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WeWork did not really work out



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WeWork saga shows need for 'unicorn' boards to grab the reins

Lack of independent voices at private companies leaves investor and employee interests at odds

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Some people have blamed Adam Neumann for WeWork's debacle © Getty Images for WeWork

The board bungle behind WeWork's fall



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WeWork last night made it official: SoftBank will pump \$9.5 billion into the beleaguered c \$3 billion stock tender, \$5 billion of new debt, and \$1.5 billion that is being accelerated from commitment.

The Board Is The Bigger WeWork Story (Not The New Or Old CEOs)



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Financial Times, Axios, Fortune 2019

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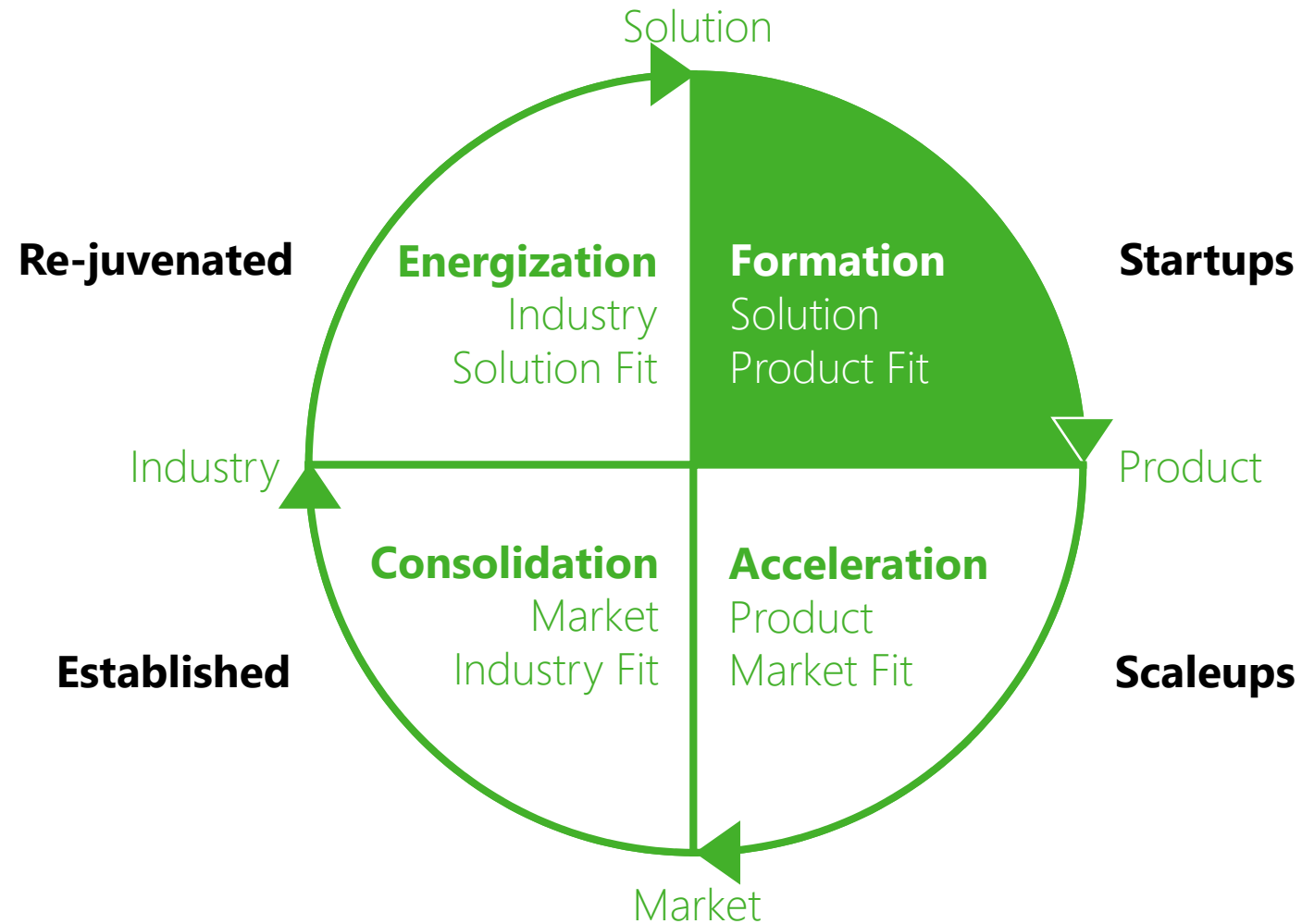
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Startup – Eine Unternehmenslebenszyklus-Perspektive





