

# Hiring Execution & Talent Efficiency Audit

FastGrow Startup

Level 2: Diagnostic + Design Report

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OVERALL HIRING HEALTH	
Status	
Confidence Score	24/100

## Executive Summary

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The audit identified **critical structural issues** in FastGrow Startup's hiring execution system. 7 out of 7 audit blocks show RED status, indicating systemic failures that require immediate attention. Without intervention, hiring outcomes will remain unpredictable and costly.

### Key Findings

- Critical failure in Executive Ownership requires immediate attention
- Critical failure in TA Leadership requires immediate attention
- Critical failure in Delivery Leadership requires immediate attention
- Critical failure in Financial Governance requires immediate attention
- Critical failure in Technical Interviewing requires immediate attention

### Priority Risks

- **Ownership Gap: No clear accountability for hiring outcomes**
- **Interview Bottleneck: Delivery capacity constraints slow hiring**
- **Operational Fragility: Hero-based execution creates key-person risk**

## Audit Block Overview

Block	Function	Status	Key Signal
Block 1: Executive Ownership	GATEKEEPER	● CRITICAL	Governance clarity
Block 2: TA Leadership	EXECUTION BRAIN	● CRITICAL	Capacity alignment
Block 3: Delivery Leadership	DEMAND INTEGRITY	● CRITICAL	Feedback discipline
Block 4: Financial Governance	COST CONTROL	● CRITICAL	Budget transparency
Block 5: Technical Interviewing	BOTTLENECK LAYER	● CRITICAL	Evaluation standards
Block 6: Recruitment Operations	STABILITY FOUNDATION	● CRITICAL	Process stability
Block 7: Reporting & AI	SYSTEMIC MULTIPLIER	● CRITICAL	Data reliability

### ■ Gate Failures Detected

- **GATE 0 FAILURE: Executive ownership absent - overall system compromised**
- **GATE 1 FAILURE: TA Leadership ungoverned - execution will fail**
- **GATE 1 FAILURE: Financial governance broken - costs uncontrolled**

## Detailed Block Findings

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### Block 1: Executive Ownership & Governance

Status: **CRITICAL**

**Findings:**

- Hiring ownership clarity assessed
- Planning discipline evaluated
- Executive visibility reviewed

**Risks Identified:**

- Ownership gap may cause accountability vacuum

### Block 2: TA Leadership & Capacity

Status: **CRITICAL**

**Findings:**

- TA operating model assessed
- Capacity planning maturity evaluated
- SLA discipline reviewed

**Risks Identified:**

- Capacity blindness may cause overload

### Block 3: Delivery & Hiring Leadership

Status: **CRITICAL**

**Findings:**

- Interview capacity assessed
- Feedback timeliness evaluated
- Requirement stability reviewed

**Risks Identified:**

- Interview bottleneck may slow hiring

### Block 4: Financial Governance

Status: **CRITICAL**

**Findings:**

- TA budget ownership assessed
- Cost visibility evaluated
- Budget-plan alignment reviewed

**Risks Identified:**

- Financial opacity may cause cost overruns

**Block 5: Technical Interviewing****Status: CRITICAL****Findings:**

- Interviewer pool structure assessed
- Evaluation criteria standardization evaluated
- Feedback quality reviewed

**Risks Identified:**

- Evaluation inconsistency may cause false negatives

**Block 6: Recruitment Operations****Status: CRITICAL****Findings:**

- Process documentation assessed
- ATS discipline evaluated
- Operational resilience reviewed

**Risks Identified:**

- Key-person dependency creates fragility

**Block 7: Reporting, Data & AI****Status: CRITICAL****Findings:**

- Reporting maturity assessed
- Data integrity evaluated
- AI governance reviewed

**Risks Identified:**

- Data unreliability undermines all metrics

# Recommendations

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## Quick Wins (Week 1-2)

- ✓ Designate interim hiring owner (CEO/COO) for 90 days  
*Owner: CEO | Effort: 1 day*
- ✓ Add hiring status to weekly leadership agenda  
*Owner: COO/EA | Effort: 2 hours*
- ✓ Count active roles per recruiter and set max threshold  
*Owner: TA Lead | Effort: 4 hours*
- ✓ Block 4 interview slots per week for key interviewers  
*Owner: Delivery | Effort: 1 day*
- ✓ Set 24-hour feedback SLA with automated reminders  
*Owner: TA Ops | Effort: 2 hours*

## Structural Changes (Month 1-3)

- Define RACI matrix for hiring decisions  
*Owner: HR + Business | Effort: 1 week*
- Build capacity model by role complexity  
*Owner: TA Ops | Effort: 2 weeks*
- Implement SLA dashboard visible to all stakeholders  
*Owner: TA + IT | Effort: 2 weeks*
- Create standardized evaluation scorecard template  
*Owner: Engineering | Effort: 4 hours*
- Establish monthly Hiring Governance Forum  
*Owner: COO | Effort: 2 weeks*

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