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Happy New year, everyone! 2022 was definitely a roller coaster ride, there were some tough times, starting with the challenges that COVID-19 brought. As hard as it was at some stages of my life this year, I'm still thankful for the tough times because these trials and difficulties prepared me for a new year of greater fruitfulness.

I definitely have so much to be thankful for this year, and as we welcome 2023, I want to thank God for all his blessings to my family and me. For the strength, he gives me each day and for all the people around me who make life more meaningful.

Here's a toast to the future, a toast to the past, and a toast to our friends, far and near.

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"If you're a first home buyer, the best time to buy is now because the properties are cheaper, and due to the current interest rate climate, you'll get special deals, rebates, and discounts from the vendors and developers."

Justin Wang is the embodiment of a self-made entrepreneur. From unassumina beainninas to life as a property giant - he now personifies the paradigm for financial freedom. It always comes down to abundance as generated by collaboration,

Wang built PIA (Property Investors Alliance) when he realized the profitability of the Sydney residential property. His considerable charisma would spearhead a veritable empire of altruistic

Global Millionaire magazine recently caught up with Justin to ask him about the rising interest rates and whether now is an excellent time to get into the property market or not; here's what went

How does the interest rate hike affect the housing market?

Now that the interest rate keeps increasing, there's fear among first home buyers and potential investors because they're not sure how this interest rate hike will affect the property market. Because of the interest rate hike, the price of properties has dramatically dropped, so if there's a dip in the property price - should we buy

Firstly, I believe the interest rate hike will not cause a dip in property prices - some people even predict the decrease to be as low as 20%. Keep in mind that the Reserve Bank is very cautious regarding the interest rate hike or how it can affect the property market. That's because the property market, particularly Sydney Residential properties, involves a lot of families since many people, particularly parents, owe money to the bank.

But guess what? Despite the interest rate hike, people are still spending! So how can people keep spending even though there's an increase in the interest rate?

Firstly, tourism is back - tourism is bringing money again to Australia. Secondly, there's actually a low unemployment rate since people still have jobs. There's also what I can refer to as "pandemic savings:" People still have savings because, for the past two years, people haven't been spending that much due to the Covid restrictions. The government has given out over \$200 billion in support to Australians due to the Covid situation, and this money is still sitting in people's savings or offset accounts. This massive amount of money is definitely good enough to cope with the interest rate

So for those who still believe that most people will end up selling

their property for less than 20% of the actual price is wrong; they should not be worried at all due to the above reasons.

Buy or rent, which one is good for us at the moment?

Rent may be increasing at the moment, but I believe it's still okay to get into the property market. Right now, the interest rate is going up faster than the rent is going up, so it might seem like it's not a good idea to buy a property at this stage. For example, if you buy a \$600k property, the mortgage repayments plus the ongoing costs to run the property will be much higher than what the rent can achieve - possibly 20% or even 25% or higher. Even if you use PIA's buy and rent model, the rent might not be enough to cover mortgage repayments plus all of the ongoing costs,

So what's the best thing to do?

If you buy an off-the-plan property that will settle in 2-3 years, you'll be able to secure today's low price. We're currently in the middle of a "buyer's market," which means that if you buy a property now that is due to settle in 2-3 years, you'll skip over the high-interest rate period because, in 2-3 years, the interest rate will eventually decrease. You'll be able to settle your property because your borrowing capacity should've increased by then. The rent will also be enough to cover your outgoing costs.

How should I act as a first home buyer in the current market?

If you're a first home buyer, the best time to buy is now because the properties are cheaper, and due to the current interest rate climate, you'll get special deals, rebates, and discounts from the vendors and developers. Your borrowability will also be less, which means you would only need to borrow less money in this market. Because the interest rate is currently decreasing, you can probably borrow more money from the bank.

When will the interest rate stop increasing?

I believe in 2-3 years' time, the interest rate will stop increasing, and Inflation will also slow down - roughly around 2024.

Should we buy now or wait for a while?

If you're smart, the best time to buy is now.

Right now, people are not buying properties because of the interest rate hike. If you buy later, when the interest rates are decreasing, you'll struggle to secure a property because other people will also be rushing to buy properties. This demand will, of course, cause the price of the properties to be much higher. Therefore, getting into the property market now, while we're in the middle of a "buyer's market," is the best way to go.





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Nick Drewe, money-saving expert at Australian discounts platform, WeThrift, shares his top tips on how you can cut your everyday costs. From energy bills to travel and grocery shopping, he shares his top tips below.