Startup ist die Organisationaform zu Beginn jedes Unternehmenslebenszyklus

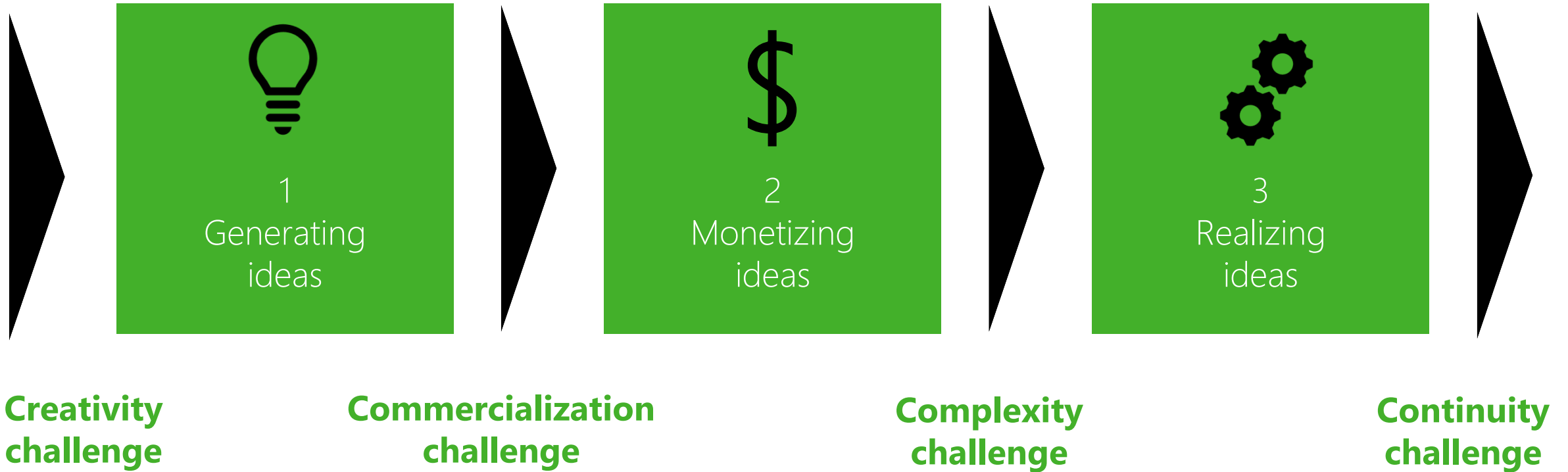




Unternehmen in der Startup-Phase sind fokussiert auf die Identifikation und das Management von Opportunitäten

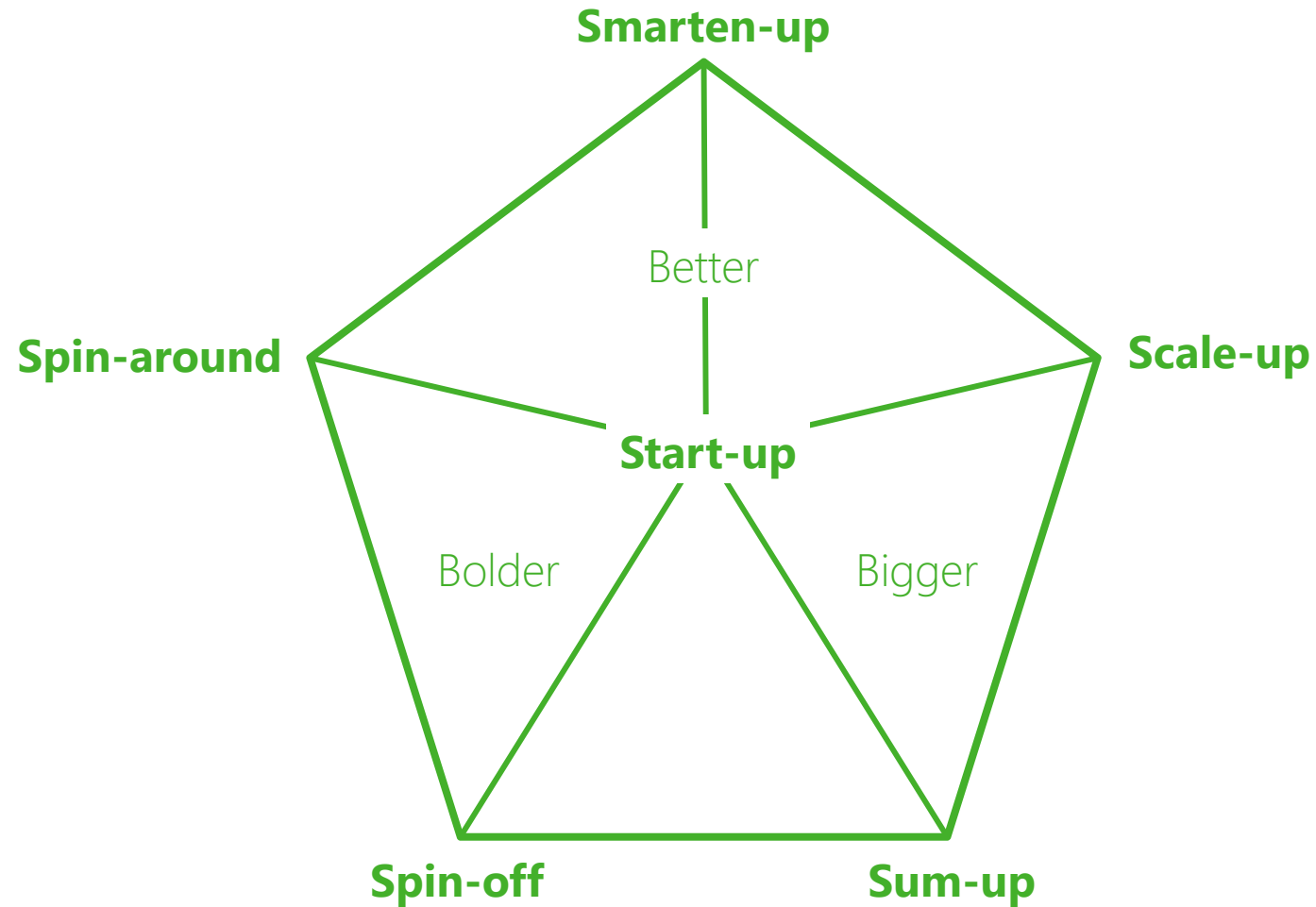
	Startup (Formation)	Scaleup (Acceleration)	Established (Consolidation)	Re-juvenated (Energization)
Core orientation	Seek opportunities	Capture opportunities	Preserve opportunities	Re-discover opportunities
Change lever	Products	Markets	Positioning	Business models
Capability focus	Creativity	Speed	Efficiency Effectiveness	Forgetting Learning
Control mechanism (ownership)	Private (individual)	Private (institutional)	Private Public State-owned	Private Public State-owned
Capital approach	Raise capital	Invest capital	Optimize capital structure	Preserve and re-create capital

