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**How we can help**

Family office advisory professionals can help you unlock the development potential of your family and your future, particularly in the following areas:

- Developing a family charter
- Creating a family mission statement
- Designing a family council and committees, such as investment, education or philanthropic committees
- Planning for succession
- Building business and strategic plans
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Family charter

Each charter is customized, matching the unique nature of the family it supports. This document should be the base upon which everything else is built.

Family meetings

Preparing and facilitating family meetings include defining the agenda, speakers, education, logistics and so forth.

Family governance

This includes defining the family council, investment committee, philanthropic committee and other governing entities. What committees will exist, who will be on them, what will they work on and how will they make decisions?

Family education

Many families consider family intellect a key part of their legacy, focusing on education at all stages of life. These plans encompass formal education and mentoring for younger members, as well as ongoing enrichment for older generations.

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