

COMMERCIAL GROWTH & TRANSFORMATION

*Building Value.
Driving Sustainable Growth.*

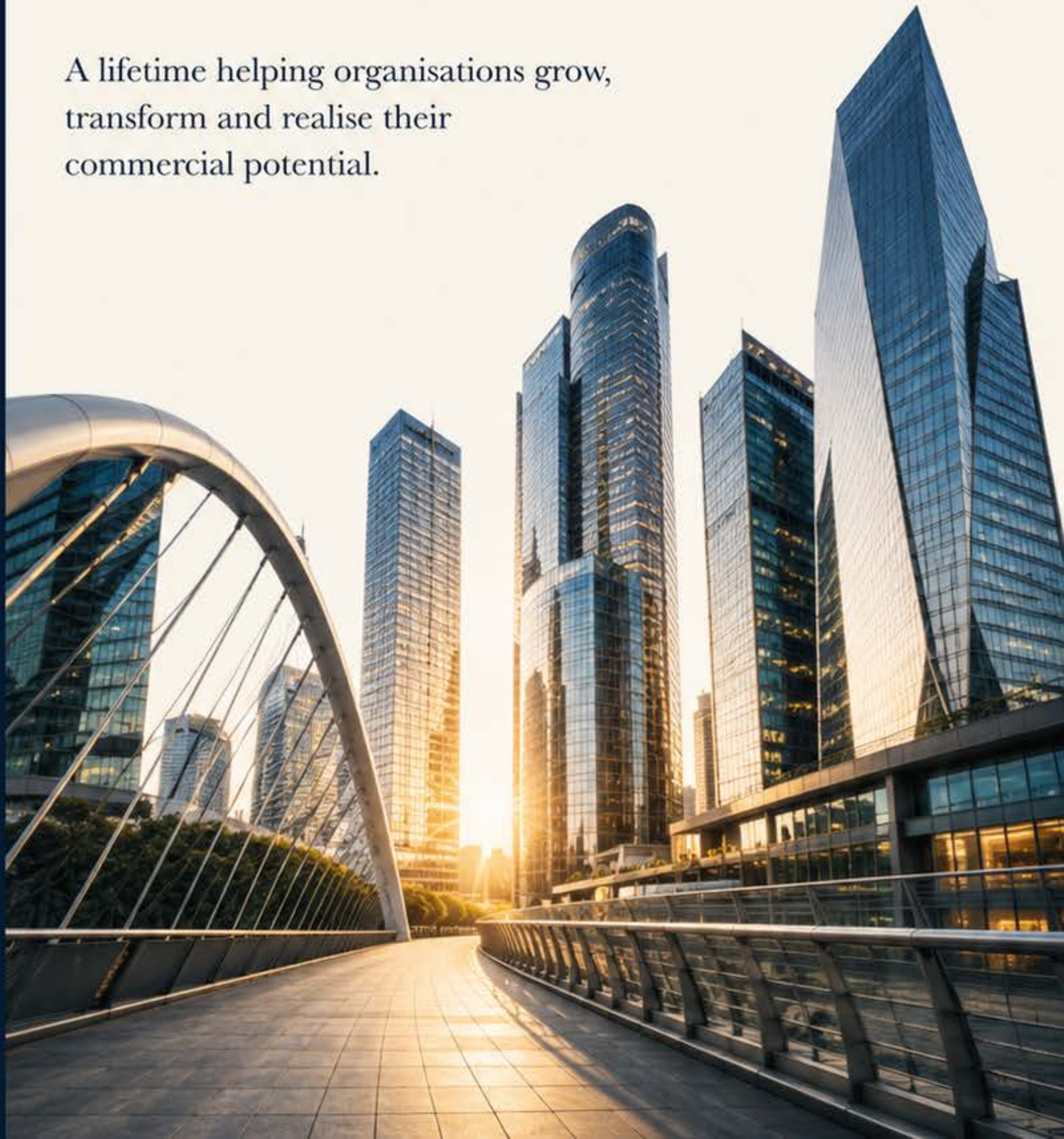
A lifetime helping organisations grow,
transform and realise their
commercial potential.



