## Succession Planning

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### Franchisor/Franchisee Interdependency

**Franchisor** depends on **Franchisee**:



- Distribution
- Customer Retention
- Revenue



#### **Franchisor:**

- Brand Value
- Market Visibility
- Customer Perception

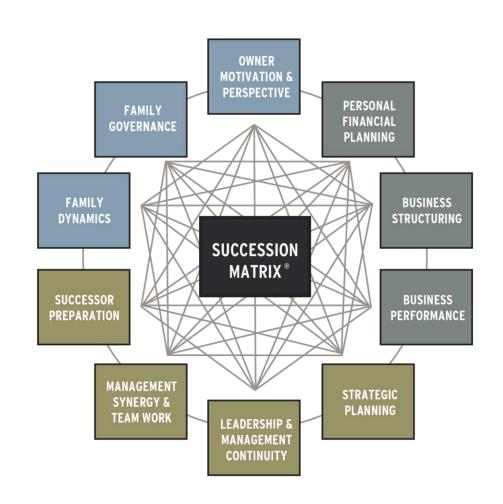
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## Common Goal: Achieve Success Through...



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### Key Issues Franchisees Overlook Impacting Franchisee Success

Common Succession Scenarios

### Too Young or Too Excited About The Business

"Retirement or an exit strategy are nowhere on my horizon. Succession planning isn't a priority right now"

#### Impact of Perspective on Business Value

- No contingency plan addressing potential issues that may arise (death/disability)
- Business may be auctioned off at lowest price
- No energy put towards developing a successor, value of business is dependent upon the business owner

### Plan to Sell – No Family or Successor Interest

"I have no family interested in the business, and if I did, I would tell them to go find another job. I'm gonna sell this baby once I know I can get top dollar!"

#### Impact of Perspective on Business Value

- Potentially an inadequate approach to developing strong leadership/management bench
- Not addressing inactive family influence creates landmines for estate planning or when family shows strong interest in the business

## Growth Without a Strategic Vision

#### "I Am in Growth Mode, Not Thinking About the End..."

#### Impact of Perspective on Business Value

- Growth without strategic vision and plan can potentially create stress on business operations and profits
- Focus on growth without developing a strong leadership team/business infrastructure can create strife amongst management effecting performance
- Avoiding strategic planning and developing a strong vision for the future which creates purpose, drives revenue and removes the success of the business away from the business owner

# Franchisee Success Impacts Franchisor Success



### Succession Planning and Franchisor Success

#### Common Issues

- Most franchisors don't really require a succession plan
- Franchisors want to ensure continued operational and financial performance of locations
- Franchisors have inconsistent or unclear successor addendums

#### What Should Franchisors Do?

- Integrate successor training programs into general franchise training
- Educate provide workshops/resources to communicate benefits of succession planning and to address common succession issues
- Require succession plans from franchisees that address all 10 areas of the
   Succession Matrix to help focus on the importance of succession planning

### Impact on Franchisor Success

#### Growth:

- Strengthen Franchisee Recruitment focus on partnering with franchisees shows you have a true interest/investment in their future
- Strategic planning and execution throughout the Succession Matrix builds value and ensures profitable, sustainable growth

#### Sustainability

- Organizational culture focused on sustainable success builds a resilient brand over multiple generations
- Sustainability of success is interdependent between Franchisor and Franchisee

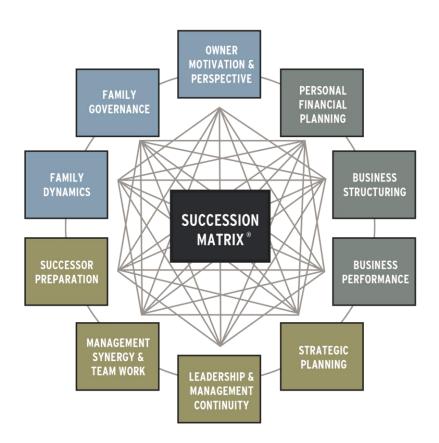
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The **value** of the brand is directly dependent upon the probability that the franchisor and the franchisee's success can continue through the next generation of owners and managers



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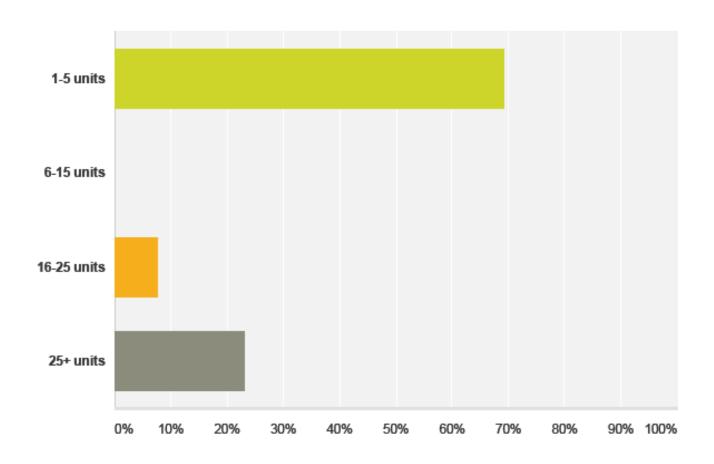
- Fueling Growth
- Building Value
- Ensuring Success



