PSP EXECUTIVE ADVISORY

EXECUTIVE ADVISORY OVERVIEW

Clarity. Alignment. Confidence.

Helping organizations scale beyond the limits of their current operating model.

A guide for executives, business owners, and trusted referral partners.

REFERRAL PARTNER EDITION

VERSION 1.1

01 WHO WE ARE

An independent advisory firm for the decisions technology cannot make.

PSP Executive Advisory exists to help leadership teams navigate the moment when an organization has outgrown the way it was built. We are not a technology vendor, an implementation partner, or a managed service provider. We advise the people responsible for outcomes.

Most growing organizations reach a point where effort no longer converts cleanly into progress. Demand is healthy, talent is capable, and investment continues — yet decisions slow, priorities compete, and the leadership team finds itself managing complexity rather than direction. This is rarely a technology problem, and it is almost never solved by adding more of it.

We work alongside CEOs, owners, boards, and investors to restore the conditions that made growth possible in the first place: clear priorities, aligned leadership, sound governance, and the capacity to make consistently good decisions as the business becomes more complex. Because we sell no software and implement no systems, our only interest is the quality of the executive's decision.

> EXECUTIVE INSIGHT
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> *Organizations rarely fail from a lack of effort. They stall when complexity begins to accumulate faster than the leadership team's capacity to absorb it.*

Our philosophy runs through everything we do: capability, not tooling, is the real constraint on growth. We help leadership teams build the organizational capability that lets them scale with intent.

We help leadership teams solve the organizational challenges that technology alone cannot fix.

02 WHY PSP EXECUTIVE ADVISORY

Why organizations place their most consequential decisions with us.

PSP was formed around a conviction that the hardest problems facing growing organizations are not technical, but executive — problems of clarity, alignment, and judgment that no product can resolve. We exist to give leadership teams a place to think clearly, with a partner who has no stake in the answer.

EXPERIENCE THAT HAS SAT IN THE CHAIR

Our counsel is grounded in decades of senior operating and technology leadership across enterprise, professional services, and investor-backed organizations. We have made the decisions we advise on, and lived with their consequences.

GENUINE INDEPENDENCE

We hold no product lines, resell nothing, and accept no vendor incentives. Our recommendations are shaped by the client's interest alone — a structural fact, not a promise.

A STRATEGIC, WHOLE-BUSINESS PERSPECTIVE

We read the organization as an executive does — where strategy, leadership, operations, and technology meet — rather than through the narrow lens of any single function or system.

ADVISORY, NOT DELIVERY

Our role is to strengthen the leadership team's own capacity to decide and act. We measure success by the confidence our clients carry forward, not by how long they need us.

> EXECUTIVE INSIGHT
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> *Trust is earned long before advice is accepted. It is why we treat independence, discretion, and judgment as the foundation of the firm — not its features.*

Organizations trust PSP because our interests are simple and visible. We are retained to improve the decision in front of the executive, and we are content to be measured by nothing else. That clarity of purpose — what we describe as our **Trust Capital**™ — is the quiet asset behind every engagement.

03 WHY ORGANIZATIONS PLATEAU

Complexity compounds. Capability does not — unless it is built.

Every organization begins with a natural advantage: it is small enough for its leaders to see the whole. Decisions are fast because context is shared. As the business grows, that advantage quietly erodes. Each new product, market, system, and hire adds connections — and connections multiply faster than headcount. We call this accumulating weight **Complexity Load**™.

Capability, by contrast, grows in a straight line. Left unmanaged, the two diverge, and the organization reaches its **Alignment Ceiling**™ — the point at which leaders spend more energy coordinating than deciding. What follows is execution friction: meetings that produce decisions but not movement, initiatives that stall between departments, and a CEO who has become the organization's primary integration point. Together these forces are what we call **Growth Complexity**™.

