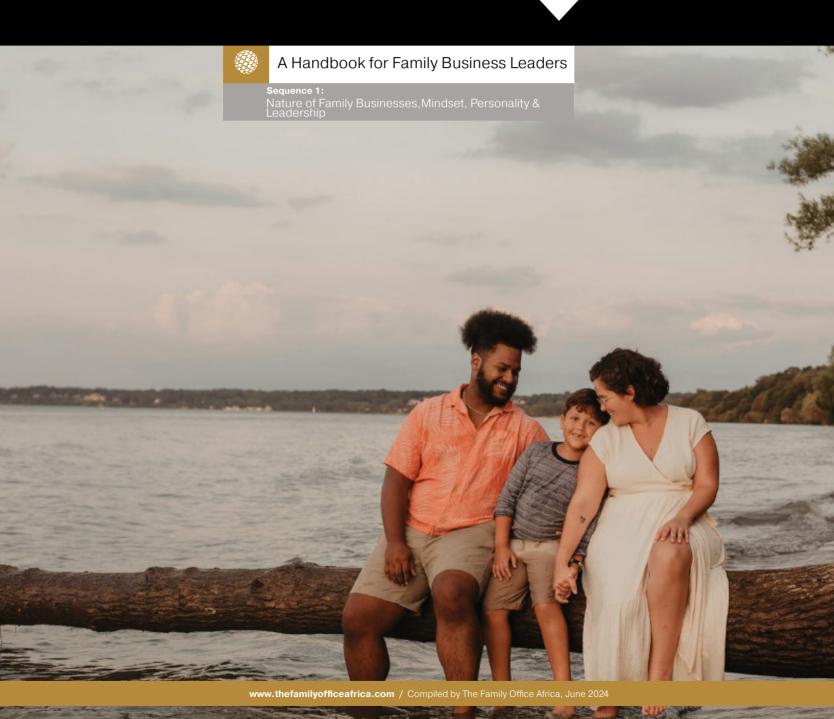
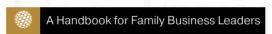


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To all Family Businesses and Business Families. It is our sincere hope that you go from surviving to thriving.





# Outline



Nature Of Family Businesses + Mindset + Leadership + Personality Types+ Problems: Finding Solutions + The 7 Family F's + Thriving Through Chaos + Strategy + Corporate Governance + Sucession Planning + Conflict Management + Crises Management + Lessons + Where Are We Going? + Making Decisons + Effective Communication + Reaching Desired Outcomes + Building A Family Legacy



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#### **Preface**

In recent times, as the concept has become better understood, **Family Businesses** have come to represent a dynamic area of interest among all classes of people; researchers, business theorists, investors, policymakers, academics, as well as emerging entrepreneurs. Over the years, research has shown that **Family Businesses** account for **two-thirds of all global businesses**. The global awareness of emerging trends and the impressive technological advancements mean that global competition is on the rise among businesses. However, all things being equal, it has been observed that family firms tend to outperform their nonfamily contemporaries in a highly volatile world. **Family Businesses are often hailed as the linchpin of economic stability.** They are seen as the pure embodiment of the entrepreneurial spirit passed down through generations. Yet, it is common knowledge that **only thirty percent survive into the second generation and a mere twelve percent make it to the third.** Clearly, this means there is an ominous presence lurking in the dark ready to eat **Family Businesses** up.

The truth is, since Adam, Family Businesses have always faced grave challenges. These problems, threaten their very existence and calls into question their foundation. Take off the camouflage, and you will uncover a complex interplay of factors such as leadership transition or succession, governance, family cohesion and roles and responsibilities undermining the sustainability and longevity of the Family Business. The fall of Anheuser-Busch, the brewer of Budweiser, a Family Business which once upon a time was a giant, lends credence to these peculiar challenges. This was a company of five generations that eventually had to be sold due to succession issues stemming from internal family wrangling.

