

IDENTIFICATION & DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH POTENTIALS AT BLUE STAR



BLUE STAR

ABOUT

Blue Star is a leader in air conditioning and commercial refrigeration delivering innovative, energy-efficient cooling solutions. With a strong legacy, Blue Star ensures comfort and reliability for homes and businesses through cutting-edge technology.

THE CHALLENGE

When key leaders in an organization depart or retire, there is a great risk of disruption and instability. With a robust succession planning in place, organizations can easily counter this risk. Hence, the need for this intervention emerged out of a pressing organizational requirement: to

strengthen leadership succession planning and talent development.

Blue Star partnered with InspireOne to improve their talent pipeline by proactively mitigating risks associated with leadership vacancies by developing a group of adept successors primed to

step into pivotal roles. Moreover, by expediting the growth of select High Potentials (HiPos) in the Grade M4-M6 range, Blue Star aimed to address the urgent requirement for accelerated leadership development.

CASE STUDY



25 High-Potentials

identified and trained

8 Days

of workshops

4 Rounds of Group Coaching

in groups of 4 for support in individual projects

4 Gamified Learning Modules

to increase retention of core concepts

2 Sessions with External Business Leaders

to gain insight into diverse perspectives

59% increase in scores on core competencies

THE SOLUTION

InspireOne was selected as the best fit with the experience to meet Blue Star's requirements. After meeting with key stakeholders to understand the need in greater depth. InspireOne proposed a structured and comprehensive assessment and development centre approach to identify and develop highpotentials.

Phase 1: Assessment Centre

Step 1: Identification of Leaders with a 2-vear tenure who demonstrated exceptional effectiveness, and were

recommended by their department heads (a pool of 133).

Step 2: Inviting of applications from the narrowed-down pool of 100 potential leaders

Step 3: Conducting of a nature assessment, "Leadership Perspectives". for the participating 70 individuals.

(Leadership Perspectives is a broad range occupational personality

inventory used in selection and development)

Step 4: Selection of the top 50 participants, based on the outcomes of the nature assessment.

Step 5: Engaging of InspireOne to conduct Behavioral Event Interviews meticulously evaluated and positioned within a capability and capacity matrix,



Personal feedback on BEIs: Each leader received personalized feedback on their performance in Behavior Event Interviews (BEIs), offering insights into their strengths and areas for growth, thus facilitating targeted development.

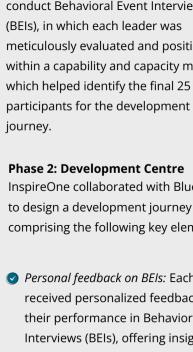
⊘ *Group learning workshops:* Themes were addressed, encompassing customer centricity and innovation, strategic thinking, influencing, delegation, performance conversations, increasing motivation through recognition, collaboration, and inclusivity.

Individual action learning projects and group coaching sessions: Tailored Action Learning Projects (ALPs) were identified based on individual development areas, allowing leaders to apply newly acquired knowledge and skills in real-world scenarios. Group coaching sessions, facilitated by InspireOne

in small groups of four, provided valuable input and feedback, fostering collaborative learning and peer support.

- ✓ Gamified learning: Leveraging the Master-O® app, leaders engaged in gamified learning experiences aimed at increasing retention of workshop topics.
- External leader sessions: Leaders participated in 90-minute sessions with business leaders from external organizations, providing valuable insights and perspectives from diverse industries and contexts.



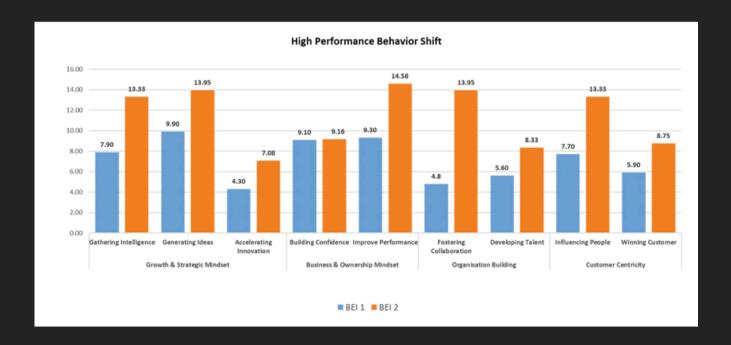


PROGRAM IMPACT

The impact of the program was measured by comparing the preprogram BEI scores to the postprogram BEI scores for each participant. Cumulatively, there was a 59% increase in the scores on Blue Star's competencies. There was a significant change in 5 out of 9 behaviors of the High-Performance Behavior Framework:

- Gathering Intelligence
- Accelerating Innovation
- Improving Performance
- Fostering Collaboration and
- Influencing people

The participants' individual action learning projects resulted in tangible business impact, including streamlined processes, improved customer experiences, and enhanced operational efficiency. A significant shift has been observed in the way leaders are viewing, understanding and **delivering on their roles**. Most leaders have been able to transition their roles into organization building vs individual high performance.





FEEDBACK FROM PARTICIPANTS

It was an amazing experience going through the training. It will definitely help me to improve my working style and team development."

This will definitely help in enhancing my leadership capabilities and also will lead to a mindset shift to adopt a growth mindset. It has helped me change my perspective to develop big picture thinking."

I will apply my learnings from the workshop and assessments with my team and, with ownership mindset, I will build a positive environment."

Session was awesome, we all enjoyed the way both the trainers utilized the limited time for such a vast topics."