FIGURE 1 — THE GROWTH COMPLEXITY CURVE™

The plateau is not a demand problem; it is a capability problem. Adding people, systems, or urgency to an organization already past its Alignment Ceiling tends to accelerate the friction rather than relieve it. The work is to raise capability deliberately — so the organization can carry more complexity without losing clarity. We call this discipline **Growth Complexity Management**™.

04 WHAT MAKES PSP DIFFERENT

We answer to the decision, not to a product.

Executives are surrounded by capable partners — each valuable, each with a stake in a particular outcome. A vendor benefits when you buy. An implementation firm benefits when you build. PSP is structured to have no such interest. We advise, and our independence is the product.

	TRADITIONAL CONSULTANT	TECHNOLOGY VENDOR	IMPLEMENTATION FIRM	MANAGED SERVICE PROVIDER	PSP EXECUTIVE ADVISORY
Purpose	Deliver a study	Sell a product	Build a system	Run the systems	Improve the decision
Primary focus	The problem	The platform	The project	The infrastructure	Executive capability
Independence	Varies	Product-tied	Delivery-tied	Contract-tied	Structurally independent
Works with the C-suite	Sometimes	Rarely	Rarely	Rarely	Always — by design
Technology stance	Neutral-ish	Committed	Committed	Committed	Technology-neutral
Measure of success	Report delivered	License signed	Go-live	Uptime	Better business outcomes

FIGURE 2 — THE ADVISORY DISTINCTION

This distinction matters most precisely when the stakes are highest. When a leadership team is deciding whether to build or buy, consolidate or expand, invest now or wait, the value of an advisor who profits from none of those paths is difficult to overstate. We complement the specialists an organization already trusts; we do not compete with them.

> EXECUTIVE INSIGHT
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> *The most expensive advice an executive receives is rarely the advice they pay the most for. It is the advice given by those who benefit from the answer.*

05 HOW WE WORK

A disciplined path from observation to sustained advantage.

Every engagement follows a deliberate sequence. Each stage produces a decision-grade output, and each earns the right to the next. Nothing is presented to a board until it has been tested against evidence.

1	**Discovery**	We begin by understanding the business as its leaders experience it — the ambitions, the constraints, and the decisions that feel harder than they should.
2	**Assessment**	A structured, evidence-based examination of where complexity is accumulating and where capability is thin — across leadership, process, governance, and technology.
3	**Executive Findings™**	A candid, prioritized account of what we found and what it means — written for decision-makers, free of technical noise and consultant hedging.
4	**Boardroom Report™**	The findings translated into the language of the board: risk, value, sequence, and trade-off — ready to inform a confident executive decision.
5	**Strategic Roadmap™**	A realistic, sequenced plan that builds capability in the right order — matched to the organization's capacity to absorb change.
6	**Executive Advisory**	Ongoing counsel as the plan meets reality — helping leadership hold direction, adapt with discipline, and sustain the gains.

EXECUTIVE INSIGHT

A recommendation is only as valuable as the decision it enables. We design every stage to leave the executive team more capable of deciding well — with or without us in the room.

06 HOW WE HELP — ASSESS

We begin with the problem, not the product.

Every engagement starts from an executive challenge. The pages that follow describe the problems we are most often called to solve — and how we help.

ASSESS *See the business clearly.*

EXECUTIVE CHALLENGE

Growth has slowed, and leadership cannot identify why.

HOW PSP HELPS

We locate where complexity is outpacing capability — mapping the friction across leadership, process, and technology — and translate it into a clear, prioritized diagnosis the executive team can act on.

ENGAGEMENT

Growth Complexity Assessment™

TYPICAL OUTCOMES

- A shared, evidence-based understanding of what is holding growth back.
- A short list of the constraints that matter most.

EXECUTIVE CHALLENGE

The board expects an AI strategy, but no one can say whether the organization is ready.

HOW PSP HELPS

We assess readiness across data, governance, talent, and process — separating genuine opportunity from noise — and define the first steps that can be taken safely and with confidence.

