

22 Reasons to Sell Your Agency Now

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- 1. Your grandkids don't recognize you.
- 2. Your kids don't recognize you.
- 3. Your spouse/partner doesn't recognize you.
- 4. You don't recognize you.
- 5. You met with TobinLeff, and we said, "You're ready to go to market."
- 6. You just told a client they should spend all their ad budget on broadcast television.
- 7. You're still convinced that digital is a passing fad.
- **8.** When you watch TV, you mute the sound between commercial breaks.
- 9. There just isn't enough time in the day for pickleball and golf!
- **10.** You're growing, profitable, and poised to enter negotiations from a position of strength.
- 11. Faced with an economic downturn, your response is, "Oh, that again? Ho-hum."
- **12.** You went on an extended vacation and nobody noticed. (This can also be a sign to stay on vacation and keep cashing those checks. A risky strategy, but appealing to some.)
- **13.** When your staff asked about working remotely, you said, "If you want to work from home, get a hobby."
- **14.** You have key leadership in place that wants to buy you out or else leave to start their own agencies.
- **15.** While sitting in a creative brainstorming session, you find yourself fantasizing about meeting with your accountant.
- 16. You need to join with a bigger partner to take your firm and people to the next level.
- 17. You still tell these young whipper-snappers who want work-life balance, "In my day, we worked 27 hours, 8 days a week, after walking five miles to the office and back, uphill in both directions."
- 18. Organic growth is becoming harder and harder.
- 19. You spend more time reading The Wall Street Journal than Ad Age.
- **20.** On your last Uber ride, you found yourself gazing at the driver and thinking, "Hmmm, that doesn't look like such a bad gig."
- 21. You can't figure out which reasons on this list are the serious ones.
- **22.** You don't need to sell now. (Yup. This one is serious. When you need to sell, it's usually too late.)

If any of these sound like you, give TobinLeff a call today. To paraphrase that classic piece of advertising for Fram Oil Filters: You can call us to maximize your value now or minimize it later.

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