# The regenerative power of family businesses:

Transgenerational entrepreneurship

# **Global family business report**

**Country benchmarking data — Canada** 

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### INTRODUCTION

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Any family businesses are continuing to successfully navigate the challenges of the pandemic, while also embracing new challenges and opportunities to take their businesses in bold new directions. They are keeping their founder's entrepreneurial spirit alive. And they are developing new capabilities to continuously create value and maintain a sustainable competitive advantage from generation to generation.

The STEP Project Global Consortium and KPMG Private Enterprise came to together to explore the reasons behind this "regenerative superpower" of family businesses, with data collected from 2,439 family business leaders in an in-depth survey conducted in 70 countries between September and November 2021.

In this country benchmarking report, we highlight important characteristics of family businesses such as their entrepreneurial capabilities and the family's identification and emotional attachment to the business, which contribute to their financial, social and family performance. This report makes it possible for you to compare your family business characteristics with others in your own country and or jurisdiction as well as those across Europe, the Americas, Asia Pacific and Middle East & Africa.

By comparing your business with others in your country and around the world, you have the opportunity to identify areas for improvement as well as those areas where you may already have a competitive advantage to sustain.

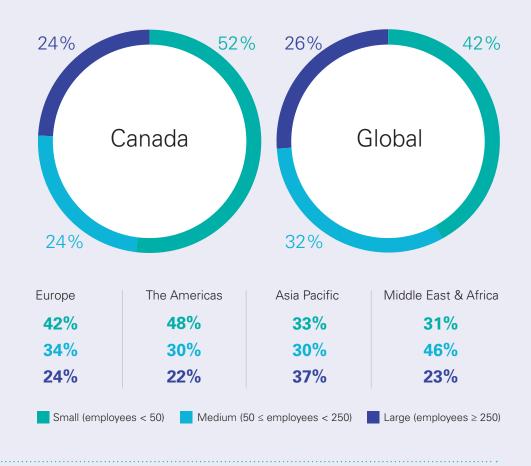
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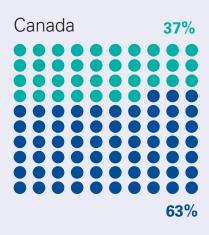
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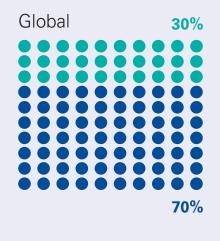
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How many businesses do you operate?







