

The process of selling a business to a 3rd party: Overview

Steps	Process			Decision
Revision	Interview with owner	Assessment business	Explain Selling Process	Prepare a valuation
Valuation	Data gathering	Recasting financials	Prepare Valuation / Price opinion	Agree on representation
Preparing	Prepare Sales Dossier / plan of offering	Prepare media plans	Organize Data Room	Put the business on the market
Promoting	Select media / List with buyers	Place ads / distribute teasers	Data base of interested parties	Enough interest generated?
Interviewing	Interviewing at offices / Financially solid?	NDA / Explain process	Introduction to seller	Seriously interested parties found?
Negotiating	Formalizing serious interest	Exclusive period / LOI	Financing possibilities / downpayment	Accept Offer to purchase (LOI)?
Closing	Due Diligence	Transfers / Redaction of contracts	Review all documents	Sign the deal!



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Review	What's for sale, what is the owners' motivation for selling? Explain the process.
Appraisal	What is the value, SWOT, (real) cash flow, assets, business model of the business?
Preparation	Collecting required data (tax returns), and writing the sales memorandum, blind profiles, data room
Promotion	Built data bases, select websites, investigate (trade) associations, write texts, media plan
Interviews	Shifting the seriously interested from the just curious, conduct background checks, emotional matches
Negotiation	Working towards an offering, transaction structure, compose LOI, exclusivity in negotiating, explain, BATNA
Closing	Redacting contracts, pre-&post-closing checklists, getting the deal accepted and signed