Sales audits: quick overview

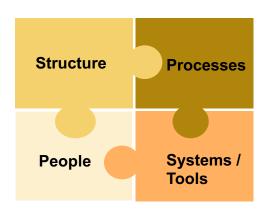
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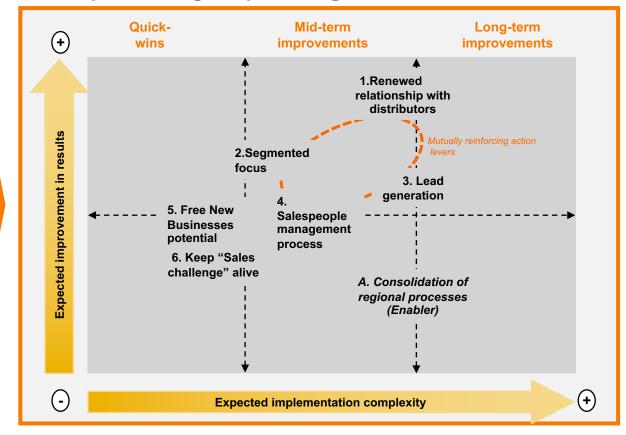
A Sales Audit is an independent and objective assessment of the ability of the sales organization to cope with the market and strategic challenges it faces

Sales audits must understand the market environment and current sales strategy, and then analyze all key components of a Sales organization



 Ultimate goal of sales audits is to identify and prioritize opportunities for improvement in the sales organization

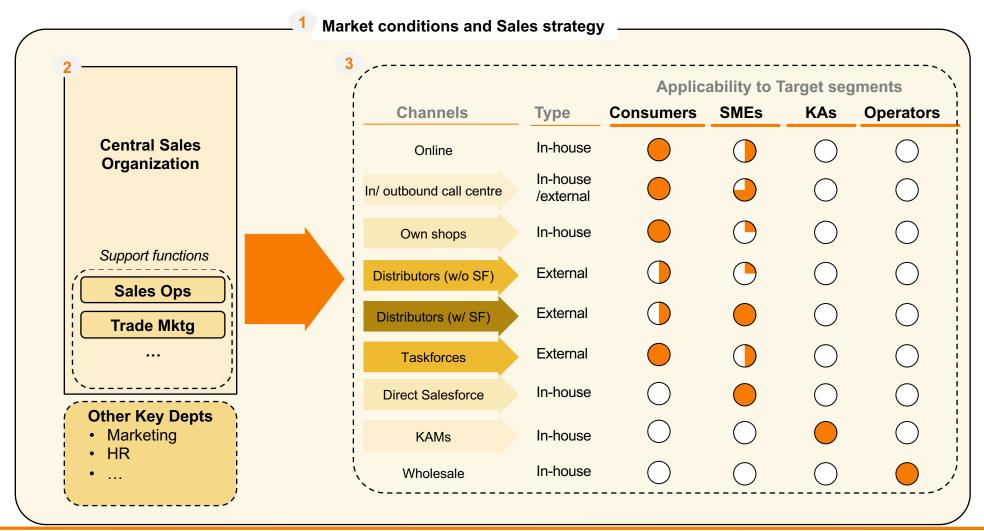
Example of Change map resulting from a Real-case Sales Audit





Analysis must review the effectiveness of both the Central Sales Org and each of the channels

- General framework of macro- elements to assess -



Sales management processes and systems are key to successful strategy execution, and will be evaluated in detail

- Typical, not-exhaustive checklist for Sales Audit -

Macro Audit Sales Central Org. Audit Market size and growth Structure · Sizing, dependencies and roles trends Channel organization **Competitive situation** Profiles and skills Competitive advantages Product/ Market knowledge Company quantitative **Support Functions** and qualitative objectives Sales Ops • Trade Marketing (often included in Mktg dept) vs actual results Sales strategy **Support Systems** • Dashboards, information integration, ... Motivation Remuneration structure Management culture Motivation · Communication policy

Performance management

· Budgeting and goal setting

Interaction with other depts • Marketing, HR, Fulfillment, ...

activities)

Channel management and coordination (results/

Organization/ structure

Sizing, dependencies and roles

Channel-specific Audit

- Level of Specialization
- Portfolio assignment

Profiles and skills

- Product knowledge
- Hiring and integration
- Professional development
- Career planning

Support Systems

- Sales reporting systems (e.g., Bls, ...)
- Sales activity systems (e.g., CRMs, ...)
- Contract entry systems
- Information structure and reports
- Attrition levels
- Remuneration structure
- Management culture
- Communication policy
- **Emotional salary**

Internal/ External Channel management processes

- Salespeople activities
- Performance management (results/ activities)
- Lead generation management
- Activity planning

Other key sales processes

- New product introduction
- Budgeting/ goal setting
- Special Offer management
- **Distributor Pricing**

Other channel processes

- Customer retention
- Marketing interface
- Exception management

Depth and breadth of Sales Audits depend on each customer's specific situation and needs



The analysis will be carried out based on both primary and secondary information

- Typical, not-exhaustive list of sources of information -

	Interviews	Reports, information and other activities	
Central Sales Org.	 Sales management For each support function: Management Staff For key depts(Marketing, HR,) Management Key staff interacting with sales function 	 Market reports Internal market intelligence Sales data and reports – key indicators Results of quality controls (e.g., after-sales validation calls,) 	
In-house channels	 Channel manager Channel SF / staff (distinct hierachical levels) 	 Results of customer loyalty surveys Sales activity data and reports Internal process manuals Sales support material 	
External channels	 Channel management Salespeople Distributors, taskforce managers, 	 Attendance in daily/ weekly sales meetings DILOs (Day in the life of) with salespeople Mistery shopping (shops, call centres,) 	
Customers	Key customers (SMEs, KAs,)		

Duration of sales audits may vary between 3 and 6 weeks



Sendas Value's experience in Sales audits

Sector	Client description
Industrial	#3 Spanish manufacturer of insulation materials for the construction industry
Industrial	#1 Spanish manufacturer of color pigments
Industrial	#3 Spanish manufacturer of frozen bread
Industrial	#1 Spanish Manufacturer of frozen pre-prepared food
Industrial	#1 Spanish Manufacturer of chemical reagents
Industrial	#1 World manufacturer of industrial gases (Spanish division)
Services	#1 Spanish funeral services operator
Utilities	#1 Spanish utility
Telecom	#4 Spanish telco operator



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