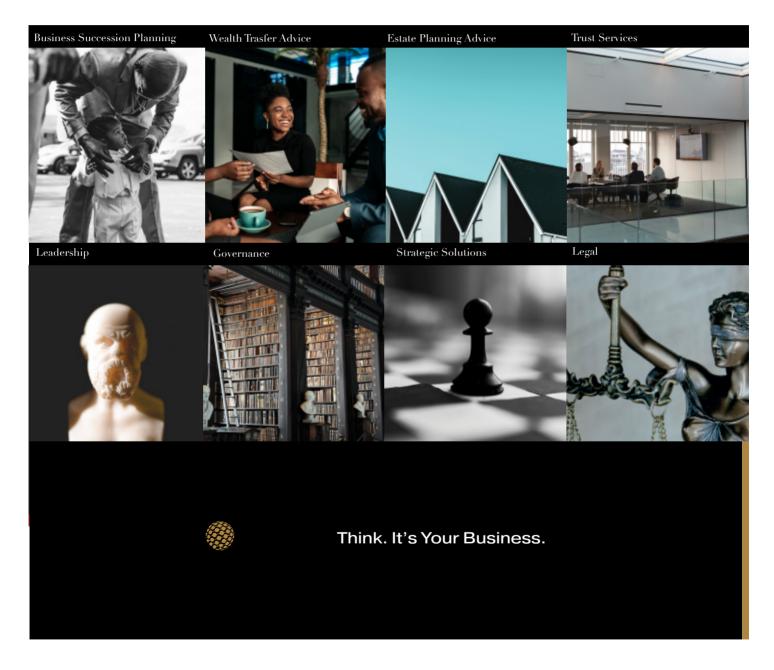
Although Family Businesses are often faced with many obstacles, they also often possess unparalleled advantages that stem from their unique global position. Take a look at greats such as BMW, Marks & Spencer, Walmart, Ford, JP Morgan, Barclays, Tesco and Ford among others. These Family Businesses have been able to navigate the very treacherous waters and survived many generations. They keep thriving and flourishing while their competitors wither and die. How do they do it?

This handbook chronicles the essential strategies that need to be implemented in the areas of managing, growing, and governing Family Businesses, in order to ensure the continued existence of family businesses and business families. These practices will allow for the amplification of the unique strengths and competencies of the Family Business. Every aspect of the business that has the propensity to cause pain or gain is treated analytically. Nothing in this regard is left to chance. A careful study reveals that intentionality around Family Business values and governance as the secret of great Family Businesses which manage to span generations.



#### About The Family Office Africa

The Family Office Africa, is a resource for Family Businesses and Business Families. It operates as a multi-family office. It is a resource for Ultra High Net Worth Individuals (UHNWI's), Family Businesses, Business Families and C-suite Executives. We offer support with Legal. The firm assists its valued clients thrive through innovation, to ensure continuity and sustainability in a world characterized by constant evolution and unyielding competition.



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#### The Nature Of Family Businesses

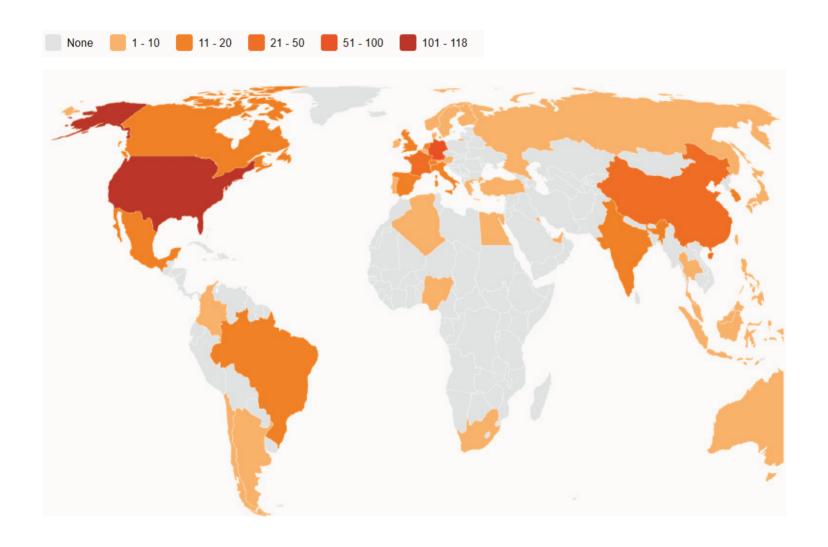
Family Businesses have existed from the time of the most ancient civilizations. Families collaborated immensely in the areas of trade, craftsmanship, and agriculture in well developed societies such as Ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome. During the Middle Ages, in Europe, family enterprises were very common. The more modern versions of family businesses have existed since the 1870s, predominantly in the manufacturing sector. Family Businesses have evolved with time to accommodate developments across a wide range of industries, in terms of their financial contribution and managerial structure.



#### Global Family Firms

The 2023 EY and University of St.Gallen Family Business Index reveals the largest 500 Family Businesses are growing faster than the global economy - at nearly twice the rate of advanced economies and around 5 times the rate of emerging market and developing economies. They collectively generate US\$8.02 trillion in revenue and employ 24.5 million people worldwide.

