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Board-Level Strategy Oversight & Activist Preparedness Playbook

Ensuring the board's strategic oversight is strong enough to withstand outside scrutiny before an activist ever shows up

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Overview

A framework for strengthening board-level strategic oversight proactively — the same rigor that makes a company resilient to activist investor campaigns — rather than only tightening governance reactively once an activist has already appeared.

Is this relevant if we're not a public company, or a likely activist

target? The underlying discipline — genuine board-level strategic oversight rather than management deference — improves decision quality regardless of activist risk, though the activist-specific preparedness elements are most relevant to public companies or those anticipating a future listing.

How is this different from the Board Strategy Committee & Governance

Playbook? That playbook designs the committee mandate and cadence. This one is specifically about the substance and rigor of oversight — testing whether the board would actually catch the kind of strategic gaps an activist investor's own analysis would surface, before one does.

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