Workshop Topic: Building a Winning World Class Team

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- The first major search firm to obtain a licence in China. Greater China offices include Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong and Taiwan
- We have always been involved in building leadership teams at investee companies. Google is the most high profile
- In China, we have been involved with:
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 - Eachnet
 - Linktone
 - Alibaba
 - BCD Semi
 - Harbour Network
 - Solarfun
 - China Cable Media Group

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Talent Challenges Observed in China

Senior Executives (CEOs, COOs, GMs, functional heads)

Managers and team leaders

Individual contributors

Performance Challenges

- Keeping pace with market changes
- Weathering a fiercely competitive domestic market
- Managing regulatory risk
- Recruiting and retaining talent
- Understanding market needs clearly
- Collaborating with overseas colleagues or customers
- Balancing competing organizational demands – e.g. technical constraints, market needs
- Delivering results

Capability and Experience Gaps

- Exposure to multiple functions
- Managing growth over \$50 million in revenues
- Evaluating and developing talent
- Performance management
- Managing other managers
- Exposure to global best practice
- Managing/motivating individuals and teams
- Influence skills
- Taking the initiative
- Exposure to world-class marketing methods
- English language skills
- Familiarity with the global economy
- Working knowledge of English
- Willingness to surface problems, ask questions, challenge others' ideas, brainstorm





Strategies for Building a Winning Team

- 1. Get performance management right
- Set a clear example for your people
- Set clear, measurable goals and delegate responsibility for results the remedy for excessive micro-management
- Create consistent processes from top to bottom
- Drive for detail during progress reviews without controlling the how's
- 2. Build a performance culture
- Communicate big-picture objectives relentlessly
- · Recognize and reward behaviors that matter most in the business
- Provide formal and informal feedback to individuals
- 3. Manage the talent pool actively
- · Identify organization's key talent and understand their goals, desires and needs through regular talent reviews
- Give key talent the right development support (mentoring, developmental assignments, etc.)
- Monitor turnover and underlying drivers
- 4. Strengthen the human resource function
- Hold HR leaders accountable for developing processes, aligning them with business objectives, and creating performance culture
- Professionalize recruitment and training
- Bring in outside help if necessary









