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Chief Strategy Officer Transition Lab

**The Chief Strategy
and Transformation
Officer Program**

An immersive experience to help map the next six months of your journey

As the role of the Chief Strategy Officer and that of strategy as a corporate function continue to evolve, CSOs are gaining an increasingly important role in the C-Suite. Yet, the Chief Strategy Officer (“CSO”) role can be one of the most challenging to define and to succeed in. Unclear expectations, internal corporate inertia, and thin resources are all challenges CSOs have historically faced, despite the role often being an important contributor to a company’s competitiveness and ability to spark long-term growth.

The Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer Program brings together a multidisciplinary team of Deloitte leaders and experienced professionals to help executives get ahead—and stay ahead—in the face of growing challenges and demands. Whether you are a new or seasoned strategy executive, whether new in your organization or role, or if you simply need to pivot to meet evolving business demands, the CSO Program can help you prepare for your specific transition.

The Transition Lab is an experience designed to help strategy executives hit the ground running and develop a plan for success. The Lab agenda focuses on three important resources these executives have to manage: time, talent, and stakeholder relationships.



Deloitte’s Executive Transition Program conducted research with hundreds of executives from Fortune 1000 companies and has delivered over 3,000 transition labs to date. Our research uncovered hidden insights about why transitions succeed, and why they frequently fail. The Chief Strategy Officer Transition Lab has been built around proprietary research Deloitte has done to capitalize on those insights, and culminates in a plan for you to:

- Define and communicate your **priorities**
- Assess and develop a **talent strategy**
- Understand and influence **key stakeholders**
- Develop an **action plan** for your next 180 days

Examining your focus on time, talent and relationships

From juggling unexpected demands to shaping the right team, our research found that new strategy executives are faced with many obstacles as they transition into their new leadership roles. Our Transition Lab agenda is focused on three important resources a leader has to manage as drivers of success (or failure) in every transition: time, talent, and relationships.

Resources

In the Lab...



Time

Crushing new demands will likely be made on your time, and you should treat it as your most valuable asset. What are your priorities, where do you want to spend your time, and how will you enforce that?

We will help identify your forward-looking priorities and classify the urgency and importance of each.



Talent

Accelerating the capabilities of the talent on your team can help drive better value and allow you to re-allocate your time, for the best use of your time. Often, an executive may regret not moving fast enough on his or her talent challenges and opportunities.

We will examine capabilities and bandwidth of direct reports, as well as the scope and efficacy of reporting relationships.



Relationships

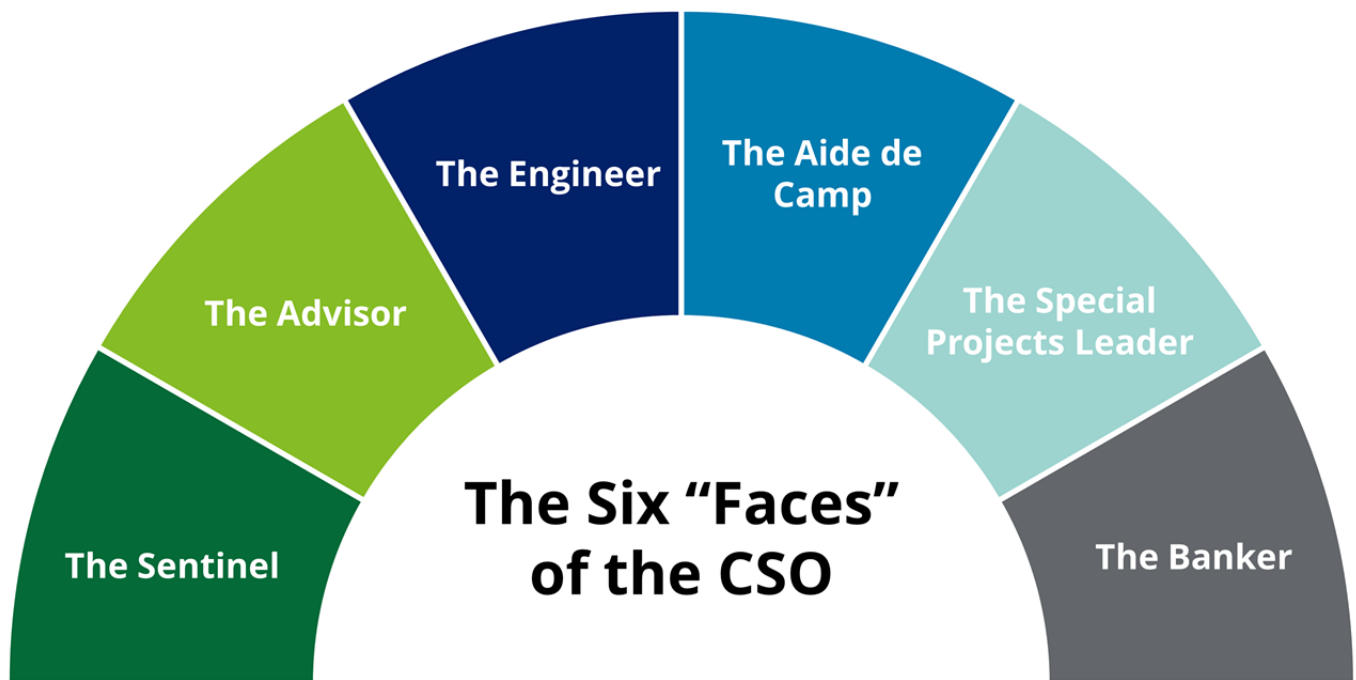
Strategy executives who didn't make time to cultivate important relationships later found those people became stumbling blocks, according to our research. Who are your important stakeholders, and how will you communicate with them?