Middle East & Africa

28% 72%

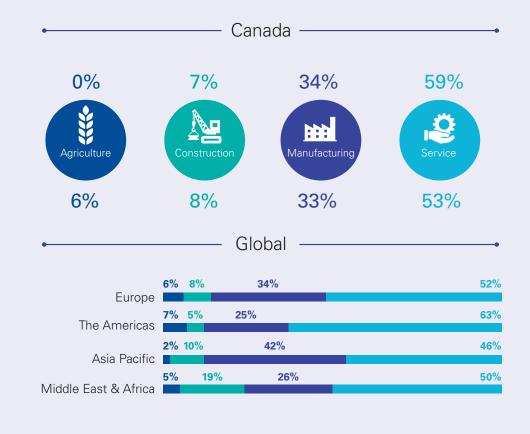
Europe	The Americas	Asia Pacific
25%	37%	<b>29%</b>
75%	<b>63%</b>	71%
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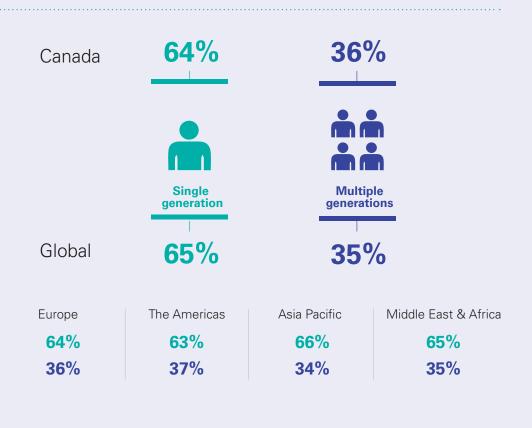
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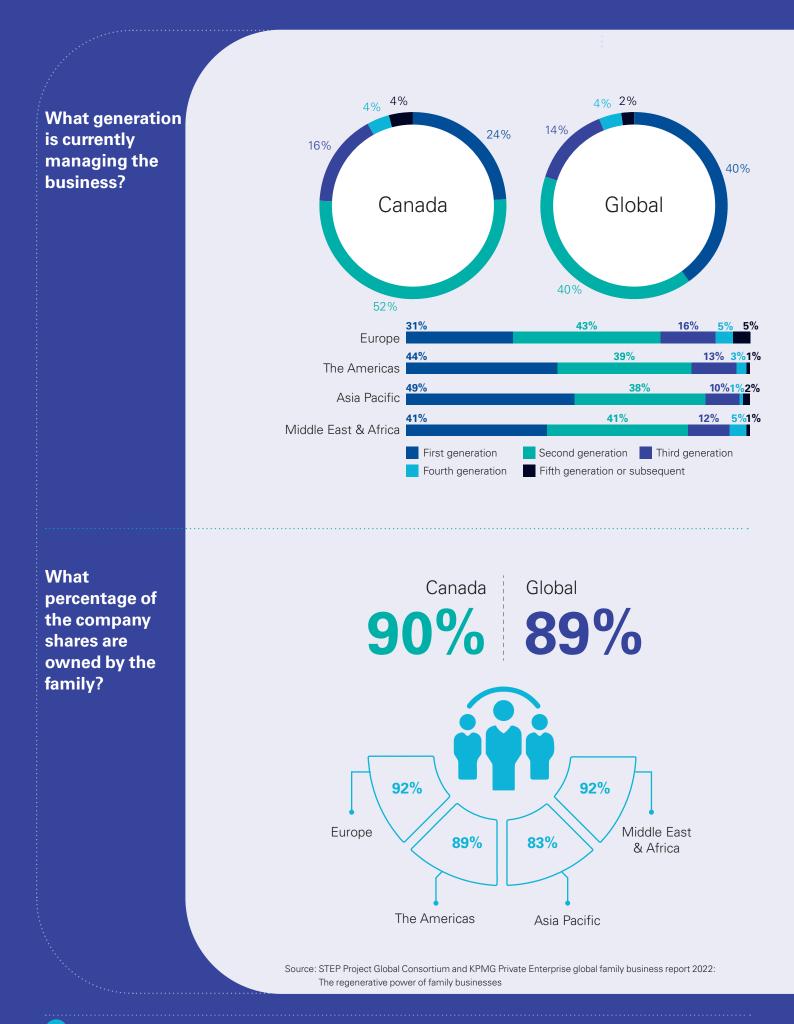


How many generations are currently active in the business?



