non-utilizable time

total **Available Time to Sell** 

sales effectiveness

- . available selling time
- . available sales management time







## The Bottom line, assuming...

60 hours of work time every week

50% effectivity

Equals 1,122 hours =

19 weeks out of 52 paid

Not typical

Not typical











### More math...

Understanding Effective Sales Models

You need to calculate...

Hiring rate time to recruit & hire

Sales ramp #1 to first sale

Sales ramp #2 to full effectivity

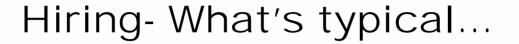
Attrition rate % leave

Average cost base + plan + benefits +expense

Sales cycle "hello to close"

All of which create "time to cash break even"









- Assumes 3 month sales cycle
- Assumes "standard" relationship sale
- Assumes B+ hires





# Creating Sales Effectiveness





Creating Leverage









- Partnerships
- Alliances
- Win/Wins



### Part-ner-ship (noun)

A relationship between individuals or groups that is characterized by mutual cooperation and responsibility, as for the achievement of a specified goal.









### Observation #1

- Most leverage models don't work!
- The win/win typically becomes: WIN/win



### Observation #2

- Most companies do not take time to clearly define objectives
- Most partnerships only become "handshake deals"

### Observation #3

Most companies expect one type of partnership fits all





# So, given all that...



How do I create winning Sales Partnerships that...

- Build cost effective sales over the long term.
- Build long term customer relationships
- Build trust and comfort for both sides

### Solution...

Approach the process quantitatively







# Clearly understand your objectives... (One model does not fit all)

Field sales	Regional industry rep firms						
Customer Retention	Large in-place national dealer networks						
Distribution	Market aggregator with national distributors						
Complex Distribution	Core product plus added products & services						
Product Integration	Integration for total solutions						
OEM's	One product into another, which self-brands						
Marketing	Lead generation						





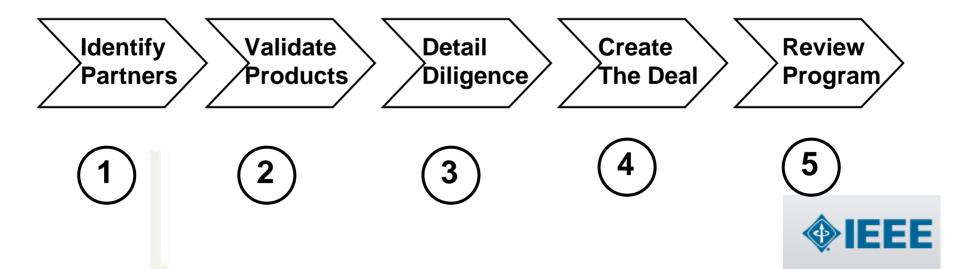
# Clearly understand the time to create initial impact...

Field sales	Regional industry rep firms	3-4 months
Customer Retention	Large in-place national dealer networks	6 months
Distribution	Market aggregator with national distributors	6 months
Complex Distribution	Core product plus added products & services	8-12 months
Product Integration	Integration for total solutions	8-12 months
OEM's	One product into another, which self-brands	12 months
Marketing	Lead generation	2-3 months





# Follow a 5 Point Development Cycle...









### Understand that most failure is due to... The Fears...

- Executive Management fear of imbalance
- Fear of "not being good enough"
- Fear of divulging too much
- Fear of "The Fatal Mistake"
- Fear of Product Validation Process
- Fear of sharing financial information
- Fear of Business Development Manager lack of success









### **Create a Six Step Partnership Planning Process**

- Create a Partner Map
- 2. State clear objectives
- 3. Identify & assign values to a potential partner
- 4. Assess & assign risks to a potential partner
- 5. Determine potential revenue
- 6. Define clear means of measurement









# **Create a Partner Map...**

Stage	1	2	3	4	5
State of Idea/Products	Idea	Business Model	Positioning Messages Benefits	Templates Methods Models	Product Available
State of Financing	Angel	2 orders	New order / Self-funded	New order Customer Supported	Profitable
Desired Partner Objectives	\$\$\$	Embedded	Design Wins	Marketing	Distribution

Circle 3 criteria that accurately represent your firm









# **Create a Partner Map...**

- If you have a straight line...
  - Top 5% of companies with necessary attributes
- If you have a jagged line...
  - Ok, but need to detail misalignment or realism
  - Must detail action steps to realign the attributes







# **Create Value Worksheets...**

On a "10 to 1" scale...