ENGAGEMENT

AI Readiness Assessment™

TYPICAL OUTCOMES

- A clear-eyed view of where the organization truly stands on AI.
- A defensible, low-risk path to first value.

EXECUTIVE CHALLENGE

The leadership team makes decisions, yet the organization does not move.

HOW PSP HELPS

We examine how aligned the team truly is on priorities and direction, surfacing the quiet disagreements that stall execution, and give leaders a candid map of where alignment breaks down.

ENGAGEMENT

Executive Alignment Assessment™

TYPICAL OUTCOMES

- Honest visibility into where the team is and is not aligned.
- A basis for faster, more durable decisions.

07 HOW WE HELP — ADVISE

Judgment where the decisions are made.

ADVISE *Decide with confidence.*

EXECUTIVE CHALLENGE

The CEO carries every significant decision alone, without an independent sounding board.

HOW PSP HELPS

We serve as ongoing, independent counsel to the CEO and leadership team — a trusted place to test thinking, sequence priorities, and pressure-test major decisions before they are made.

ENGAGEMENT

Executive Advisory

TYPICAL OUTCOMES

- Steadier, better-sequenced decisions.
- A leadership team that is less isolated and more assured.

EXECUTIVE CHALLENGE

The organization needs executive-grade technology judgment but not a full-time executive.

HOW PSP HELPS

We provide senior technology leadership on a fractional basis — setting direction, instilling governance, and bringing discipline to vendors and investments — without the cost of a permanent hire.

ENGAGEMENT

Fractional CIO

TYPICAL OUTCOMES

- Coherent technology direction tied to business goals.
- Sharper oversight of spend, risk, and delivery.

EXECUTIVE CHALLENGE

Technology spending keeps rising while its return on the business keeps falling.

HOW PSP HELPS

We take a business-first view of where technology should — and should not — go, replacing an accumulation of point solutions with a single, prioritized direction the executive team can stand behind.

ENGAGEMENT

Technology Strategy

TYPICAL OUTCOMES

- A coherent strategy that connects investment to value.
- Fewer, better technology decisions.

EXECUTIVE CHALLENGE

AI is being adopted across the business faster than anyone is governing it.

HOW PSP HELPS

We establish the guardrails that let an organization adopt AI responsibly — policy, oversight, and accountability — so leaders can move quickly without exposing the business to avoidable risk.

ENGAGEMENT

AI Governance

TYPICAL OUTCOMES

- Clear ownership of AI risk and decisions.
- Confidence to adopt without overexposure.

08 HOW WE HELP — TRANSFORM

Change the model, not just the tools.

TRANSFORM *Build capacity for the next stage of growth.*

EXECUTIVE CHALLENGE

The organization is weighed down by processes it can no longer explain.

HOW PSP HELPS

We remove friction from how work actually gets done, simplifying the processes that have quietly grown around the business until they, rather than the market, set its pace.

ENGAGEMENT

Business Process Optimization

TYPICAL OUTCOMES

- Simpler, faster, more scalable operations.
- Leadership attention returned to what matters.

EXECUTIVE CHALLENGE

A major change effort is underway, but no one is steering it at the executive level.

HOW PSP HELPS

We provide executive direction for transformation that is genuinely strategic — bringing coherence to an effort that would otherwise fragment across functions, vendors, and competing agendas.

ENGAGEMENT

Digital Transformation Advisory

TYPICAL OUTCOMES

- A single, coherent direction across the initiative.
- Change that advances strategy rather than complicating it.

EXECUTIVE CHALLENGE

The leadership team is at an inflection point and cannot find its way to a shared decision.

HOW PSP HELPS

We facilitate focused sessions that turn disagreement into alignment, giving the team a structured setting to reach shared priorities and commit to them together.

ENGAGEMENT

Executive Workshops

TYPICAL OUTCOMES

- Shared priorities and committed decisions.
- Momentum that survives the meeting.

