



Growth Stage CEOs

LinkedIn Strategy for CEOs Under \$5M

*How to Build Credibility and
Create Demand*



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The Early-Stage Reality: You Are the Brand

Before crossing \$5M in revenue, you don't need a massive personal brand. You just need people to believe in you.

At this stage, as the CEO, you are involved in everything. From selling the vision to closing key deals, shaping the product, raising capital, and hiring the foundational team.

Buyers, investors, partners, and early hires want proof that you understand the problem deeply, that your vision makes sense, and that your business is worth betting on.

Consistency on LinkedIn provides a clear window into your thinking without requiring a heavy time commitment.





What CEOs Under \$5M Actually Need from LinkedIn

At this stage, your strategic goals on LinkedIn fall into three distinct pillars:

1. SURVIVE

Immediate Traction

Generate leads, attract key early talent, and instill investor confidence. At this stage, prospects and talent buy you more than the product.

2. PROVE

Market Validation

Demonstrate that your company is real, your solution is grounded in clear market understanding, and your early traction is meaningful.

3. GROW

Category Foundation

Educate the market, begin shaping your category, and build relationships within your ecosystem to set up long-term momentum.

Your presence on LinkedIn provides a window into your thinking and helps you accomplish all **three goals**.



Why Does Everything Change at \$5 Million?

Under \$5M, you are proving product-market fit, leading sales yourself (you make the bigger deals, even after you hire sales), juggling fundraising, and making the earliest hiring decisions.

Your team is small, your marketing function is minimal, and your investors are betting on you even more than on your idea.

Once you cross \$5M, the operating model shifts dramatically. Understanding this shift ensures you focus on the right activities right now:

Your **visibility strategy** becomes more mature because the company itself is more mature.





What Should an Early-Stage CEO Talk About on LinkedIn?

Some CEOs try to post like leaders of much larger companies, and it never feels quite right. You don't have steady wins to celebrate. You probably don't have a polished leadership philosophy. And you definitely don't have time to write long essays about culture.

What you do have is a deep understanding of the problem your company solves, a clear point of view on why the problem exists, and a differentiated way of solving it.

That's where your content should come from.

4 Core Content Pillars:

1. PROBLEM

Articulate what is broken in your industry, customer struggles, and common misconceptions. Identify patterns before the broader market creates demand.

2. P.O.V

Explain the philosophy guiding your approach. Why does the old way fail? Why must the problem be solved differently? Think of this as your market manifesto.

3. CREDIBILITY

Share analyst reports, industry data, or articles that support your thesis. Adding your unique perspective proves your vision is grounded in reality.

4. WINS

Tell your founder story and wins to humanize your journey. These posts build connection but should not form the core backbone of your strategy.





Early-Stage Content Mix (That You Can Actually Maintain)

The 95/5 Rule for Content

95% of your content should educate the market and build core domain authority. **5% of your content** should celebrate company milestones and personal progress.

Aim for a rhythm of **3 posts per week**:

Frequency	Content Type	Strategic Purpose
1 Post / Week	Problem & Insights	Demonstrate deep empathy for customer pain points.
1 Post / Week	POV / Solution Thesis	Establish your unique methodology and differentiation.
1 Post / Week	External Commentary	Leverage third-party data to validate your market thesis.





What Does "Good Enough" Look Like?



Perfection is the enemy of consistency. You do not need to be a professional writer; occasional informal phrasing or even the occasional minor typo can enhance authenticity.

What matters is demonstrating that you understand your customers' pain better than anyone else. Your closeness to the day-to-day problems of your market is a competitive advantage that shrinks as your company grows. So, leverage it fully today.



How to Make This Sustainable, Even When You're Busy

If you build the right habits, you can maintain your presence in about **30 minutes a week**:

CAPTURE INSIGHTS

Keep a running list of customer misconceptions and pain points heard during sales calls.

USE VOICE MEMOS

Record quick verbal thoughts on your phone and let a team member or ghostwriter draft them into posts.

LEVERAGE OUTSIDE CONTENT

Turn reports and articles recommended you see online into quick commentary pieces.

DO BATCH APPROVALS

Review and schedule all weekly content in a single 15-minute window once a week.

This is enough to be visible, remain credible, and stay top-of-mind with the people who are deciding whether or not to take a chance on your company.



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How to Take the First Step

If you are under \$5M, your LinkedIn objective is clear: make the problem you solve impossible to ignore.

You do not need a massive audience to drive business outcomes. You simply need clarity, consistency, and a strong point of view.

Building this foundation of trust today creates the momentum needed to carry your business into its next stage of growth.

Next Steps: Start Small This Week

Document one key takeaway from a recent sales or customer conversation, frame it around the broader industry problem, and share your perspective.

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