



The Living Company

The living company exists primarily for its own survival and improvement: to fulfill its potential and to become as great as it can be.

FOUR ATTRIBUTES OF A LIVING COMPANY

- Sensitivity to the environment in order to learn and adapt.
- Cohesion and identity are the aspects of a company's ability to build a community and a persona for itself.
- Tolerance, and its corollary, decentralization, are the healthy symptoms of its ability to build constructive relationships.
- Conservative in its financial policy to retain the resources that allow for flexibility and the ability to govern its own growth.

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