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Deep Sales:

The B2B Sales Playbook to Boost Revenue in 2024

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About This Report

In this report, we sought to uncover four things:

- 1 What top performers, or what we call deep sellers, are doing to succeed
- 2 How salespeople globally are using AI and sales intelligence tools to their advantage
- 3 What B2B buyers really want and need from sellers
- 4 Provide actionable insights and advice about how to become a deep seller and create a team of deep sellers

Our findings are based on survey data from 2,187 sellers and 508 buyers globally conducted by [Ipsos](#), a world-class market research firm, insights gleaned from [LinkedIn Sales Navigator](#), and advice from our customers and industry experts.

Let's Continue the Conversation

We have a treasure trove of data that we're looking forward to sharing with you throughout the entire year. We're already working on additional reports where we explore deep sales from the perspectives of SMBs and enterprises, specific industries including financial services, professional services, technology, and manufacturing, and so much more. Follow the [LinkedIn Sales Navigator](#) page to stay up-to-date.



What is deep sales?

Deep sales is a category of software within the sales intelligence space. It was established by the LinkedIn Sales Solutions team in Spring of 2022, solidifying the notion that Sales Navigator is highly differentiated from other sales tools because of its capabilities, fueled by the powerful data and signals provided by the unique LinkedIn platform.

The deep sales is also an approach consisting of 3 habits that are directly and quantifiably correlated to a higher chance of a seller beating their quota.

The 3 habits are:

- 1) Prioritize high potential accounts.
- 2) Identify and build key buyer relationships.
- 3) Find hidden allies and timely intel for relevant outreach.

Sellers who exhibit most, if not all, of these behaviors routinely excel within their sales organizations as top performers, or what we call deep sellers. The sellers who do the least of these behaviors are low performers, or shallow sellers.



A Deep Sales Double Click = 3 Habits Comprised of 10 Behaviors

Habit 1: Prioritize high potential accounts

3 Behaviors

1. Research prospects

Do significantly more research on prospects before outreach than they did 12 months ago.

2. Research customers

Use customer and industry research to inform cross-sell and upsell strategies in current customer accounts.

3. Use sales intelligence tools

Use sales intelligence software to help them prioritize accounts.

Habit 2: Identify and build key buyer relationships

4 Behaviors

4. Create warm paths in through connections.

Researching and identifying people in their network — such as current teammates, former colleagues, connections working at the target company, etc. — who are connected to potential buyers at their target account for a warm first outreach.

5. Multithread deeply into each account

Establish at least 7 relationships within an account including decision makers, members of the buying committee, and other purchase influencers.

6. Utilize social networks to identify and research key people

Use professional social networks to identify key decision makers and research on all social networks to better understand their buyers.

7. Spend more time nurturing and building trusted relationships

Spend more time building relationships with key people at both prospective and current customers than they did 12 months ago.

Build a stronger, trusted relationship by asking for buyer feedback after an interaction.

Habit 3: Find hidden allies and timely intel for relevant outreach

3 Behaviors

8. Gather intel from hidden allies

Connect with hidden allies — outside of the buying committee — to learn what is happening at the target account.

9. Monitor social networks

Identify the best time to reach out to decision makers with relevant communications by monitoring their social networks and setting up alerts.

10. Stay up to date on industry news

Scan business news regarding the target account and their industry to inform timing and relevance of outreach.

India



India Overview

Deep sellers in India are **1.8x more likely to exceed their quota compared to shallow sellers.**

But only **32%** of sellers in India are classified as deep sellers.

So, what do deep sellers do?

They multi-thread.

Deep sellers in India are more likely than shallow sellers to have seven or more contacts across key personnel within accounts (purchase influencer 66% vs. 27%, buying committee members 70% vs. 20% and decision makers 60% vs. 20%).

They utilize sales intelligence tools to prioritize accounts.

Sales professionals in India are **2.2X more likely to exceed quota when they utilize sales intelligence tools to identify white space.** 41% of deep sellers utilize sales intelligence tools to identify white space or lucrative areas of opportunities with current customers compared to 19% of shallow sellers.

They leverage social media to identify the buying circle.

Sales professionals in India are **2.3X more likely to exceed quota if they utilize social networks to identify members of the buying committee.** 44% of deep seller leverage social networks to identify members of the buying committee compared to 19% of shallow sellers

India Overview

What did we learn about buyers?

In-person still matters.

Sellers (93%) and buyers (64%) agree it is important to meet in-person meetings prior to closing a deal. Data for India is higher than sellers and on par with buyers globally (87% sellers; 67% buyers).

Long-term relationships pay off.

52% of buyers in India say they have bought from the same sales professional, even after they switched companies. Additionally, 46% of buyers who have moved companies have bought from the same sales professional, highlighting the importance of relationships. India data is on par* for the sellers who left the company and lower for buyers compared to the global data. (50% and 54%).

Budgets may not always be roadblocks.

