

# Biggest drawbacks from acquisition of an external company

	Requirement to integrate systems that may not be currently compatible	Requirement to make promised cost savings to justify acquisition	Diversion of financial investment from other projects	Requirement to integrate working practices / cultures	Time cost of due diligence to ensure that IP acquired is of true value	Increase in legacy systems and processes	Senior management distraction during acquisition	Additional complexity	Negative impact on staff morale
2022	48%	44%	41%	39%	37%	24%	20%	18%	18%
2020	49%	45%	41%	38%	35%	25%	20%	19%	18%

*The biggest drawbacks of acquiring an external company remain the requirements to integrate systems and to make cost savings and the diversion of investment from other projects.*