

## The Importance of Focus in the Early Days

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## Isn't it obvious?

- Focus allows you to concentrate all your efforts on the most critical aspects of your business.
- Focus enables you to make strategic decisions that will help you achieve your desired outcomes quickly and efficiently.
- Focus helps you differentiate yourself from your competitors.
- Focus allows you to measure progress accurately.





## Knowing is not enough, we must apply. Willing is not enough, we must do.

### **Bruce Lee**



### ONE: Know your business objective for next 12 months. Define it and refine it.



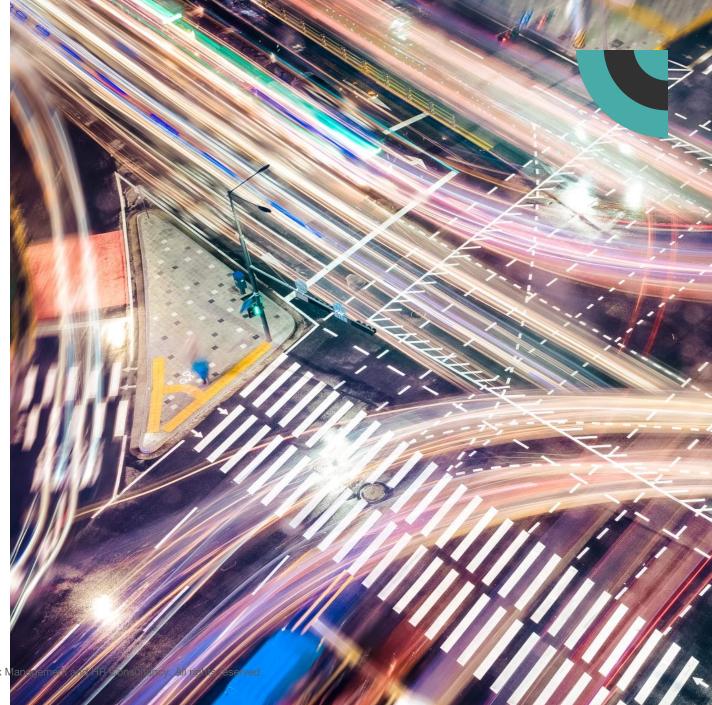


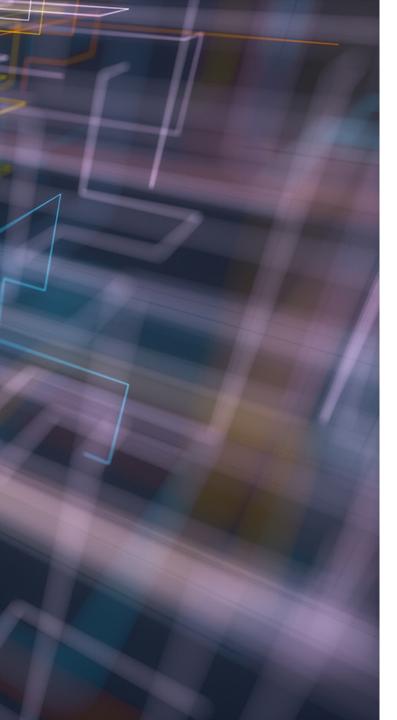
## TWO: Prioritise ruthlessly. Pick one revenue stream. Build from there.

- Which revenue stream has the most upside potential?
- Which is the easiest to tap into?
- Which is the cheapest to tap into?
- Which do we have the capability to access, from a people, processes and tooling perspective, today?
- What is our ultimate objective and what is a cost effect route to get there?



### THREE: Move with purpose.





# Always Be Closing



## FOUR: Be prepared to say no.



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### FIVE: Keep focused. Don't change your mind as the wind blows.



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## 66 The successful warrior is the average man with laser-like focus.

### **Bruce Lee**

### Thank you for listening.

## Q&A





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### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER PROFILE**

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Now based between London and Dubai, he consults for companies on areas such as sales strategy, monetisation, commission structure design, how to build high-performing sales teams, and how to cultivate a winning sales culture. Richard also runs a series of workshops for VCs and Startup Incubators such Endeavor, DTEC and StartUpBootCamp - the most in demand of these being Sales for Startups. His other workshops include Sales Fundamentals, Sales Management and Client Relationships.

Richard has written articles published in Arabian Business and The National newspaper, has been a panel speaker at Cityscape Abu Dhabi and keynote speaker at London Tech Week, and has appeared on Dubai Eye's Business Breakfast radio show.

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