Ein Startup ist mit vier Hauptherausforderungen konfrontiert





Ein Startup verfolgt in der Regel eine Vielzahl von Entwicklungspfaden

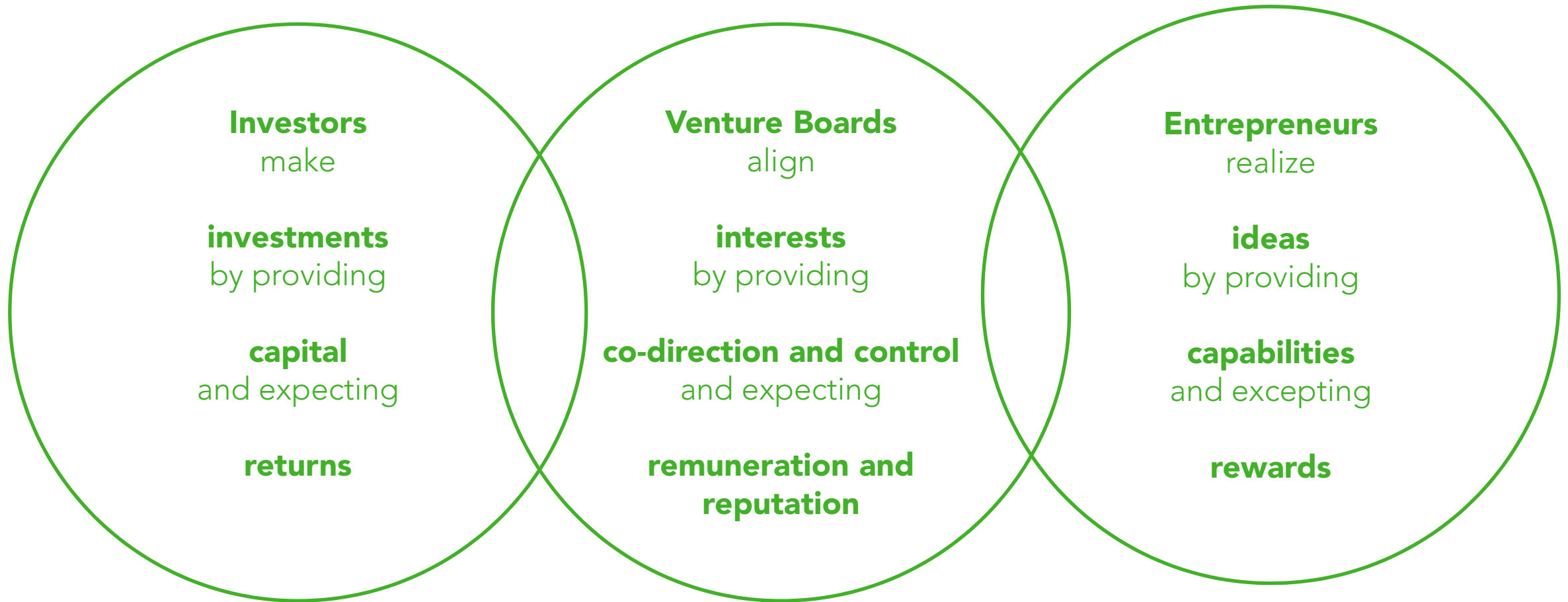


Herausforderungen der Governance von Startups



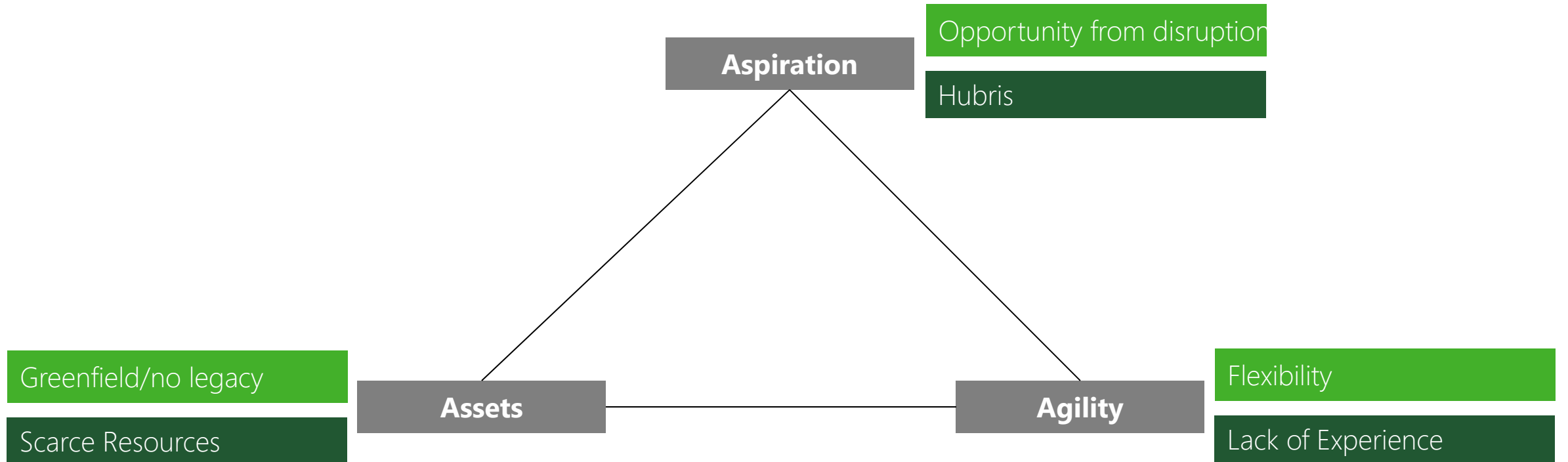


Die formelle Rolle des Venture Boards





Die Sonnen-und Schattenseiten von Startups