The map highlights countries where the world's 500 largest family enterprises are headquartered.



Source: The 2023 EY and University of St. Gallen Family Business Index



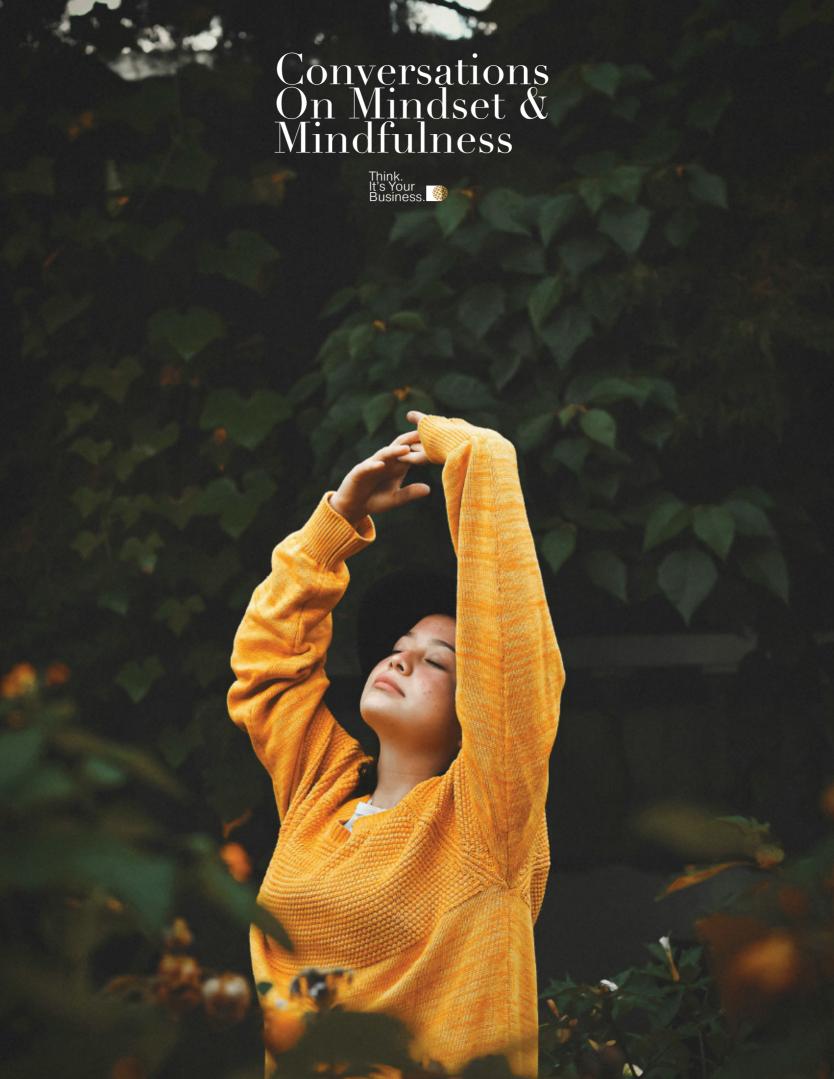
#### Top 10 Family Firms

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Rank	Company	Type All 🗸	Founding Year	Revenues	Employees	Jurisdiction All	Industries	Family
1	Wal-Mart Inc.	Public	1962	572.8	2,300,000	United States	Consumer	Walton
2	Berkshire Hathaway, Inc.	Public	1955	276.1	372,000	United States	Financial Services	Buffett
3	Cargill, Inc.	Private	1865	165.0	155,000	United States	Consumer	Cargill- MacMillan
4	Schwarz Group	Private	1930	151.5	550,000	Germany	Consumer	Schwarz
5	Ford Motor Company	Public	1919	136.3	183,000	United States	Advanced Manufacturing & Mobility	Ford
6	Bayerische Motoren Werke AG (BMW)	Public	1916	131.6	118,909	Germany	Advanced Manufacturing & Mobility	Quandt
7	Koch Industries Inc.	Private	1940	125.0	120,000	United States	Advanced Manufacturing & Mobility	Koch
8	Comcast Corp.	Public	1936	116.4	189,000	United States	Technology, Media and Communications	Roberts
9	Dell Technologies Inc.	Public	1984	101.2	133,000	United States	Technology, Media and Communications	Dell
10	Reliance Industries Ltd.	Public	1973	94.0	342,982	India	Energy	Ambani

