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Vision

The purpose of this ebook is to help you begin to become the CEO that you need to be for your business.

"The function of leadership — the number-one responsibility of a leader — is to catalyze a clear and shared vision for the company and to secure commitment to and vigorous pursuit of that vision. ...This is a universal requirement of leadership, and no matter what your style, you must perform this function."

- Jim Collins

As Jim Collins suggests, your number one responsibility as a leader is to create a powerful shared vision and is an absolute in necessity to growing your business to new heights.

Workbook

This workbook is designed to help you work through the three key elements of a company vision as described by Jim Collins:

Values - The guiding philosophy that governs your teams behaviors. It is the "How" you do business.

Purpose - Purpose is the fundamental reason for your companies existance. It is the "Why" you do business.

Mission - Is a clear and compelling goal that all efforts are driving toward, a BHAG. It is the "What" we are up to for the next 3-5 years.

Follow along and dig deep into these activities to begin to create the vision your company needs and to lay the foundation for massive growth.



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Discovering your companies purpose is the first step on the path to creating a transformative vision for your company. Jim Collins describes a companies purpose as following:

Purpose is the fundamental reason for your company's existence its ultimate reason for being. Your company's purpose dovetails with the sense of personal purpose that you and other members of the company hold deep within you, and thereby provides meaning to work.

A crucial aspect of purpose is that it's always worked towards, but never fully achieved, like chasing the earth's horizon or pursuing a guiding star. The enduring aspect of purpose is well illustrated by Steve Jobs, co-founder of Apple and founder of NeXT:

"I don't feel that I'll ever be done. There are lots of hurdles out there, and there's always a hurdle that I'll never reach in my lifetime. The point is to keep working toward it."

At Infusionsoft our purpose is to "help small businesses succed", as you can see our purpose denotes the "fundamental reason" for our existance. It is broad enough to last for 100 years but still narrows the focus from serving all businesses. Here are some additional examples:

Examples:

DC Mosquito Squat - "Connecting people in their outdoor spaces."

Caboodle - "To empower people to anticipate and manage their money matters."

Iron Tribe Fitness - *"To create fitness communities that change lives."*

Take a few minutes to ponder on the following questions and take a crack at writing your first draft of your companies purpose on page 5.

Questions:

1. Why did you start your company in the first place?

2. What legacy are you hoping to leave behind as a result of your business?

3. What part of your job most excites?



Mission

Once you have a purpose clearly stated you are ready to begin to consider your 3-5 year mission. Here is Jim Collin's description of what a mission is:

Mission is a clear and compelling overall goal that serves as a focal point of effort.

Unlike purpose, which is never achieved, a mission should be achievable. It translates values and purpose into an energizing, highly focused goal. It is crisp, clear, bold, exhilarating. It reaches out and grabs people in the gut. It requires little or no explanation; people "get it" right away. Once a mission is fulfilled, you return to purpose to set a new mission.

We have found that a company's mission is most powerful when it clearly aligns to the company's purpose and is measurable. With the mission we are no longer focused on something theoretical. It should be obvious to everyone when you accomplish your mission.

At Infusionsoft our mission is to "create and dominate the market of all-in-one sales and marketing software for small business with 100,000 customers worldwide." Here are some other examples:

Examples:

DC Mosquito Squat - "Perfect our system of delivery to dominate the DC outdoor pest control market."

Caboodle - "To build the first 'tribe of Australians actively improving their financial well being and reaching, by the end of 2017, 5000 members"

Iron Tribe Fitness - "To change the lives of 100,000 athletes through 500 thriving fitness communities by the end of 2020."

Consider the following questions and write draft 1 of your 3-5 year mission. Record it on page 5:

Questions:

1. What is the most important work for your company to be doing over the next few years?

2. What is the next major mile marker on the path to accomplishing your purpose?

3. If the next 3-5 years went perfectly, what would be some key indicators?

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If the purpose is the "why" and the mission is the "what", the values are definately the how. They are vital to being able to preserve the "it" factor that makes your company special.

Core values and beliefs are like an ether that permeates an organization —its decisions, its policies, its actions — throughout all phases of its evolution. Some companies refer to this as their guiding philosophy.

Core values and beliefs form a system of fundamental motivating principles and tenets — precepts about what is important in both business and life, how business should be conducted, its view of humanity, its role in society, the way the world works, what is to be held inviolate, and so on.

This "ether" as Jim Collin's describes it is one of the distinguishing factors that seperates good companies from great ones. At Infusionsoft we consider ourselves to be a values driven company, which means that every day you can hear employees at all levels speaking into them. Most companies list 5-10 core values that describe the way they do business.

