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"How Do I Get My Employees Focused on What's Most Important to My Company's' Growth?"

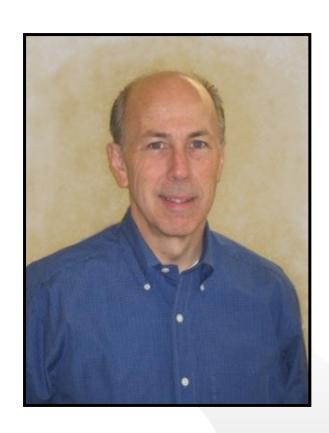




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Key Concepts



- How do we focus our employees on what's most important to grow our company?
- How do we get our employees to think like owners?
- What are the best ways to link desired results to our incentive plan?
- How will we know when our compensation plans are producing a positive return for shareholders?
- How will we know when there is alignment between our business and compensation strategies?

What's important?



- Fulfilling the business plan
- Sustainable growth
- Appropriate return on capital for shareholders

What's desired of employees?

- Daily behavior that is designed to fulfill the business plan
- Accountable decision making that reflects awareness of their impact on plan
- Dedicated and committed effort

Ownership Mentality



- I <u>understand</u> the company's goals
- Achievement of the company's goals is <u>important</u> to me
- I see how I can make a <u>contribution</u> to the goals
- I see the <u>connection</u> between the company's goals and the achievement of my own goals

Importance

Contribution

Connection

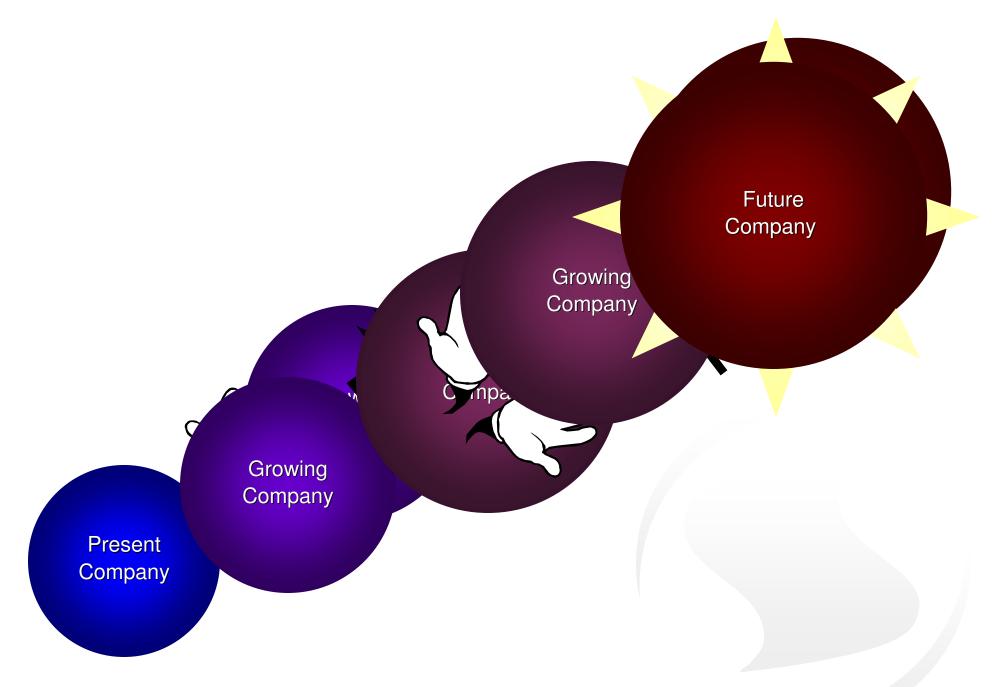


Understanding

Daily Decision-Making



- What has to happen?
- What can enhance?
- What can hinder?



Rewards Pyramid Rewards What's in it for me? **Roles and Expectations** My Contribution? **Strategy** How? **Vision** Where?

