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Aligning brand strategy with business strategy

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Most companies don't have a brand problem. They have a gap between what the business has become and the story it still tells.

That gap opens quietly. An acquisition adds capabilities the positioning never absorbed. A digital or AI transformation changes what you sell but not how you describe it. A new competitor reframes the category on terms that make your differentiators sound like everyone else's. Nothing breaks. But sales cycles lengthen, recruiting gets harder, and the market keeps describing you as the company you were five years ago.

“Buyers, candidates, analysts, and journalists increasingly form their first impression of your company from an AI-generated summary rather than from your website.”

The gap is widening for a new reason as well. Those systems synthesize whatever you have published, consistent or not. Organizations with a clear, repeated, well-governed enterprise story are described accurately. Organizations without one are described generically, or inaccurately, before anyone from your team enters the conversation.

The Tantalus Group aligns brand strategy with business strategy. We work with executive teams to clarify enterprise positioning, define differentiated value propositions, sharpen the corporate narrative, and build the governance that lets a brand evolve without fragmenting. Our consultants have held senior leadership roles inside global organizations, so the work is built to be implemented, not just presented.

How We Help

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Positioning and narrative

Enterprise brand strategy, competitive differentiation, corporate narrative and messaging architecture, vision, mission, purpose and values.

2

Architecture and integration

Brand architecture and portfolio strategy, M&A brand integration, enterprise transformation and repositioning.

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Governance and enablement

Brand governance and decision frameworks, executive and leadership messaging, internal brand engagement, and content standards that hold up in an AI-assisted production environment.

4

Global and cultural adaptation

Adapting positioning across markets, cultures, and generations while holding a consistent global identity, including cultural storytelling and localization of enterprise messaging.

Engagements are scoped to the decision at hand. Some clients need a positioning platform in six weeks ahead of a funding round or a close. Others need a full architecture review across a portfolio of acquired companies.

Challenges We Help Solve

Clients usually call us when they recognize one of these:

- Sales, HR, and investor relations each describe the company differently, and prospects notice.
- The business has changed materially, but the positioning hasn't caught up.
- Post-acquisition, you're maintaining multiple brands and explaining all of them.
- You win on capability once you're in the room, but lose earlier, on perception.
- Content volume has increased sharply, and quality control hasn't kept pace.
- AI tools and search summaries describe your company in ways you wouldn't.
- The leadership team can't articulate the strategy the same way twice.

The Value We Deliver

A resolved enterprise story does measurable work:

- **Shorter path to a qualified conversation.** Prospects arrive understanding what you do and why it matters, instead of needing it explained.
- **Faster content cycles.** Clear architecture and governance mean fewer review rounds and less rework across marketing, sales, and communications.
- **Aligned leadership.** Executives tell the same story in board meetings, all-hands, analyst briefings, and customer conversations.
- **Reusable inputs.** Positioning that feeds directly into RFP responses, recruiting materials, investor decks, and reputation management.
- **Accurate representation.** A consistent, well-structured public record that AI systems and search engines can summarize correctly.

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Natalia Torres is a senior marketing, brand, and communications executive with more than two decades of experience helping organizations strengthen market positioning, navigate transformation, and build enterprise brands that drive business performance.

She has led enterprise brand strategy, integrated marketing, communications, and reputation initiatives inside major organizations including Boeing and City of Hope, advising executive leadership through growth, M&A, organizational transformation, and enterprise repositioning. Her experience spans aerospace and defense, healthcare, technology, manufacturing, and professional services.

Natalia specializes in translating business strategy into clear market positioning, aligned stakeholder communications, and enterprise brand systems that hold up over time.

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