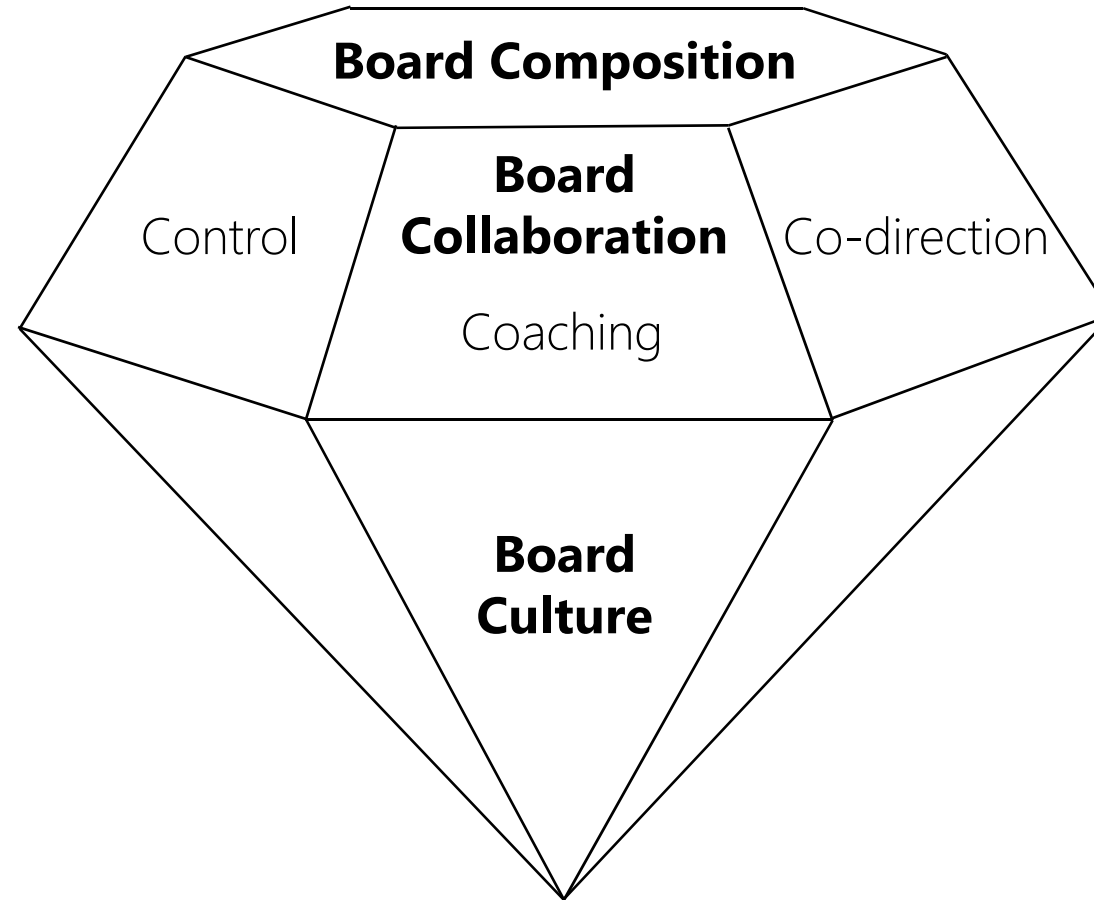


Besonderheiten der Governance von Startups



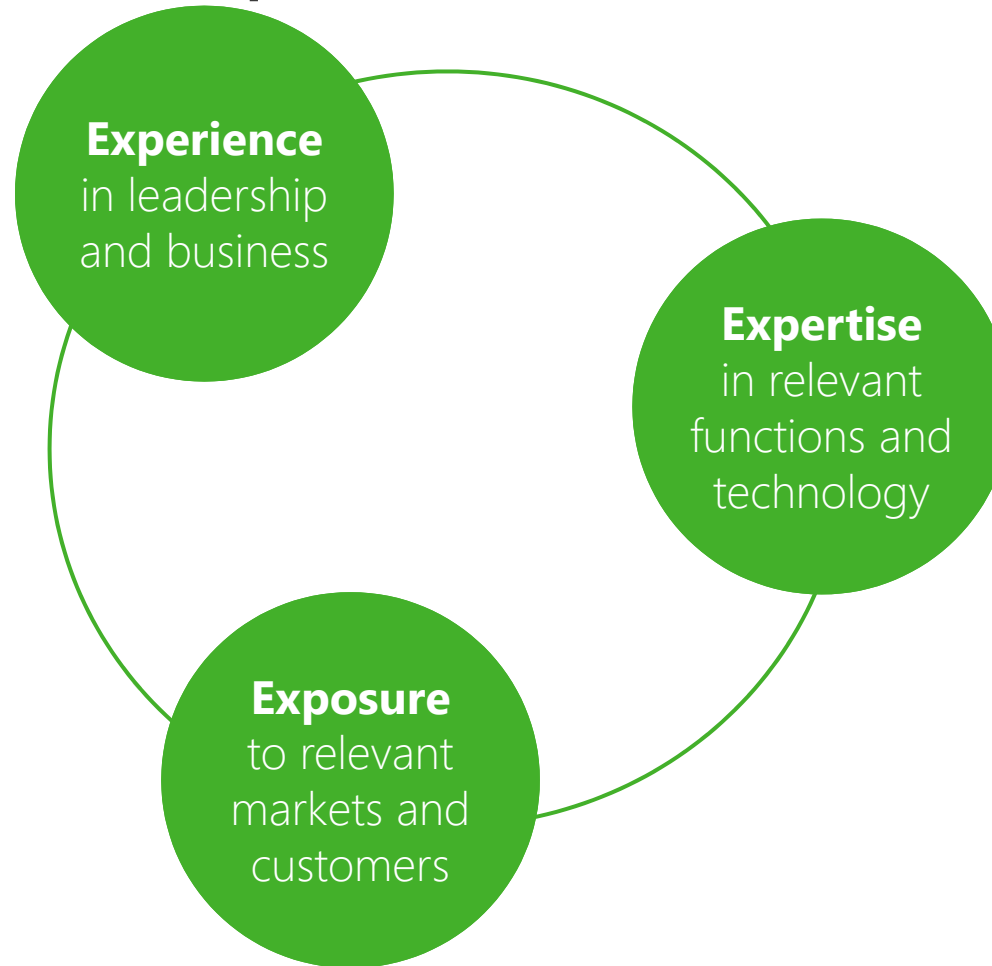


Die drei Dimensionen von Corporate Governance von Startups



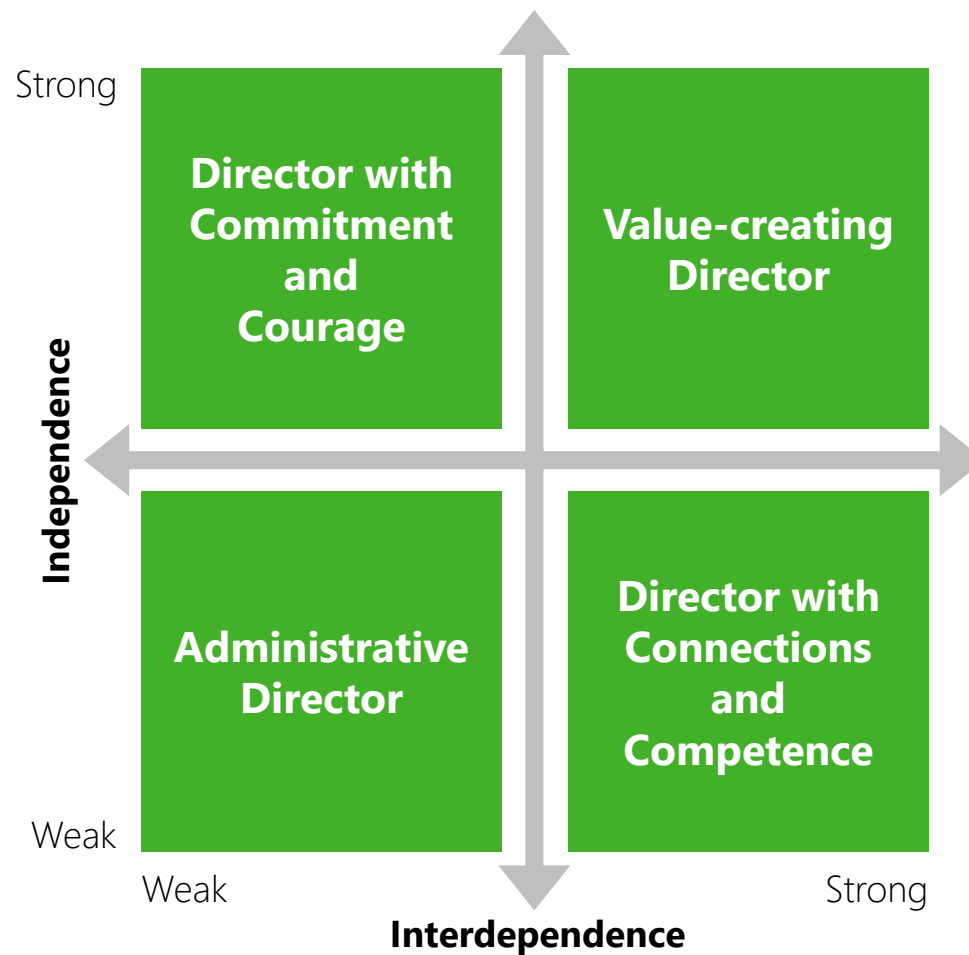


Board Composition – Structure follows strategy ... das gilt auch für die Zusammensetzung des VRs in Startups

