How a Single PowerPoint Raised $300 Million for This Founder

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David Jones is a visionary entrepreneur who transitioned from a successful career leading global advertising firms to founding the AI marketing powerhouse Brandtech Group in 2015. On this episode of The Founder CEO, we discussed the path that got him to where he is now, and what he sees coming down the road at the intersection of technology and marketing.

Never Taking the Easy Way

Raised in the English countryside, sports like rugby and cricket instilled in him the values of teamwork, resilience, and competition. His father's unshakable integrity and work ethic and his mother's creative leadership shaped his future approach to business. However, his rebellious teenage years led him to an eye-opening experience in India, where he gained a broader perspective on global issues, inequality, and the complexities of life outside his privileged background.

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Armed with these life lessons, Jones began climbing the ranks in the advertising world, leading major firms, and steering campaigns for global brands. But despite his success, he felt a growing discontent. The world of marketing was ripe for disruption, and Jones knew that generative AI could be the

answer. So, he left his prestigious role behind and went all in.

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In 2015, when Jones pitched his concept for a tech-driven marketing company, many industry veterans rolled their eyes. The idea of using AI to disrupt traditional marketing was seen as too radical, and too futuristic. But Jones had an unshakable belief that AI could completely transform the way businesses create content and interact with consumers.

With just one PowerPoint presentation, he raised an astonishing $300 million in funding. His pitch wasn't just about technology; it was about the future. And the future, according to Jones, was AI.

Brandtech Group was born out of that vision. From day one, the company was built around using AI to make marketing smarter, faster, and more scalable. Today, it's one of the leading companies in AI-powered marketing, creating millions of AI-generated ads for some of the world's largest brands.

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AI Is Changing the Face of Marketing

Jones didn't just want to be part of the tech revolution—he wanted to lead it. And he's done exactly that. Brandtech Group uses cutting-edge AI platforms like Pencil, which can predict how well marketing content will perform based on data. This allows companies to create content quickly, cheaply, and at an unprecedented scale.

For Jones, the future of marketing is clear: AI will soon dominate the industry. He predicts that 70% of future marketing will be driven by AI, with human creativity making up the remaining 30%. The results speak for themselves. Brandtech Group has scaled to $500 million in revenue, making it one of the fastest-growing tech companies in the world.

Startups Have the Advantage of Being Agile

Jones stresses the importance of building diverse teams that blend technical expertise with creative problem-solving. In his eyes, the companies that will survive the AI revolution are those that can move fast and break old patterns.

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Advice for Aspiring Entrepreneurs: Trust Your Vision

Jones’s story is a testament to the power of persistence. He’s no stranger to skepticism—many doubted his vision for AI-driven marketing, just as they doubted his decision to leave his high-profile corporate role. But his success shows that trusting your judgment and sticking to your vision, even when others don’t believe, can lead to extraordinary outcomes.

His advice to entrepreneurs? Stay resilient. Building a company is never a straight path. There will be doubts, setbacks, and countless obstacles. But the ability to trust your gut and push through is what makes the difference.

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AI’s Future Impact on Humanity

Despite his excitement for the future of AI, Jones acknowledges the societal concerns surrounding its rapid rise. Comparisons to previous technological revolutions, such as the internet and mobile phones, highlight both the opportunities and challenges AI presents. He believes that while there are valid concerns, history has shown that advancements ultimately lead to progress for humanity.

For aspiring entrepreneurs, his message is clear: trust your instincts, stay resilient, and don’t be afraid to challenge the status quo. After all, the future belongs to those bold enough to create it.

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