Rewards to Results

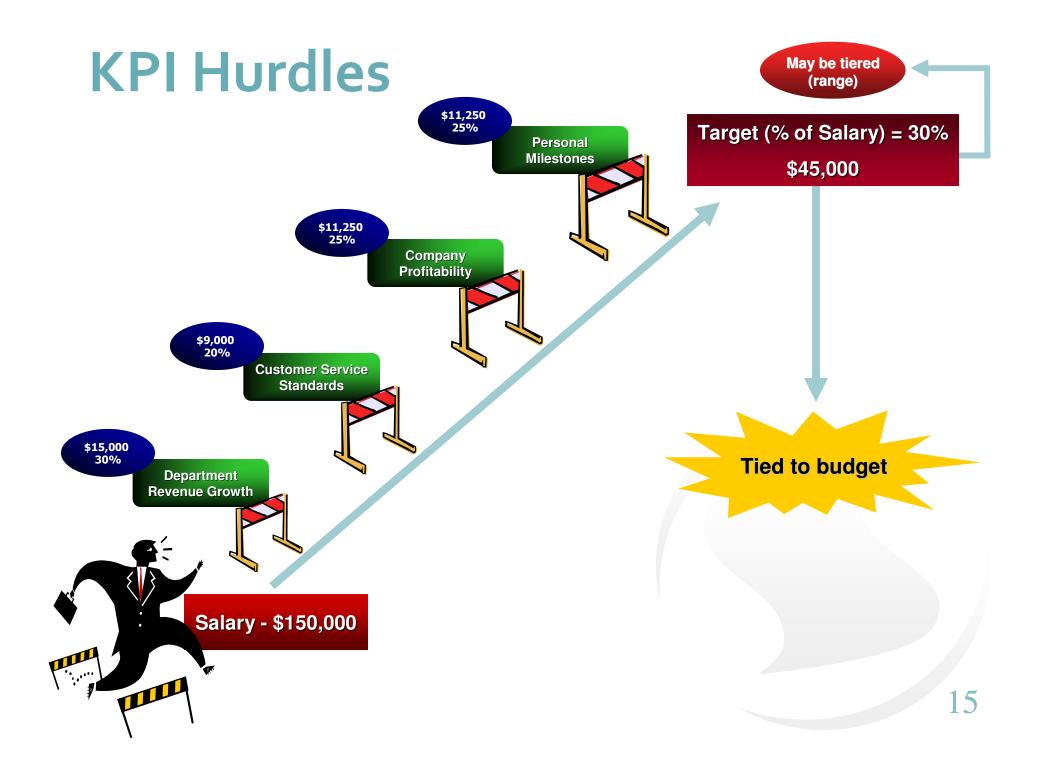


Incentive plan design

Two Approaches



- KPI Hurdles
- Overall Results Focus



KPI Hurdles: Pros and Cons

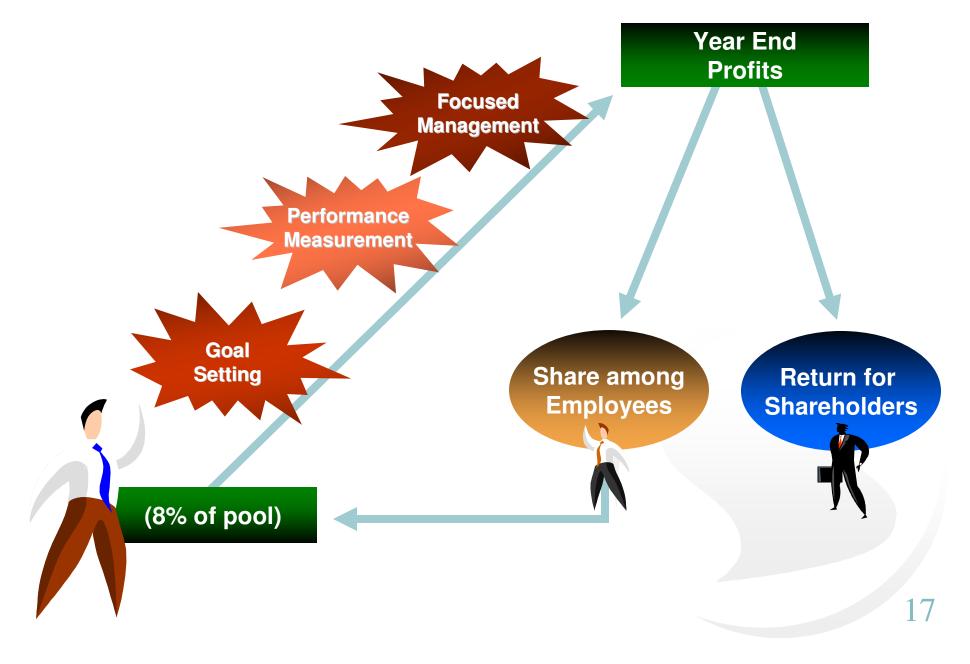
Pros

- Strong line-of-sight
- High accountability (closer to the results)

Cons

- Caps
- Requires careful allocation and assessment

Overall Results



Overall Results: Pros and Cons

Pros

- Unified focus (we're all in this together)
- Only measurement that may really matter

Cons

- May permit coasting
- Requires concentrated performance management effort

POLL



Which is better?