We will focus on the strengths of specific relationships and help influence strategies important to a strategy executive's ability to achieve the priorities.

As a result, we will support the executive in the Lab to create a 180-day action plan with specific milestones.

The Six Faces of the CSO

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The Sentinel Monitor for potential market shifts	The Advisor Strategic thought partner for the CEO and Board	The Engineer Owner of the strategic planning process
The Aide de Camp Unofficial "Chief of Staff" to the CEO	The Special Projects Leader Driver of miscellaneous high-impact initiatives	The Banker Driver of M&A and ecosystem engagement

Given specific company and industry considerations, as well as your view of your team's needs, we will work to help define your intended stance across the roles of the CSO, including your current and ideal time allocation.

Your time in the Transition Lab



Hopes, fears, and legacy ... Start with your aspirations

To leave your mark, you should identify your goal. It can start with aligning where you want to go with where the organization needs to be in an unbiased environment.

The six faces of the Chief Strategy Officer ... Consider where you spend your time

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Talent and skills ... Assessing your team

Getting to the heart of talent issues quickly is at the center of many transition success stories. Figuring out the team members who will advance your priorities is important and should occur in an unbiased environment.

Stakeholder analysis ... Examine relationships and influence

From managing relationships with key stakeholders to those within your organization, success can come from having a plan. You should connect with and establish relationships with people who matter right away. Consider how you can further their agenda, as well as gain their support for tackling your biggest challenges.

Moving from intent to action

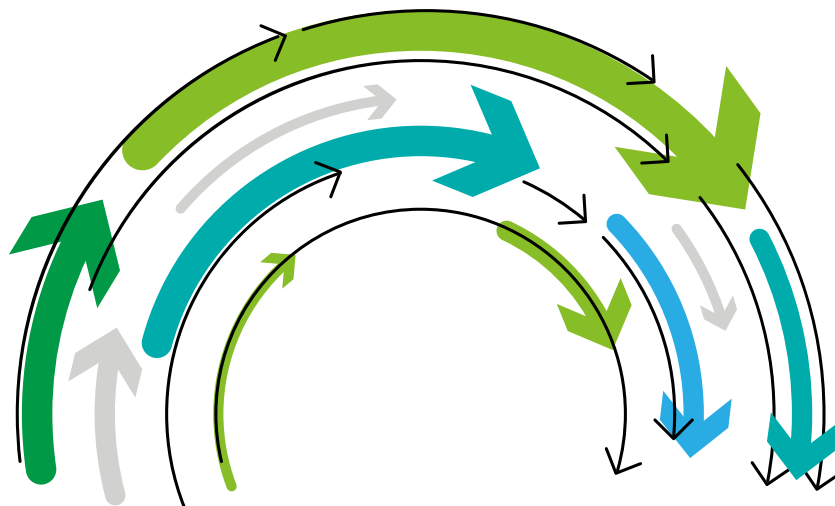
Your Lab experience is designed to culminate in the creation of a 180-day plan, custom built around the top priorities you identify in the Lab. Key inputs into this plan include the actions and activities you identified as important to help you build the right team and cultivate the support of your stakeholders.

The plan will include relevant organizational milestones as well as early wins and issues that require urgent attention. It will also lay out long-term priorities important to the success of the organization and your legacy as a Chief Strategy Officer.

To start planning your Transition Lab experience, please work with your account team, or contact:

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About Deloitte's Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer Program

The role of the CSO and the role of strategy as a corporate function continues to evolve, as CSOs are getting an increasingly important role in the C-Suite and are expected to set the short- and long-term direction for the business. Whether you seek to build your strategy function, enhance your organization's strategic planning capability, or pursue a specific growth mandate, we can leverage our long heritage in strategy and a range of proprietary tools to help you succeed.

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