

CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE:

How to Raise the Bar During an M&A Transaction, Digital Conversion or Other Change Event

September 28, 2021

Sponsored By: VERICAST



CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE:

How to Raise the Bar During an M&A Transaction, Digital Conversion or Other Change Event







Andy Saner

SVP, Product Engineering &

Data Services

Andy.Saner@Vericast.com



Stephenie Williams

VP, Financial Institution Marketing
& Product Strategy

Stephenie.S.Williams@Vericast.com



Tracy Gudmundson

VP, Contact Center Operations

Tracy.Gudmundson@Vericast.com

Customer Expectations Hit All-Time Highs





58% of consumers report the COVID-19 crisis has raised their service standards¹



98% want to speak to a **live person** when calling customer service²



68% of customers expect brands to demonstrate more **empathy**³



55% increase in average handle time and more complex calls post-COVID⁴



76% of customers expect **consistent interactions** across departments⁵



26% of customers would **switch** brands after a bad experience⁶

¹ Salesforce.com State of the Connected Customer, October 2020

² Forbes.com, "Customer Service Expectations Are Rising - Is Your Business Keeping Up?" April 10, 2019

³ Salesforce.com, State of the Connected Customer, October 2020

 $^{4\ \}text{J.D.}$ Power Customer Service Advisory Practice Insight, August 2020

⁵ Salesforce.com State of the Connected Customer, October 2020

⁶ Forbes.com, "Customer Service Expectations Are Rising - Is Your Business Keeping Up?" April 10, 2019

Positive Customer Experiences Create High Value



We hit our **highest**Net Promoter
Score ever during a
conversion month.

During the entirety of the conversion, we did not see a drop in loyalty. This is a testament to the quality service provided to our customers.

Financial Institution With \$1B Total Assets

Financial Institution With \$8B Total Assets



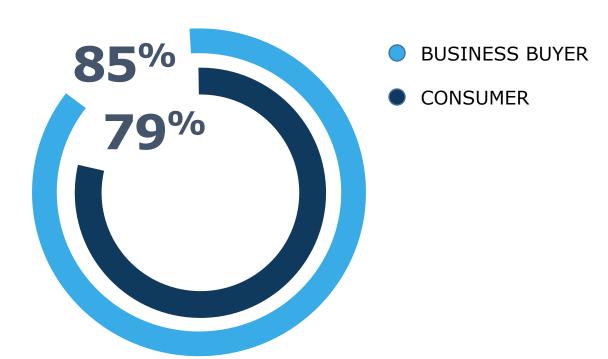


- Support unique journeys for each customer segment — consumer, business and commercial clients
- Provide dedicated outreach to highvalue clients
- Deliver on-demand resolution with skilled and empathetic contact center support

Amid Change, Customer Experience Remains a Key Differentiator



The significant majority of consumers and businesses place the same emphasis on flawless engagement as they do on product quality



Salesforce.com State of the Connected Customer, October 2020

A Positive Customer Experience Is the True Measure of Success



Most bank conversions result in customer experience satisfaction ratings less than 24%



What does this mean to you?

- Frustration
- Diminishment | "Ghosting"
- Attrition
- Social amplification

BancOn.com, Bank Customer Survey Responses



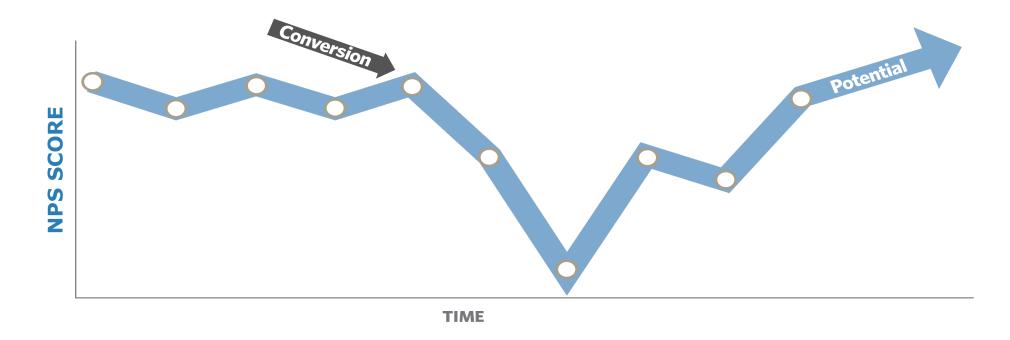
How do I ramp up my back-office to prepare for the impact?

- Revisit your critical support provider service level agreements
- Invest time and expertise in forecasting, increased call volumes and support service requests
- Scale up operations staffing models to accommodate increased volumes across all customer touchpoints

BAI.

Conversions Can Negatively Impact Customer Satisfaction

- Customer satisfaction downturn immediately post-conversion
- Time to recover may be a year or more, even when change is positive





How do I provide employees with the level of support they need?

- Create excitement it's a change for your employees, too
- Create a hotline for employee issue resolution and FAQs
- Have marketing and training SMEs at the branches during week one
- Mitigate disruption inside your organization with internal marketing communications





Sponsored By: VERICAST.

The Message Is Clear



The cumulative impact of every customer and employee interaction during a change event creates an emotional connection with the brand — and is a competitive advantage for those that get it right.



POWERING SMART DECISIONS.