Driving Growth Through Innovative Thinking

Business growth requires innovative thinking. Innovation can be small changes or big overhauls. In this keynote, Brendan discusses the innovation levels, the 12 dimensions of innovation, and how this can be applied to organizations of all sizes. As the leaders, managing directors & partners have a great opportunity to develop innovative thinking, learn from trends in other industries & companies, and apply a process for bringing in new clients. Each participant walks away with a 10-point action plan.

Agenda

1. Welcome & Warmup
2. Innovation for Business Growth & Results
3. Learning from 8 Innovative Firms & Companies
4. Exercise 1 – Baseline Assessment
5. Doing Your Research
   - Conducting Research & Learning About Innovative Ways to Grow
   - Identifying Trends & Market Changes
6. Assessing Innovative Choices
   - Applying Business Development Trends & Market Changes to Your Firm
   - Leveraging the 12 Dimensions of Innovation
7. Driving Change
   - Determining the Required Level of Growth Innovation & Developing Briefs
8. Executing Innovative Growth Plans
   - Taking Action on Innovative Growth Ideas
   - Making Adjustments as Needed
9. Continuing to Review
   - Measuring Innovative Growth Success
10. Exercise 2 – Innovation 10-Point Action Plan
11. Wrap Up & Call to Action
Executive Bio

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Brendan P. Keegan serves as Chief Executive Officer [CEO] at Merchants Fleet. He joined the company in January 2018. Brendan has been involved with Merchants Fleet since 2009—as a client, board member, and strategic advisor. He is focused on transforming the company’s business model and creating a new industry known as FleetTech. Brendan’s innovative leadership has fueled the company’s strategic direction and been the driving force behind its industry-leading growth.

Brendan is a six-time, transformational President & CEO of companies ranging from 500 to over 10,000 employees located in nearly 150 countries in the technology and financial services sectors. Brendan also served as the Fortune 100’s youngest Chief Sales Officer for EDS, a $22-billion technology industry leader. Brendan has raised nearly $2.0 billion in capital and returned over $4.0 billion to investors. He has trained over 250,000 leaders, led nearly 50,000 employees, and driven sales of over $100 billion.

As an award-winning executive, Brendan was named a Distinguished Fellow by Dartmouth College, a Fast50 Executive by FastCompany, a successful entrepreneur by Enterprise Bank, a US Business Delegate to Africa, Best-of-the-Best CEOs by Incentive, 100 Fastest Growing Companies by PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Business of the Year by NH Business Journal, Top 10 Coach of the Year by USA Football, and Volunteer of the Year & Youth Coach of the Year locally for his commitment to community service.

Brendan has authored over one hundred articles on leadership, strategy, and technology, and he has been quoted in multiple publications, from the Wall Street Journal to Wired Magazine. He is a sought-after speaker at conferences in the financial services and technology industries and is a regular speaker at Harvard University, Brown University, Dartmouth College, Holy Cross, Middlebury College and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

“We brought Brendan in to deliver our keynote address at our International Sales Meeting. He did a great job and brought positive energy into the room, the team and the entire conference. Brendan’s training materials were good and gave each of us a lot to think about. Particularly old timers like me.” General Manager, Amphenol

“Brendan Keegan is a dynamic speaker who understands the unique nuances of a growing firm like The Bulfinch Group. He knows how to inspire associates to achieve their goals and aspirations. His insights were extremely well received by our firm. All in attendance felt he brought amazing energy, excitement, and valuable content to his presentation.” Seth Medalie, President, The Bulfinch Group