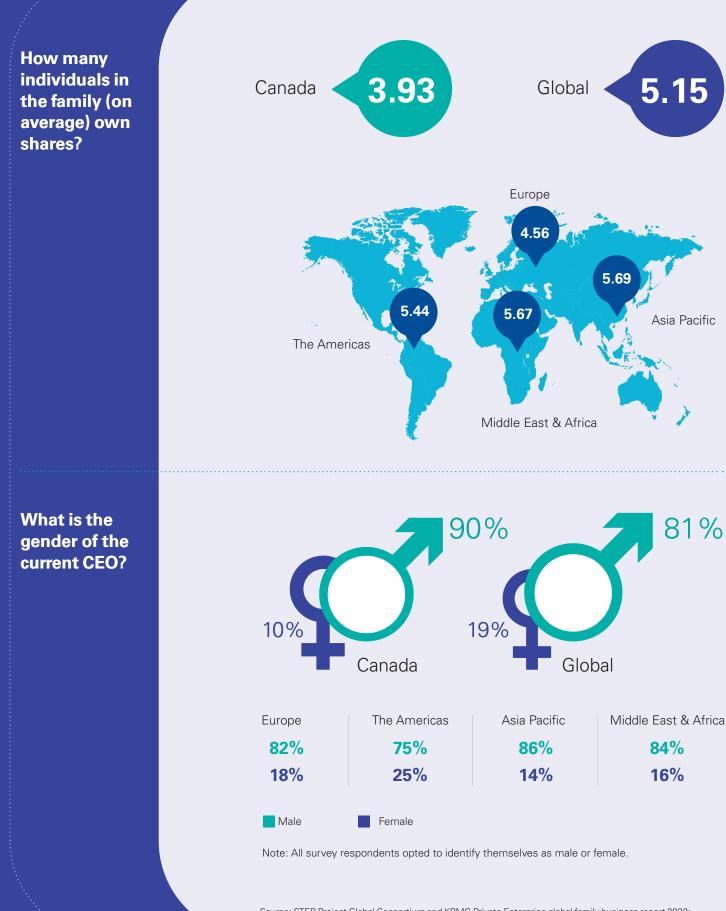


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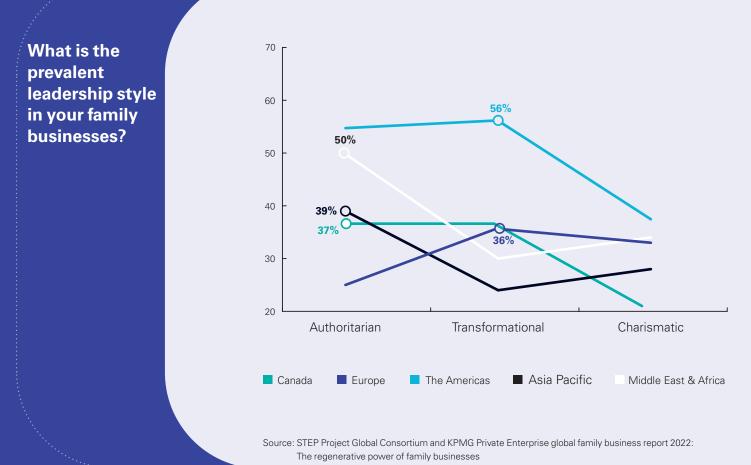
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# **Preferred leadership styles**

Leaders have a direct influence on the prevailing culture and strategies of family businesses. No leader has only one style of leading, and it changes depending on the age and stage of the business and the economic, social and business environment.

Three leadership styles and their prevalence in family businesses are highlighted below:

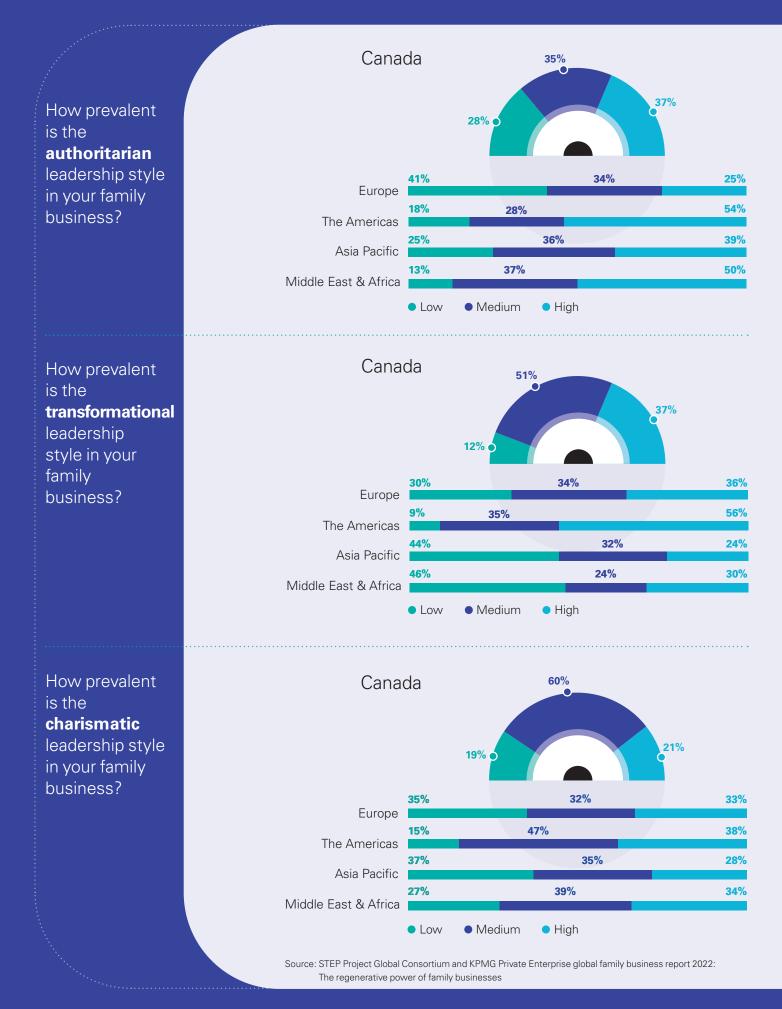
- Authoritarian paternalistic and reflected in powerful authority, consideration for subordinates and moral leadership
- Transformational the ability to transform or change the basic values, beliefs and attitudes of followers so they are willing to perform beyond expectations
- **Charismatic** the ability to motivate and inspire followers who show trust in the leader, a sense of collective identity and empowerment.



