

# WSWA NextGen Summit Forward Thinking Families

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#### Introductions



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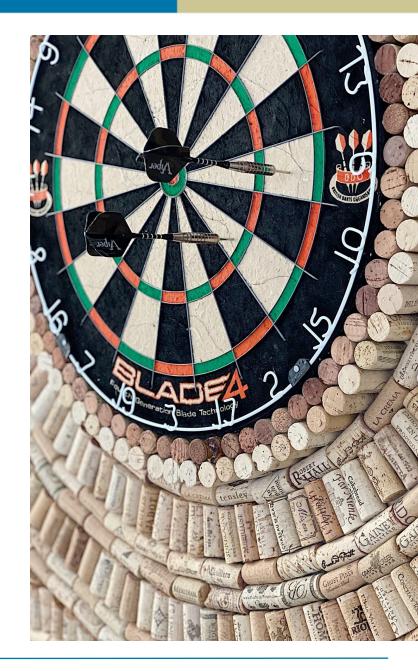


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#### Goals:

- ✓ Thought-provoking material & ideas to take back home
- Facilitated learning from others
- ✓ You are not alone:
  Resource The FBCG



### Quick Survey Results



- How informed and comfortable are you with your family's plans for continuity? 3.8 average (1-5 scale)
  - 28% Very comfortable and well informed
  - 40% Well informed, but would like to know more
  - 20% Still a lot I don't know
  - 12% Not at all informed / a little informed

#### Quick Survey Results

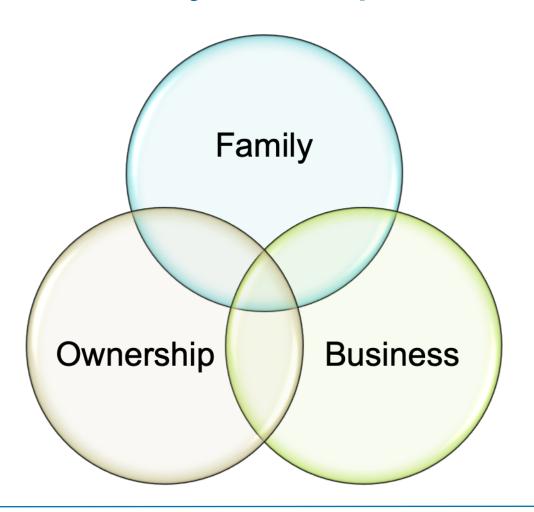
- How aligned do you think you are as an ownership group?
- Average 70 score on 1 -100 scale

- How effectively do you think crucial information flows between generations in ownership?
- Average 55 score on 1-100 scale

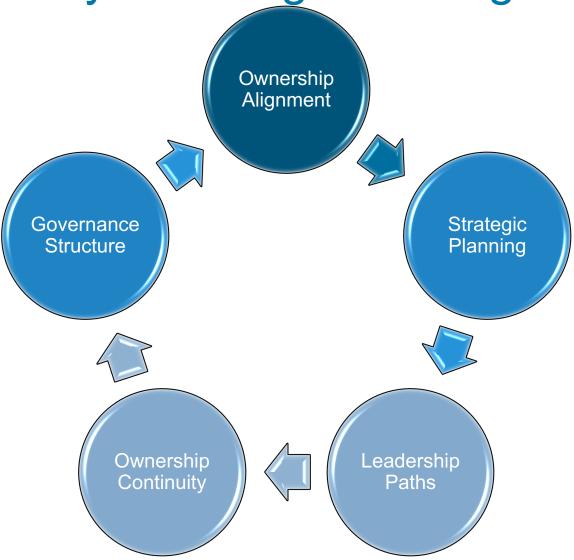
#### Survey Comment Themes

- Intergenerational challenges: Communication, differing perspectives, family dynamics
- Multiple roles
  - Managing being family and business partners
  - Separation of work / family life
  - Generational roles
  - Gender roles / Married-ins
  - Operating / Non-operating family owners
- Succession / Transition / Continuity planning
  - Multiple stakeholders
- Market / Economic challenges

## Continuity Planning Across the Family Enterprise



Continuity Planning: Thinking Forward



#### Continuity Planning Starts with Ownership Alignment

# Sense of Purpose, Goals, Agreements

Buy-Sell / Shareholder Agreements / Trusts

Communication Ground Rules

Roles, Responsibilities, Boundaries Financial Strategy: Growth, Risk, Profitability, Liquidity

#### Peer Sharing



- Each group should select a designated speaker
- What are some of the highlights and themes from your table?
- What did you learn from one another?

Maintain confidentiality! No names

#### **Small Group Sharing**

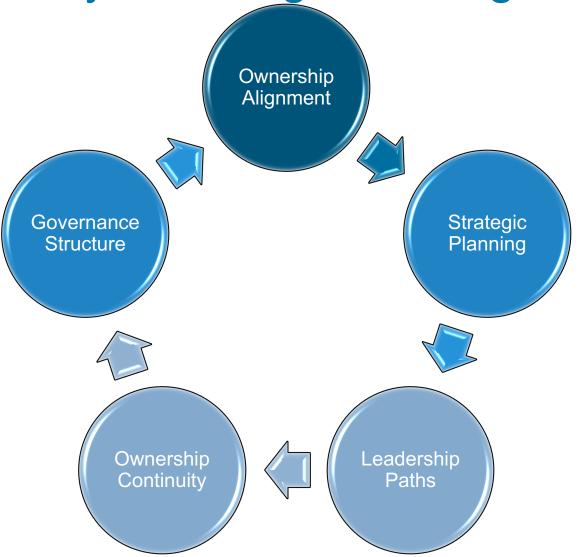


- Forward-Thinking:
  - Which topics are you already addressing?
  - How is it going?

#### Need to Boost:

- Which topics do you need to be paying more attention to?
- What would you like to bring back to your family from today?

Continuity Planning: Thinking Forward



Forward Thinking Families

- 1) Ownership Alignment +
- 2) Strategic Planning +
- 3) Agreements to support your goals =
- 4) Successful continuity across generations
- 5) It is never too early to start!

#### The Family Business Consulting Group

Ensure our clients prosper across generations protecting the integrity of both the family AND enterprise.

- Trusted by thousands of successful, multi-generational family enterprises + the family's trusted advisors
- Experience to facilitate alignment, continuity, structure and stability to the family enterprise system – this is all we do, all day, everyday
- Know-how to implement customized solutions to your unique family's requirements within the industry



### Family Champions and Champion Families

Developing Family Leaders to Sustain the Family Enterprise

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