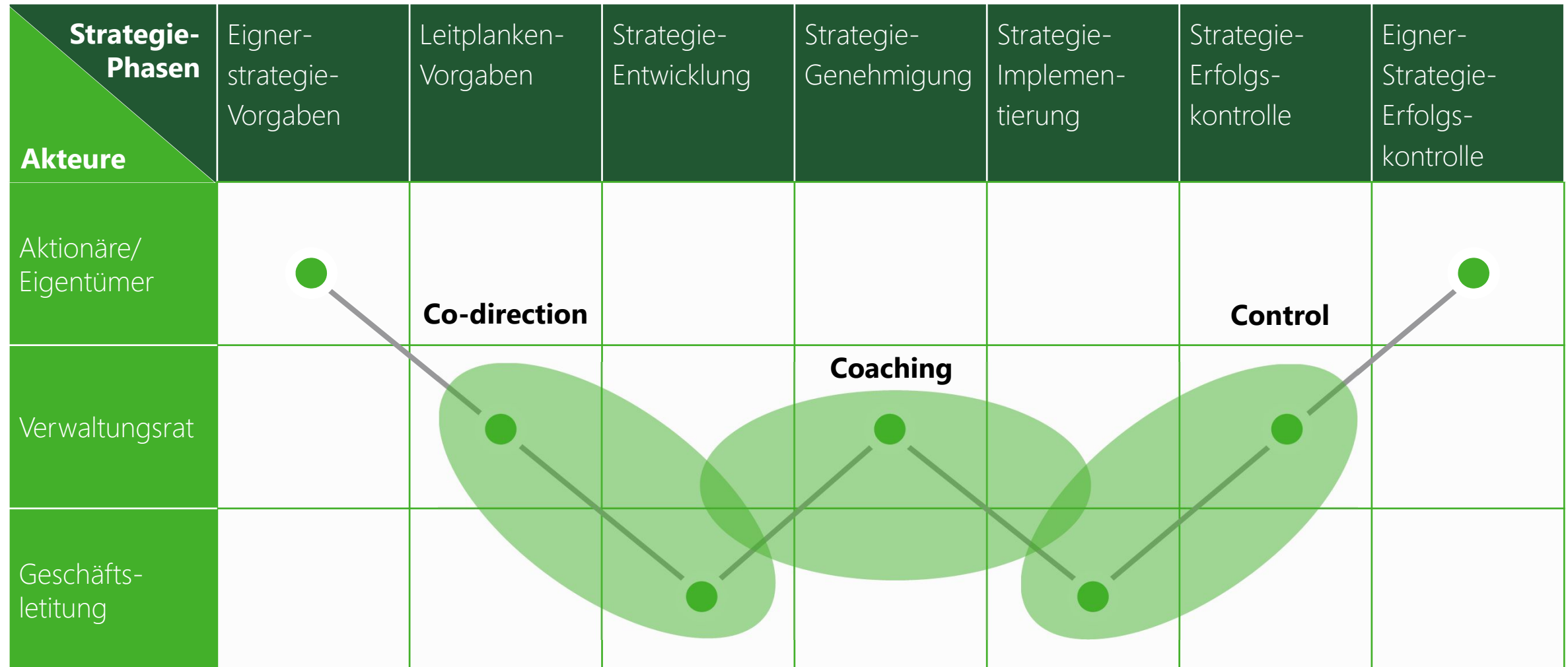




Board Composition – Der ideale VR eines Startups bringt Zeit, Mut, Verbindungen und Wissen ein