## Survey Results Regarding Franchisee Succession Planning 13 Responses

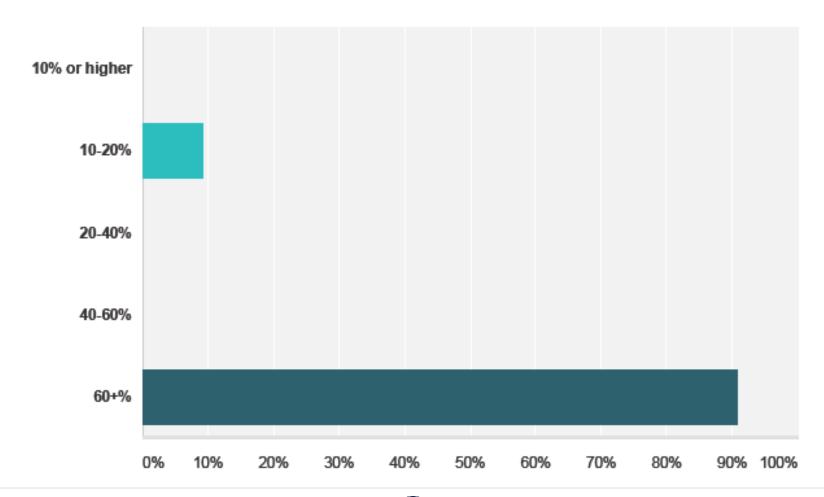


### The majority of your franchisees own how many units?

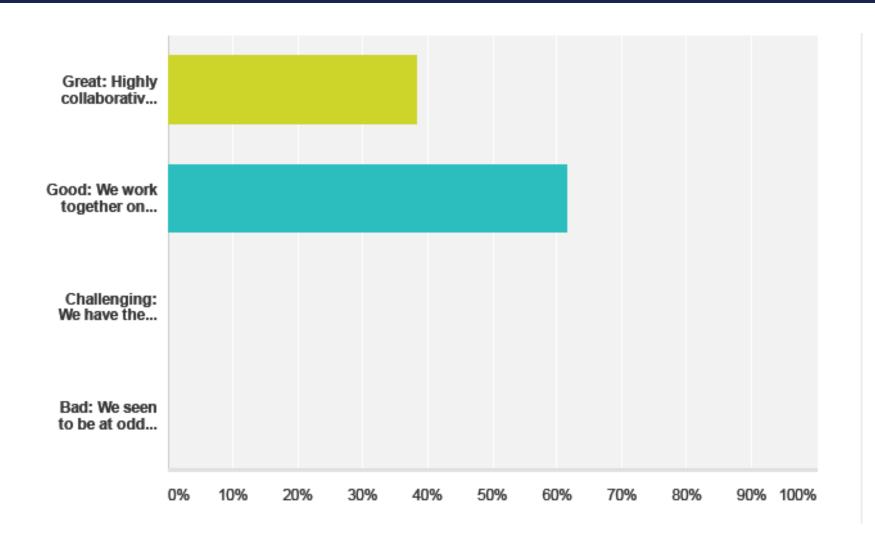


### What percentage of your franchisees are privately held?

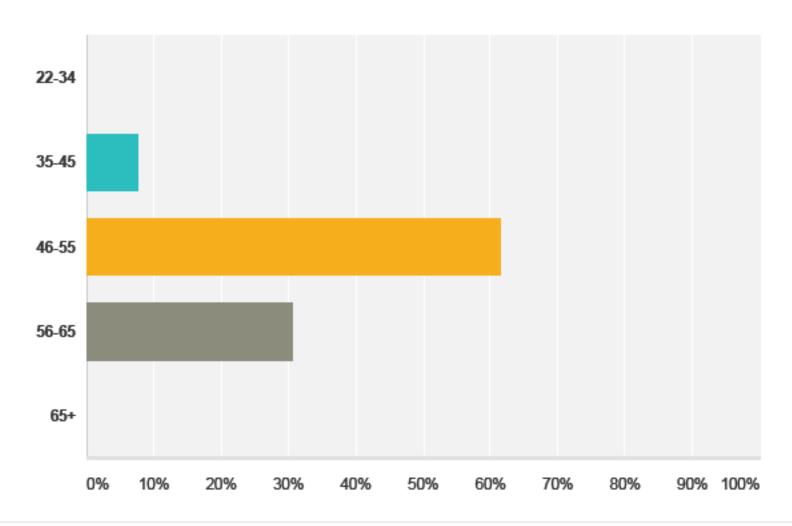
Either family owned or partnership – ie: not corporate or private equity



