

# Executive Guest Speaker:



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### **LEAD - ASSOCIATE TRACK**



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- Problem-Solving skills



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### **SESSION TAKEAWAYS**



#### **One Bridge**

Exhibit Bridge Values that employees at all levels are expected to adopt and exemplify.



#### **Performance Expectations**

Understand and demonstrate the fundamental competencies that are necessary to move up.



### **Problem Solving Skills**

Discuss strategies on how to break down complex problems into manageable parts using logic and critical thinking.



### **Critical Thinking Skills**

Learn steps to objectively analyze and evaluate information to arrive at an informed solution.



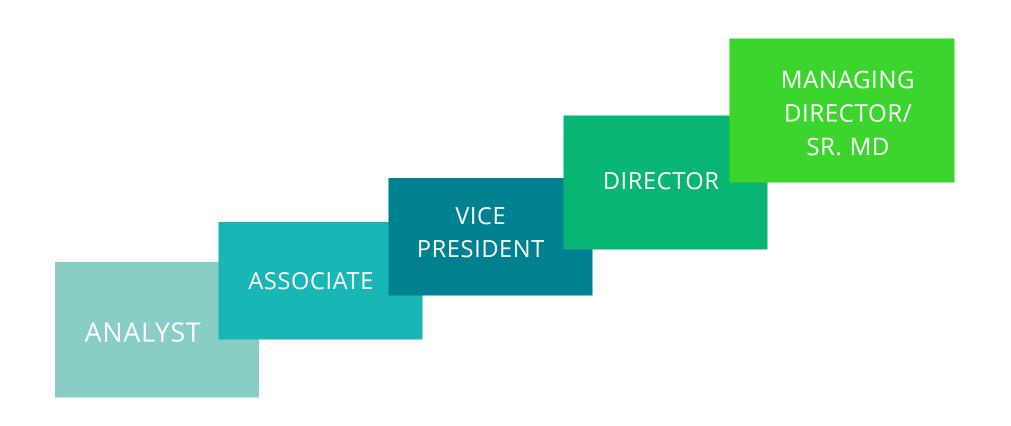
### **HOW DO I GET PROMOTED?**



# **ONE BRIDGE - Living Our Values**



### CAREER PATH PROGRESSION



### PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS

	Sets a positive example inside and outside of the office	DEI & B Mindset	Proven solid relationships across Org	Exhibits Accountability	Ownership in Area of Expertise	Critical Thinking Skills
Associate I	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>				
Associate II	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		
Associate III	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>

# **Critical Thinking Definition**

Critical thinking is a method of analyzing ideas, concepts or data collected to evaluate the situation from different perspectives and arrive at an unbiased optimum solution. A critical thinker can anticipate the consequences of certain actions in advance. A person with the competency to critically think can reflect, think independently, stay objective, and problem solve to deduce a solution. Therefore, critical thinking requires self-actuated discipline and correction to get one step closer to the solution iteratively.