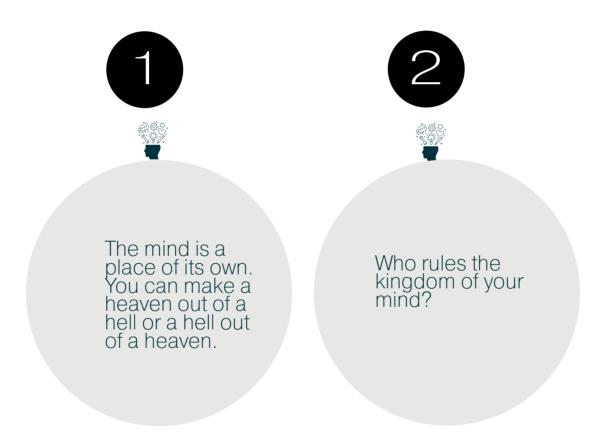
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# Mind & Mindset

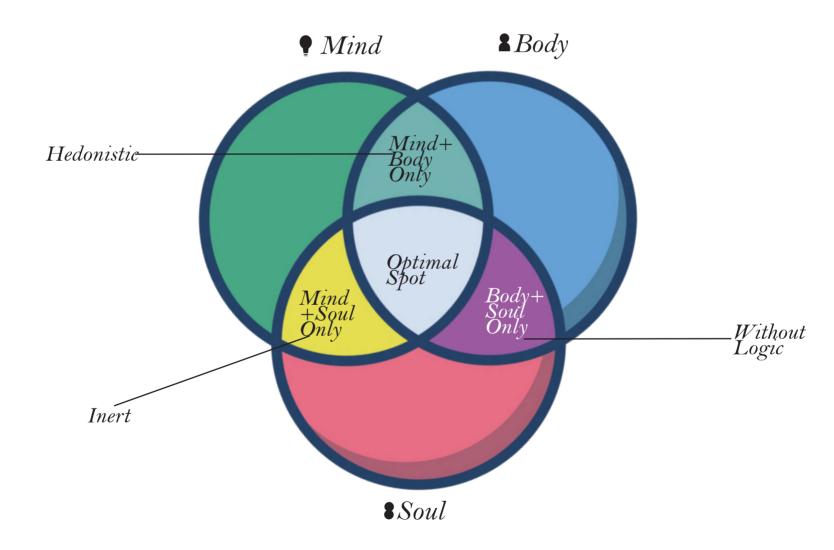
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#### Mind, Mindset & Change

#### Change Is An Attitudinal Choice

You can either

Ignore It or Accept It or Anticipate It or Resist It

Evolve or dissolve. No individual or Family Business organization can operate in the same manner forever. Whether you have the soul of a startup or the power of an established juggernaut, you need to adapt to the changing times in order to progress and improve. How well you achieve this largely depends on how you personally or collectively, as a Family Business, align to the process of change management.



## Family Conversations On Leadership





Inspiring. Influencing. Informing.

## Leadership



Inspiring. Influencing. Informing.

Self. & Others.

Think Better. Do Better. Be Better.

For Positive Outcomes & Positive Impact

The most effective leaders are the ones who are the most adaptable and can easily recognise what they need to do and when they need to do it. Being a great leader means acquiring a new set of skills in addition to the ones that have already made you successful as an individual contributor.



#### As a Family Business Leader, What Shape Are You?

#### T-shaped

T-shaped leaders: Have a broad range of skills and knowledge (the horizontal bar of the T) and deep expertise in a specific area (the vertical bar). They are adaptable and versatile.

#### Delta shape

Delta-shaped leaders: Have a broad range of skills and knowledge, deep expertise in a specific area, and the ability to adapt and innovate (the triangle of the Delta). They are versatile, entrepreneurial, and forward-thinking

#### O-shaped

O-shaped leaders: Have a broad range of skills and knowledge, but also a strong sense of commercial awareness and business acumen (the circle of the O). They understand the client's business and can provide holistic advice.

#### I-shaped

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Be Adaptable

Create Values

Build Relationships

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#### Delta Model



THE PEOPLE Understanding and relating to clients, colleagues and ourselves THE PROCESS Delivering legal services efficiently & effectively THE PRACTICE Knowing, researching and clearly communicating the law

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#### As A Leader, Who Are You Grooming?

According to the Leadership Paradox, are you raising GIANTS or pigmies?

