Start a Local Business

MATRIX REPROGRAMMED | PRACTICAL WEALTH MANUAL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Start a Local Business is modelled as: A reliable local service with repeat demand.
Typical starting capital band: 500-10000. Expected time to first income or result: 7-45 days.
Risk: Moderate. Complexity: Moderate. These are broad planning bands, not probabilities or guarantees.

WHO THIS IS FOR

Best suited to someone able to serve or access: Households, gyms, clubs and local firms.
Core capabilities: Local operations; Scheduling; Basic sales and service recovery.
Avoid or delay this route when essential bills, legal requirements, debt service, safety, liquidity or family commitments cannot be protected.

HOW MONEY IS GENERATED

A reliable local service with repeat demand
The paying counterparty or economic source is: Households, gyms, clubs and local firms.
Profit or retained value exists only after variable costs, fixed costs, tax, financing, returns, failures and owner labour are counted.

STARTING REQUIREMENTS

Capital: 500-10000.
Skills: Local operations; Scheduling; Basic sales and service recovery.
Tools: Local offer card; Booking process; Route planner; Weekly cash sheet.
Verify registrations, licences, insurance, consumer rules, data protection, tax and sector-specific restrictions before trading or investing.

ILLUSTRATIVE UNIT ECONOMICS

Illustrative price or monthly value per unit: EUR 60.
Illustrative variable cost per unit: EUR 15.
Illustrative monthly fixed cost: EUR 600.
Illustrative monthly volume: 80.
Illustrative monthly revenue: EUR 4800; contribution before fixed costs: EUR 3600; operating surplus before tax and owner labour: EUR 3000.
Illustrative break-even volume: 14 units per month.
All figures are assumptions for planning. Replace them with verified local quotes and conservative scenarios.

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FIRST 24 HOURS

Choose one local problem and one customer group.
Call ten potential customers or partners.
Price a minimum viable service including travel and setup.

FIRST SEVEN DAYS

Run two paid test sessions or jobs.
Create a booking, cancellation and payment rule.
Ask three local organisations for a referral partnership.

FIRST 30 DAYS

Reach 20 paid transactions.
Remove low-margin offers.
Publish hours, prices and evidence of results.

FIRST 90 DAYS

Build repeat bookings or memberships.
Negotiate supplier and premises costs only after utilisation is visible.

FIRST YEAR ROADMAP

Quarter 1: prove demand, suitability or operational feasibility with the smallest responsible test.
Quarter 2: improve unit economics, documentation, compliance and repeatability.
Quarter 3: reduce concentration, strengthen reserves and build a second acquisition or distribution route.
Quarter 4: complete a full profit, cash-flow, tax, risk and continuation review before scaling.

CUSTOMER OR CAPITAL ACQUISITION

Use local partnerships, clubs, noticeboards, Google Business Profile, direct outreach and referrals. Measure booked jobs rather than social impressions.
Record outreach volume, response, conversion, acquisition cost, retention and cash collection. For investments, record contribution, fees, allocation and reason for ownership instead.

TOOLS AND TEMPLATES

Local offer card
Booking process
Route planner
Weekly cash sheet
Budget and cash-flow tracker
Pricing or suitability calculator
Break-even or loss-capacity calculation
Weekly scorecard
Risk register
90-day action plan

FAILURE ANALYSIS

Risk: Large premises before demand. Mitigation: verify it in writing before committing more money.
Risk: Ignoring licences or insurance. Mitigation: verify it in writing before committing more money.
Risk: Too many services. Mitigation: verify it in writing before committing more money.
Risk: Poor route and schedule economics. Mitigation: verify it in writing before committing more money.

DECISION TEST

START NOW only when the smallest safe test is affordable and lawful.
LEARN FIRST when the model is understood but the required skill, evidence or compliance is missing.
TEST CHEAPLY when demand or suitability is uncertain.
AVOID when loss could threaten housing, health, tax compliance or essential obligations.
SEEK PROFESSIONAL ADVICE for contracts, tax, regulated investments, property, borrowing, employment law or complex entities.

PRIMARY RESEARCH ROUTES

France business creation: https://entreprendre.service-public.fr/
DGCCRF: https://www.economie.gouv.fr/dgccrf

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