# Goals of Critical Thinking

**Find Meaning** 

**Seek Logic** 

Search for reason

**Look for answers** 

Appreciate different points of view

Develop facts and opinions

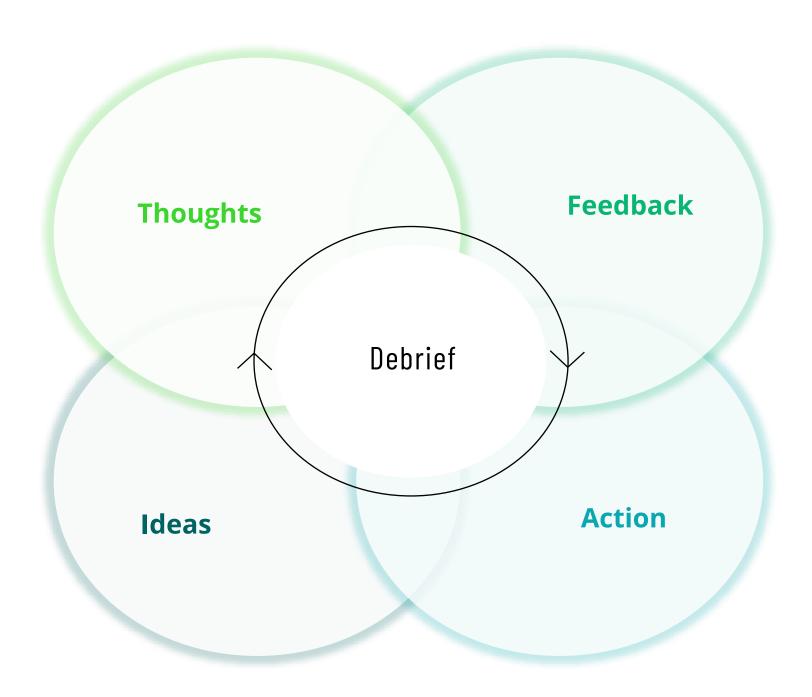
# **Breakout Session Activity**

Decide on what the next steps should be. Here are two things to consider:

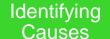
- You can see larger islands in the distance
- You've been stranded for 3 days

Imagine you're all out on a boat in the ocean on a whale watching tour. The tour guide has a medical emergency, and you crash on an island – everyone survives, no one is injured. You're now stranded on a deserted island and the radio equipment is damaged - you can't call for help. Everyone's smart phones and devices were damaged in the water.





# **Problem Solving Framework**



 Data analysis testing

### Generating Solutions

 Brainstorming Collaboration

### Implementing Solutions

 Planning and Project Mgt

### Evaluating Outcome

 Comparison Analysis

#### **Consensus decision-making technique**

Ideas, opinions, suggestions, solutions are voiced freely. The goal of this problemsolving technique is to make a list of recommendations that are acceptable to *all* members of the company.

#### **Brain dumping**

Opening the floor to suggestions helps everyone feel heard and understood, even if you don't settle for their idea in the end.

#### BRIDGE Investment Group

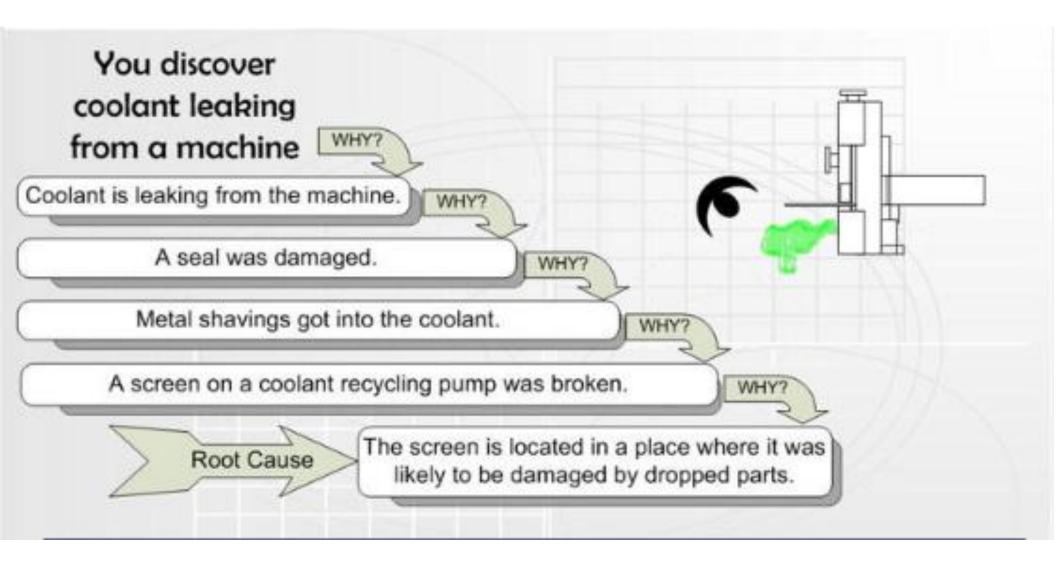
# Devil's advocate decision-making technique

The goal is designed to uncover weaknesses

#### 5-Why's technique

Start the conversation by asking one party why they arrived at their conclusion. Then, follow up their response by inquiring why they felt or thought that way five more times. By the time you get to the fifth "why," a clearer picture of true intention will be revealed.

