

Scientific and Theoretical Foundations of Ensuring the Economic Stability of Family Businesses

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Abstract: This article analyzes the scientific and theoretical foundations of ensuring the economic stability of family businesses. The social and economic significance of family entrepreneurship, its role in the national economy, as well as methodological approaches and strategies used to achieve stability are studied. The article considers such important factors in the effective functioning of family businesses as financial resource management, innovation approaches, state support system, and adaptation to market conditions. At the same time, the impact of state policy on family business and practical strategies used to ensure economic stability are also analyzed.

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Introduction

Economic stability is one of the main conditions for the long-term success and development of any enterprise, including family enterprises. Family businesses have unique economic characteristics due to their small and medium-sized business structure, as well as being based on a family ownership and management model. This section analyzes the scientific and theoretical approaches, principles and factors that shape the economic stability of family businesses.

The issues of economic stability of family businesses are widely studied not only in Uzbekistan, but also in foreign countries. There are theoretical approaches, research methods and conclusions of various schools and scientists on this topic. Below are the main scientific works of foreign, Russian and Uzbek scientists in this area and their definitions. Foreign researchers study the stability of family businesses mainly from the perspective of corporate governance, inheritance management and family business strategies. Alfred D. Chandler Jr. (1990) in his work "Scale and Scope: The Dynamics of Industrial Capitalism" (Scale and Scope: The Dynamics of Industrial Capitalism) discusses the development of corporations, including the stability of family businesses. Chandler (1990) put forward the idea that "the stability of family businesses depends on its strategic planning and organizational skills." Although Chandler analyzed the historical evolution of large corporations in this book, his main ideas (strategic planning, organizational skills, and management structure) also apply to the long-term success of family businesses. He believes that for sustainability, first of all, strategic planning - the management of the enterprise must define long-term goals and allocate resources effectively - and organizational skills - the hierarchy of management and decision-making mechanisms in family businesses must be clear. Chandler's work "The Visible Hand: The Managerial Revolution in American Business" (1977) also contains comments on the impact of professional management on family businesses. As he noted, the sustainability of family businesses depends on their ability to "modernize the administrative apparatus."

Joseph Schumpeter (1942) – in his works “Innovation and Economic Development” and “Capitalism, Socialism and Democracy” – put forward the theory that “Large enterprises achieve sustainability through innovation, while family businesses have difficulty achieving sustainability due to their dependence on traditional methods.” B Schumpeter’s idea of “Creative Destruction” explains the risk that family businesses are lagging behind in technological innovations.

John Ward (1987) – in his scientific work “Family Business Strategies”: “Keeping the Family Business Healthy” put forward the scientific idea that “The long-term sustainability of family businesses depends on 3 factors: succession planning, family conflict management, and the introduction of professional management.”

Ward states that in family businesses, as Gersick and Lansberg (1997) say, generational crises undermine sustainability. This deepens Chandler's concept of "Organizational Capability" in the context of the family.

Economic sustainability is the ability of an enterprise to generate stable income, maintain financial balance, and adapt to market conditions, despite internal and external factors.

In the scientific literature, this concept includes the following aspects:

- Financial sustainability - the timely fulfillment of short- and long-term obligations of the enterprise.
- Operational sustainability - the sustainable production and sale of products or services.
- Investment sustainability - the ability to invest in new projects and effectively manage them.

In family businesses, sustainability is especially closely related to the personal interests of family members, long-term goals, and sound financial strategies.

The sustainability of family businesses is considered to depend on the following internal and external factors. Internal factors include management efficiency, management of financial resources, innovative approaches, and workforce loyalty. Let us dwell on the essence of these factors:

Management efficiency - the speed and flexibility of decision-making in family businesses play an important role in ensuring stability. Financial resource management - in family businesses, it is necessary to accurately plan financial flows and minimize risks.

Innovative approaches - the introduction of new technologies and marketing strategies increases competitiveness in the market.

Workforce loyalty - high motivation of family members towards the enterprise can increase production efficiency.

External factors include economic and political stability, market demand and competition, and socio-moral factors. Economic and political stability - taxes, subsidies and laws in the country have a direct impact on the activities of family businesses.

Market demand and competition - strategies for timely identification of consumer needs and differentiation from competitors are important. Socio-moral factors - the trust and support of society towards family businesses strengthen their stability.

The following theoretical approaches are used in the scientific literature to analyze the sustainability of family businesses:

- Resource-Based View (RBV) – unique resources within the enterprise (e.g. family experience, trust) are the basis for sustainability.
- Stakeholder Theory – balanced relationships with all stakeholders of the enterprise (family members, customers, the state) ensure sustainability.
- Adaptability Theory – the ability to adapt to rapidly changing market conditions ensures the long-

term survival of family businesses.

In developed countries, the following methods are used to ensure the sustainability of family businesses:

- Medium and long-term financial planning (e.g., succession management strategies).
- Clear corporate governance standards – division of powers between family members and external managers.
- Government support programs – subsidies, tax breaks, and small business development programs.

Conclusion

Ensuring the economic sustainability of family businesses depends on its internal structure, management strategy, and adaptability to the external environment. In theory, sustainable development can be achieved by taking into account factors such as resources, stakeholders, and flexibility, and in practice, by combining financial planning, innovation, and government policy.

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