Examples:

DC Mosquito Squat - "We take the initiative", "We are data driven"

Caboodle - "We are fun to be around", "We work hard and keep it simple"

Iron Tribe Fitness - "We live the code", "We connect to God's Blessings and with his purposes"

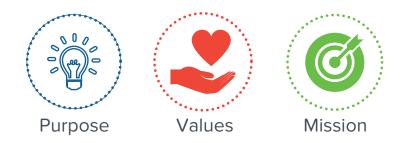
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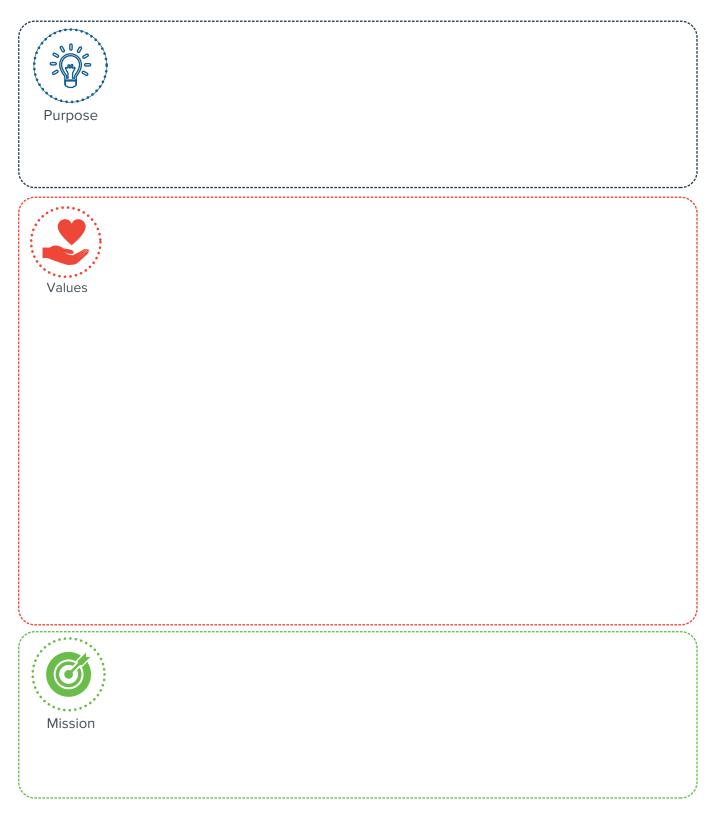
1. To you, what are the elements that have lead to success in the way you have done business?

2. How can you tell when it's not being done in your companies way?

3. If someone were to describe what makes you as a founder special what attributes would they feature?



Use this page to outline your first draft of your companies purpose, values and mission. Remeber this is just the first draft, no need to make it perfect yet!



PURPOSE

To help small businesses succeed

Infusionsoft.

The Everest Mission

To create and dominate the market of all-in-one sales & marketing software for small businesses.

VALUES

We empower entrepreneurs We listen, we care, we serve We do what we say we'll do We practice open, real communication We face challenges with optimism We check our egos at the door We innovate and constantly improve We do the right thing We believe in people and their dreams



THE IRON TRIBE BRAND VISION

Purpose (The Guiding Star)

To Create Fitness Communities that Change Lives.

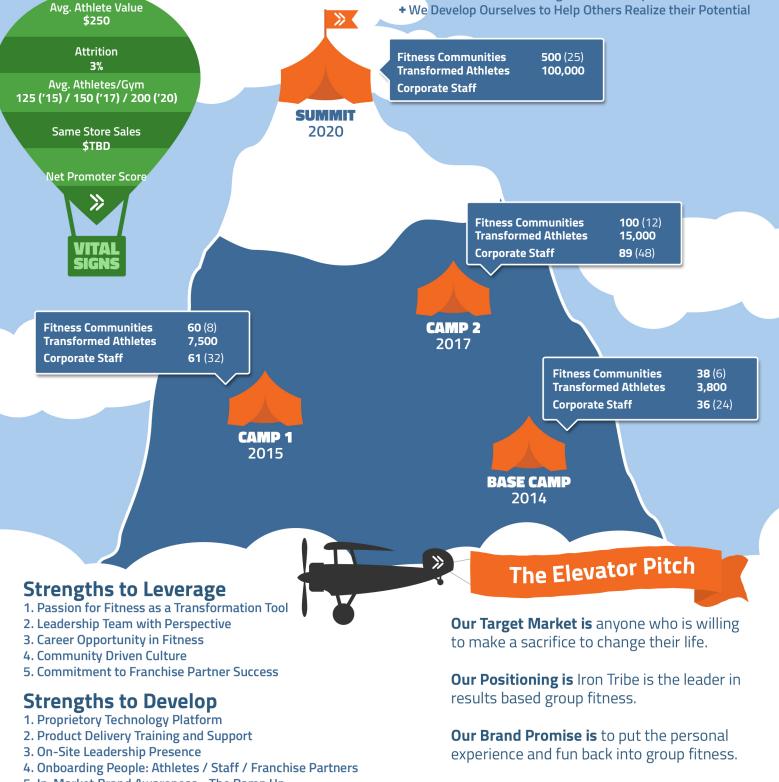
Mission (The Summit of The Next Mountain)

To Change the Lives of 100,000 Athletes Through 500 Thriving Fitness Communities by the End of 2020.

