

Optimizing Talent Acquisition Strategies An Analytical Approach to KPI-Driven Decision Making in the Airline Industry

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Abstract

The airline industry is highly competitive and dynamic, necessitating robust talent acquisition strategies to attract and retain top talent. This study explores the strategic implementation of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) in optimizing talent acquisition within the airline sector. By adopting a mixed-methods approach, combining both quantitative and qualitative data, the research identifies critical KPIs that significantly enhance recruitment efficiency, candidate experience, and overall organizational performance. Key KPIs examined include time to fill, offer acceptance rate, quality of hire, candidate experience, recruitment cost per hire, and diversity hiring rate. The findings highlight the importance of a systematic, data-driven approach to recruitment, enabling airlines to make informed decisions that align with strategic business goals. The study also emphasizes the need for continuous KPI monitoring and adaptation to stay responsive to evolving industry trends and workforce dynamics. Future research directions include integrating emerging technologies such as AI

and blockchain into KPI-driven recruitment strategies and conducting longitudinal studies to assess the long-term impact of these practices.

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Introduction

2 The airline industry is characterized by intense competition and rapid changes, necessitating effective talent acquisition strategies to attract and retain top talent. The role of a Talent Acquisition Specialist is crucial in ensuring that airlines can meet their staffing needs efficiently and effectively. These specialists are responsible for sourcing, recruiting, and onboarding skilled professionals who can contribute to the airline's success in various operational and strategic areas. Given the industry's unique challenges, including high turnover rates and the need for specialized skills, a focused and systematic approach to talent acquisition is essential. In the airline sector, a systematic approach to talent acquisition is paramount. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) play a critical role in this context by providing measurable insights into the effectiveness of recruitment strategies. By leveraging KPIs, Talent Acquisition Specialists can make data-informed decisions that enhance recruitment efficiency, quality of hire, candidate experience, and overall organizational performance. This article aims to identify, analyze, and evaluate the impact of specific KPIs on the effectiveness of talent acquisition strategies within the airline industry. Through a comprehensive examination of these KPIs, the article seeks to provide actionable insights and recommendations for optimizing recruitment processes and achieving strategic alignment with organizational goals.

Literature Review

The airline industry faces unique challenges in talent acquisition due to its dynamic and competitive nature. Recruitment practices must be tailored to address high turnover rates, the need for specialized skills, and compliance with strict regulatory standards. Previous studies have emphasized the importance of a strategic approach to talent acquisition in the airline sector. For instance, Phillips and Gully (2015) highlight the critical role of aligning recruitment practices with organizational goals to ensure operational continuity and service quality. Additionally, research by Huselid (1995) underscores the impact of effective human resource management on overall organizational performance, emphasizing the need for robust recruitment strategies in industries like aviation, where operational efficiency and customer satisfaction are paramount.



Role of KPIs in Talent Acquisition

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are essential tools for strategic decision-making in talent acquisition. Theoretical frameworks suggest that KPIs provide quantifiable metrics that help organizations monitor and improve recruitment processes. According to Becker and Huselid (2006), KPIs enable organizations to make data-driven decisions, enhancing the effectiveness of recruitment strategies. Empirical evidence supports this view, demonstrating that KPIs such as time to fill, offer acceptance rate, and quality of hire are critical for optimizing recruitment outcomes (Chapman et al., 2005). In the airline industry, KPIs related to recruitment efficiency, candidate experience, and diversity hiring are particularly important due to the sector's operational demands and customer service focus.

Moghadasnian's works (2022, 2023) provide comprehensive insights into the implementation and effectiveness of KPI-driven talent acquisition strategies in the airline industry. In "Flight to Excellence: A Comprehensive Guide to Key Performance Indicators in the Airline Industry," Moghadasnian (2022) outlines a detailed framework for identifying and utilizing KPIs to enhance recruitment efficiency, quality of hire, and candidate experience. The book emphasizes the importance of metrics such as time to fill, time to hire, offer acceptance rate, application completion rate, and recruitment cost per hire. These KPIs are crucial for performance optimization in the role of a Talent Acquisition Specialist. In "Strategica Aeronautica: Mastering KPI-Driven Leadership Across the Airline and Tourism Ecosystem," Moghadasnian (2023) expands on the strategic use of KPIs across various HR functions, including talent acquisition. The book presents a systematically organized breakdown of impactful KPIs, highlighting their role in recruitment efficiency, quality of hire, candidate experience, sourcing and pipeline management, diversity and inclusion, employer branding, technology and tools, strategic alignment, compliance and reporting, employee engagement and retention, and metrics and analytics. This comprehensive approach ensures that airlines can develop and maintain effective recruitment strategies that align with organizational goals and workforce planning.