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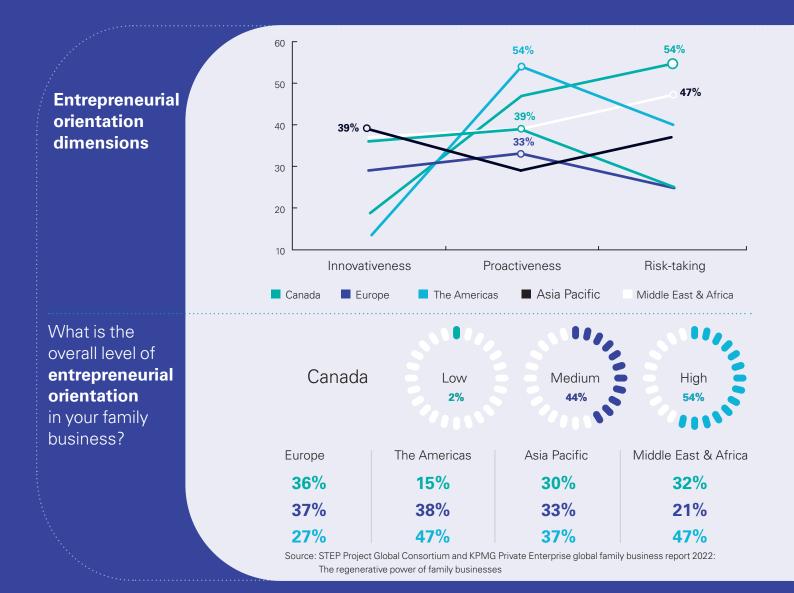
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# The entrepreneurial capability of family businesses

Continuous entrepreneurialism is a source of sustained competitive advantage in family businesses because it is built on two factors that are difficult to imitate: the capabilities and resources of the family itself and the company's entrepreneurial heritage. Entrepreneurial orientation has three main dimensions:

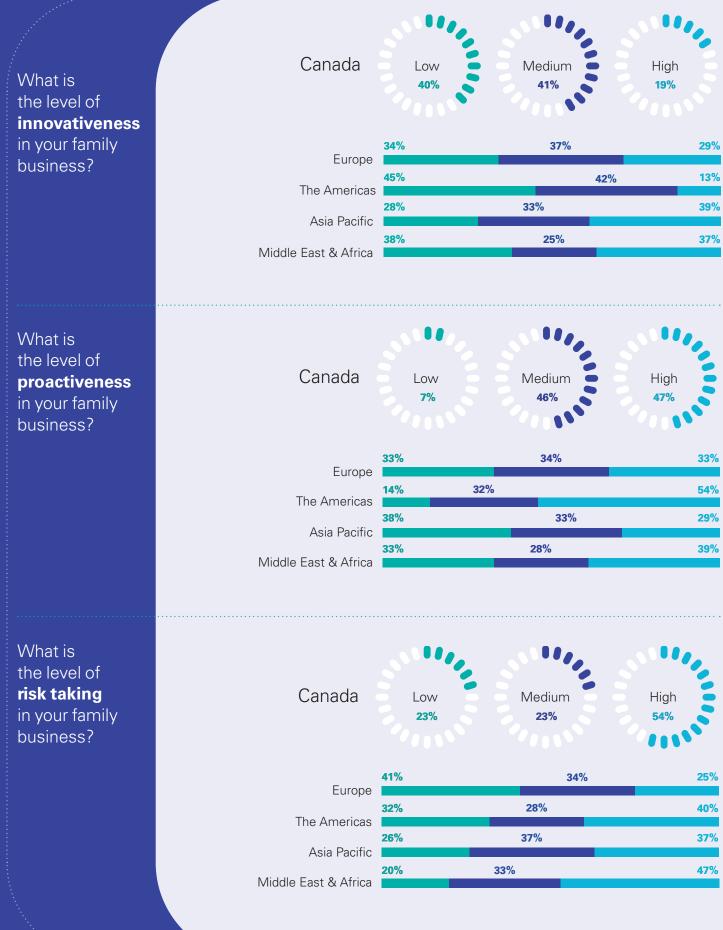
- Innovativeness the propensity to invest in the research and development of new products and services and operating practices
- **Proactiveness** the ability to seize new opportunities, anticipate future market demand and shape the competitive environment expectations
- Risk taking the company's propensity to take large risks that may also have high potential returns.

Overall levels of entrepreneurialism and in each of the three dimensions are highlighted below.



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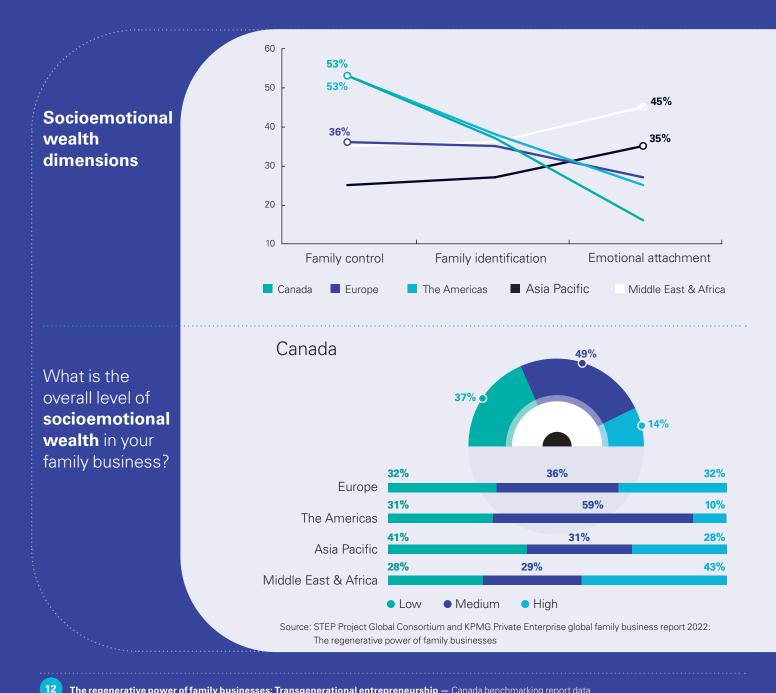
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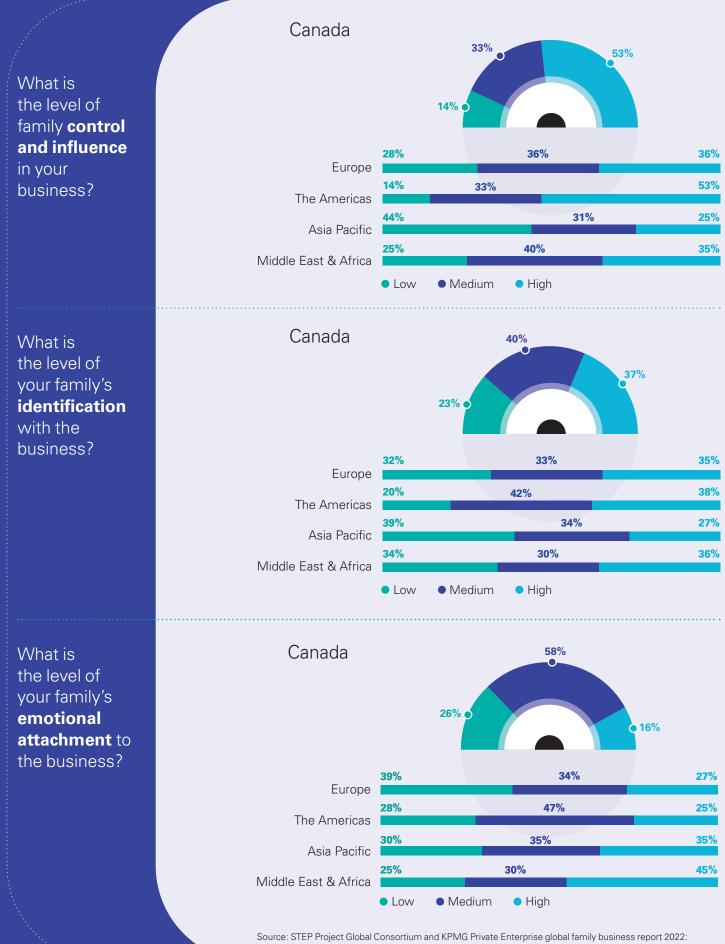
# Family control and influence