Core Values & Beliefs (The Character)

+ We Live the Code

- + We Collaborate to Innovate
- + We Work Hard with Excellence
- + We Build Lasting Relationships
- + We Practice Honesty and Integrity
- + We Deliver a Consistent Experience
- + We Measure Success by Others' Success
- + We Connect God's Blessings with His Purpose



5. In-Market Brand Awareness - The Ramp Up

MISSION: BELTWAY

CORE VALUES

- We take the initiative
- We innovate and constantly improve
- We believe in meeting all our customers needs
- We value open & honest communication
- We are consistent, accountable & transparent
- We have "I can" attitudes
- We believe investing in our business is investing in our people

PURPOSE

Connecting people in their outdoor spaces.

MISSION

Perfect our system of delivery to dominate the DC outdoor pest control market.



STRENGTHS TO LEVERAGE

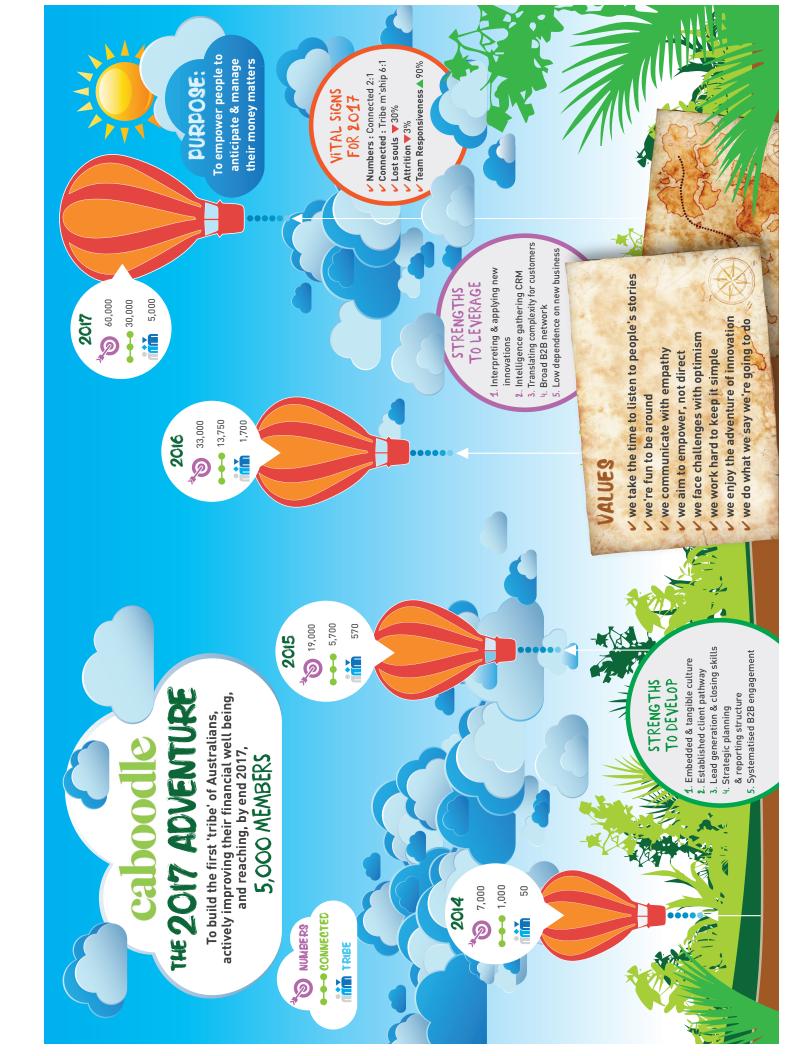
- Largest outdoor pest control company
- Best management for seasonal
- Large market in area
- Strong tech infostructure
- Tools and equipment given the best
- Training materials
- Optimism positive attitudes
- Well-brandec

- Follow-up with customers
- Products strength in type of products used

TRENGTHS TO DEVELOP

- Zendesk people still using it incorrectly
- Seasonality of business employees
- Scheduling
- Budgeting
- Hours how to manage workload -middle management distribute work
- Employees who don't care
- Lack of security for inside and outside
- Response time to customers
- Remote employee (Olivia being in CA) 80/20 rule - 80% of work is being done by 20% of people







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