Training Course on Advanced Corporate Strategy and Mergers/Acquisitions

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	CEOs and Directors	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Develop future-proof strategic plans aligned with market trends and disruptive technologies.
2. Identify and assess high-potential acquisition targets using data-driven insights and AI-powered analytics.
3. Perform in-depth financial, legal, operational, and cultural due diligence to mitigate M&A risks.
4. Apply advanced valuation techniques including DCF, multiples, and LBO models for optimal deal pricing.
5. Design innovative deal structures considering tax implications, financing options, and regulatory compliance.
6. Enhance negotiation strategies and deal closure tactics for mutually beneficial outcomes.
7. Implement synergy realization strategies, manage cultural alignment, and ensure operational efficiency.
8. Utilize emerging technologies like AI, blockchain, and big data for enhanced M&A decision-making.
9. Understand the complexities of international M&A, including geopolitical risks and market entry strategies.
10. Analyze the financial impact of M&A on shareholder returns and long-term enterprise value.
11. Proactively identify and manage transactional, operational, and integration risks.
12. Explore alternatives to full acquisitions for strategic growth and market penetration.
13. Cultivate organizational capacity for rapid adaptation and continuous strategic evolution.

Organizational Benefits

- Equip the organization with the capabilities to pursue **strategic expansion** through organic and inorganic means.
- Develop a workforce capable of **identifying and capitalizing on market opportunities**, leading to a stronger market position.
- Drive **profitable growth** and **optimize capital allocation** through well-executed strategic initiatives and M&A.
- Streamline processes, achieve **economies of scale and scope**, and eliminate redundancies through effective integration.

- Proactively identify, assess, and mitigate **strategic and transactional risks**, safeguarding organizational assets.
- Foster a culture of **strategic innovation** and enable the organization to **adapt quickly** to market shifts.
- Ensure resources are directed towards **high-impact strategic initiatives** and **value-accretive acquisitions**.
- Attract and retain top talent by demonstrating a commitment to **strategic growth** and **professional development**.
- Empower leaders with the tools and frameworks for **informed, analytical strategic choices**.
- Build an organization capable of navigating and thriving amidst **economic uncertainty** and **industry disruption**.

Target Audience

1. Senior Executives & C-Suite Leaders (CEOs, CFOs, COOs, CDOs)
2. Corporate Strategy & Business Development Professionals
3. Investment Bankers & Private Equity Professionals
4. M&A Advisors, Consultants, and Legal Professionals
5. Heads of Corporate Finance & Treasury
6. Portfolio Managers & Investment Analysts
7. Entrepreneurs & Founders seeking strategic exits or growth
8. High-Potential Managers slated for leadership roles

Course Outline

Module 1: Foundations of Advanced Corporate Strategy

- Defining corporate purpose and vision in the 21st century.
- Analyzing the external environment: PESTEL, Porter's Five Forces, and industry dynamics.
- Internal capabilities assessment: Resource-Based View and core competencies.
- **Case Study:** Disruption of Blockbuster by Netflix: A failure in strategic foresight.
- Developing sustainable competitive advantage in dynamic markets.

Module 2: Strategic Analysis Tools & Frameworks

- SWOT analysis revisited: From static to dynamic application.
- Value chain analysis and identifying strategic cost advantages.
- Game theory and competitive interactions in strategic decision-making.
- **Case Study:** Apple's Ecosystem Strategy: Leveraging interdependence for market dominance.
- Scenario planning and strategic flexibility in uncertain times.

Module 3: Growth Strategies & Business Portfolio Management

- Ansoff Matrix: Market penetration, product development, market development, and diversification.
- BCG Matrix and GE-McKinsey Matrix for portfolio optimization.
- Organic growth vs. inorganic growth: Strategic considerations.
- **Case Study:** Procter & Gamble's Portfolio Restructuring: Divestitures and focus on core brands.
- Strategic options for mature and declining industries.

Module 4: Introduction to Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A) as a Strategic Tool

- Understanding M&A motives: Synergy, market power, diversification, and talent acquisition.
- Types of M&A transactions: Horizontal, vertical, conglomerate, and hostile takeovers.
- The M&A lifecycle: From strategy to integration.
- **Case Study:** Disney's Acquisition of Pixar: A successful strategic acquisition for content and innovation.
- Common pitfalls and success factors in M&A.

Module 5: M&A Deal Sourcing & Target Identification

- Developing an M&A strategy aligned with corporate objectives.
- Systematic identification of potential acquisition targets.
- Market scanning, industry mapping, and leveraging industry networks.
- **Case Study:** Microsoft's Acquisition of LinkedIn: Strategic rationale for talent and data.
- Initial screening and preliminary assessment of target fit.

