Executive Briefing

Management thinking for global executives

Executive Briefing is the definitive source of management thinking and advice for global executives. It brings together in one place the best management analysis from the Economist Intelligence Unit, Harvard Business School Publishing (HBSP), and other leading providers of management literature. It is an essential source of information enabling senior executives to keep track of the latest intelligence to ensure they are implementing successful management strategies.

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Navigation

Executive Briefing is designed to ensure intuitive navigation and easy access to cutting-edge management analysis. The site will be organised around six basic categories:

- Global business
- Strategy and competition
- Sales and marketing
- Finance and performance
- Technology and operations
- Leadership

Our home page will feature the latest must-read article from each of these categories. There is also a section for book reviews and for comment and analysis direct from the business schools and consultancies. A section for “critical themes” will offer an in-depth look at specific topics though a short introductory overview, an objective look at new ideas and by examining the practical application of ideas in innovative organisations all over the world.

Each of the six main story categories also has a dedicated home page, providing further space to feature the most interesting articles. To ensure ease of navigation, the categories are further sub-divided at this level, making a total of 24 topic areas. These cover subjects such as strategy development, customer management, branding, performance measurement, technology strategy, supply chains, corporate governance and leadership style.

Sources

Every week, Executive Briefing delivers ideas powerful enough to change not only what people think, but also what they do. The service offers a comprehensive collection of the Economist Intelligence Unit’s thought leadership literature, management articles from The Economist Group’s various publications, and essential insights and best practices from Harvard Business School Publishing. A section for guest briefings features management information from further leading sources. Specifically, Executive Briefing will include:

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- Specially written articles by HBSP editors, including the “Monday morning” briefings currently distributed to the business sections of leading newspapers;
- Interviews, company profiles, marketing developments and provocative columns from the “Business Life” section of the Financial Times;
- Corporate trends and practical information with a financial perspective from CFO magazine
- Journal articles from leading management schools, such as Sloan Management Review and California Management Review; and
- Select management thinking from top universities, consultancies and professional service firms.

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