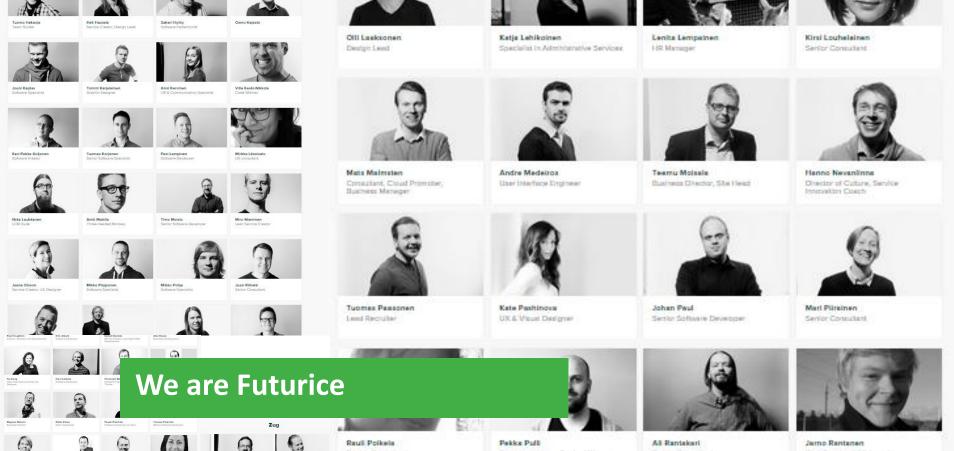
Highly Aligned, Loosely Coupled

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"It looks like you have everything under control."



Seeking emergence, innovation & high energy levels

Freedom, empowerment, responsibility, trust &transparency





We Build, Innovate, & Change



Founded

2000

People

600

Nationalities

35

Futurice has unique and awarded company culture that is built on trust.

Futurice Growth Story

People:

From 20 in 2005 to 600 in 2019
Huge personal growth stories during the journey

Offices:

From Helsinki to Tampere, Berlin, London, Munich & Stockholm

Skillset / Offering:

From tech to design to data science/AI to business consulting

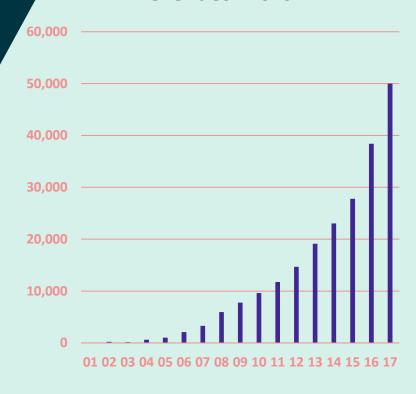
Company structure

From single legal entity to a family of companie

Numbers:

From 1M€ in 2005 to 50M€ in 2017 Profitable since 2004, 30% year-on-year ...pure organic growth

Revenues M€ '01-'17



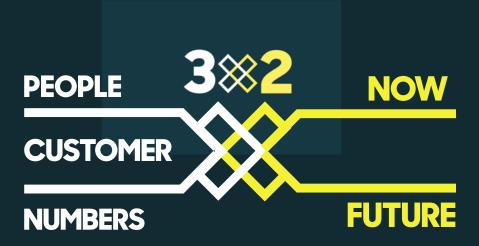
Year 2008: What is going on? Smart reliable people have become stupid & irresponsible?





Complete transparency

Rules of Thinking



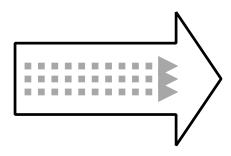
Close & Concrete Business (3x2)



...2012

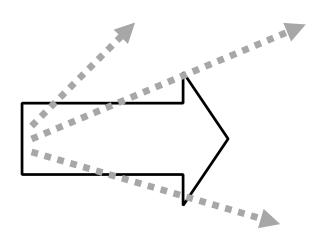
- "Can we buy your culture?"
- "We can't decide about innovation because our ROI models are too fluffy"
- "Before we do anything, we need strategy but because of the uncertainty we cannot formulate strategy"
- "We need creativity our management consultants are great with structured analysis but now we need creativity"