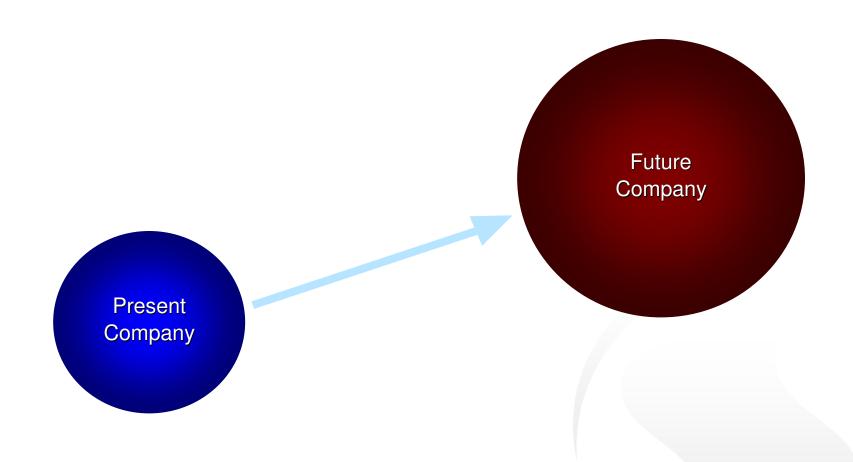
Can we measure the return on our compensation plan for shareholders?

Consider your Total Rewards Budget

| Salaries | \$ |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Commissions | \$ |
| Bonuses | \$ |
| Deferred award accruals (LTIP) | \$ |
| Core benefits | \$ |
| Executive benefits | \$ |
| Retirement contributions | \$ |
| Payroll taxes | \$ |
| TOTAL: | \$ XXXX |

What return do you get on that investment?





Start with your Capital Account:

Shareholder's Equity + Debt

This is the capital you've committed to the creation of Future Company

What is your cost of capital?

Think of this as an opportunity cost; i.e., the fair return on capital left in the business (or borrowed) to be used by management to create Future Company

____%

Will this return be sufficient to produce Future Company?

From what asset will the additional return be generated?

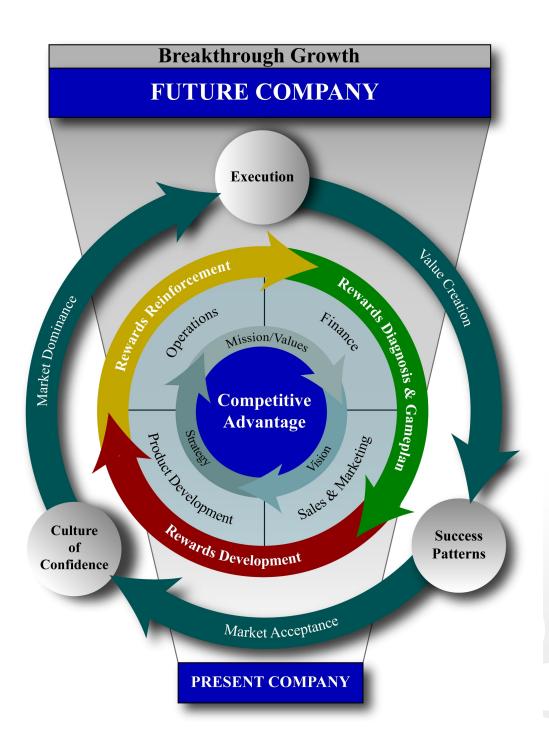
Example:

| Capital Account | \$ 2,000,000 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Cost of Capital | 12% |
| Capital Charge | \$ 240,000 |
| NOPAT | \$ 1,000,000 |
| Economic Profit | \$ 760,000 |
| Total Rewards Investment | \$ 4,500,000 |
| ROTRI™ | 16.9% |

(ROTRI = Economic Profit/Total Rewards Investment)