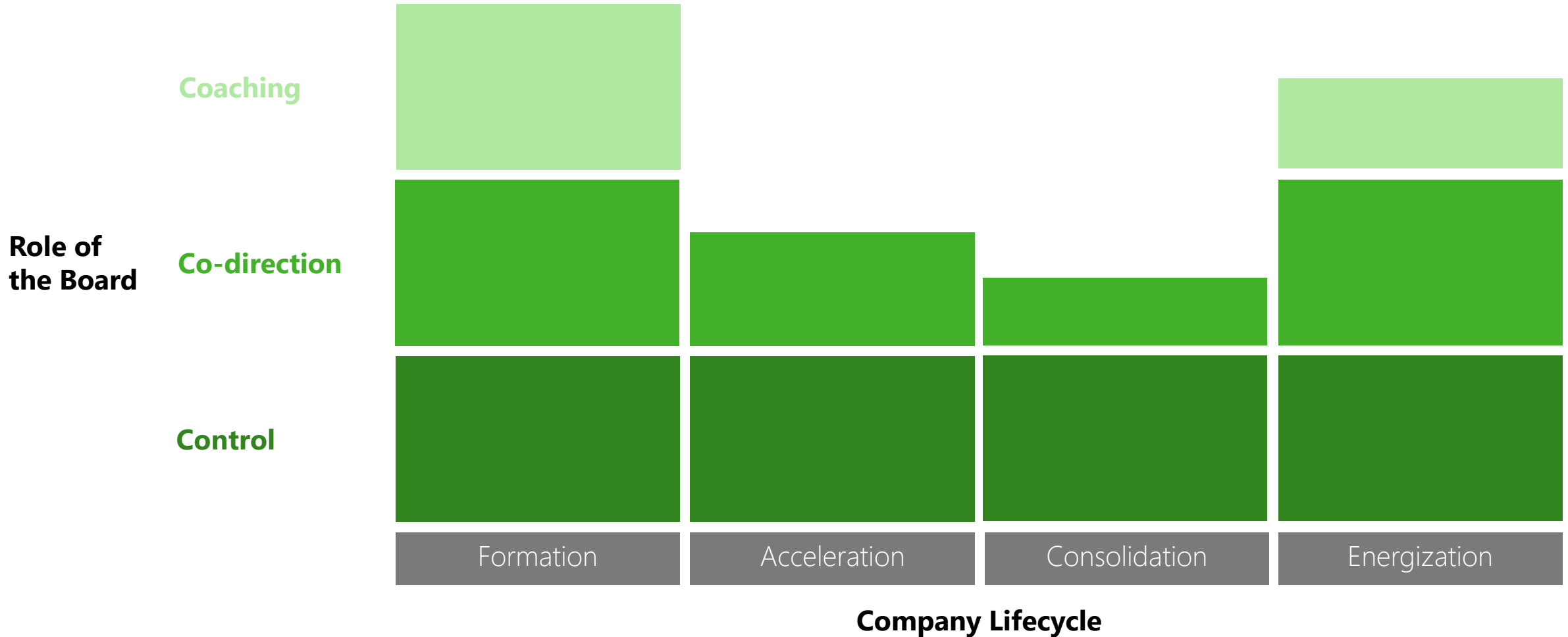


Board Collaboration – Die drei Rollen eines VR



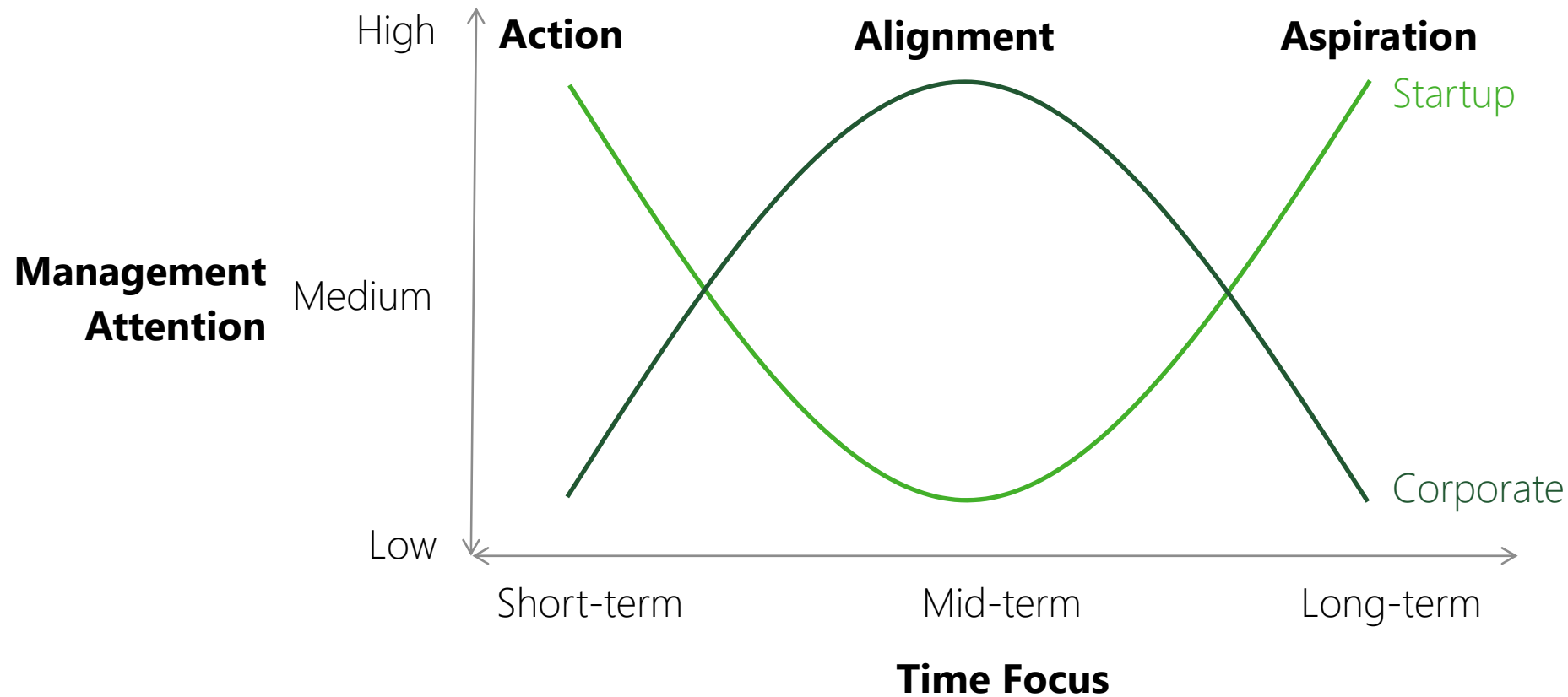


Board Collaboration – Das Startup hat die höchsten Ansprüche an einen VR



Adapted from Cossin and Metayer 2014

Board Culture – Der VR mit Konzernhintergrund muss die Besonderheiten eines Startups verstehen





Board Culture – Unternehmer sind Unternehmer aus einem Grund

The Bright Side of Entrepreneurs

