



EXECUTIVE PRESENCE

Presence after the title: staying credible in transition

How senior professionals maintain authority and visibility during the in-between stage most careers never plan for.

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The visibility gap

Executive presence is often supported by institutional signals: title, organisation, team, calendar and access. During transition those signals weaken, even though the person's knowledge and judgment remain.

The risk is either disappearance or overexposure. Some leaders withdraw until they hold another title; others communicate constantly without a coherent subject. Both responses can dilute market confidence.

Anchor presence in a thesis

Credible visibility begins with a defined area of contribution. What important problem can you explain, challenge or help institutions solve? A clear thesis allows articles, conversations, advisory work and public appearances to reinforce one another.

The thesis should be narrower than a biography and broader than a job search. It gives the market a reason to engage before a new appointment exists.

Create an evidence cadence

Publish selectively, contribute to serious forums, maintain relevant relationships and undertake work that produces new proof. Consistency matters more than volume. Each activity should strengthen the same future-facing position.

Private credibility is equally important. Thoughtful introductions, well-prepared conversations and useful counsel often create more executive opportunity than visible self-promotion.

Hold the transition with discipline

Do not apologise for transition or manufacture a title to conceal it. Explain the direction clearly, describe the work being undertaken and show how the period is being used to build value.

Presence after title comes from coherence: the market sees a leader in deliberate motion, not a former executive waiting to become relevant again.

Design the next chapter deliberately.

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