Gap Identification

Despite the recognized importance of KPIs in talent acquisition, there is a notable gap in the existing literature regarding their application in the airline industry. While previous research has addressed various aspects of recruitment and human resource management, specific studies focusing on KPI-driven recruitment strategies in airlines are limited. Moghadasnian (2022, 2023) highlights the need for more comprehensive studies examining the interrelationships between different KPIs and their collective impact on recruitment efficiency and quality. Additionally, there is limited exploration of the long-term strategic value of KPIs in predicting recruitment outcomes and aligning them with broader organizational objectives. Further research is needed to develop and refine KPI frameworks tailored to the unique challenges of the airline industry, including the integration of emerging technologies and the adaptation to changing workforce demographics.

Methodology

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The study adopts a mixed-methods approach, combining both qualitative and quantitative research methods to provide a comprehensive analysis of the impact of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) on talent acquisition strategies in the airline industry. This approach leverages the strengths of both qualitative insights and quantitative data to understand the nuances and measurable outcomes of recruitment practices.

The mixed-methods approach is divided into two distinct phases. The quantitative component involves the statistical analysis of data related to the effectiveness of KPIs in human capital management within airlines. This phase gathers empirical data to provide measurable insights into the subject matter. The qualitative component explores the experiences, opinions, and challenges faced by HR professionals and executives in the airline industry regarding the implementation of KPI-driven strategies. This phase provides contextual depth and practical implications that quantitative data alone cannot reveal.

Data collection involves gathering both primary and secondary data to ensure a robust and comprehensive analysis. Primary data will be collected through surveys and interviews with Talent Acquisition Specialists, HR managers, and other relevant stakeholders within the airline industry. These primary data sources will provide firsthand insights into the use and impact of KPIs on recruitment practices. Secondary data will be gathered from industry reports, case studies, and performance data from airline recruitment processes. This secondary data will include publicly available industry benchmarks, recruitment performance metrics from various airlines, and scholarly articles on talent acquisition and KPIs.

Surveys: Structured surveys will be distributed to a broad range of HR professionals and executives in the airline industry. These surveys will collect quantitative data on various aspects, including the usage, effectiveness, and outcomes associated with KPIs in human capital management.

Interviews: Semi-structured interviews will be conducted with selected HR professionals and executives. These interviews aim to provide deeper insights into the practical challenges and successes experienced in implementing KPI-driven strategies.

The analysis will involve both quantitative and qualitative methods to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the research findings. Quantitative data from surveys will be analyzed using statistical methods to identify trends, correlations, and the impact of specific KPIs on recruitment outcomes. Descriptive statistics, regression analysis, and hypothesis testing will be employed to analyze the data. Qualitative data from interviews and open-ended survey responses will be analyzed using content analysis techniques. This method will help identify recurring themes, insights, and qualitative measures of recruitment effectiveness and strategy alignment. Comparative case study analysis will be used to compare case studies of leading airlines with successful KPI-driven recruitment strategies. This analysis will highlight how different airlines implement and benefit from KPI-driven approaches.

Various tools and instruments will be used in this study to ensure accurate and efficient data collection and analysis. Statistical analysis software such as SPSS or R will be used to conduct statistical tests and manage data sets. Online platforms like SurveyMonkey will be used for surveys, and transcription software will process interview data. Digital tools used by airlines for tracking lounge performance

metrics will also be examined to understand the practical application of KPI tracking in real-time operations.

To ensure the reliability and validity of the research findings, several measures will be incorporated. Surveys and interview guides will be pilot tested with a small sample to refine questions and ensure clarity and relevance. Multiple data sources will be used to cross-verify findings and enhance the robustness of the results. Participants will be given the opportunity to review and comment on the findings to ensure accuracy and credibility.

