

# STRATEGIC PLANNING

## 6 TIPS TO ALIGN YOUR FIRM FOR THE FUTURE

Most firms have a strategic plan. Fewer have a plan that actively guides decisions, aligns their people, and drives measurable progress.

Strategic planning isn't about creating a document. It's about creating clarity—so your entire firm is moving in the same direction. Without that clarity, priorities compete, resources are stretched, and execution slows

### #1 START WITH ALIGNMENT

**Strategic planning begins with understanding where your firm is today and where it needs to go.** All progress starts with the truth—taking an honest look at your firm's risks, opportunities, and strengths to ensure your strategy is grounded in reality.

From there, leadership defines direction through a clear vision, mission, and core values. When these are concise and understood, they create alignment across the firm and guide better decisions at every level.



### #2 FOCUS YOUR STRATEGY

One of the biggest challenges firms face is trying to do too much at once. A strategic plan should bring discipline to your priorities, ensuring time, talent, and investment are focused on what matters most.

**The most effective plans narrow the focus to a manageable set of strategic objectives and create clarity around how those objectives will be achieved.** This is what allows strategy to move from conversation to action.



### #3 SIMPLIFY THE PLAN

Complex plans rarely get used. When a plan is too long or too detailed, it becomes difficult to communicate and even harder to execute.

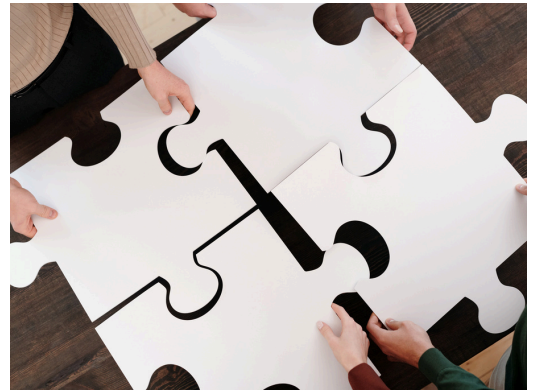
**A one-page strategic plan makes priorities clear and accessible.** It allows your team to quickly understand the direction of the firm and how their role contributes to it—turning strategy into something that's used every day.



## #4 DRIVE EXECUTION

Even the best strategy fails without execution. **Success depends on clear ownership, defined timelines, and consistent follow-through across the firm.**

Firms that execute well create systems to support it. They align individual goals with firm priorities, maintain regular check-ins, and hold people accountable—**building a culture where execution becomes the norm.**



## #5 MEASURE WHAT MATTERS

**Measurement should support your strategy—not just report past performance.** Too often, firms rely on metrics that don't provide insight into future success.

When measurement is aligned with strategic priorities and clearly understood, it reinforces accountability and helps guide better decisions across the firm.

## #6 BUILD MOMENTUM

When strategic planning is done right, the impact extends across your entire firm. Your people understand the direction, decisions become clearer, and progress becomes visible.

**Strategic planning is not a one-time event.** It is an ongoing process that builds alignment, strengthens culture, and positions your firm for long-term success.



Build alignment around your vision, focus your strategy, and create the discipline needed to execute.

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