A second important factor for sustaining continuous entrepreneurship is the family's "socioemotional wealth" — the emotional value that the family derive from owning and managing the business.

Socioemotional wealth reflects the unique ways in which families look at problems and how their actions might be affected by three important characteristics: the family's control and influence, their identification with the family business and their emotional attachment.



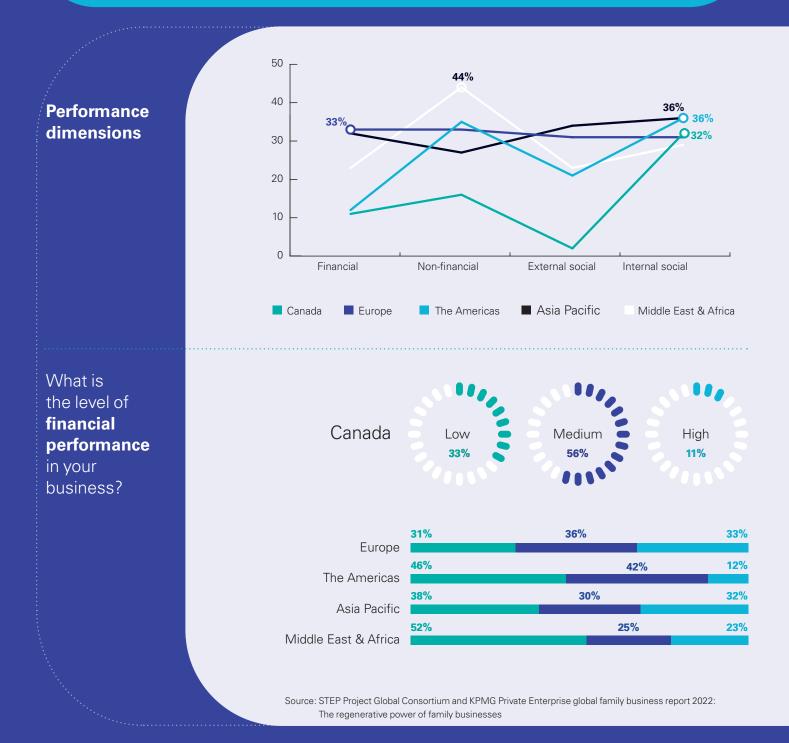
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# **Measures of success**

Strong financial results are important for the sustainability of family businesses. However, maintaining the founder's vision, a culture of entrepreneurialism and a reputation as responsible owners are equally important measures that are captured in four areas of performance: **non-financial** (family loyalty and support), **internal social** (such as innovative/diverse hiring practices); **external social** (such as environmental impact); as well as **financial** results.



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# Supporting entrepreneurial capabilities through good governance

Good governance can enhance the entrepreneurial orientation of family businesses by providing the checks and balances needed to exploit new opportunities, while also recognizing and managing potential risks.



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