EXECUTIVE CHALLENGE

Capital is about to be committed to a transaction, with real technology risk still unquantified.

HOW PSP HELPS

We provide an independent assessment of technology risk and value in a transaction — giving acquirers and investors clarity on what they are buying before the decision is final.

ENGAGEMENT

M&A Technology Due Diligence

TYPICAL OUTCOMES

- Clear view of risk and value before close.
- A stronger basis for price and integration decisions.

09 ORGANIZATIONS WE COMMONLY ADVISE

Different industries. A familiar pattern.

We work across sectors, because the challenge we address is structural rather than industry-specific. The particulars differ; the shape of the plateau rarely does.

Professional Services
Delivery quality and utilization strain as the firm scales past its founders' direct oversight.

Law Firms
Growth outpaces operations while technology and governance lag client and regulatory demands.

Healthcare
Rising complexity and compliance pressure collide with thin operational and technology capacity.

Manufacturing
Legacy systems and manual processes cap throughput just as demand and margins tighten.

Construction
Project complexity and multi-site coordination outstrip the systems meant to manage them.

Financial Services
Regulatory weight and legacy technology slow decisions in a fast-moving market.

PE Portfolio Companies
Value-creation timelines demand rapid capability the current operating model cannot support.

Family Businesses
Succession, professionalization, and governance questions arrive faster than expected.

Multi-location Organizations
Consistency, visibility, and control erode as locations multiply.

Technology-enabled Businesses
Rapid product growth outpaces the operational discipline needed to sustain it.

EXECUTIVE INSIGHT

Every industry believes its challenges are unique. Most plateaus, on close inspection, share the same shape.

10 THE IDEAL CLIENT PROFILE

Recognized less by size than by circumstance.

We are most valuable to organizations whose ambition has outrun their operating maturity. Revenue matters far less than the pattern below. When several of these describe an organization, it is a strong candidate for an introduction.

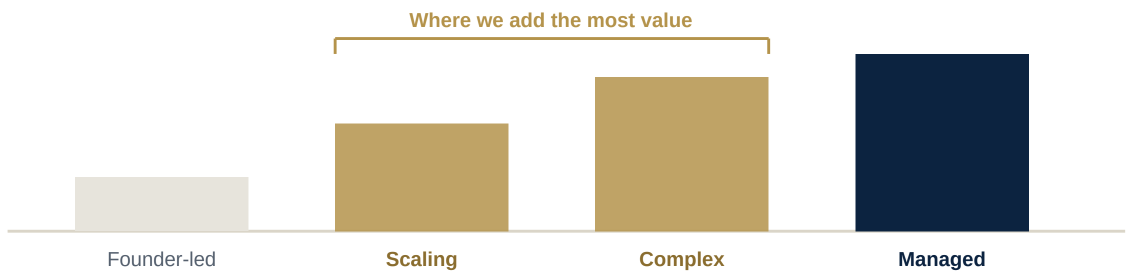

FIGURE 3 — CAPABILITY MATURITY AND THE POINT OF GREATEST LEVERAGE

1. Growing faster than its operational maturity can support.
2. Technology has become increasingly complex and hard to change.
3. Executive decisions are slowing under the weight of coordination.
4. Departments have begun to operate as disconnected units.
5. The CEO has become the organization's operational bottleneck.
6. Preparing for acquisition, on either side of the transaction.
7. Preparing for outside investment or a change in ownership.
8. Preparing for a period of significant expansion.
9. Operating multiple business units or locations.
10. Facing rising regulatory or governance pressure.

EXECUTIVE INSIGHT

Capability compounds. So does its absence. The best moment to build it is just before the organization believes it needs to.

11 WHEN TO CALL PSP

The symptoms worth paying attention to.

These are the signals we are built for — described as they are experienced, not as problems already solved. Recognizing several of them, in your own organization or one you advise, is reason enough for a conversation.