 Keep checking your bills regularly: As some energy suppliers have been known to either make changes to tariffs or make mistakes when charging customers, it's always a good idea to check your regular household bills.

With winter approaching, those who continue to work from home or have flexible conditions may opt to not return to the office Therefore, bills for water, energy and mobile data are likely to increase.

Reduce activities and classes: Whilst it is important for a child to have a routine, there seems to be pressure around keeping children busy with activities from a young age.

If you can't quite afford every single activity, why not keep it simple and cost-free and encourage time to play in the backyard, playgrounds and explore the local creek. Children enjoy picnics, playdates and time at the beach, which will help reduce time spent in the car and spending money on petrol, entry fees, registration, tuition fees, uniforms or costumes.

3. Have a cap on present spending: Once your child starts school, they will begin to get more invitations to birthday parties. While this is lovely, this can also get expensive. Decide on a limit for presents early on and stick to it, unless it is a close friend where you may want to spend more.

Simple gift ideas that can work for both genders could be a pencil case filled with nice new stationery, a piece of sports equipment or a water pistol.

Also, start collecting generic things throughout the year and put them in a gift collection cupboard. You never know, they may came in handy.



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SNEAK PEEK: CELEBRITY HOMES UNLOCKED

The "Harry & Meghan" Netflix Mansion

The Montecito mansion, where Prince Harry and Meghan Markle filmed much of their Netflix documentary Harry & Meghan, is on the market at \$33.5 million. Fit for royalty, the Mediterranean-style, six-bed-room home with 13,599 square feet includes ocean and mountain views, multiple terraces, and a regal great room chandelier and arched windows – where Meghan was extensively filmed for the show's interviews. The home was built in 2006.

The home's exterior includes two acres of lush grounds with romantic walkways and year-round flowers, soaring palm trees and accent vines, a vegetable garden, citrus orchards, and even a chicken coop for fresh eggs. Amenities include a pool, hot tub, bar, gym, game room and a theater. A picturesque guest house is perfect for any king or royal relative who might drop by for the beautiful Southern California weather.

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex moved to Montecito in 2020 where they lived for a few months at Tyler Perry's home before buying their own \$14.7 million mansion. The six-part Harry & Meghan docuseries follows the couple from the early days of their courtship up to their well-publicized resignation from the royal family and move from England, and is setting television viewership records.

Montecito has long been a favorite escape for the wealthy, including John and Jacqueline Kennedy's honeymoon in 1953 and increasingly drawing Hollywood types such as Oprah Winfrey, Kim Kardashian, Gwyneth Paltrow and Ariana Grande.

The home is listed with Ryan Malmsten of Santa Barbara Brokers. Photos by Jim Bartsh.

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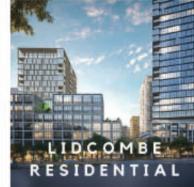




















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"My top three motivators for starting my business included not having a boss, being in full control of a company's success, and seeing how much I could expand an enterprise without anyone or anything holding me back."

When did your entrepreneurial flair first reveal itself?

Ever since I was a teenager, I've always had the spirit of an entrepreneur; I used to buy candy, sell it at school, and enjoy the experience of commerce and the joy it gave to my schoolmates. Always looking for the next angle, I soon learned to purchase sneakers and clothing and resell it at a profit. These lessons taught me the power of being in business for yourself and gave me an early insight into the expression. "profits are better than wages."

What did your life look like before being an entrepreneur?

Before becoming an entrepreneur, I worked different jobs. I worked as hard as possible, always excelled at them, and made good money. But my hunger for success and constant growth fueled me to keep growing and moving forward to my career as an entrepreneur.

As an entrepreneur, what is it that motivates and drives you?

In addition to delighting the customer, making money is important, but even more importantly, seeing how big I can grow a company gets me up in the morning. Setting goals, applying focus and effort, and eventually achieving them is gratifying. However, I get even more enjoyment from setting stretch goals that challenge me to grow further in my understanding and capabilities.

In a word, describe your life as an entrepreneur and explain why

Exciting. My life as an entrepreneur has been exhilarating and will continue to be so because continuous learning and growth are never dull. From the start of a company or my jumping on board, it's exciting to see where it can go and how my role will evolve, no matter how hard.

What were your top three motivations for starting your business?

My top three motivators for starting my business included not having a boss, being in full control of a company's success, and seeing how much I could expand an enterprise without anyone or anything holding me back. These were and will continue to drive me forward every single day.

To what do you attribute your success?

My success comes from pure, good old-fashioned hard work, dedication, and sacrifice.

