

SAME SIDE SELLING

CASE STUDY





We now focus more on the impact we can help a client have and the value that impact has for their organization.

- CHRIS YOKO, President and CEO of Yoko Co

BACKGROUND

Yoko Co is a digital marketing firm that helps organizations advance their web presence to drive results and ensure a return on their investment. The Yoko Co team struggled to differentiate themselves from their competition. Even though Yoko Co has a track record of delivering superior results compared to other digital agencies, potential customers did not understand the difference between Yoko Co and competitors that might offer an inferior solution at a low cost.

WHY IT MATTERED

Yoko Co was not growing as fast as they could, and they were not attracting those clients for whom they could have the greatest impact. Since Yoko Co has a team committed to results, they knew it was critical to attract clients who placed high-value on tangible results instead of vanity metrics such as "likes" or "clicks."

RESULTS

Since adopting Same Side Selling they have consistently grown between 20-40% each year. Most importantly, their clients have a crystal-clear understanding of where they add value and their conversations have shifted from being all about price to now being all about the results. Yoko Co now stands out from the competition and earns a lot of repeat as well as referral business from happy clients. Most importantly, they are aligned with their clients who appreciate Yoko Co's sharp focus on measuring results - specifically on how clients are impacting the world.

KEYS TO SUCCESS

Yoko Co shifted the focus from price to results with their clients and make it clear they really care about the client versus just about making money. In every client meeting, Yoko Co team members focus on the problems they solve and use the Same Side Quadrant Journals to maintain focus on gathering the right pieces of information. Each meeting concludes with a shared understanding of the impact of not solving the client's challenge and clear metrics for measuring successful results.

ISSUE

Highly competitive environment; Price was a factor even though it was like comparing apples to oranges.

IMPACT & IMPORTANCE

Not growing as fast as they could/should grow; Clients couldn't clearly see how Yoko Co would deliver better value and results; Wasting resources chasing the wrong opportunities.

RESULTS

Grew revenue 40% in the last year; Earned more repeat and referral business; Conversations have shifted from price to results.

KEYS TO SUCCESS

Focus on problems they solve and results; Client Vision Pyramid to help explain what they do compared to the competition; Same Side Quadrant Journals; Practice with Same Side Selling Improv.