

1 Revenue synergies

- Cross-selling
- Accelerated geographical expansion given broader geographical footprint of a combined company
- Better product innovation given combined R&D forces
- Better customer experience given adoption of the best practices from each other
- More appealing value proposition given a wider range of products



- More bundling options
- More pricing power given the higher market share
- More efficient sales given exchange of the best practices
- Higher marketing ROI
- More appealing loyalty program due to wider opportunities to collect and spend points

1 Cost synergies

Fixed costs



Decrease in overhead costs due to the consolidation of overlapping functions like IT, HR, marketing, finance, etc. (incl. headcount reduction, consolidation of purchasing products/services for overhead ops)



Lower rent after the consolidation of the production facilities and closing some of them



Lower maintenance costs due to

- The exchange of the best practices
- Consolidation of in-house maintenance services (e.g. headcount reduction)
- Volume discounts for consolidated purchasing of spare parts, outsourced maintenance services, etc.
- Freeing up some equipment following the higher utilization rate of the equipment



More efficient marketing to avoid competition between two firms

Variable costs



Decrease in raw material costs due to the volume discounts for consolidated purchasing



Decrease in labor costs due to:

- Increase in labor efficiency after exchange of the best practices in operations
- Consolidation of the production facilities that might free up some labor



Lower transportation costs due to:

- Route optimization (in case of geographical footprint overlap)
- Volume discounts for consolidated purchasing of outsourced transportation services, fuel, etc.



Lower distribution and credit card fees given higher negotiation power (in case of similar distribution channels)

1 Other synergies

Balance sheet synergies



Lower costs for borrowed capital



Access to more financial resources



Capex rationalization



Improvement in accounts receivable (AR) and accounts payable (AP)



Better inventory management

Tax synergies



Optimized taxes (e.g. combined operating losses)