## Finding a Mentor Checklist

Only the foolish venture forward, without having a mentor supporting them, from behind the scenes. In business, many costly failures could have been averted if advice had been sought from a trusted and wise mentor. The key is the selection (and use) of your mentor/adviser and realizing that just because you have asked once, this does not preclude a second or third request for help.

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| Finding a good mentor checklist | Is it covered? |
| 1. Understands the sector I am in | Yes No |
| 1. Has reached a senior position, not necessarily a CEO | Yes No |
| 1. Has had a broad career experience | Yes No |
| 1. Has a quick and incisive mind | Yes No |
| 1. A person who knows me quite well | Yes No |
| 1. A person I look up to and respect | Yes No |
| 1. Normally significantly older than you | Yes No |
| 1. Is well connected | Yes No |
| 1. Is well respected by others | Yes No |
| 1. Is well read | Yes No |
| 1. Is patient and tolerant | Yes No |
| 1. Is accessible and commits to making meeting dates | Yes No |