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AI-Native Commercial Excellence Playbook (Pricing, Pipeline, Customer Intelligence)

A method for embedding AI-driven pricing, pipeline intelligence, and customer signals directly into the core commercial operating rhythm.

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Overview

Rebuild pricing, pipeline management, and customer intelligence around AI-native signals, moving commercial teams from static reports to real-time, model-driven decisions.

Why start with pricing rather than pipeline forecasting or customer intelligence?

Pricing usually has the clearest, fastest-measurable P&L link — a margin percentage point is easy for finance to validate — and pricing decisions happen frequently enough (per quote) to generate override data quickly. Pipeline and customer intelligence are equally valid starting points if a model already exists there and pricing doesn't.

What if the sales or pricing team resists the auto-apply guardrail?

Start the threshold deliberately conservative so the team experiences the model being right more often than they expected, and make override reason codes visible to the team, not punitive — the goal in the pilot phase is learning where the model is weak, not enforcing compliance.

How do we know if the guardrail threshold is set correctly?

Watch the override rate on auto-apply-eligible cases during the pilot. Above roughly 30% suggests the model or the threshold needs recalibration; a rate trending down over the 6-8 week pilot as the team builds trust is the sign the system is working as intended.

Can this run across multiple commercial domains at once?

It's built to be sequenced deliberately — one domain at a time for the first cycle — because each domain has different system owners and a different frontline team to change-manage. Running all three simultaneously the first time dilutes the change-management attention each one needs.

What's the single most common reason these pilots fail?

The signal never gets embedded in the tool the commercial team already uses. A model output living in a separate dashboard, however accurate, consistently loses to the CRM or quoting tool the rep already has open — embedding into the existing workflow is not optional, it's the step that determines adoption.

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