- Growth has plateaued despite strong, steady demand.
- Revenue is rising, but profitability is not keeping pace.
- The CEO is drawn into nearly every decision.
- Meetings end in decisions that never translate into action.
- Departments operate like separate companies.
- A new ERP or core system has become a source of frustration.
- Technology debt is quietly slowing the whole organization.
- Technology spend keeps rising while its value keeps falling.
- There is pressure to "do something with AI," but no strategy.
- Cross-functional initiatives stall between teams.
- The leadership team is no longer aligned on priorities.
- Executives lack a clear, shared view of the business.
- The organization is preparing for outside investment.
- An acquisition is under consideration, on either side.
- A period of significant expansion is about to begin.
- A succession or leadership transition is on the horizon.
- Governance and regulatory demands are outgrowing capacity.
- Complexity is increasing faster than the team can absorb it.
- Senior leaders are overloaded and decision fatigue is setting in.
- The founders sense the business has outgrown how it was built.

EXECUTIVE INSIGHT

Decision quality determines organizational quality. The symptoms above are, at heart, symptoms of decisions made harder than they should be.

12 WHAT PSP DOES NOT DO

What we decline is as important as what we deliver.

Independence is meaningful only when it is bounded. The lines below are the ones we hold — they are why an introduction to PSP carries no hidden agenda.

We do not sell software.
We hold no product lines and recommend based on fit, never inventory.

We do not replace your MSP.
Your provider keeps the systems running; we help leadership decide where the business is going.

We do not replace your IT Director.
We strengthen internal leadership; we do not substitute for it.

We do not compete with implementation partners.
We help you select and direct them well.

We do not build or resell products.
We have nothing to sell an executive but judgment.

We do not accept vendor commissions.
No hidden incentive shapes a single recommendation we make.

We do not manage day-to-day operations.
Our role is executive counsel, not execution.

We do not overstay our value.
Independence includes the willingness to step back when the work is done.

EXECUTIVE INSIGHT

Independence is not a marketing claim. It is a business model — and it is only credible when a firm can say plainly what it refuses to do.

13 TYPICAL OUTCOMES

What changes when capability catches up.

We do not promise results; every organization is different, and outcomes belong to the leaders who own them. What we can describe is what clients commonly experience once complexity is brought back under control.

01

Executive alignment

Leadership teams share the same priorities and hold to them between meetings.

02

Better decisions

Choices are made with clearer evidence, cleaner trade-offs, and less second-guessing.

03

Stronger governance

Oversight of risk, technology, and AI becomes deliberate rather than reactive.

04

Less complexity

Processes and systems are simplified, freeing leadership attention for what matters.

05

Clear technology direction

Investment follows a coherent strategy instead of accumulating point solutions.

06

Higher confidence

Executives move with conviction, having tested their thinking against an independent view.

07

Improved scalability

The operating model can absorb the next stage of growth without breaking.

08

Sustainable growth

Progress compounds because capability now keeps pace with complexity.

14 WORKING WITH PSP

What the engagement feels like from the executive's chair.

Engagements are designed to respect an executive's time and attention. Each step is purposeful, and each concludes with something you can act on.

1. **Initial Discovery**
   A focused conversation to understand your situation and confirm that PSP is the right fit. No obligation, no pressure.

2. **Proposal**
   A clear scope, sequence, and set of expectations — so you know precisely what the engagement will produce before it begins.

3. **Assessment**
   A structured examination conducted with minimal disruption, drawing on the people who already hold the answers.

4. **Executive Findings™**
   A direct, prioritized read on what we found — the conversation most leaders tell us they wish they had had sooner.

5. **Boardroom Report™**
   A decision-ready document your board can absorb quickly and act on with confidence.

6. **Strategic Roadmap™**
   A sequenced plan matched to your capacity for change — ambitious in intent, realistic in pace.

7. **Ongoing Advisory**
   A continuing relationship as the plan meets reality, for as long as it adds value — and no longer.