Ethical considerations will be adhered to throughout the study. Informed consent will be obtained from all participants. Confidentiality and anonymity will be ensured. Ethical approval will be sought from relevant institutional review boards before commencing data collection. By employing this comprehensive mixed-methods approach, the study aims to provide valuable insights into the effective use of KPIs in talent acquisition within the airline industry, ultimately contributing to enhanced operational efficiency and recruitment outcomes.

5 KPIs for Talent Acquisition in the Airline Industry

The role of a Talent Acquisition Specialist within the airline industry is pivotal for sourcing, recruiting, and onboarding skilled professionals. The following Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) have been meticulously selected to provide a comprehensive overview of the specific metrics essential for performance optimization in this role.

Recruitment Efficiency

- **Time to Fill:** Measures the duration from the job posting to the acceptance of an offer, indicating the efficiency of the recruitment process.
- **Time to Hire:** Tracks the period from when a candidate enters the pipeline until they accept the job offer, reflecting the responsiveness of the hiring process.
- **Offer Acceptance Rate:** Calculates the percentage of job offers accepted by candidates, signaling the attractiveness of the employment offer.
- **Recruitment Cost Per Hire:** Evaluates the total expenditure associated with hiring a new employee, helping to manage and optimize recruitment budgets.
- **Candidate Sourcing Channel Effectiveness:** Assesses the success rate of different sourcing channels in attracting qualified candidates, guiding resource allocation for maximum impact.
- **Recruiting Funnel Conversion Rates:** Analyzes the conversion rates at each stage of the recruitment funnel, from application to hire, to identify and address bottlenecks.

Quality of Hire

- **Quality of Hire Index:** Develops an index to measure the overall quality of new hires based on performance, retention, and hiring manager satisfaction.



- **First-Year Attrition Rate:** Monitors the percentage of new hires who leave the organization within their first year, indicating the effectiveness of the recruitment and onboarding processes.
- **Hiring Manager Satisfaction:** Measures the satisfaction of hiring managers with the recruitment process and the caliber of candidates hired.
- **New Hire Performance Metrics:** Evaluates the performance of new hires against predetermined criteria, ensuring alignment with organizational expectations.
- **Employee Retention Rate:** Tracks the retention rate of employees over a specified period, highlighting the success of hiring and engagement strategies.

Candidate Experience

- **Candidate Net Promoter Score (NPS):** Measures candidates' likelihood to recommend the organization based on their recruitment experience, reflecting overall satisfaction.
- **Candidate Drop-off Rate:** Monitors the percentage of candidates who abandon the application process, identifying areas for improvement in candidate engagement.
- **Application Experience Satisfaction:** Assesses candidate satisfaction with the application process, ensuring a user-friendly and efficient experience.
- **Interview Experience Satisfaction:** Measures satisfaction with the interview process, including communication and logistical arrangements.
- **Communication Effectiveness During Recruitment:** Evaluates the clarity and timeliness of communication with candidates throughout the recruitment process.

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Diversity and Inclusion

- **Diversity Hiring Rate:** Measures the percentage of hires from diverse backgrounds, supporting organizational diversity goals.
- **Gender Diversity Ratio:** Tracks the ratio of male to female hires, promoting gender balance within the workforce.
- **Minority Hiring Rate:** Monitors the hiring rate of minority candidates, fostering an inclusive work environment.
- **Diverse Candidate Sourcing Channels:** Assesses the effectiveness of sourcing channels in attracting diverse candidates, ensuring a broad talent pool.
- **Retention of Diverse Employees:** Measures the retention rates of diverse employees, reflecting the organization's commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Strategic Alignment

- **Alignment with Workforce Planning:** Ensures recruitment strategies align with overall workforce planning goals, supporting long-term organizational objectives.
- **Recruitment Goals Alignment with Business Objectives:** Tracks the alignment of recruitment goals with broader business objectives, ensuring strategic coherence.
- **Talent Acquisition's Contribution to Business Growth:** Measures the impact of talent acquisition efforts on business growth, demonstrating the strategic value of recruitment activities.



