

Business Plan Template

Your Company Name	
1: Executive Summary	Typically written after the rest of the plan is completed, this section summarises the plan's main points below. It should be one or two pages in length. This page is always read together with the financial summary. More info: https://www.teneric.co.uk/templates/business-plan-executive-summary/
2: Vision and objectives	Summarise in one or two paragraphs the vision for the company. This could include where your company aims to be within three years, the financial performance or market share.
3: External Analysis	The external analysis includes all areas you don't control but could influence. For example, the economy, market research, and competitor analysis go in this section. More info: https://www.teneric.co.uk/marketing/get-market-research/ More info: https://www.teneric.co.uk/marketing/research/
4: Internal Analysis	Here you detail areas about your company and your management team. Describe why they are unique. Why are your products better than everyone else?

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5: SWOT Analysis	You should have a list of strengths and weaknesses from your internal analysis and opportunities and threats from your external analysis. List those relative to your competitors in your SWOT analysis. e.g., If one of your strengths is a great location, but a competitor is a few doors down, this is not a strength in the marketplace. More info: https://www.teneric.co.uk/templates/swot-analysis/
6: Sales and Marketing Plan	How are you going to communicate and sell to your target customer base? What sales channels are you going to use? What is the cost? More info: https://www.teneric.co.uk/marketing/what-is-marketing/ More info: https://www.teneric.co.uk/templates/marketing-plan/
7: Action Plan	List six or seven key objectives for the duration of your plan.
8: Financial Plan	Detail for 12 months your Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet and Cash Flow forecast. For years two and three, an annual forecast is acceptable. More info: https://www.teneric.co.uk/templates/cash-flow-calculator/
9: Key People and Biographies	Provide two paragraphs of the essential individuals in your organisation.
10: Appendices	The main plan should be between 20-25 pages. If you have additional analysis, then place it here in the appendices.



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