> EXECUTIVE INSIGHT
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> *Alignment is faster than consensus. Our aim in every engagement is to help a leadership team reach it — and then to keep it.*

15 WHY PROFESSIONALS TRUST PSP WITH THEIR CLIENTS

An introduction that reflects well on the person who makes it.

Attorneys, CPAs, bankers, private equity professionals, MSPs, and fellow advisors introduce PSP because we strengthen the relationships they have spent years building. An introduction to PSP is safe: we arrive with a narrow mandate and leave the client better positioned to work with everyone who serves them.

01
You hear the signals
A client describes growth that feels harder than it should.

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02
You introduce PSP
A simple, low-risk introduction — no sale, no pressure.

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03
We protect the relationship
We stay independent and in our lane, alongside you.

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04
Your client is stronger
Which reflects well on the person who made the introduction.

- ✓ **Relationship protection.** Your client remains your client, always.
- ✓ **Executive professionalism.** We represent your judgment well.
- ✓ **Transparency.** No hidden agendas, incentives, or products.
- ✓ **No competition.** We complement your role; we never displace it.
- ✓ **Confidentiality.** What we learn stays within the engagement.
- ✓ **Clear communication.** You are kept appropriately informed.
- ✓ **Independence.** We advise in the client's interest alone.
- ✓ **Respect.** The referring relationship is honored throughout.

EXECUTIVE INSIGHT

A good referral is an act of trust extended in two directions. We treat every introduction as something to be earned again with each conversation.

16 REFERRAL QUICK REFERENCE

The one page to keep within reach.

You do not need to diagnose the problem. You only need to recognize the language. Introduce PSP Executive Advisory when you hear a client or colleague say something like:

- “ We're growing, but it feels harder than it should.
- “ Our technology is becoming a mess.
- “ Our leadership team isn't aligned.
- “ We know we need to change, but not where to start.
- “ We're spending more and getting less.
- “ The CEO is involved in every decision.
- “ We're preparing for an acquisition.
- “ We're considering AI, but we don't have a strategy.
- “ Our departments operate like separate companies.
- “ We need an independent executive perspective.

If you hear **two or more** of these, it is probably time to introduce PSP Executive Advisory.

17 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Straight answers to the questions we hear most.

Q. Do you replace our IT team?

No. We advise leadership on direction and governance. Your internal team and partners remain responsible for delivery; we help them succeed.

Q. Do you implement software?

No. We do not implement, configure, or manage systems. That independence is what allows us to advise without bias.

Q. Do you sell products or take commissions?

No. We hold no product lines and no vendor incentives. Our only compensation is our advisory fee.

Q. Will you work alongside our existing advisors?

Yes — routinely. We are most effective when we complement the specialists a client already trusts.

Q. How long do engagements last?

From a focused multi-week assessment to an ongoing advisory relationship. We stay engaged only as long as we are adding value.

Q. Do you work with private equity firms?

Yes. We support diligence, value creation, and portfolio-company leadership across the investment lifecycle.

Q. What size organizations do you serve?

Those large enough to feel real complexity yet small enough for leadership to act on it directly — often from the lower-middle market through the middle market.

Q. How involved does the executive team need to be?

Engaged, but not consumed. Our work depends on candid access to leadership's thinking; it is designed to respect their time.

THE PSP COMMITMENT

Why we exist, stated plainly.

PSP Executive Advisory exists to help organizations grow — and to do so in a way that leaves their leaders stronger than we found them. That purpose is expressed in a set of commitments we hold on every engagement:

To help organizations grow with intent.

To strengthen executive capability, not dependence.

To improve the quality of the decisions that shape the business.

To protect the trust placed in us — by clients and by those who refer them.

To build organizational capability that outlasts our engagement.

To remain genuinely independent, always.

To never compromise executive integrity for our own advantage.

Helping organizations scale with clarity, alignment, and confidence.

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