Sellers in India are as optimistic as buyers are regarding budgets. 78% of sellers (23% substantially 25%+ and 55% somewhat <25%) in the next 12 months and 82% of buyers (16% substantially 25%+ and 66% somewhat <25%) expect purchasing budgets to increase. India data for buyers is higher than global buyers (64% increase).



APAC Data



Deep Sellers in APAC Crush their quota

What are some of the deep sales habits their practicing to crush their quota?

59% of deep sellers in APAC spend their time learning more about a customer's industry compared to shallow sellers who spend 21% of their time focused on industry research. Globally, 62% of deep sellers and 20% of shallow sellers conduct industry research.

Deep sellers in APAC are more likely than shallow sellers to have seven or more contacts across key personnel within accounts (purchase influencer 63% vs. 19%, buying committee members 63% vs. 15% and decision makers 57% vs. 15%).

Over 1 in 2 deep sellers in APAC (51%) seek buyer feedback following an interaction all the time compared to just 12% shallow sellers.

19%

of sellers in APAC are classified as deep sellers, while 47% are shallow sellers.

1.3x

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Deep Sellers in APAC use AI and Sales Intelligence tools.

84% of sellers in APAC agree that those who use AI to research prospects/customers will excel in the future, while 87% say they want training on how to best use AI technology.*

68% of salespeople in APAC who use AI exceeded their quota, while **32%** of those who didn't use AI exceeded their quotas. Impact of AI on quotas is lower than the global data (75% of AI users exceeded their quotas).

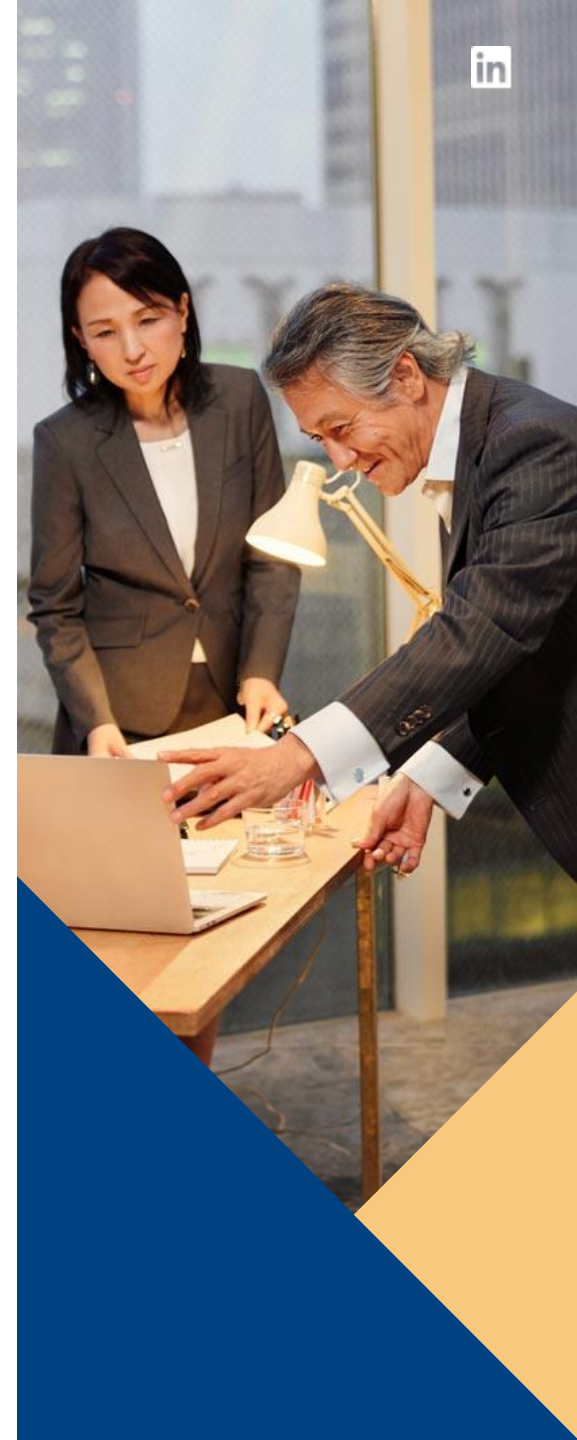
2 in 3 (67%) of deep sellers utilize sales intelligence tools to identify high potential accounts, which is significantly higher than shallow sellers (16%). APAC data for deep sellers is higher than global data (62%).

Demystifying the Buyer-Seller Relationship in APAC

Both sellers (88%) and buyers (69%) in APAC agree it is important to meet in-person prior to closing a deal.*

47% of buyers in APAC say they have bought from the same sales professional, even after they switched companies. Additionally, 53% of buyers who have moved companies have bought from the same sales professional, highlighting the importance of relationships. The APAC data is slightly lower than the global data (50% and 54%).

Sellers in APAC are more optimistic than buyers regarding budgets. 74% of sellers expect purchasing budgets to increase (14% substantially 25%+ and 60% somewhat <25%) in the next 12 months compared to 71% of buyers (11% substantially 25%+ and 60% somewhat <25%). Buyer data in APAC is higher than budget perceptions globally (64% increase).



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