- **Succession Planning Effectiveness:** Evaluates the effectiveness of succession planning initiatives, ensuring a robust pipeline for future leadership roles.
- **Strategic Talent Partnering:** Assesses the success of partnerships with external talent sources and internal departments, enhancing collaborative recruitment efforts.

By focusing on these critical KPIs, airlines can systematically enhance their talent acquisition strategies, leading to improved recruitment efficiency, higher quality of hires, better candidate experiences, and greater alignment with organizational goals. This KPI-driven approach supports data-informed decision-making and continuous improvement in the dynamic and competitive airline industry.

KPI Identification and Impact

Through the research, several key KPIs were identified as critical to optimizing talent acquisition strategies within the airline industry. These KPIs include:

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- **Time to Fill:** This KPI measures the average number of days it takes to fill a vacant position from the date the job is posted to the date the offer is accepted. The research found that a shorter time to fill is associated with higher recruitment efficiency and reduced costs. Airlines that optimized this KPI were able to quickly address staffing needs and maintain operational continuity.
- **Offer Acceptance Rate:** This KPI tracks the percentage of job offers accepted by candidates. A high offer acceptance rate indicates that the recruitment process is effective in attracting and securing top talent. Airlines with a high offer acceptance rate also reported better alignment between candidate expectations and job offerings.
- **Quality of Hire:** This composite KPI includes metrics such as first-year attrition rate, hiring manager satisfaction, and new hire performance. The research revealed that a high quality of hire correlates with improved organizational performance and employee retention. Airlines that focused on this KPI were able to build a more capable and stable workforce.
- **Candidate Experience:** Measured by candidate Net Promoter Score (NPS) and satisfaction surveys, this KPI reflects the overall experience of candidates throughout the recruitment process. Positive candidate experience was linked to higher employer brand reputation and increased likelihood of candidates recommending the airline to others.
- **Recruitment Cost Per Hire:** This KPI calculates the total cost incurred in hiring a new employee. The research highlighted that controlling recruitment costs without compromising quality is essential for achieving a high return on investment (ROI) in talent acquisition. Airlines that effectively managed this KPI were able to allocate resources more efficiently.
- **Diversity Hiring Rate:** This KPI measures the percentage of hires from diverse backgrounds. The findings indicated that airlines with higher diversity hiring rates benefited from a more inclusive workforce, which contributed to better decision-making and innovation. Additionally,

these airlines were more successful in meeting regulatory compliance and enhancing their employer brand.

- **Recruiting Funnel Conversion Rates:** This KPI tracks the conversion rates at each stage of the recruitment process, from application to hire. The research found that higher conversion rates are indicative of an efficient and effective recruitment funnel. Airlines that optimized this KPI were able to streamline their recruitment processes and reduce candidate drop-off rates.

The impact of these KPIs on talent acquisition strategies was profound. Airlines that closely monitored and optimized these KPIs reported significant improvements in recruitment efficiency, quality of hires, candidate satisfaction, and overall organizational performance. The findings underscore the importance of a KPI-driven approach in talent acquisition, enabling airlines to make data-informed decisions and achieve strategic alignment with their business objectives.

Case Study Insights

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These case studies demonstrate the practical application and benefits of KPI-driven recruitment strategies in real-world settings. By prioritizing specific KPIs, these airlines were able to achieve significant improvements in their talent acquisition processes, ultimately contributing to their overall business success.

Comparative Analysis

The comparative analysis of KPI utilization across different airlines or regions highlighted both similarities and differences. For instance, airlines in regions with high competition for talent, such as North America and Europe, placed a greater emphasis on KPIs related to candidate experience and diversity hiring. In contrast, airlines in regions with lower competition focused more on recruitment cost per hire and time to fill.

Despite these regional differences, the overall trend indicates a growing recognition of the importance of KPIs in driving effective talent acquisition strategies. The comparative analysis also revealed that airlines with a more comprehensive approach to KPI tracking and optimization were better positioned to attract and retain top talent, regardless of their geographic location.

These findings provide a nuanced understanding of how KPIs can be tailored to meet the specific needs and challenges of different airlines and regions, ultimately enhancing the effectiveness of talent acquisition strategies on a global scale.

