# Chief Executives for Corporate Purpose® The Power of Purpose The value of CECP



# Introduction Daryl Brewster, CEO



Welcome, colleagues, to our 25th Anniversary edition of "The Power of Purpose: The Value of CECP". We're particularly excited to bring you the latest on the substantial business growth and value-building returns that accrue to purpose-driven companies.

#### First let me talk a little about our take on corporate purpose and why we care.

Purpose has been broadly defined as the reason a company exists beyond making a profit. CECP takes issue with this relatively outdated definition because it implies that purpose is a decoupled and philanthropic consideration independent of profit. Rather, the interdependency of profit and purpose is handily supported by extensive research. Data indicate the exponential Power of Purpose to help companies drive hard and soft returns precisely because they set forth a vision of a better world.

It is no longer enough for companies to compete successfully with a textbook positioning around **what** they do. Now it is imperative that they compete for strong success metrics-for example, attracting and retaining talent and a loyal consumer base-by making it clear **why** it is important to society that they exist.

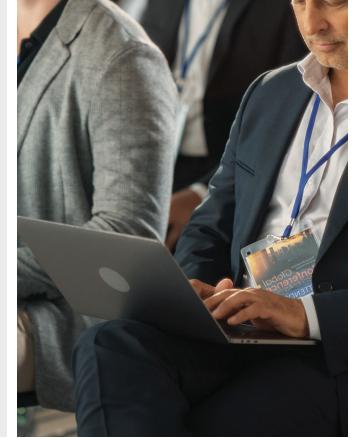
Let's review some compelling data points that reflect the benefits that accrue to companies that address the "virtuous circle" of the purpose-related needs of their shareholders, talent, and consumers. For example, brands with a defined purpose to improve quality of life outperform the stock market by 120% (Interbrand). And the valuation of purpose-led brands has surged by 175% over the past 12 years, versus a growth rate of just 70% for brands uncertain of their purpose. (Kantar)

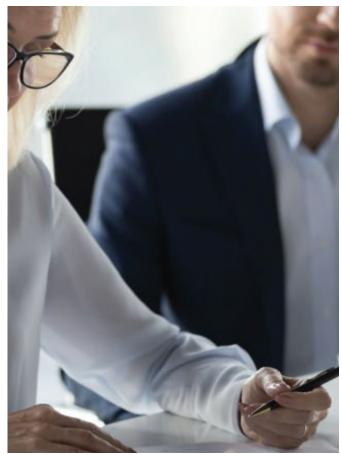
I extend to you my warmest invitation to join us on your purpose journey!

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# CECP and the Power of Purpose

### Talent and the Power of Purpose

The fortunes of companies rise and fall on the quality of their talent. With unemployment at historic lows, job openings at record highs, and more people voluntarily leaving their jobs than ever before, the competition for top talent has never been more fierce. Purpose is key to fighting the war for top talent: Eighty-three percent of Gen Z in the US consider a company's purpose when deciding where to work. (Cone/Porter Novelli).

## **Consumers** and the Power of Purpose

In a world of similar products and services, purpose is the gateway to the powerful differentiation and value-add for which customers are looking. Consumers are more likely to have a positive image of (89%), trust in (86%), and loyalty to (83%) brands that lead with purpose. Also, 79% of consumers say they feel a deeper personal connection to companies with values like to their own. Seventy-two percent say they feel it is more important than ever to buy from companies that reflect their values. (Cone/Porter Novelli).

### **CECP** and the Power of Purpose

At this point, we hope you are beginning to rethink purpose, as being purpose-driven is critical to optimal business success and value creation for 21<sup>st</sup> century companies. Given its importance, CECP has custom built the only business counsel dedicated to helping companies effectively and efficiently pursue their purpose agendas. In this document you will read about the advanced solutions we offer to help you reap the full rewards of a rich and enriching purpose journey. At the heart of CECP is our network of like-minded, purposedriven CEOs. It's a powerful and empowering network where some of the most influential global corporate leaders rub shoulders to discuss and build on each other's success storiesand secrets.

A few facts and figures about our network–one of the largest peer networks comprising **200+** of the world's biggest companies, representing:

## 10

Industries

\$7.7 trillion Revenues

\$21 trillion Assets Under Management

\$37.4 billion

14 million Employees

# About CECP The Power of our CEO-led Network



aim to make a positive impact on the communities we serve. The support CECP provides me and my CEO peers has been very valuable in that mission, particularly as we've all navigated common challenges over the last few years."

