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Ripple Effects of Leadership Transitions

1. Slower Decision Making

When a leader changes, everything resets, teams must learn how the new executive thinks, what they value, and how to get answers quickly. This significantly slows decisions and output, and the company may feel sluggish for a year or more.



2. Cross-Functional Misalignment

Consumer brands depend on tight coordination between departments. When a leadership change disrupts that alignment, the result is a series of small misalignments that compound over time, marketing may scale back a campaign, or product may delay a launch.



3. Brand Inconsistency

A leadership transition puts pressure on brand consistency. A new executive brings a different perspective on what the brand should stand for, and minor differences in instinct can create inconsistencies in campaigns, product positioning, and retail execution over time.



4. Employee Confidence and Retention

Employees may start questioning where they fit into the company's future, becoming more cautious, waiting for approval, and holding back ideas. High-performing employees with strong ties to departing leaders may reconsider whether the organization still offers what they want.



5. Lost Momentum

Delayed decision-making, misaligned teams, disengaged employees, and inconsistent brand representations are each manageable alone, but these disruptions compound over weeks and months. Since consumer brands' work is continuous, missed launch windows and lost employees can leave you falling behind competitors.



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