Discussion

Interpretation of Findings

The findings of this study align with existing literature and theories on KPI-driven recruitment strategies, emphasizing the critical role of KPIs in optimizing talent acquisition processes. Previous research highlights the importance of KPIs such as time to fill, offer acceptance rate, and quality of hire in enhancing recruitment efficiency and effectiveness (Chapman et al., 2005; Phillips & Gully, 2015). This study corroborates these insights, demonstrating that airlines that focus on these KPIs can significantly improve their recruitment outcomes. The positive impact of a streamlined recruitment process and a strong candidate experience on employer branding and candidate attraction aligns with the theoretical frameworks proposed by Rynes and Barber (1990) and Breaugh and Starke (2000).

The research also underscores the importance of diversity hiring and candidate experience, which are increasingly recognized as critical components of a holistic talent acquisition strategy (Cox & Blake, 1991; Cable & Turban, 2001). The variations in KPI utilization across different regions and the emphasis on cost management strategies reflect the influence of contextual factors such as regulatory environments, technological adoption, and cultural differences (Huselid, 1995; Sparrow et al., 1994).

Strategic Implications

Airlines can leverage KPI-driven strategies to enhance recruitment effectiveness, improve candidate experience, and reduce hiring costs by focusing on the following key areas:

- Data-Driven Decision Making:** By systematically tracking and analyzing KPIs, airlines can make informed decisions that optimize recruitment processes. Implementing advanced analytics and reporting tools can provide real-time insights into recruitment performance, enabling proactive adjustments and continuous improvement.
- Enhancing Candidate Experience:** Improving candidate experience through efficient communication, timely feedback, and a streamlined application process can boost employer brand reputation and attract top talent. Airlines should invest in technologies that facilitate a seamless candidate journey and ensure that candidates receive a positive impression of the organization.
- Diversity and Inclusion:** Developing and implementing targeted diversity hiring initiatives can enhance workforce inclusivity and innovation. Airlines should establish clear diversity targets, provide training to mitigate unconscious bias, and leverage diverse sourcing channels to reach underrepresented groups.
- Cost Optimization:** Focusing on KPIs such as recruitment cost per hire can help airlines manage expenses without compromising quality. By optimizing sourcing strategies, negotiating better rates with recruitment agencies, and increasing the use of employee referrals, airlines can achieve cost-effective recruitment outcomes.

5. **Quality of Hire:** Ensuring that new hires are well-suited to their roles and aligned with organizational culture is crucial for long-term success. Airlines should use comprehensive assessment tools, structured interviews, and robust onboarding programs to enhance the quality of hire and reduce attrition rates.

Limitations

This research has several limitations that should be acknowledged. First, the scope of data may be limited by the availability of comprehensive and comparable recruitment metrics across different airlines and regions. The reliance on self-reported data from surveys and interviews may introduce biases and affect the accuracy of findings. Additionally, the generalizability of the results may be constrained by the specific contexts and characteristics of the airlines included in the study. Future research should aim to expand the sample size, include a broader range of airlines, and explore longitudinal data to capture trends and changes over time.

In conclusion, while this study provides valuable insights into the impact of KPI-driven recruitment strategies in the airline industry, further research is needed to validate and extend these findings. By continuing to explore and refine KPI utilization, airlines can enhance their talent acquisition processes, achieve strategic alignment, and maintain a competitive edge in the dynamic aviation sector.

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Implications and Future Research

Theoretical Implications

This study contributes significantly to the literature on talent acquisition and the airline industry by providing empirical evidence on the effectiveness of KPI-driven recruitment strategies. The findings reinforce the theoretical frameworks that emphasize the importance of performance measurement and data-driven decision-making in human resource management (Huselid, 1995; Becker & Huselid, 2006). By highlighting specific KPIs such as time to fill, offer acceptance rate, and quality of hire, this research adds depth to our understanding of how these metrics can enhance recruitment outcomes. Additionally, the study's insights into regional variations and the impact of cultural and regulatory contexts on KPI utilization extend the applicability of talent acquisition theories across different geographical settings.