What we've learned



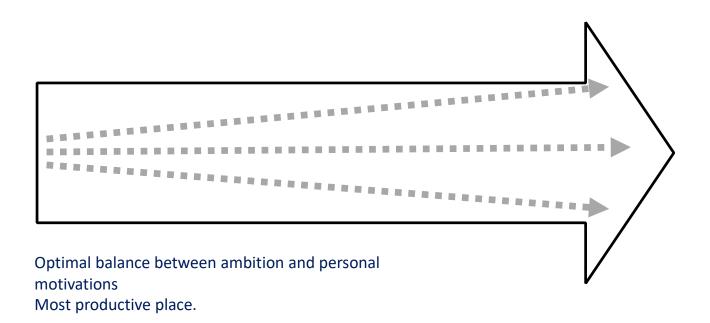
Too much alignment kills motivation. Limited growth.

What we've learned



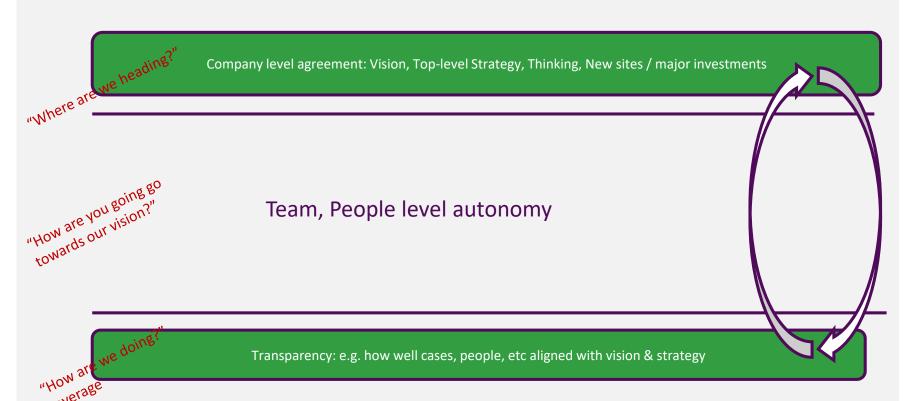
Too little alignment = too many directions.
Limited growth.

What we've learned

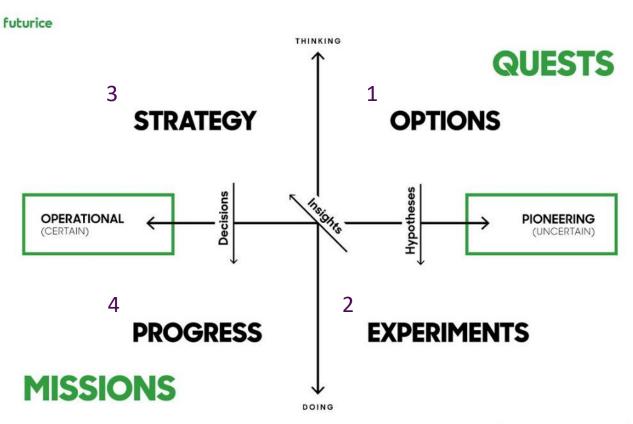


Vision, Strategy, Execution, Transparency

Toyota Kata inspired approach

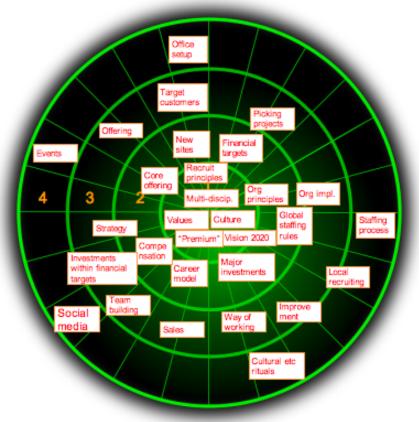


Strategy process that embraces uncertainty



A tool: the Freedom Radar

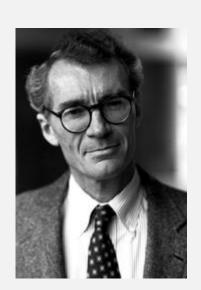
- 1. Sacred
- 2. Agreed
- 3. Aligned
- 4. Sharing of best practise
- 5. Do as you please



