Understanding Families in Business

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Business Family



Family Business

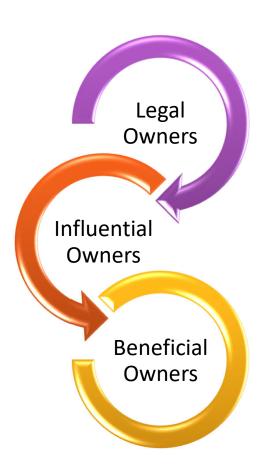


- Founded in 1937 by my grandfather & 3 friends
- Extended multi-family business
- TCM, Western OTC & health supplement



- Founded by me in 1990
- Immediate family business
- Private equity, property & business family advisory

Meaning of Ownership



Business Family 9-Box Matrix

	Family	Business	Wealth	
Structure				
Successors		Vital Skills ?		
Governance				

The Skills Companies Need Most in 2020

Top 5 Soft Skills

- Creativity
- Persuasion
- Collaboration
- Adaptability
- Emotional Intelligence

Reference

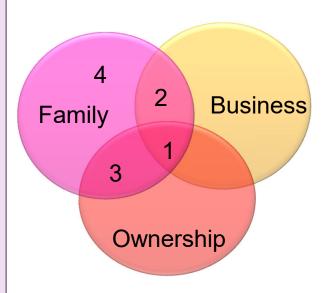
https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/skillscompanies-need-most-2020and-how-learnthem-lazzaroni-pate/

Top 10 Hard Skills

- Blockchain
- Cloud computing
- Analytical reasoning
- Artificial intelligence
- UX design
- Business analysis
- Affiliate marketing
- Sales
- Scientific computing
- Video production

Confession of a Business Family Member

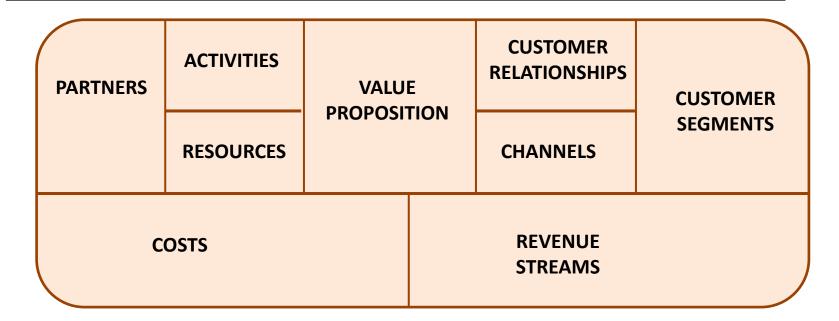
- Moving from territories 4-2-1-3
- As a family member
- Working in FB
- Working & owning shares in FB
- Stepping down from FB
- Stepping out of FB



Salient Points in Service Agreement of a Family Business Successor

- Entity to employ
- Outside remuneration prior to joining family business
- Duties & powers
- Option to purchase shares in existing JV
- Option to invest in Newco
- Company car & other business expenses
- Annual leave & working hours
- Illness
- Termination events & notice period
- Retirement age & benefits
- Law applicable
- Signing of service agreement

A Business Model describes the rational of how an organisation creates, delivers and captures value



Why are many traditional family businesses slow in replacing outdated Business Model?

Reference: Business Model Generation - Copyright @ 2010 by Alexander Osterwalder and Yves Pigneur

INNOVATIONS IN FAMILY BUSINESS:

Focus on Configuration & Brand

Innovating requires identifying the problems that matter and moving through them systematically to deliver elegant solutions.

CONFIGURATION

- Profit Model
- Network
- Structure
- Process

OFFERING

- ProductPerformance
- Product System

EXPERIENCE

- Service
- Channel
- Brand
- CustomerEngagement

Reference: Ten Types of Innovation – The Discipline of Building Breakthroughs Authors: Larry Keeley, Ryan Pikkel, Brian Quinn, Helen Walters Copyright @ 2013 Deloitte Development LLC

The Five Insights

- We Respect the Challenge
- Family Business Issues are Common and Predictable, yet
 Perspectives on the Same Issues will be Different:
 - 3-circle model Family, Ownership & Business
- Communication is Indispensable
- Planning is Essential to Continuity:
 - **Business strategy**
 - Leadership & ownership succession
 - Estate & personal financial
 - **Family Continuity**
- Commitment is Required of Us

Reference: John L. Ward, Perpetuating the Family Business, Palgrave Macmillan, 2004, page 10 - 22

The Four P's

- Policies Before the Need issues are given attention before they become personal & emotional
- Sense of Purpose to feel an over-arching purpose that makes continuing the family business worth the strife
- Process they have worked on a policy together as a family, come to a consensus & articulated on it
- Parenting on communication, attitudes towards wealth, preparing for entry into the business or choosing a different career, educating children for responsible ownership, etc.

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