



Monthly Coaching Call Summary  
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**LEADERSHIP LEVERAGE MENTOR STUART TAN**

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## Overview:

In this session, Stuart Tan explored the critical role of leadership in building scalable and sustainable organizations, especially in an era increasingly influenced by AI. While AI and automation can significantly enhance productivity, Stuart emphasized that true leadership—rooted in emotional intelligence, empathy, and human connection—remains irreplaceable. Using real case studies, he demonstrated how poor leadership and weak hiring systems can fracture company culture, reduce morale, and create turnover risks even in large organizations. The session also covered structured hiring and onboarding frameworks, situational leadership styles, and the importance of self-leadership through mental, emotional, and physical optimization. Stuart highlighted that sustainable scaling is not about adding more people, but about leveraging systems, talent, and leadership maturity. Ultimately, the session reinforced that strong internal leadership—not tools or AI—is the foundation for long-term business success and resilience.

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## Notes:

### LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES & ORGANIZATIONAL IMPACT

- Leadership failures can lead to **low morale and high turnover risk**
- Case study: A 100-person company faced mass resignation threats due to poor leadership style
- Strong technical or sales skills do not equal strong leadership
- Leadership is about **influencing hearts and minds**, not just managing tasks
- Culture breakdown is often a leadership issue, not a team issue

### AI VS HUMAN LEADERSHIP

- AI can automate tasks but **cannot replicate empathy or emotional connection**
- Trust, loyalty, and psychological safety come from human leaders
- AI systems require setup, supervision, and can fail
- Leaders must balance **AI efficiency with human relational skills**
- Coaching and leadership roles remain premium due to human connection

### SELF-LEADERSHIP & INNER OPTIMIZATION

- Leadership starts with **mental, emotional, and physical stability**
- Burnout can collapse both leader and organization
- Signs of poor self-leadership: low energy, lack of focus, emotional reactivity
- Recovery strategies include:
  - Meditation
  - Physical health optimization
  - Sleep improvement
- Leadership development is a **long-term journey (3–10 years)**

## HIRING SYSTEMS & TALENT MANAGEMENT

### TCA Framework (Task, Competency, Attributes)

- Clearly define role expectations before hiring
- Avoid hiring based on bias (appearance, personality alone)
- Focus on **behavior and proven capability**

### Behavioral Interviewing

- Ask deep, layered questions to uncover real experience
- Test consistency and real contribution
- Evaluate both competence and culture fit

### “Always Be Hiring” Mindset

- Build a continuous talent pipeline
- Avoid desperate hiring decisions
- Screening many candidates improves hiring quality

## ONBOARDING & PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

- Onboarding should last **30–90 days**
- Provide feedback every 2 weeks
- Watch for early red flags (missed deadlines, excuses)
- Apply principle: **Hire slow, fire fast**
- Terminate mismatches early (within 14–30 days) to protect time and culture

## LEADERSHIP STYLES & TEAM DYNAMICS

- Leadership must be **situational and flexible**
- Use different styles (authoritarian, democratic, etc.) based on context
- Balance control vs autonomy depending on team maturity
- Strong leadership includes:
  - Rapport building
  - Clear expectations
  - Feedback and coaching
- Psychological safety drives performance and retention

## SCALING THROUGH LEVERAGE

- Scaling is not just hiring more people
- 5 types of leverage:
  - Asset leverage
  - Labor leverage
  - Growth leverage
  - Structural leverage
  - Leadership leverage
- Over-reliance on hustle leads to burnout

- Systems + mindset = sustainable growth

## **BURNOUT AWARENESS & RECOVERY**

- Signs of burnout:
  - Brain fog
  - Irritability
  - Fatigue
  - Reduced focus
- Leaders often ignore burnout until performance drops
- Recovery methods:
  - Meditation / therapy
  - Sleep optimization
  - Supplements (e.g. magnesium, glycine)
- Quality sleep improves decision-making and leadership capacity