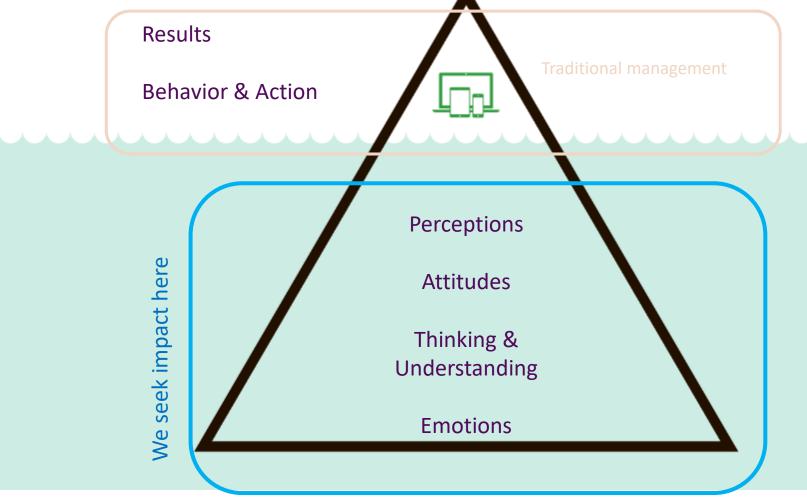
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Thinking: Strategy by Prof Robert A Burgelman

Strategy is thinking that drives actions to be successful in competition



Thinking: Two different approaches to guiding behavior



Principles vs. implementation = alignment with autonomy

On company level we should agree especially the principles and then let operative units figure out implementation

Alignment via: Principles, Common thinking, Agreed target state (Kata) and Transparency

Autonomy, Action, Motivation, Renewal via operative level autonomy that is expected to take steps toward desired target state, within agreed principles which is then controlled via transparency

Principles: e.g. Lean thinking, org principles, etc



(lot of) Autonomy in applying the principles

Building a digital innovation organisation_

	Certainty		Uncertainty
Team	Large and functional	>	Small and cross-functional
Guidance	Specified plan	>	Vision
Decisions	Directive top down	>	Autonomous bottom-up
Budgeting	Project	>	Venture
Timeframe	1 year	>	3-5 years
Culture	Predictability, up-front plan & big execution, scale matters	>	Fast & iterative build - measure - learn, small wins matter
Metrics	Revenue, profit, cashflow	>	Innovation accounting
Market	Clear target segment and revenue/cost structure	>	Open to new segments, business models
Incentives	Corporate	>	Entrepreneurial

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1. Autonomy

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2. (Positive) Control

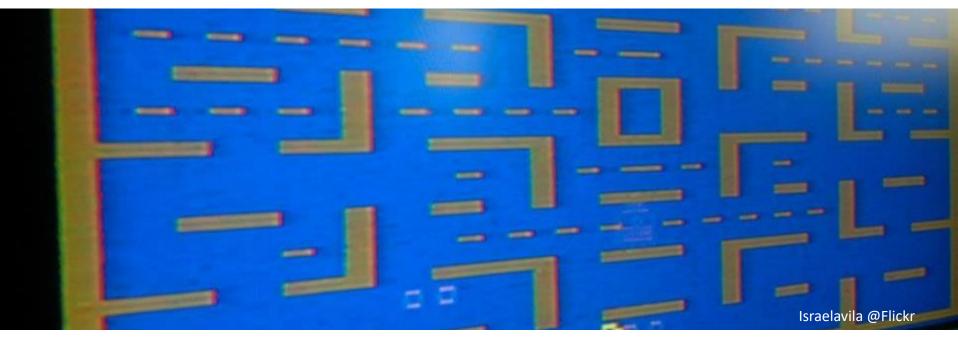
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3. (Self) Management & Low Hierarchy



4. Trust

5. Feedback & Reinforcement





6. Focus, Results, ...





7. Credits, Identity

PAUL HUSTON RYAN JONES FRANKIE KWAK KIMBERLY LASHBROOK





9. Cohesion





10. Change

It is not reality until it is shared





A little summary

- 1. Transparency; understanding & wisdom trumps central management
- 2. Thinking via business responsibility (3x2) trumps exact rules what to do and what not to do
- 3. Clever, cheap, fast and low risk experimentation trumps central planning
- 4. P&L responsibility & financial performance ensures autonomy & flexibility to renew
- 5. Elevate people, and they will elevate you
- 6. Assume good intentions of other people, in case of not understanding, ask before judgement



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Any questions in mind?

Please give us a call, send us an email or drop by the office for a fresh cup of coffee_

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