Record Nr. UNINA9910794808103321 Autore Stein Jan Paul **Titolo** Technology-focused acquisitions: performance and functionality as differentiators / / Jan Paul Stein Pubbl/distr/stampa Berlin, [Germany];; Boston, [Massachusetts]:,: De Gruyter Oldenbourg,, 2017 ©2017 **ISBN** 3-11-055930-7 3-11-056209-X Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (288 pages): illustrations, tables Classificazione **QP 450** Disciplina 658.15 Soggetti **Business enterprises - Valuation** Negotiation in business Business enterprises - Purchasing Academic Dissertation Academic theses. Case studies. Theses et ecrits academiques. United States Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese Materiale a stampa **Formato** Monografia Livello bibliografico Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references. Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Acknowledgements -- Contents -- List of figures --List of tables -- List of abbreviations -- Zusammenfassung -- Abstract -- 1. Introduction -- 2. Theoretical foundations-Technology-focused acquisitions and strategic decisions -- 3. Performance- and functionality-focus in product development and acquisitions -- 4. Qualitative Study - Acquisitions in the ICT Industry -- 5. Quantitative study - Performance and functionality in Al-related acquisitions -- 6. Conclusion, contributions, and outlook -- Part Appendix -- Appendix -- Bibliography Sommario/riassunto Technology-focused acquisitions are an important complement to the

firm's internal product development efforts. There is considerable heterogeneity when comparing individual technology-focused

acquisitions - especially with respect to acquisition timing and the deal value. To resolve some of this heterogeneity the author introduces the novel distinction between performance- and functionality-focused acquisitions. He characterizes this distinction based on a theoretical analysis, a qualitative study, and turns to a sample of acquisitions in the field of artificial intelligence for the quantitative study. There are two key findings. First, performance-focused acquisitions take place earlier in a target's life cycle than functionality-focused ones. Second, the deal value is - at a comparable stage in a target's life cycle - higher for performance-focused acquisitions. This thesis is relevant for management scholars and managers alike: Scholars learn about the implications of the distinction between performance- and functionality-focused acquisitions on markets for technology. Managers gain insights into how this distinction may guide their strategic decision making.