"As business leaders, we

Fran Horowitz CEO, Abercrombie & Fitch Co.

"Business can be a powerful, undeniable force for good. As supporters of CECP, you are a key part of this equation – a powerful catalyst, encouraging the kind of corporate leadership that embraces a vision of making a difference that goes far beyond our balance sheets in earnings."

Ken Frazier

Chairman Health Assurance Initiatives, General Catalyst; Former Chairman & CEO, Merck



**About CECP** The Power of our CEO-led Network

Purpose consists of tangible frameworks, data, strategies, and goal setting.

Over 25 years, CECP has developed the gold standard roadmap to purpose, and affiliation with CECP delivers access to this knowledge.

CECP works with CEOs and leaders in corporate responsibility, sustainability, foundations, investor relations, finance, legal, and communications, and develops actionable insights with our CEO-led network to address shareholder and stakeholder purpose-related needs.

• Insights at scale: We have 5,000+ annual leading research and actionable insights to

• **Convening power**: We bring together a network of 2,500+ CEOs and corporate leaders to share insights, experiences, and solutions with peers.

• We carefully monitor the success and salience of the network in a loyalty feedback loop: Typically, 90% of companies renew their annual affiliation with CECP and 63% of companies have been affiliated with CECP for more than 10+ years.

# What we do Services & Benefits

CECP's purpose is to unleash the power of corporate purpose. We offer network companies a rich array of powerful and proprietary solutions in five areas, across five Centers of Excellence:



# What we Do Solution Areas

## 1. Strategy and Benchmarking

Includes Accelerators, Benchmarking Models and Tools, and Fast-Track Consulting. Our global benchmarking, strategy, and insight solutions are the most authoritative source of information on the status of responsible business.

# 2. Research and Insights

Includes Pulse Surveys, Giving in Numbers<sup>™</sup>, Investing in *Society*, and *Global Impact at Scale*. Our array of knowledge and expertise is unmatched in scope and depth. Collectively, our talented professional team delivers this compendium to fully equip the F1000 for exponential returns on their purpose investments.

# 3. Convenings & Communications Includes CECP's Summit, Board of Boards, CEO Investor Forum, in person and virtual Roundtables, and Accelerators. Our invitation-only, peer-led convenings of senior executives foster knowledge exchanges and accelerate purpose strategies and impact. CECP spotlights excellence in corporate purpose through our communications channels and counsel.

# 4. Advanced Opportunities Includes **custom advisory** and **research projects** for network companies to research, build out, measure, lead, and communicate around purpose.

# 5. The CEO Network

Includes amplification, thought leadership, networking opportunities, and strategy support to help set the tone from the top that purpose is paramount.

Strategy and Benchmarking includes **briefs and frameworks** on essential topics and support by subject matter experts. Benchmarking is available by request or on demand on MyCECP, which also offers access to high-quality benchmarking data and company-specific information on selected topics.

# What we Do 1. Strategy and Benchmarking

# Strategy services include:

- 1. Unlimited fast-track consulting and strategy support when you need it
- Access CECP's robust data set through proprietary measurement and reporting tools, as well as research and subject matter expertise.
- Use our data, resources, and materials to inform your meetings and presentations to Boards, Councils, or Executive Leadership teams.
- Access real-time trends, models, case studies, and best practices to inform strategic decision making, either by emailing or calling us or online through our MyCECP Knowledge and Data Centers.
- Help defend budgets or gain buy-in from leadership to grow programs and make a bigger impact.
- Support goal setting, strategies, scorecard, and KPI development.

2. Customized assessments for long-term value creation

- Integrated Long-Term Disclosure Assessment: We analyze and assess your company's public disclosures against CECP's Integrated Long-Term Plan framework, highlighting areas of opportunity and strengths.
- **ESG Company Snapshot:** We deliver a highlevel synopsis of your company's performance on material ESG issues (powered by Bloomberg data).

#### 3. Global Exchange network for global perspective

• We foster relationships and data-sharing with 18 country/region-based corporate societal engagement organizations.