- Assign values on..
  - Speed to market:
  - Sales Resources:
  - Co-Marketing:
  - Sales Channels:
  - Non competition:
  - Market Share ownership:
  - Equity investment
  - Gross Margin
  - Service
  - Technology resources

months

# of people

available dollars

# of industries

# of industries

%'s of share

Size of investment

Percentage

Capabilities rank

Yes/No/Type



### Value Attribute Example...

## How the impact on your company will be measured



1. Speed	
Months	Ranking
0-3	10
3-6	7
6-12	5
12+	0
3. Co-Market	
3. Co-Market Dollars	Ranking
	Ranking 10
Dollars	
Dollars \$100K	10

2. Salesreps	
People	Ranking
15+	10
10	6
1-5	3
12+	0
4. Channels	
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Value Attribute Example			Candidates									
			Products S			Ser	Services			Company		
Criteria	Obj/ Sub	Definition	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	
1. Speed	Sub	Implementation Time	10	10	6	6	6	6	10	10	10	
2. Sales Resources	Sub	People for sales People for service	10	3	3	6	6	6	10	6	6	
3. Co- Marketing	Obj	Make an investment of \$xxx	10	7	0	0	7	8	10	10	5	
4. Channel	Sub	Degree of focus in our core markets	10	8	5	8	6	0	10	8	8	
Totals			40	28	17	20	25	14 (	40)	34	29	







### Create Risk Worksheets...

On a "10 to 1" scale...

- Assign values on...
  - Stealing
  - Staffing requirements
  - Quality
  - Product ready
  - Product performance
  - Complexity of organization
  - Industry overlap

Product intelligence

# of people

Benchmark metrics

Ship on time

Expectation ranking

Time investment

Likely / not likely EEE



# Relative Risks Example...

### What is the relative risk of...

1. Stealing	
Product IP	Ranking
Very likely	0
Don't know	5
Not likely	10

2. Staffing	
People	Ranking
3 people	10
2 people	5
1 person	0

3. Quality	
Benchmark	Ranking
Very likely	0
Don't know	5
Not likely	10

4. Industry / Channel		
Confusion	Ranking	
Very likely	0	
Don't know	5	IEEE
Not likely	10	









Relative I	Risks	Example	Candidates								
			Products Services Compa					mpa	any		
Criteria	Obj/ Sub	Definition	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
1. Stealing	Sub	Reverse Engineer	5	0	5	5	5	0	0	5	5
2. Staffing	Sub	How many FTE's to support	10	3	3	6	6	6	10	6	6
3. Quality Benchmark	Obj	Public metrics available	10	7	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
4. Channel Conflict	Sub	Confusion internally	5	5	5	10	5	0	10	5	5
Totals			25	15	13	26	21	11	20)	16	16





### **Two Decision Approaches...**

# 1. Analytically look at the results

- Partner Map
- Value Map
- Risks Map

### 2. Present 5 slides to your internal team

- Bosses, Peers and Salespeople
- Clear definition of the strategy
- Clear definition of the returns over timelines
- Rank the Dependencies, Risks and Options
- Clearly define all responsibilities









### Remember...

- Creating Leverage is very hard work
- Most partnerships fail
- You need to take a balanced approach
- There are other types of leverage









# Partnership leverage is not the only leverage...

Continue to create direct sales leverage...

There's another type of partnerships...

- Proactively leverage your existing referrals
- Aggressively leverage your prospects-invert the funnel
- Dynamically leverage your network

