For The Family

1.Improve family communication and information sharing
2.Identify shared family values
3. Establish policies that manage the family's relationship to the business
4. Recognize and resolve family conflicts that disrupt business operations
5. Develop educational programs to introduce the next generation to the business
6. How best to insure long-term family financial security
7. Provide guidance for next generation career options
8. Formulate an on-going family communication and participation plan
9. Acknowledge and address family member past hurts, rivalries
10. Establish a conflict management process
11. Consider family philanthropic goals
12. Plan for family fun/celebrations
13. Support family cultural traditions
14. To promote family harmony establish a family governance process & framework
15. Address entitlement behaviours
16. Align family goals for the business with strategic business goals
17. Determine expectations and role of non-employee family members
18. How to encourage the inclusion of married-ins (in-laws)
19. Establish a business-family Code of Conduct
20. Document family-business story
21. Determine how to support lifestyle requirements of retiring founders/senior family members
22. Other

For The Business

 Determine suitability of family member employees in current positions in the business
2.Provide further training and development for family employees
3.Formalize job roles and chain of command
4. Develop process for establishing family employee performance standards
5.Set annual calendar of regular management meetings
6.Determine structure of compensation, bonuses for family employees
7.Set a timeline and process for management succession planning
8. Establish a successor grooming program
9. Determine business perks available to family employees
10.Formalize business decision-making processes/procedures
11.Specify role of spouses in relation to business decision-making
12.Set policy and process for hiring friends and extended family into the business
13.When to hire non-family executives
14.Address management style differences of family employees
15.Engage in regular near and long-term strategic business planning
16.Promote fair and respectful treatment of non-family employees
17.Restructure business to meet growth goals
18.Determine best ways for motivating non-family managers
19.Establish a family member employment policy
20 Other

For The Owners

1.Set schedule for regular presentation of yearly financial results & business activities
2.Formulate a family enterprise ownership agreement
3. Determine the family's philosophy of business ownership
4.Specify ownership benefits
5. Define owner role and responsibilities
6. When to institute marriage contracts / pre-nuptial agreements
7. How to mitigate estate tax through an Estate plan
8. When to institute a Family Trust
9. How to value sweat equity
10. Determine qualifications for next generation ownership
11. Identify opportunities for growth of ownership wealth
12. When to plan for ownership succession
13. Decide if, when, and how to position the business for sale
14. Establish dividend formula and schedule
15. Other