# What we Do 1. Strategy and Benchmarking (continued)

# Benchmarking services include:

- 1. Customized benchmarking when you need it
  - We draw from our *Giving in Numbers*<sup>TM</sup> data to deliver customized benchmarking and in-depth analyses on corporate societal investment: community investments, employee engagement, operations, measurement, and evaluation.
  - includes NEW employee engagement and DEI benchmarks.
  - Corporate leaders use our benchmarking data to monitor their year-over-year performance on key metrics and to draw comparisons against peers, gaining insights, making program improvements, or advocating for budget and staffing level adjustments.
  - Benchmarking is available on request or self-serve via the MyCECP portal.

#### 2. How benchmarking insights help you create value

- Present your company's historical contributions in preparation for budget discussions.
- Contextualize corporate contributions within broader industry and peer group trends to identify alignments and differences.
- Highlight opportunities for new corporate community investment.
- Recommend new employee engagement programs or policies.
- Make a business case for increased levels or types of investment.





# Employee Engagement

- Volunteering by program type, average participation rates, time-off policies
- Pro Bono Services
- Matching Gifts by program type, policies, and participation rates

# **Our Benchmarking Categories**

## Operations

- Community Investments Staffing Trends: titles, reporting departments, and number of full-time employees
- Management and **Program Costs**
- Foundations: prevalence

### Community Investments

• **Giving** by funding type: foundation cash, direct cash, and non-cash

 Program Areas including DEI and disaster response

Priority Focus Area

International Investment

## Measurement & Evaluation

 Trends in Measurement **Priorities**: scope

 Measuring to Manage: metrics and reporting practices

 Measurement of Business Value: perceived benefit to employees, brand, and customer,

# What we Do 2. Research and Insights

Collectively, our talented professional team delivers an unmatched array of knowledge to fully equip the F1000 for exponential returns on their purpose investments. Research and Insights include Pulse Surveys, Giving in Numbers<sup>™</sup>, Investing in Society, and Global Impact at Scale.

#### We produce two types of reports:

- **1. Annual reports**: These are industry-leading research reports of the corporate purpose landscape with actionable insights to transform your corporate purpose work:
- Giving In Numbers: In partnership with companies, the unrivaled leader in benchmarking reporting on corporate social investments. It is a collection of data shared by more than 600 multi-billion-dollar companies, representing more than \$439 billion in total community investments
- Global Impact at Scale: Captures insights into global company actions related to purpose issues, community, and society.
- Investing in Society. Reflects on the state of corporate purpose through purpose-driven and sustainable business performance.
- 2. Topical reports and Issue Briefs across CECP's Centers of Excellence: These cover trends. best practices, reporting and measurement tools, proprietary frameworks, peer insights and knowledge sharing, and other resources to transform your corporate purpose work, including:
  - Corporate Foundations, Shared Resilience, Developing Business Champions, Return on Purpose, Worker Wellbeing in a Time of Crisis.

#### Weekly Pulse Surveys capture and analyze the sentiment of our network:

• Recent topics include the disaster response, ESG backlash, civic engagement, and virtual volunteering.

# What we Do 3. Convening & Communications

We convene several important meetings each year to bring together leaders from the world's largest companies who drive social investment strategies with experts on priority topic areas. Our invitation-only, peer-led convenings of senior executives foster knowledge exchanges and accelerate purpose strategies and impact. Key convenings include CECP's Summit, Board of Boards, CEO Investor Forum, CEO Roundtables, and Accelerators.

## 1. CECP Summit

companies' role as a force for good in society.

# 2. CECP Board of Boards

Board of Boards provides a distinct opportunity best-in-class gathering of 50 of the world's leading CEOs includes case studies, networking,

### Featured CEO speakers have included Sara Armbruster, Steelcase; Mark Clouse, Campbell Soup Company;

Joanne C. Crevoiserat, Tapestry; and Ken Frazier, Merck.

# 3. CECP CEO Investor Forum

Integrated Long-Term Plans.

• Getting the Most out of *Giving in Numbers* Innovation in STEM & Workforce

## 4. CEO Roundtables

on a quarterly basis to share insights, experiences, and solutions. Recent speakers include Alan Murray, Fortune; Joe Ucuzoglu, Deloitte; and Richard Edelman, Edelman.

### 5. Accelerators

Accelerators offer deep dives into fundamentals asynchronous learning through a chat board

#### Upcoming topics include:

# What we Do 3. Convening & Communications (continued)



We celebrate the good work of companies, connecting the trends with the case studies of corporate purpose in action. In addition, we work behind the scenes with companies to hone their communications strategies, merging corporate purpose and brand to tell the full story of the company.