### Are You Growing GIANTS?

# Are You Growing pigmies?



The 4
Quadrants
Of Family
Leadership

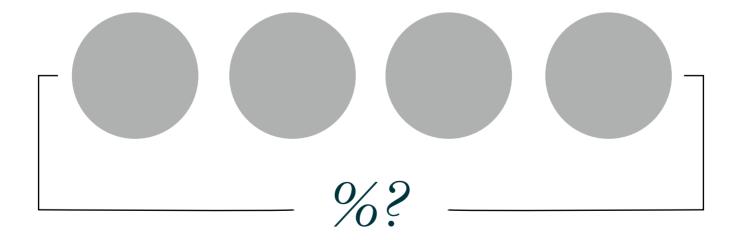
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#### Leadership Quadrants



Ask?

How frequently, assigning percentages to each, do you engage in the various Leadership Quadrants?



#### Leadership Quadrants



- Allows you to hold accountability and be present in the moment.
- Allows you to document your journey and be present daily as you live.



- Intentional input made to accentuate the person (Mind + Body+Soul).
- Optimizing the whole for growth.



- How you give value to the world.
- This is how you are judged as a global citizen.
- This is how you enhance our global existence through innovation and sustainability.



 How you address relationships: Family, Professional and Personal.

# What Is Your Personality Type In Relation To Family? Think. It's Your Business.





What Do Colour Codes Mean For The Family Busines?

### **How Does Colour Impact**

Job Description(s)? Team Composition? Hiring Procedures? Critical Task Assignments? Organisational Outcomes? Team Profiles?

Personality Types Within The Family

Patient
Relaxed
Encouraging
Collaborative
Mentoring

At my worst as a Green

Bland
Docile
Plodding
Reliant
Stubborn

The Green Leaves

Sociable
Dynamic
Enthusiastic
Persuasive
Imaginative

At my worst as a Yellow

Frantic
Indiscreet
Flamboyant
Excitable
Hasty

The Sunny Side

The Yellows

#### Personality Types Within The Family





The Blues

#### One On One Executive Coaching

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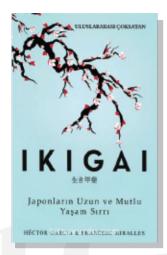
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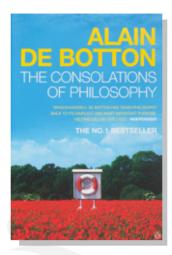
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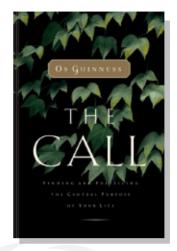
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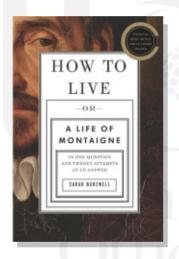
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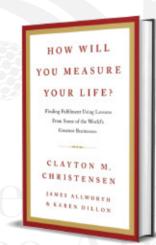
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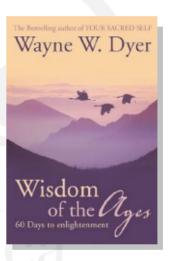






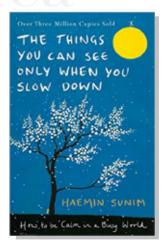






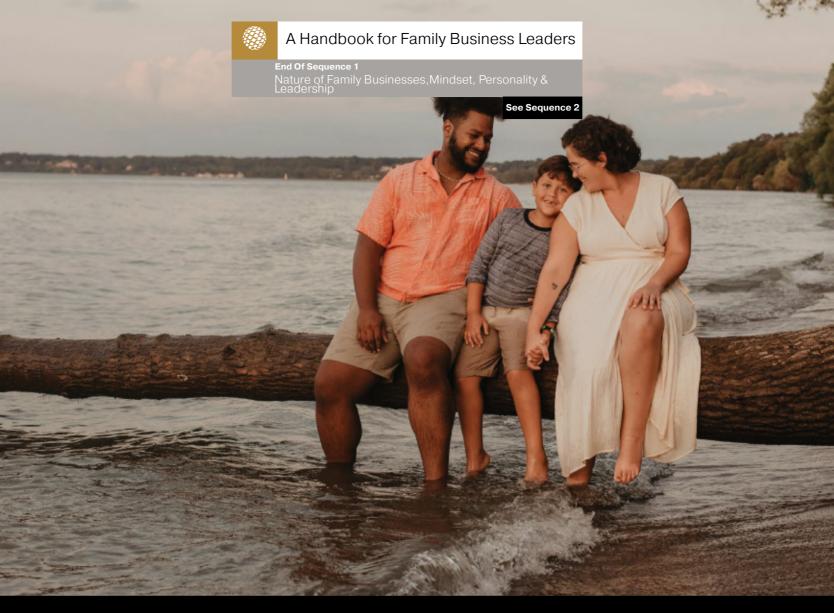












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