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Growth Doesn't Happen by Accident

The strongest organisations are rarely built through moments of inspiration. More often, they are shaped by consistent leadership, commercial discipline and the courage to make the right decisions over time.

Growth is often spoken about as though it were a destination; a milestone measured by turnover, profit or market share.

In reality, sustainable growth is something altogether different.

It is the cumulative result of thousands of decisions made consistently and deliberately. It comes from understanding customers, developing people, embracing innovation and maintaining the discipline to execute well, even when the path ahead is uncertain.

Throughout my career I have had the privilege of leading organisations through periods of expansion, transformation and change across commercial, technology, media and event businesses.

While every organisation has faced its own unique challenges, the underlying principles of sustainable growth have remained remarkably consistent.

Commercial success is rarely driven by a single initiative or one exceptional individual. It is created when strategy, leadership, culture and execution work together with clarity of purpose and shared accountability.

Whether supporting founder-led businesses, established organisations or boards navigating periods of change, my focus has always been the same: helping organisations create lasting value rather than simply pursuing short-term results.

The following pages explore the principles that have shaped my approach to commercial growth and transformation, together with examples of how those principles have been applied throughout my career.

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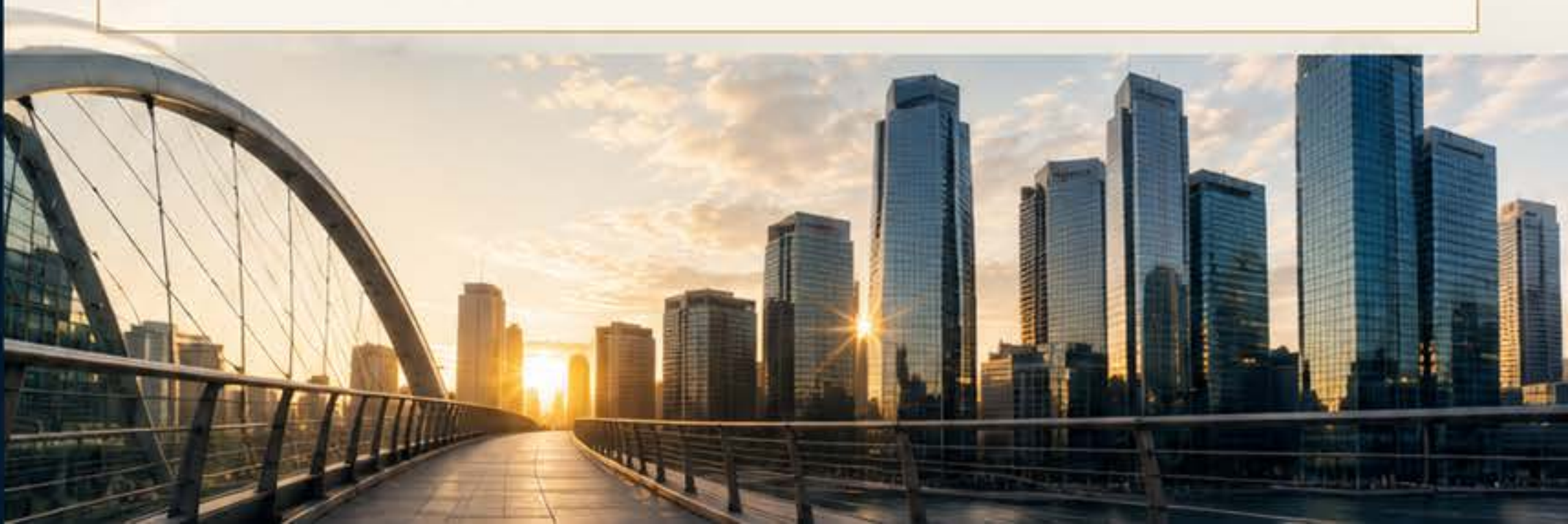
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My Approach

FIVE PILLARS OF COMMERCIAL GROWTH

Sustainable growth is built on a clear strategy and the discipline to execute it brilliantly. My approach is grounded in five interconnected pillars that create value, drive performance and deliver lasting impact.



