

# Building a Leadership Legacy

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This tipsheet highlights key factors for CEO success: strategy, execution, talent management, and personal branding. Emphasizing the importance of a CEO's leadership brand, it offers practical strategies for aligning personal and organizational brands to drive positive results. Success for CEOs is divided into 70% related to strategy, execution, and talent management, while the remaining 30% is influenced by factors such as leadership brand, physical appearance, physiology, and emotional intelligence.

# DEFINITIONS

- Company Brand is what the firm is known for.
- Leadership Brand (what leaders are known for) is critical to success because it turns customer expectations into employee behaviours and accelerates results.

# **EXAMPLES**

- Walmart: Everyday Low Prices; Leadership Brand: managing costs efficiently
- Apple: Innovation and Design; Leadership Brand: creating new products outside norms
- P&G: Managing Brands; Leadership Brand: Defining and growing brands in the marketplace

## PREMISE

Your CEO personal brand is critical to helping you achieve your goals because it determines your ability to motivate and inspire people to take positive action. CEOs have a personal brand that should align with the organization's leadership brand, representing their identity and reputation as a leader, similar to figures like Steve Jobs or Jack Welch.

# SIX STRATEGIES WILL HELP YOU BUILD YOUR CEO BRAND

1. Define major results that you want to achieve in the next 12 months in your professional life.

- 2. Define major results that you want to achieve in the next 12 months in your personal life.
- 3. What are six words that characterize what you would want to be known for as a leader?
- 4. Develop a CEO brand statement: I want to be known for..., so that I can deliver...
- 5. Be transparent and share your CEO brand statement with key internal and external stakeholders.
- 6. Focus your time, behaviours and communication aligned with your CEO brand.