

Your Family Business: What Trusted Peers See That Advisors Can't



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The Next Generation's Role in the Family Business

*"Succession is actually the transfer of identity and decision rights, as well as the assets."
—Rob Garrett*

- Discussion in the Mumbai 01 Group: Should the Next Gen join the business? Manage the family office? Run a vertical? Members continue to explore all the angles.
- Similarly in Dubai, the opinions in this area are as varied as Members' backgrounds.

Transitioning Leadership and Decision-Making Authority

*"The son is saying, 'Do I really have authority, or am I just the caretaker, and my final word isn't final?'"
—Mark Troy*

- Clear, honest conversations, documentation, and governance are essential for calibrating expectations when transitioning authority to the next generation.

*"There are some [family] discussions that you cannot have with an advisor because they don't really know the nuances. **Peers are the right sort of people to discuss this with.** They've been through it already or they have been on the receiving end from their previous generation."
—Pritam Doshi*

The Biggest Risk to a Family Office

*"Most family offices think that the greatest risk to their wealth is market volatility. In reality, it's governance and dysfunction in the family office."
—Mark Troy*

- Investment policy statements, a family office constitution, an investment committee with defined criteria, and a decision-making authority matrix are all tools TIGER 21 Members have employed.
- Consider enlisting a trusted advisor with governance experience to help build out these structures.

Succession and the Role of Women in India

- In India, control of a family business is commonly handed to a son regardless of a daughter's experience or capability.
- In deciding issues of succession, there is rarely a single right answer, with outcomes depending on family culture, the nature of the business, and the interests and capabilities of each individual.

The Role of Peer Group Insights

- *Pritam Doshi:* "Group Meetings around the world give you a phenomenal perspective to borrow experience from Members who have run their family offices for generations."
- *Rob Garrett:* "In a peer group, you can really ask hard, challenging questions that you perhaps haven't surfaced elsewhere, and use the inputs to help you reach your own conclusions."
- *Mark Troy:* "As Chairs, we encourage the tough questions where we go around the table and everybody gives their feedback and shares."

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