

# The Two Brains Framework

Humans don't function with one brain hemisphere, we need both and they must work toward each other, not away from each other. Same applies to companies.

## THE FRAMEWORK

### Brain 1 · Operational Intelligence

Product, pricing, distribution, efficiency. Measurable in quarters. AI is making it faster to copy.

### Brain 2 · Meaning Intelligence

Narrative, belief, the reason a market trusts and buys from one company before another.

- *Brain 1: is what everyone does during the holding period.*
- *Brain 2: is what determines the price when it's over.*

"You stop pushing distribution. Distribution starts pulling you. That's when you know."

## THE DATA

- 414%** Shareholder returns for strong brands over 17 years vs. the S&P 500
- 92%** Of S&P 500 market value is intangible today, up from 8% in 1975
- 81%** Of B2B buyers know their preferred brand before procurement begins
- 10x** Effectiveness differential: long-term brand vs. short-term activation
- 6.6yrs** Average PE holding period today, a record high

## WHERE THE SEQUENCE HAS PRODUCED RESULTS

- Maurten** Partner/Brand Lead · 50 MSEK to 3.5 BSEK · One of two brands ever permitted inside Nike stores
- Volontaire** Co-Founder · Cannes Lions Grand Prix +100 awards · Top independent creative agency 2011–2015
- Sprintcrowd** Partner/CMO · 0 to 100+ MSEK · Salesforce, Tata, Fujitsu, Swedbank, King, Joe & The Juice, EY
- Marcel Paris** Co-Builder alongside Fred Raillard & Farid Mokart · 6 to 200 employees in < 2 years

## 3 WAYS IN

### Brain 2 Diagnostic

One company, two to three hours.  
You leave knowing where the gap is and what it's worth to close it.

### Strategic Partnership

Embedded 6-18 months building  
Brain 2 from the inside. Aligned  
through equity and outcome.

### Portfolio Diagnostic

Same assessment across entire  
portfolio. Investor-ready report  
within 2-3 weeks.



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“Markets don't reward the best company, they reward the one that feels inevitable.”