#### Communications services include:

- Media partnerships and ads
- Content creation and amplification
- Thought leadership and recognition
- Communication audits



# **Opportunities include:**

**Company Spotlights** 

Charlie Award

Force for Good Award

Speaking opportunities

Fortune special advertising section

Connections to top-tier reporters

Social media amplification

# What we Do 4. Advanced Opportunities



"We were pleased with the work provided by the awesome CECP team. The organization's commitment to excellence was apparent in all deliverables and interactions. CECP provided beneficial insights, great presentations to our team and the foundation board, and very thorough data deliverables with respect to the company interviews. Thank you for your partnership!"

Senior Leader, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion at a Fortune 500 financial company

Using proprietary frameworks and knowledge, we develop customized advisory projects for companies to build, operationalize, communicate, and measure their purpose strategies in these areas:

2. Sponsored Research Services We offer companies and foundations opportunities to partner with us on research projects that meet their needs, advance the corporate purpose movement. and:

CECP also offers the option for companies to retain CECP for a set number of hours for ongoing strategic advisory support. Additional fees are associated with Advanced Opportunities. Please contact: info@cecp.co.

### **1. Advanced Advisory Services**

• Expanded benchmarking • Strategy review and facilitation Measurement advisement Communications strategy and assessment • Strategic program advisement

 Demonstrate corporate thought leadership • Contribute to a synthesis of research to advance the field

• Share learnings with network peers

Shareholders and stakeholders are asking companies fundamental questions about their impact and purpose. The power and influence of corporate leaders combined with the resources of CECP is a force to be reckoned with. We believe in the **power** of purpose to transform businesses and society alike.

# What we Do 5. The CEO Network

## Why engage CEOs? Simply put: Purpose is that important.

CECP has carefully integrated into its offering multiple opportunities for CEOs to hear, learn, and share the best advice and counsel about purpose. These opportunities center around: Insights, Amplification, Thought Leadership, and Strategy.

## Insights

- **CEO Calls**: We host one-on-one calls between CEOs and/or C-Suites with CECP's CEO and/or Executive Leadership Team to discuss leadership and advocacy and how to optimize your company's purpose journey, drawing from CECP
- and our Centers of Excellence.
- **CEO Purpose Weekly**: CECP's CEO shares the latest and most up-to-date resources on corporate purpose leadership.
- Insights Blog: CECP's hub for thought leadership on top-of-mind and evergreen topics related to

# Thought Leadership

- Trend Talks: We work with you to author or record Trend Talks on various topics and share these talks via CECP's communications channels.
- Articles & Op-Eds: We help you place pieces in top-tier influential media outlets, including Harvard Business Review, Financial Times, Wall Street Journal, and Fortune.

# Amplification

- Forums.

# <u>St</u>rategy

• **Summit:** Join a CEO panel at CECP's convening of nearly 300 senior corporate leaders who drive social strategies at the world's largest companies.

Partner Events: Be included in agendas at relevant partner events (e.g., Social Innovation

**Convenings**: Attend or speak at our CEO Roundtables, Board of Boards, and CEO Investor

Custom Purpose Presentations: We prepare custom decks so you can share our data and insights. Examples of topics include driving purpose from the top down and strategy refresh for community investment budgets.

• Integrated Long-Term Plan: We help you develop your company's growth, strategy, and risk plan, 3-5 years out.

• **Transformation:** We help you transform your purpose strategy with insights, benchmarking





# In Conclusion Power of Purpose

Leading companies understand that purpose is the route to solve many challenges and seize multiple opportunities. We're the only purpose-focused counsel and network dedicated to enabling companies to address these challenges and opportunities, with custom-built skills, knowledge, and solutions.

CECP understands that CEOs and their corporate purpose leaders are under constant pressure to demonstrate how their work is making a positive impact on the business. Their unique role is to align processes, systems, and cultures to make their businesses work harder at a time of increasing competition and performance demands from all sides. Those demands have evolved to include a robust understanding and declaration of why the enterprise exists in terms of its impact on communities and the planet.

Leaders don't have to do this alone. We provide an exclusive and dedicated support network to answer questions and seize opportunities inherent in successful purpose journeys.

This is our unwavering focus.

We invite you to join CECP and your fellow F1000 leaders to harness the Power of Purpose.

# **CECP** Affiliate members

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