AN INTEGRATED APPROACH

These five pillars are deeply interconnected. When aligned and executed together, they create an environment where businesses thrive, teams excel and long-term value is built.



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Growth in Practice

DELIVERING RESULTS THAT LAST

Every organisation is different. The challenges vary, the context changes and the solutions must be tailored. What remains consistent is the focus on creating sustainable value through strategy, leadership and disciplined execution.

Here are some examples of how this approach has delivered impact across different sectors and situations.



SURREY COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

Driving Commercial Growth

Repositioned the events offering, strengthened commercial partnerships and enhanced the customer experience, resulting in a 24% year-on-year increase in events revenue.



IMPACT

24%

YOY increase in events revenue



OFCOM

Strategic Partnership & Delivery Excellence

Won a competitive tender to deliver all Ofcom live, hybrid and virtual events as exclusive supplier for a 2-year contract, later extended for a third year.



IMPACT

3 Years

of trusted strategic partnership



GIGGABOX

Building a Multi-Million-Pound Business

Created and scaled a market-leading events and production company, growing from start-up to multi-million-pound turnover with a team of over 20 professionals.



IMPACT

Multi-Million

business built on reputation, quality and relationships



COP CONFERENCES (COP26 – COP29)

Global Event Delivery

Delivered complex live and hybrid productions across Glasgow, Sharm, Dubai and Baku, providing seamless communications for thousands of international delegates.



IMPACT

4 Global

COP events delivered with precision and impact



BUSINESS TURNAROUND

Stabilising, Refocusing, Growing

Stepped into underperforming or challenging situations, stabilised operations, refocused strategy and rebuilt teams to deliver renewed performance and growth.



IMPACT

Sustained

performance and long-term value creation

“ Different sectors. Different markets. Different challenges. The same principles of growth, applied with clarity, discipline and a relentless focus on value. ”

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Leadership That Creates Value

PEOPLE. PURPOSE. PERFORMANCE.

Sustainable growth is inseparable from strong, values-led leadership. I believe the leader's role is to set direction, build the right teams, create an environment where people can thrive and hold everyone accountable for results.

My leadership philosophy is rooted in a simple truth: people want to do great work, but they need clarity, trust and the right support to do it.

HOW I LEAD



SET CLEAR DIRECTION |

Translate strategy into a compelling plan that aligns the organisation and gives people a clear sense of purpose and priority.



BUILD HIGH-PERFORMING TEAMS |

Recruit, develop and empower talented people. Create a culture of trust, collaboration and continuous improvement.



COMMUNICATE WITH PURPOSE |

Communicate openly, listen actively and ensure everyone understands not just what we are doing, but why it matters.



EMPOWER AND DELEGATE |

Give people the autonomy to act, the resources to succeed and the accountability to deliver.



FOCUS RELENTLESSLY ON RESULTS |

Maintain a bias for action and a relentless focus on delivering measurable outcomes that create lasting value.

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Leadership is not about being the loudest voice in the room.

It is about setting the tone, creating the conditions and bringing out the best in others.

STRONG LEADERSHIP
BUILDS CAPABILITY.
IT INSPIRES CONFIDENCE.
IT DELIVERS RESULTS.

“ *The best leaders I have worked with share three qualities: they are decisive, they care deeply about people, and they never lose sight of the bigger picture.* ”

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Innovation. Transformation. Impact.

TRANSFORMING POTENTIAL INTO PERFORMANCE

Markets evolve. Technologies advance. Customer expectations change. Sustained success depends on an organisation's ability to adapt, innovate and transform with purpose and precision.

I partner with leadership teams and boards to drive transformation that strengthens capability, accelerates growth and creates lasting value.

WHERE I ADD VALUE



IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITY |

I help organisations uncover new growth opportunities through market insight, customer understanding and commercial creativity.



DRIVE TRANSFORMATION |

I design and lead transformation programmes that align strategy, people, process and technology to deliver measurable change.



EMBRACE INNOVATION |

I champion innovation that solves real problems, enhances customer value and creates competitive advantage.