- Creativity
- Flair and vision
- Independent nature
- Inner locus of control
- Innovative tendency
- Alertness to opportunities
- Leadership aspiration
- Need to achieve
- Risk-taking propensity
- Self-confidence
- Self-motivation
- Self-realization through action

Morrison 1998

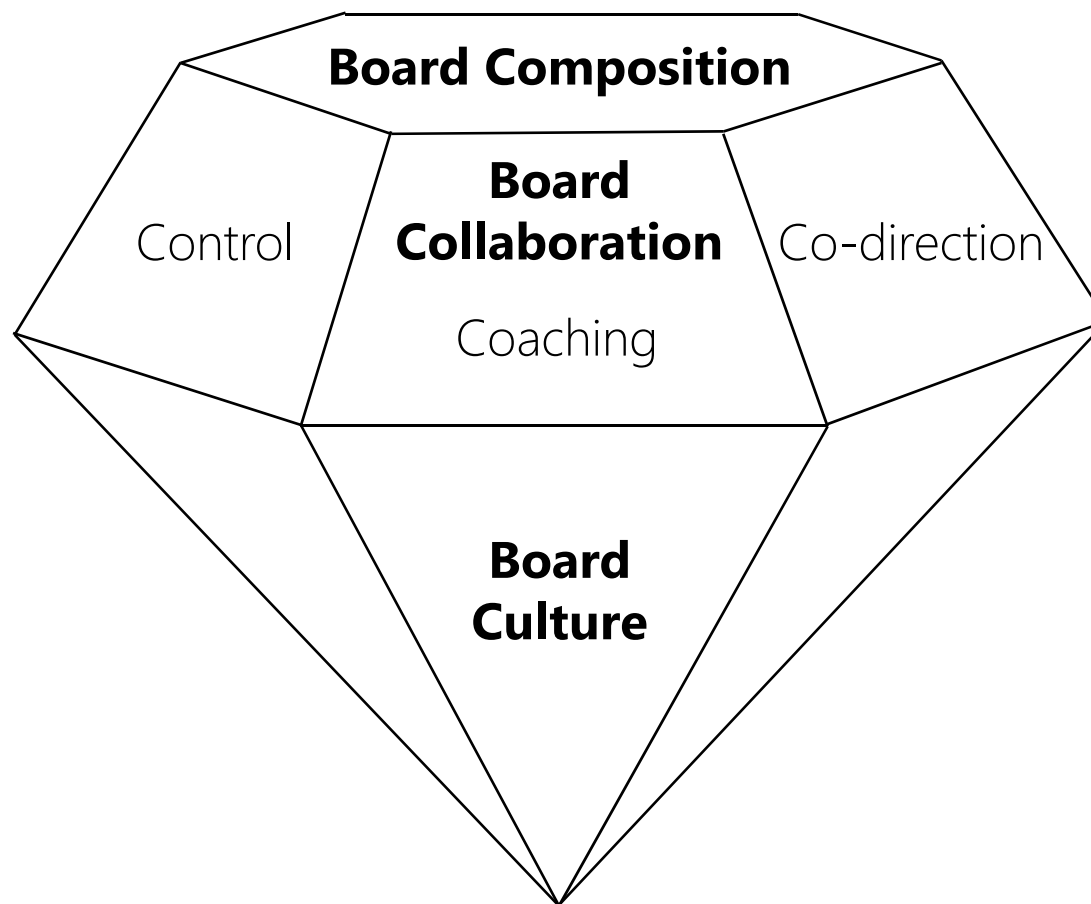
The Dark Side of Entrepreneurs

- Need for control
- Sense of distrust
- Desire for applause
- Tendencies to extremes/imbalance

