Recent research indicates that most families that achieve financial success—typically through a family company—lose their success within three generations. Why do some family enterprises derail while others prosper? This new program for multigenerational families will help you understand and implement the important driving factors of long-term, enduring, family enterprise success.

Your family will learn practical concepts and tested practices—organized around examples of multigenerational success and failure—to aid your thinking, improve your long-term planning and alignment, and shape the roadmap of your family enterprise system. Conversations and class sessions focus on the distinct issues faced by multigenerational families that have survived beyond the founder-stage. The program views the family enterprise through the lens of ownership, helping you to understand the important decisions that are yours to make as well as how to govern and plan for the longevity of your family’s enterprise activities.

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TAKEAWAYS

Through interactive classroom sessions, case discussions, exercises, exchanges across families, and private discussions within families, you and your family will better understand the following and more:

• How family enterprises evolve over generations, and how they succeed in a disruptive environment
• How to articulate your family’s mission and core values
• How to manage generational transitions of leadership, ownership, governance and wealth creation
• How to decide on portfolio of investments in and out of your family company and family office
• How to decide among an array of ownership and capital options for your family company and other investments
• How to govern the family, the ownership group, the family company and other organizations in the family enterprise
• How to keep the family business on the path of long-term success

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This program is for families that have moved beyond the founder stage to the second or third generation of ownership control, or later. It is designed for family teams of four or more individuals, which allows participants to have crucial conversations together and collaborate on the long-term planning required at their stage.

Participants include family members in and out of the family company or family office; owners and non-owners; board members; family council and owner council members; senior and next generation members; and lineal descendants and spouses. Teams can also include senior non-family executives or board members attending with family members.

THE MIT EDGE

Working at the intersection of management and technology, MIT Sloan is uniquely positioned to help family enterprises transform the present and envision the future that is being shaped by technological disruption and innovation. True to MIT’s Mens et Manus [mind and hand] learning philosophy, we use teaching methodology that helps apply the learnings to real work in real time.

The MIT campus and surrounding Kendall Square is one of the densest startup and innovation clusters in the world, providing the opportunity to experience an unparalleled entrepreneurial ecosystem, make connections and feel inspired.

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