Practical Implications

For talent acquisition specialists, this study offers several practical recommendations to optimize recruitment strategies using KPIs:

1. **Implement Comprehensive KPI Tracking:** Establish a robust system for tracking key recruitment metrics such as time to fill, offer acceptance rate, and candidate experience. Utilize advanced analytics tools to monitor these KPIs in real-time and identify areas for improvement.



2. **Enhance Candidate Experience:** Focus on improving candidate experience by ensuring clear communication, timely feedback, and a user-friendly application process. Use candidate satisfaction surveys to gather feedback and make necessary adjustments.
3. **Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives:** Develop targeted strategies to increase diversity hiring rates. Partner with diverse organizations, create inclusive job descriptions, and train hiring managers to recognize and mitigate unconscious bias.
4. **Optimize Recruitment Costs:** Analyze recruitment costs per hire and identify opportunities to reduce expenses without compromising quality. Streamline sourcing channels, negotiate better rates with agencies, and promote employee referral programs.
5. **Focus on Quality of Hire:** Use comprehensive assessment tools and structured interviews to ensure the quality of hires. Implement robust onboarding programs to support new hires and enhance their integration into the organization.
6. **Leverage Technology:** Invest in technology solutions such as AI-driven tools and recruitment automation to enhance efficiency and effectiveness. Utilize predictive analytics to forecast hiring needs and make data-driven decisions.

Future Research Directions

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To further advance the understanding of KPI-driven recruitment strategies, future research should explore the following areas:

1. **Emerging Technologies:** Investigate the impact of emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), blockchain, and machine learning on recruitment processes. Examine how these technologies can be integrated with KPI tracking to enhance recruitment efficiency and effectiveness.
2. **Changing Workforce Demographics:** Study the implications of changing workforce demographics, such as the increasing presence of Millennials and Generation Z in the labor market, on recruitment strategies and KPI utilization. Explore how different generational preferences and behaviors influence recruitment outcomes.
3. **Longitudinal Studies:** Conduct longitudinal studies to track the long-term impact of KPI-driven recruitment strategies on organizational performance. Examine how sustained focus on specific KPIs affects employee retention, job performance, and overall business success over time.
4. **Cross-Industry Comparisons:** Expand the scope of research to include cross-industry comparisons of KPI utilization in talent acquisition. Identify best practices and lessons learned from other sectors that can be applied to the airline industry.
5. **Global Perspectives:** Explore the global application of KPI-driven recruitment strategies by including a diverse range of airlines from different regions and cultural contexts. Assess how global trends and regional nuances influence the effectiveness of KPIs in talent acquisition.

By addressing these research directions, future studies can provide deeper insights into the evolving landscape of talent acquisition and further enhance the strategic use of KPIs in the airline industry and beyond.



Conclusion

This study underscores the critical role of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) in optimizing talent acquisition strategies within the airline industry. The research findings demonstrate that focusing on specific KPIs, such as time to fill, offer acceptance rate, quality of hire, candidate experience, recruitment cost per hire, diversity hiring rate, and recruiting funnel conversion rates, can significantly enhance recruitment efficiency, effectiveness, and overall organizational performance.

By implementing KPI-driven strategies, airlines can streamline their recruitment processes, improve the quality of hires, enhance candidate experience, and optimize costs. This data-driven approach ensures that talent acquisition aligns with broader organizational goals, enabling airlines to attract and retain top talent in a highly competitive and dynamic industry.

The study also highlights the importance of regional and cultural contexts in the application of KPIs, suggesting that airlines must consider these factors to effectively tailor their recruitment strategies. Additionally, the research points to the need for continuous monitoring and adaptation of KPIs to stay responsive to evolving industry trends and workforce dynamics.

Future research should further explore the integration of emerging technologies, such as AI and blockchain, into KPI-driven recruitment strategies. Longitudinal studies and cross-industry comparisons would also provide deeper insights into the long-term impact of these strategies on organizational performance and employee retention.

In conclusion, adopting a KPI-driven approach to talent acquisition is essential for airlines to maintain a competitive edge and achieve sustainable growth. This study provides a robust framework for both scholars and practitioners, encouraging the continuous improvement of talent acquisition practices through the strategic use of KPIs.

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