



**WHITE PAPER**

# **ORGANIZATION EXCELLENCE UNLOCKING THE POWER OF ALIGNMENT, PROCESS, AND EXECUTION: TO DRIVE SUCCESS IN BUSINESS**

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# Executive Summary

*Success in business calls for many things, companies must be agile, flexible, and capable of adapting to new challenges and opportunities. To achieve this, businesses must focus on alignment, process, and execution - key components of successful strategy implementation and realization of results. In this white paper, we explore these three critical areas and provide insights into why businesses often struggle to achieve them. We will also use comparisons with ape behaviors, yes, the big strong hairy animal, to illustrate the importance of these concepts in a nature focused way, in hopes of compelling you to consider how easy and instinctive these can be for you and your organization, with the proper leadership and support in place.*

## ALIGNMENT:

Alignment is the foundation of successful strategy implementation. It requires all members of the organization to be on the same page, working towards the same goals, and sharing a common vision of success. However, achieving alignment can be difficult, as it requires clear communication, collaboration, and a shared understanding of the company's purpose and objectives.

Here, we can look to apes as a model of effective alignment. Apes live in social groups where they have clear roles and responsibilities and work together towards common goals such as finding food, protecting their territory, or caring for their young. By understanding their roles and responsibilities, apes are able to work together in a coordinated, cohesive, and effective manner, with everyone contributing to the group's success.

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**Companies with strong organizational health are 2.2 times more likely to outperform on total return to shareholders.**

## Shared Understanding

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- How many of your team members really understand how they fit into the organization's purpose or mission?
- How many of your employees know the company's mission?



## PROCESS:

Process is the system of steps, rules, and guidelines that govern how work is done in an organization. Good processes can help streamline operations, reduce errors, ensure consistency and quality and set the course to deliver on the mission and achieve results. However, many businesses struggle with their processes, often due to a lack of standardization, poor documentation, or resistance to change.

Here, we can again look to apes for inspiration. Apes have a natural instinct for process, which helps them to complete tasks efficiently and effectively. For example, when searching for food, apes will follow a clear process of scanning the environment, identifying potential food sources, and then working together to collect and share the food.

This process ensures that everyone has a role to play, and that the group can work together to achieve a common goal. Consider the time, effort, and commitment of resources you invested into your process development. What are you really losing when there is poor or no cohesion to stated processes?

## COMMITMENT OF RESOURCES

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- **How many of your well-intended process steps are going undone and are not being followed?**
- **Which processes are working well in your organization? Which processes need an overhaul?**
- **How much is left on the table because your teams are not executing or maybe your processes could use a refresh?**



# EXECUTION:

Execution is the ability to turn ideas into action and achieve desired outcomes. Successful execution requires focus, determination, and a willingness to take risks and overcome obstacles. However, many businesses struggle with execution, often due to a lack of accountability, lackluster engagement, poor planning, or a failure to prioritize and allocate resources effectively. What if your life depended on EXECUTION? Your business and its profitability and the lifeblood of every business is rooted in and lives or dies based on EXECUTION.

Apes have a strong sense of urgency, which helps them to respond quickly and decisively to changing circumstances. For example, if a predator appears, apes will work together to protect their group, with each member playing a critical role in the defense strategy. This sense of urgency, combined with clear roles and responsibilities, ensures that apes can execute their tasks efficiently and effectively.

**61%** Research suggests that 61% of surveyed executives admit to challenges in bridging the gap between strategy and implementation

## CLEAR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- How well does your team execute?
- How easy is it for your team to deliver on the metrics placed before them?
- What additional levels of alignment could you add to enable better execution?

To achieve success in today's fast-paced business environment, companies must focus on alignment, process, and execution. However, achieving these critical components of strategy implementation can be challenging, requiring clear communication, collaboration, and a willingness to adapt to change.

By using comparisons with ape behaviors, we can gain new insights into the importance of these concepts and understand how to apply them to our own organizations. With the right focus, determination, and willingness to learn from the natural world, businesses can achieve the alignment, process, and execution they need to thrive in today's competitive landscape. If apes can do it... certainly we can!



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