

# The Impact of Client Perception on Your Revenue

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# The Findings

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## The Outcome

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### **The Approach**

Encompass-CX issued surveys and collected customer data from account managers and their clients using our Customer Experience Management application.

Based on feedback data from an 8 question survey about loyalty, our application captured the health of each relationship and gave clients a CX score.

Placing clients into 1 of 4 segments, as listed below:



From there, account managers and clients answered a series of questions designed to measure the strength of their business relationships across 6 relationship dimensions.

The feedback from both sides was analyzed and given numeric values across each relationship dimension

### **Our Relationship Dimensions**

Every business relationship is broken down into 6 relationship dimensions, as shown in figure 2.

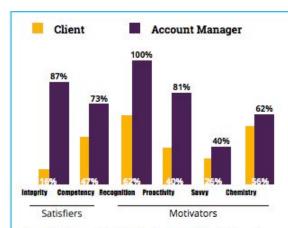


Figure 2: A business relationship broken down into 6 relationship dimensions

### The 6 Relationship Dimensions

Integrity - Are you reliable, dependable, predictable and ethical?

Competency - Are you skilled, experienced, and deliver on promises?

 $\textbf{Recognition} \text{ -} \ \text{Do you value the relationship and express its importance?}$ 

Proactivity - Do you do what is promised and work to prevent surprises?

Savvy - Do you know how your clients make money and how you fit in?

Chemistry - Do your clients look forward to meeting with you?

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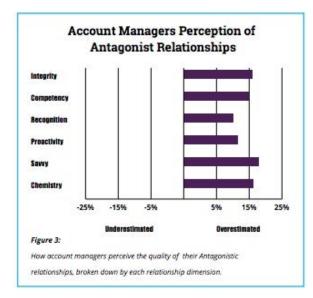
#### What We Found

Our findings told a dramatic story about business relationships scored as **Trusted Advisor** and **Antagonistic**. We found a trend in how account managers perceived the health of their relationships.

- They underestimated the quality of Trusted Advisor relationships by 18%
- They overestimated the quality of Antagonistic relationships by 14%



Differences in **Predisposed** and **Transactional** relationships were minor, which suggests that managers accurately reported the quality of those relationships.



#### **The Outcome**

When account managers **underestimate** the quality of their valuable relationships they are less likely to approach these clients for up-sell and cross-sell opportunities. Conversely, when account managers **overestimate** the quality of their weakest relationships they risk recognizing client issues and preventing churn with real-time actionable solutions.

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