What do we do with the ROTRI™

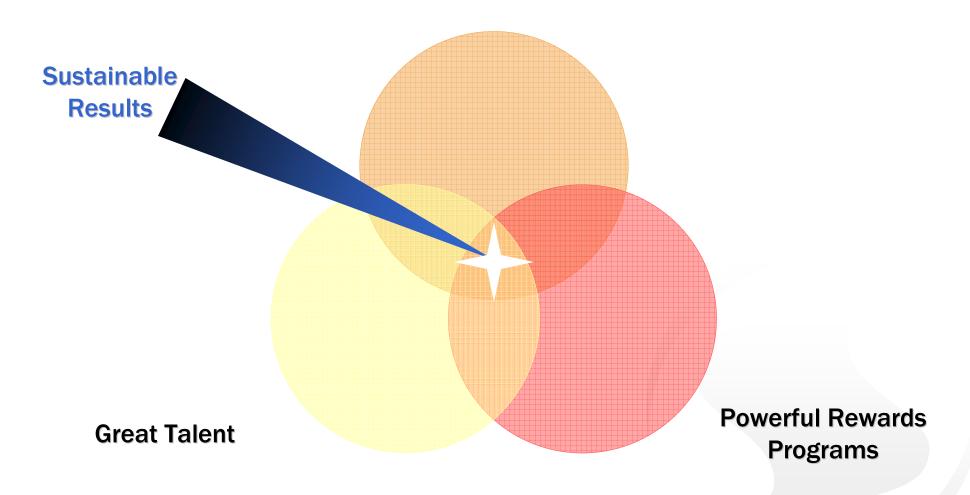
- Analyze our compensation decisions
- Track over time
- Set targets for improvement
- Pay incentives based on this return



The proper allocation of compensation and benefits plans that will drive results



Visionary Business Plan



What's needed to create alignment (line-of-sight)?



- Clear statement of short- and long-term corporate strategies
- Well-defined job responsibilities and accountabilities
- Incentive plans that link both

Where do you start?



A clear assessment of where you stand with your employees

(I.e., do you have an Ownership Mentality?)

Measuring Employee "Ownership"



- Net Ownership Score (NOS)
- Examines four responses:
 - Understanding
 - Importance
 - Contribution
 - Connection

Importance

Contribution

Connection



Understanding

Typical Score

| Component | Clear | Unsure | Not Clear | Score |
|---------------|-------|--------|-----------|-------|
| Understanding | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Importance | 3 | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| Contribution | 4 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Connection | 3 | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| Composite | | | | 0.7 |

Positive Score

| Component | Clear | Unsure | Not Clear | Score |
|---------------|-------|--------|-----------|-------|
| Understanding | 9 | 1 | 0 | 9 |
| Importance | 7 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| Contribution | 8 | 2 | 0 | 8 |
| Connection | 9 | 1 | 0 | 9 |
| Composite | | | | 8.0 |

Complimentary Offer

- Net Ownership Score Assessment
- Confidential (and no obligation)

Indicate interest on final survey

Conclusions



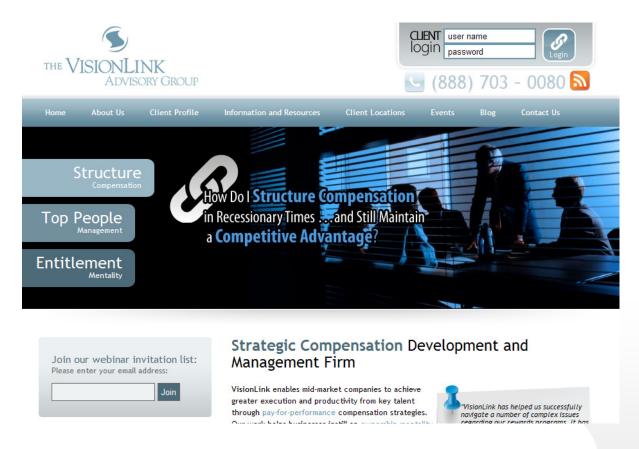
- Fulfillment of your business strategy is in the hands of your employees
- Day-to-day behavior is influenced by many things an ownership mentality being chief among them
- Your incentive plan clarifies the rewards associated with correct decision-making
- Ownership mentality can be simply measured and improvements can be planned
- The return on your compensation investment can and should be measured and monitored

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