### How would you describe your franchisee(or) relationship?



### What is the average age of your franchisees?



### What is the process and requirement for approving a successor?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Owner just has to put a name on the line and we are good with it	0.00%	0
Owner lists some options and franchisor evaluates them after the death/retirement of the owner	15.38%	2
Identified successor must be evaluated and approved before they can be deemed a designated successor and any stock be transferred	53.85%	7
All areas of the business are evaluated to ensure KPI's are at a Franchise approved level - franchise appointment can be reconsidered at the death/retirement of owner if business is not performing at a franchisor approved level	30.77%	4
Total		13

### What do you feel are franchisees most common concerns?

#### Concerns related to profitability, success and long-term growth

Answer Choices	Responses	
Development of business process, procedures and general practices to support growth	75.00%	9
Recruitment, motivation, and retention of mid and "C" level management	0.00%	0
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## What do you see is your biggest challenge(s) your brand/company faces?

#### Related to continued success/growth into the future

Answer Choices	Responses	
Aging franchisee owner population and their lack of planning	9.09%	1
Misaligned expectations, culture and communication issues between franchisor and franchisee	54.55%	6
Unidentified and/or under developed successors	0.00%	0
Other	36.36%	4

Total Respondents: 11

## What are you currently doing to educate your franchisees about succession planning?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Nothing	41.67%	5
Designating a successor is mentioned in our franchise agreement, and we sometimes ask our multi-unit owners if they have done planning	25.00%	3
Educational resources are made available - workshops at annual conferences, books, etc	25.00%	3
It is such an important topic to building value and the sustainability of both our businesses - it's apart of our culture - we are always talking about it and KPI's are created to encourage and support our franchisees in their efforts	8.33%	1
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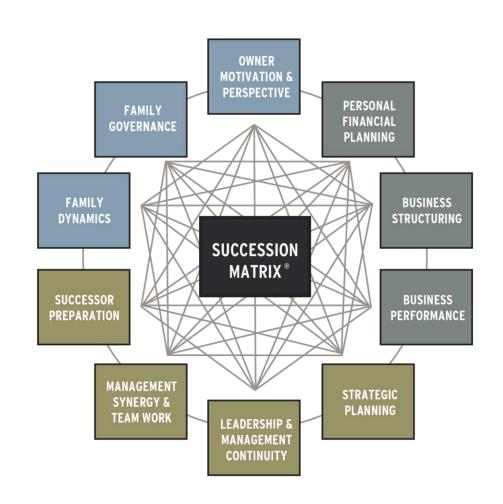
### What is your understanding of succession planning?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Estate planning, defining an exit strategy and identifying a successor	58.33%	7
Human resources - developing bench strength for every key position in the organization	0.00%	0
An ongoing process that addresses key value builders which provides a foundation for sustainable growth and success	41.67%	5
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## **Defining Succession**

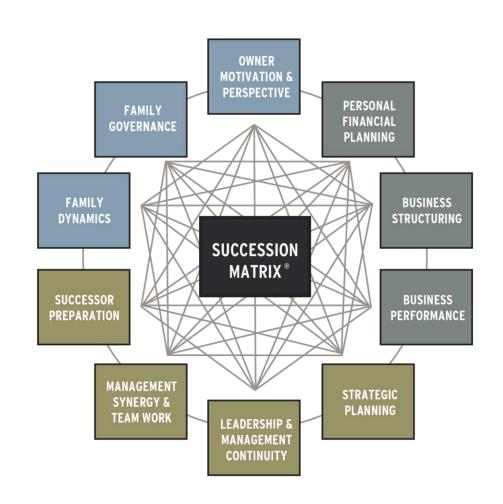
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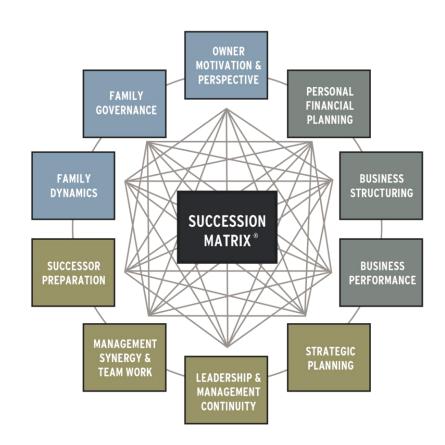
### The Succession Matrix®

- The matrix is dynamic; movement and change is the norm.
- The interdependence of the factors magnifies the complexity of succession planning
- Factor strengths enhance weaknesses
- Factor weakness undermines strengths



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