Module 6: Due Diligence: Uncovering Value & Risks

- Financial due diligence: Assessing financial health, projections, and liabilities.
- Legal and regulatory due diligence: Contracts, intellectual property, and compliance.
- Operational and commercial due diligence: Supply chain, technology, and market position.
- **Case Study:** The AOL-Time Warner Merger: Due diligence failures and overvalued synergies.
- Human capital and cultural due diligence: Assessing organizational fit.

Module 7: M&A Valuation Methodologies

- Discounted Cash Flow (DCF) analysis for M&A.
- Comparable Company Analysis (CCA) and Precedent Transaction Analysis (PTA).
- Leveraged Buyout (LBO) analysis and its application.
- **Case Study:** Tesla's Acquisition of SolarCity: Valuation challenges and controversies.
- Understanding accretion/dilution and earnings per share impact.

Module 8: M&A Deal Structuring & Financing

- Cash vs. Stock vs. Mixed consideration in M&A deals.
- Tax implications of different deal structures.
- Debt financing, equity financing, and mezzanine financing options.
- **Case Study:** Dell's Go-Private Transaction: Complex financing in a large-scale LBO.
- Earn-outs, escrows, and other contingent considerations.

Module 9: Negotiation Strategies in M&A

- Preparing for M&A negotiations: Objectives, BATNA, and ZOPA.
- Key negotiation tactics and common biases.
- Managing power dynamics and building trust.
- **Case Study:** Pfizer's Failed Acquisition of AstraZeneca: Valuation and negotiation stalemates.
- Resolving deadlocks and achieving win-win outcomes.

Module 10: Post-Merger Integration (PMI) Planning

- The critical importance of early PMI planning.
- Integration strategy: Speed vs. thoroughness.
- Organizational design, reporting structures, and talent retention.
- **Case Study:** HP-Compaq Merger: Lessons in flawed integration and cultural clashes.

- Establishing integration teams and governance.

Module 11: Executing Post-Merger Integration (PMI)

- Operational integration: Systems, processes, and supply chain.
- Cultural integration: Managing change, communication, and employee engagement.
- Achieving synergy targets: Cost synergies and revenue synergies.
- **Case Study:** Daimler-Benz and Chrysler Merger: Cultural incompatibility leading to failure.
- Measuring PMI success and continuous improvement.

Module 12: Strategic Alliances & Joint Ventures

- Reasons for strategic alliances: Access to markets, technology, and risk sharing.
- Types of alliances: Equity joint ventures, contractual alliances, and consortia.
- Key success factors and common pitfalls in alliance management.
- **Case Study:** Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi Alliance: Challenges and evolution of a complex partnership.
- Structuring, governance, and dispute resolution in alliances.

Module 13: Divestitures & Corporate Restructuring

- Reasons for divestitures: Non-core assets, funding, and strategic focus.
- Types of divestitures: Spin-offs, carve-outs, and asset sales.
- Managing the divestiture process and maximizing value.
- **Case Study:** eBay's Spin-off of PayPal: Unlocking value through separation.
- Corporate restructuring strategies: Turnarounds, bankruptcies, and reorganizations.

Module 14: Global M&A and Emerging Trends

- Cross-border M&A complexities: Regulatory, political, and cultural differences.
- M&A in emerging markets: Opportunities and risks.
- The impact of ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) on M&A.
- **Case Study:** Lenovo's Acquisition of Motorola Mobility: Navigating cross-border integration challenges.
- Rise of special purpose acquisition companies (SPACs) and private equity.

Module 15: Strategic Leadership & Future of M&A

- The role of leadership in driving strategic change and M&A success.
- Building an M&A playbook and institutionalizing knowledge.
- Ethical considerations in M&A and corporate strategy.
- **Case Study:** Amazon's Relentless Pursuit of Growth via M&A: A strategic masterclass.
- Anticipating future M&A trends and preparing for disruption.

Training Methodology

This course employs a highly interactive and practical training methodology, designed to facilitate deep learning and immediate applicability.

- **Interactive Lectures & Discussions**: Engaging presentations of theoretical frameworks and best practices.
- **Real-World Case Studies**: In-depth analysis of successful and failed M&A transactions and strategic decisions to extract actionable insights.
- **Group Exercises & Workshops**: Hands-on application of strategic tools and valuation techniques in collaborative settings.

- **Simulations & Role-Playing**: Experiential learning through mock negotiations and integration scenarios.
- **Expert Facilitation**: Guidance from industry veterans and academic experts in corporate strategy and M&A.
- **Q&A and Peer Learning**: Opportunities for participants to share experiences and learn from each other.
- **Practical Frameworks & Checklists**: Provision of ready-to-use tools for immediate implementation.

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a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
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