

Trendspotting the Quick and Easy Way

How savvy executives stay on top of the latest trends, crushing the competition and multiplying profits

he world is changing more rapidly than ever before...and companies that don't keep up are often left behind.

IBM failed to foresee the PC revolution and saw its share price plunge by 77% at a time when the Dow was quadrupling in value. Xerox failed to see the market for small copiers and handed that market to Canon. Sears got trounced by WalMart. And Barnes & Noble got caught napping by upstart amazon.com.

Clearly, it's important to keep up with the trends. But how do you do so when things are changing so fast—and when it seems like you're drowning in a sea of information?

For some 12,000 top executives, the solution is a bi-monthly advisory service

called Trend Letter.

Since 1982, the editors of *Trend Letter* have compiled a remarkable track record. They predicted the boom in personal computers while a young Bill Gates was still writing computer programs in his basement. They forecast a booming economy when most pundits were expecting decline. They foresaw free trade, a unified Europe, and the rise and fall of the Asian economies. And they were ahead of the pack on *hundreds* of other trends...including managed health care...e-commerce...telecommuting...and more.

The secret to their success is a little-known technique called content analysis. Developed during the second world war by U.S. Intelligence, content analysis is still the favored tool of the CIA and other intelligence agencies.

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