# The 5 Why's Technique



# **Critical Thinking Framework**

#### **Analytical**

- Questions about numbers
- Where's the data from?
- How can you confirm?
- Are you sure you interpreted the data correctly?

#### **Intuitive**

- Where does this get us?
- What's the bottom line?
- Why are we doing this?
- Is there an alternative resolution?

#### **Functional**

- What's the process?
- Where do we start?
- How long will it take?
- Who does what?

#### <u>Personal</u>

- Who will be involved?
- Who will be affected?
- Is this inclusive?
- Are diverse populations represented?

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- **Performance Expectations**
- **Problem Solving Skills**
- Critical Thinking Skills

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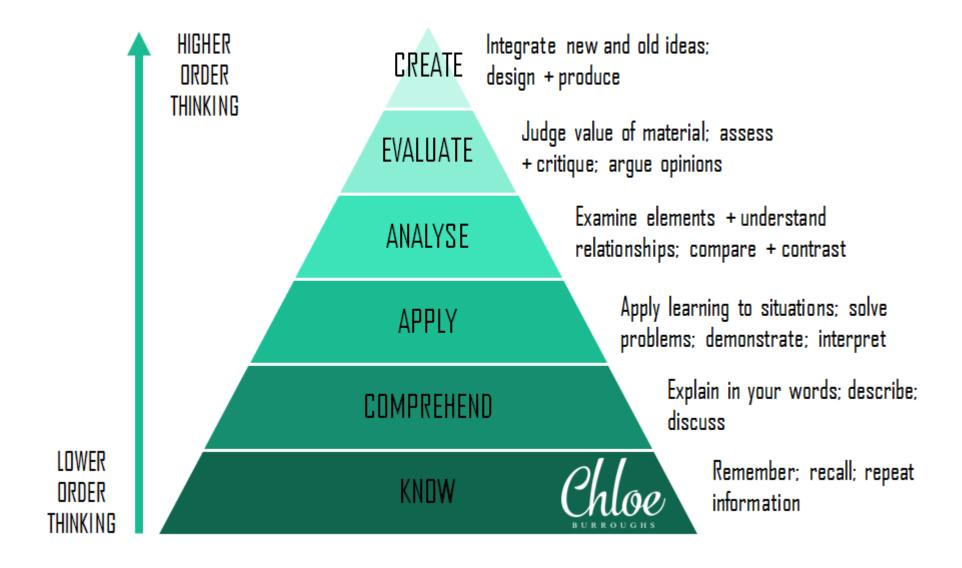


# Thank You!

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# **APPENDIX**

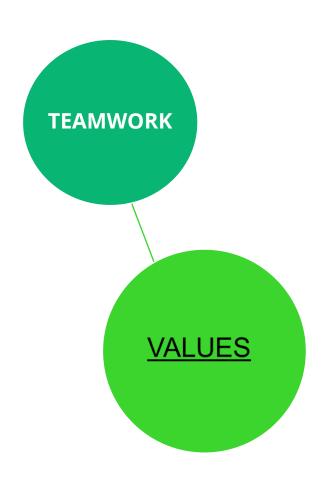
# **Bloom's Taxonomy**



# **ONE BRIDGE - Living Our Values**

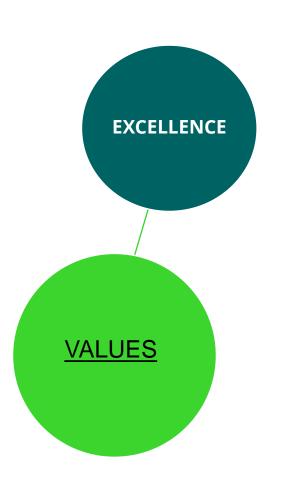


### **ONE BRIDGE - Teamwork**



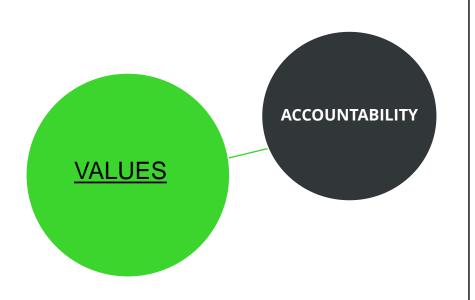
- We emphasize teamwork in everything we do.
- We thrive on collaboration, hard work and open and honest communication.