Kets de Vries



Die drei Dimensionen von Corporate Governance von Startups



Implikationen





1

Startup als Organisationsform des frühen Unternehmenslebenszyklus mit Sonnen- und Schattenseiten

- Startups zeichnen sich durch hohes Ausmass an Unsicherheit aus und sind Opportunitätsgetrieben
- Die Stärken wie Flexibilität, Vision und keine Legacy gilt es zu nutzen

2

Board Composition

- Der VR eines Startups sollte die Profile der Unternehmer möglichst gut komplementieren
- Der ideale VR eines Startups bringt Zeit, Mut, Verbindungen und Wissen ein

3

Board Collaboration

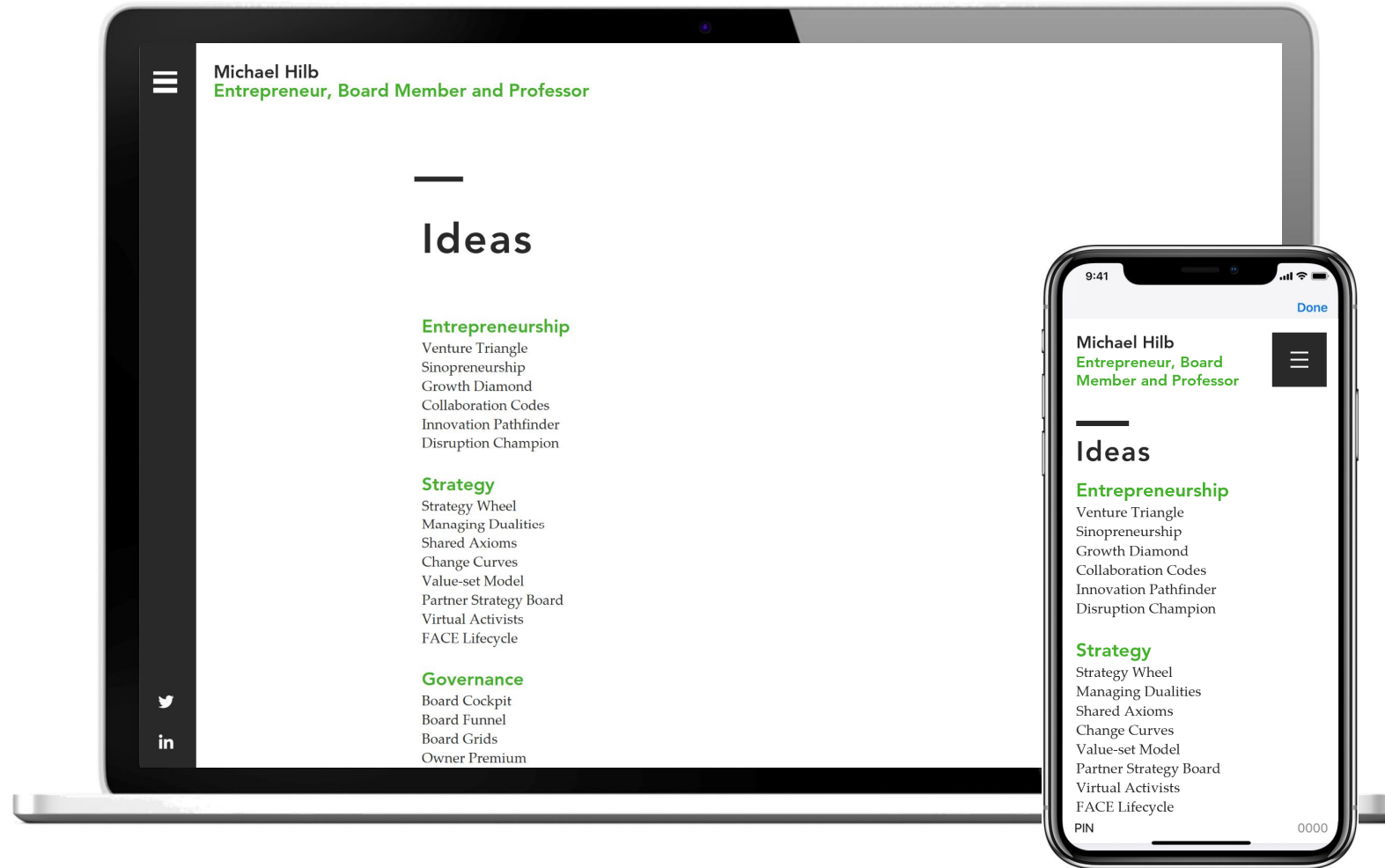
- Ein Startup hat mitunter die höchsten Ansprüche an einen VR
- Neben der Controlling- und Co-Direction-Funktion agiert der VR vor allem auch als Coach der Unternehmer

4

Board Culture

- Vor allem auch der VR mit Konzernhintergrund muss die Besonderheiten eines Startups verstehen
- Und nicht vergessen: Unternehmer sind Unternehmer aus einem Grund

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