BUILD CAPABILITY |

I invest in people, systems and leadership capability to ensure organisations are resilient, adaptable and future-ready.



DELIVER SUSTAINABLE IMPACT |

I focus on execution that delivers lasting improvements in performance, reputation and long-term value.



TRANSFORMATION ISN'T JUST CHANGE

*It's a deliberate process
of reimagining what's
possible and building
the capability to make
it real.*

- ✓ Sharper strategy
- ✓ Stronger capability
- ✓ Smarter systems
- ✓ Sustainable growth

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“ Transformation is not a single initiative – it's a mindset.
It's about constantly evolving to stay relevant,
create value and build a better future. ”



Seven Growth Mistakes Even Successful Businesses Make

The mistakes that quietly hold good businesses back.

Growth is difficult. Sustained, profitable growth is even harder.

Over the past 40+ years I've seen exceptional businesses create extraordinary value – and I've also seen talented teams fall into the same traps that quietly undermine performance, weaken resilience and limit long-term potential.

Here are seven common mistakes I see time and again.

Avoid them and you give your business the best chance to thrive.



1

CHASING REVENUE INSTEAD OF VALUE

Revenue is vanity if margins, capability and customer loyalty are deteriorating. Sustainable growth comes from building value, not simply becoming bigger.



2

SCALING BEFORE THE BUSINESS IS READY

Growth magnifies weaknesses just as quickly as strengths. Processes, systems, leadership and culture should scale before headcount.



3

CONFUSING ACTIVITY WITH PROGRESS

Busy organisations often mistake movement for momentum. Boards should ask: "What has actually changed?"



4

IGNORING CULTURE

Culture isn't a soft issue – it's a commercial one. A misaligned culture will undermine strategy and erode performance.



5

AVOIDING DIFFICULT DECISIONS

Tough calls – on people, projects or performance – are rarely popular, but delay always costs more than decisive action.



6

INNOVATION WITHOUT COMMERCIAL PURPOSE

New ideas are exciting, but not every idea creates value. Innovation must solve a real problem and improve the customer experience.



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MANAGING THIS QUARTER INSTEAD OF BUILDING NEXT YEAR

Short-term pressure is real, but organisations that sacrifice tomorrow to survive today rarely achieve either.

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The cost of these mistakes is rarely immediate.

But their impact is always cumulative.

The good news? They are preventable.

Awareness is the first step. Action is what creates advantage.

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Final Reflections

EXPERIENCE TEACHES. REFLECTION DEFINES. PURPOSE ENDURES.

Every business, every boardroom and every challenge has taught me something. What follows is not theory – it is the distilled wisdom of a career spent building, scaling and transforming businesses, teams and opportunities. These are the reflections that continue to guide me today.



CLARITY COMES FIRST

You cannot lead others if you are not clear about direction, priorities and the value you create.



PEOPLE ARE THE DIFFERENCE

Strategy sets the course, but people determine whether you reach the destination.



FOCUS CREATES MOMENTUM

Saying no to good opportunities creates the space and energy to pursue the right ones.



VALUES ARE YOUR FOUNDATION

When times are tough, values keep you steady, decisions clear and teams united.



INNOVATION IS ESSENTIAL

The best ideas often come from the edges of the business and the voices we least expect.



RELATIONSHIPS CREATE VALUE

Trust, credibility and reputation open doors that capability alone cannot.



EXECUTION IS EVERYTHING

A great strategy badly executed always loses to a simple strategy well executed.



ADAPT AND KEEP MOVING

Markets change. Technologies evolve. Leaders must learn, adapt and lead the change.



COMMERCIALITY MATTERS

Passion is powerful, but sustainable impact comes from strong commercial discipline and financial resilience.



STAYING THE COURSE COUNTS

There will be setbacks. Resilience, determination and belief in the bigger picture see you through.

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*I have never believed growth is about becoming bigger.
I have always believed it is about becoming better.
Bigger is often the consequence.*

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BUILDING ORGANISATIONS. DEVELOPING LEADERS. STRENGTHENING BOARDS.

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