### ONE BRIDGE - Excellence



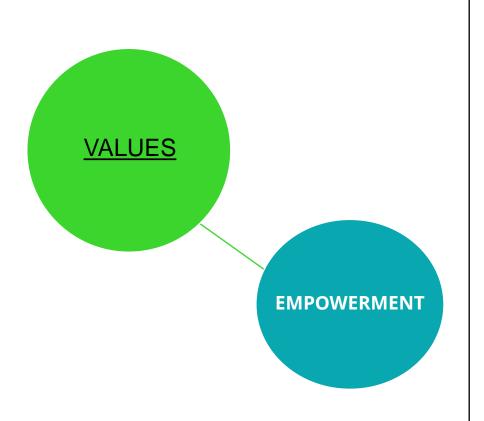
- We strive to be the best performing firm in our industry.
- We take pride in our performance and celebrate our achievements.
- We do what is right for the right reasons.

### **ONE BRIDGE - Accountability**



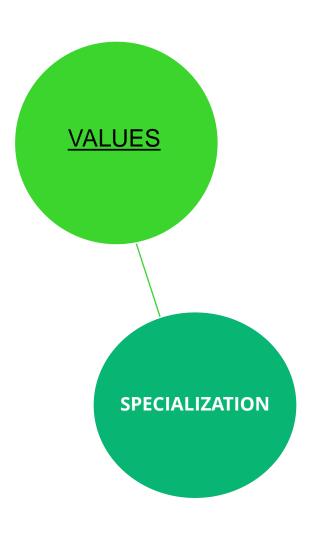
- We stand behind our word and strive for continuous improvement in all that we do.
- We face facts and realities, and we embrace challenges.

### **ONE BRIDGE - Empowerment**



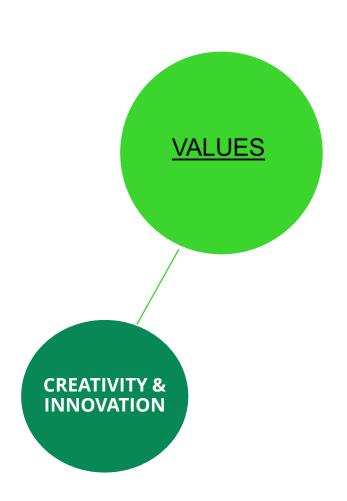
- We empower our people to reach their full potential.
- We cultivate a diverse and inclusive culture of disciplined analysis and action.
- We believe that diversity is the only path to superior performance.

# **ONE BRIDGE - Specialization**



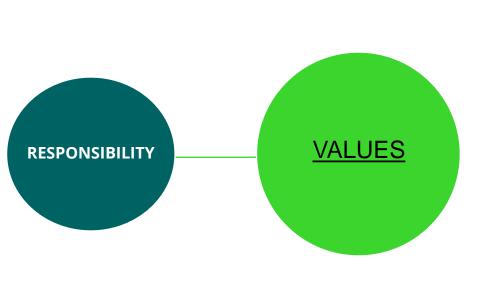
- We develop specialized investment and operating teams which have deep sectoral knowledge of the areas in which we invest.
- We use data, carefully analyzed and fully vetted, to complement decades of experience, in guiding our investment decisions.

### **ONE BRIDGE - Creativity & Innovation**



- We consistently reexamine how we operate and seek innovative solutions to improve our performance, at the asset level, at the Fund level and at the corporate level.
- New ideas are carefully examined and adopted if appropriate.

# **ONE BRIDGE - Responsibility**



- We invest and operate responsibly and believe that strong corporate and individual citizenship go hand-in-hand.
- We understand that responsible investing does not sacrifice returns but should in fact enhance risk and return characteristics through deliberate and thoughtful integration of environmental, social and governance best practices.