



✦ CHECKLIST

# PRODUCT-MARKET FIT

The Hidden Engine Behind Scalable  
Growth in the U.S.

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# THE POTENTIAL IS HERE

Whether you already have U.S. market experience and are brought in to grow the Stateside subsidiary, or if you're sent for the first time from your home country to launch the business in America, you'll face similar challenges. Make no mistake – the opportunity is here. But so is your competition.



## The stars are aligned.

- ◆ Leadership at HQ is invested
- ◆ Your product or service is proven in other markets
- ◆ The potential is clear



But now it's on you to turn that opportunity into real, measurable growth in one of the most competitive and accessible markets in the world, when global uncertainty (hello, tariffs) is high.



If you can pull that off, it would mean:

- ◆ “Hockey stick” growth for your U.S. subsidiary
- ◆ An impressive personal success in a key global market
- ◆ A foundation to build on



This is where real **product-market fit** is essential.

Not just showing up, but aligning your offer, messaging and strategy to how U.S. customers think, consider and spend. **When you get this right, traction accelerates.** Growth compounds.

When you get this wrong, you'll be spinning your wheels.

# RETHINKING PRODUCT-MARKET FIT

for Global Brands Competing in the U.S.

Here's how high-growth global companies are adapting to accelerate traction:



## DON'T TRANSLATE. LOCALIZE

Messaging that works in Paris, Munich or Stockholm often misses the mark in Atlanta or Chicago. Winning teams shape their U.S. value proposition around local priorities and pain points, not HQ's assumptions.



## ZERO IN ON YOUR "HIGH-GROWTH TARGET" CUSTOMERS

Your total addressable market may be broad, but your U.S. revenue will likely come from a much narrower segment. Focus on identifying the two or three buyers with the greatest urgency, budget and alignment. These are the buyers most likely to generate momentum in the next 6 to 12 months.



## POSITION TO WIN, NOT JUST COMPETE

"Better" doesn't win here — "Different" does. Your Go-To-Market (GTM) strategy should clearly signal how you stand apart from entrenched U.S. competitors, not just how you keep up.



## MAKE YOUR MESSAGE MEMORABLE

There are probably six different types of vanilla ice cream. But they are all still vanilla. Your messaging should clearly and quickly inform your buyers about how you are exceptional and offer something they cannot get anywhere else



## BUILD AWARENESS THAT ATTRACTS CUSTOMERS (NOT JUST CLICKS)

Product-market fit isn't just about the product or service, but how buyers find you. Strategic inbound and outbound content tailored to U.S. customer behavior drives high-quality leads into your pipeline.



## TEST FAST, LEARN FASTER

In the U.S., your GTM strategy is a living system — not a one-time launch. A continuous loop of testing, refining and adjusting is essential for staying relevant and accelerating growth in a dynamic market. It doesn't have to be perfect on the first go-round. But you do have to learn from what you test.

# U.S. PRODUCT-MARKET FIT CHECKLIST

Even with strong global traction, success in the U.S. isn't guaranteed. This checklist will help you quickly assess where your GTM strategy is strong, where it needs refinement and what might be standing in the way of scalable growth.

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## UNDERSTANDING YOUR U.S. MARKET CUSTOMERS

Do you truly understand who will use your product/service in the U.S. and how they differ from those in your home market?



|                          |                                                                                                                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Have we clearly defined our U.S. Ideal Customer Profile (ICP)?                                                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Do we understand how our U.S. customers' pain points, goals and buying triggers differ from those in our home market? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Have we prioritized a specific region, vertical or niche to gain early traction?                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Have we identified cultural differences in communication and buying behavior?                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Can we clearly articulate our Unique Value Proposition for U.S. customers?                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Are we gathering ongoing feedback directly from U.S. prospects and customers?                                         |



### TIP



American customers value speed, clarity and confidence. Test your messaging with a U.S. audience.

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## UNDERSTANDING YOUR U.S. MARKET CUSTOMERS

Does your product/service solve a specific, pressing problem for U.S. business owners or decision-makers and can you prove it?



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|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Have U.S. companies already purchased or shown interest in our product?                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Can our product/service adapt to U.S. compliance, standards or integrations?                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Can we provide clear proof of concept from U.S. customers, such as testimonials or early case studies? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Is our pricing model aligned with U.S. customer expectations (e.g. subscription, value-based)?         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Have we considered how we compare against U.S. competitors that have a head start?                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Have we mapped U.S. customer objections and adjusted messaging or positioning accordingly?             |



### TIP

◆ U.S. customers want local validation. Start with pilot projects to gather proof points.

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## 3 GO-TO-MARKET READINESS

Can your team reach, engage and convert U.S. customers efficiently?



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|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Do we have a U.S.-focused marketing strategy and brand positioning?             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Are our marketing materials, content and website optimized for a U.S. audience? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Are we leveraging SEO/SEM strategies that reflect U.S. search behavior?         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Have we hired (or partnered with) U.S.-based experts for lead generation?       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Are we tracking performance with U.S.-specific KPIs?                            |



### NOTE

◆ U.S. market success rarely comes from copying your home market strategy.



Feeling **overwhelmed** or **unsure** where to start?

Book a 20-minute consultation with our team to get clear next steps and fresh perspective

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## Globality is in our DNA

We understand where you're coming from.

## We simplify the complex and technical

Good content is engaging and relatable.

## Flexible, accessible & effective

Our clients say we're easy to work with and that we "get sh\*t done".



## Your door opener in the U.S.

We'll help you grow in the world's most important market.

## ROI-driven marketing

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Conversions are the Emperor.

## Deep sector experience

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Ready to **stop guessing** and **start growing**?

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