

### POSSIBLE (RE)DEFINED Future-Proof Your Pricing: Strategic Moves in Uncertain Times

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### EXPLORING NEW AREAS

### Agenda

- Get to Know the Basics of Pricing
- Price or Surcharge: What to do in a Changing Cost Environment: Price or Surcharge?
- How to Craft and Deploy a Pricing Strategy That Drives Maximum Value.
- Understanding the Consequences of (not having) a Pricing Strategy
- Learn how AI and Tech are Reshaping Pricing.



## Fundamentals: Pricing Basics







### Fundamentals: Strategic Pricing





# Pricing to Survive and Thrive

Lessons from Restructuring on (Not Having) a Pricing Strategy

Lack basic visibility into pricing structures
 Don't understand true cost components

Aren't aligned cross-functionally to execute price changes effectively

These shortcomings aren't just operational issues—they're strategic failures that lead directly to financial distress.





# **Common Challenges**





Strong gross, some net structure

Opportunity with net levels & large customers

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# Case Studies: **Basic Analysis**

Same analysis, different insights, customized action plans



#### **Initial Assessment:**

- Minimal gross price control
- "Wild West"

#### **Initial Assessment:**

- Strong gross and net structure
- Falls apart (discounts) for largest customers

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## Case Studies: *Results*

### From Distress to Success

TECH	MANUFACTURING	AUTOMOTIVE
<ul> <li>WIFI Provider for Apartment Complexes</li> <li>Trigger: A \$20m investment infusion</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Manufacturer of Sheds &amp;Small Structures</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>High performance Auto and Powersports Parts</li> </ul>
was burned in 2 month and management could not account for it.	<b>Trigger:</b> Covenant defaults from significant EBITDA losses	<b>Trigger:</b> Unable to meet debt obligations and unclear of the root cause.
<b>Diagnosis:</b> 95% of contracts were not priced to cover costs	<b>Diagnosis:</b> Management had no visibility into cash drivers. Reactive price	Anticipated industry downturn motivated investors (PE) to identify the lack of profitability. <b>Diagnosis:</b> Standard costing buried overhead; no clarity across portfolio brands.
<b>Fix</b> : Basic operational controls to track cost and billing, extending the company's cash runway.	increases exhausted elasticity. <b>Fix</b> : Rebuilt financial reporting and implemented immediate cuts and renegotiations with lease and	

management salaries.

**Fix**: Portfolio-wide break-even analysis normalized cost data.



## Drive Rapid Results

#### HOW TO MAXIMIZE THE IMPACT OF YOUR DATA & AI INVESTMENTS



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Impact



## Be Proactive

### "Change before you have to." - Welch

Distress can be avoided when management stays proactive to employ ...

- Good data
- Useful reporting
- Leverage tools and technology

### to stay ahead of the market variables.





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