
APPLIED PERSPECTIVE 04 · COMPLEX B2B

VALUE JUSTIFICATION

Building an internally defensible customer business case

A MULTILENNIUM BUSINESS APPLICATION

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VALUE MUST SURVIVE INTERNAL SCRUTINY.

A solution becomes more decision-ready when impact, assumptions, risk and ownership can withstand cross-functional scrutiny.

Customers may understand the offer and still be unable to support the decision inside their organisation.

The task is to help build a transparent, customer-owned case – not to manufacture certainty.



BUSINESS IMPACT

Outcome · relevance · baseline



ECONOMICS

Cost · cash flow · alternatives



ASSUMPTIONS

Source · owner · validation



RISK

Operational · supplier · compliance



EXECUTION

Capacity · timing · adoption



EVIDENCE

Strength · traceability · unknowns

ONE DECISION. MULTIPLE PROOF STANDARDS.

Internal support grows when each stakeholder can test the same case from a relevant perspective.



One case becomes credible when its evidence remains coherent across these perspectives.

PROPOSAL SENT ≠ BUSINESS CASE READY

Commercial documents are visible. Internal defensibility often is not.

WHAT THE SELLER SEES

-  01 Proposal
-  02 ROI headline
-  03 Sponsor interest
-  04 Commercial negotiation
-  05 Target close date



WHAT THE CUSTOMER STILL RESOLVES

-  01 Credible baseline
-  02 Shared assumptions
-  03 Cross-functional ownership
-  04 Risk and alternative comparison
-  05 Implementation readiness

MORE DETAIL DOES NOT REPAIR AN UNTESTED CASE.

FOUR CONDITIONS OF AN INTERNALLY DEFENSIBLE CASE

Four public conditions with broad relevance across complex B2B decisions.



CONDITION 01

Evidence Quality

Are facts, customer inputs and external evidence traceable – with assumptions clearly separated?



CONDITION 02

Assumption Transparency

Can stakeholders see what must be true, who owns each assumption and how it will be tested?



CONDITION 03

Cross-Functional Defensibility

Can Finance, Operations, Procurement and other roles support the case from their own responsibilities?



CONDITION 04

Implementation Readiness

Is the change executable with realistic dependencies, capacity, ownership and adoption conditions?

FROM VALUE HYPOTHESIS TO DEFENSIBLE CASE

Build the case with the customer – do not present a finished answer.



OPERATING
RULE

No false precision. Customer assumptions require customer validation; material decisions remain human-owned.

WHAT CHANGES IN VALUE SELLING

Move from proving the offer to helping the customer defend the decision.

CURRENT LOGIC

01	Feature benefits
02	One ROI number
03	Champion advocacy
04	Late risk response
05	Price defence
06	Business case ends at signature



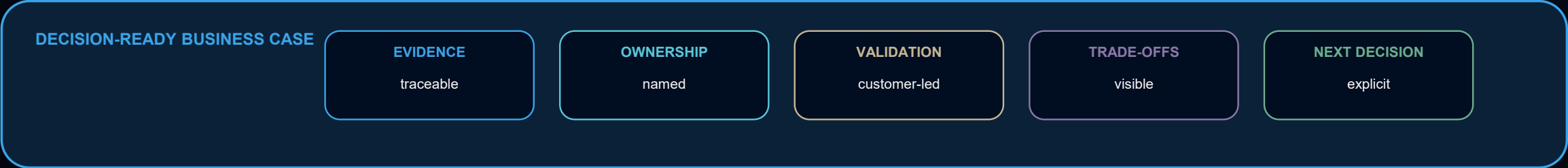
CUSTOMER-OWNED LOGIC

01	Customer outcome and baseline
02	Transparent assumptions and scenarios
03	Cross-functional evidence ownership
04	Early trade-off and dependency testing
05	Internal decision defensibility
06	Realised value and learning

The goal is a transparent, decision-ready business case—supported by a spreadsheet or dashboard the customer can explain, challenge and own.

FROM VALUE HYPOTHESIS TO A DECISION-READY BUSINESS CASE

A spreadsheet or dashboard becomes useful when evidence, assumptions, scenarios, ownership and implementation conditions remain visible.



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WHERE DOES YOUR CUSTOMER BUSINESS CASE LOSE SUPPORT TODAY?

A strong offer still stalls when the internal case is incomplete.

- 01 Is value understood – but the baseline or assumptions remain disputed?
- 02 Is the sponsor convinced – but Finance, Operations or Procurement are not aligned?
- 03 Is price challenged because risk, alternatives or implementation remain unresolved?

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