What are the key elements for starting and running a successful business?

I believe the three key elements for starting a business are:

1.Research: know your market, competitors, customers, and costs.

Always be prepared to spend more than originally budgeted.

Be prepared to work harder than anyone and harder than you ever have. What you put into your business is what you will get from it.

3. Know every aspect of your business.

You want to understand each aspect in-depth to either be able to execute directly or delegate and oversee.

What are the three biggest challenges you have faced growing the business, and how did you overcome them?

Some of the biggest challenges I have faced in growing my businesses include finding the right employees and not having enough time in the day. Staying vigilant in finding and hiring the right staff and learning from past experiences have helped me grow the businesses to where they are today and will continue to grow. Time management will always be challenging, but prioritizing and letting go of things that do not bring value to your success can get more important things done! Setting the right priorities and focusing your time on them is a fundamental key to success.

Does loneliness always accompany entrepreneurship?

I believe there is some truth to that, but it's also an important part of becoming successful and a catalyst for personal growth. I stayed in many nights working until the wee hours while my friends and family were out socializing or at functions. I've often sacrificed relationships to get to where I am today; however, I believe it's possible to have fun, but only after reaching a certain point of success that permits it. Let's face it, no one likes to be broke, and I'm not the type of guy that would settle for less than being successful and financially well-off, so those sacrifices are important.

As you grew the business, what have been some of the most important leadership lessons you have learned?

- Respect, always be kind to people you encounter, and treat them how you want to be treated.
- Honesty, whether it hurts or helps, I'll always be honest, and that's an important part of being a leader.
- 3. Be willing to do what you're asking those under you to do. I heard a saying once, and it stuck with me, "I'll never send my troops to fight a battle I would not fight myself." Whether it's my nightlife company, the restaurant I owned, or the iridology company, from cleaning the bathrooms to updating websites, your employees must see how far you'll go to ensure the job gets done. Your motivation motivates them. It also allows you to say and genuinely mean when necessary, "No Excuses."

What do you hope to happen in the near future for small businesses worldwide?

I would love to see small businesses worldwide become more successful by utilizing the ever-evolving marketing tools available today. While I love and support the mom-and-pop businesses of the world, I see more and more of them disappearing, partly due to them not evolving with the times, and failing to define and execute digital marketing strategies, for example.







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SUCCESSFUL IN LIFE

If you want to succeed in life, you must be prepared to make sacrifices and face any adversities. Remember that the problems you go through will help you foster the resilience needed to handle your chosen industry.

Interact With People

The way you deal with various people is the key essential to how to become successful. You can only succeed if you know how to deal with people confidently.

Manage Your Finances

The first year of your business will be very challenging. You will probably be barely scraping by with your finances. The following year might also be terrible. You might end up with a dozen late charges and overdraft fees, You might even need to sell some of your stuff to keep your business afloat. At some point, though, your business will start to prosper, especially if your business starts to be more seasoned, increasing the chance of success. So stay strong and manage your finances well from the get-go.

Create Sacrifices

The experiences you will encounter on your way to success in the next five years will be challenging. It would be best to deal with it; these experiences may be difficult, but they bear the sweetest lessons you will need in the coming years.

Fix Your Attitude

Your attitude may be the worst adversary on your journey to becoming successful. You will never reach your goal if you blame your past and upbringing. You should learn to let go of these excuses and eliminate limitations. Take a short time to evaluate yourself and fix your perspective.

Take Risks

The amount of risk you should be willing to take to succeed should be endless. Taking these risks requires an enormous amount of faith, it would help if you believed that something good would happen. You need to take a giant leap in your life, even if you are unaware of where it will lead you.

There's a massive disparity between being a professional and an amateur in the industry. An amateur will try to do everything on his own even if they have no expertise in doing it (designing a website, marketing, accounting, cutting their hair). This takes a massive amount of time and money, and the result will make you look unprofessional. To be successful in the next five years, you need to act professionally and allocate a budget for marketing and branding.



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SEVEN BEST PODCASTING TIPS FOR ENTREPRENEURS

Recording a podcast is not that difficult, but it can take quite a learning process to get it right. No amount of editing can fix certain mistakes so capturing the cleanest audio from the outset is important. It can save you time editing and prevent you from recording a full podcast you can't use. Here are some recording tips to help you.

Choose the right equipment and software

It is possible to record a podcast using your iPhone or computer microphone, but it's not recommended. If you want to record clear, professional audio, you need to use the right microphone, A USB microphone that plugs into the USB port of your computer offers a good way to start. All you need then is some recording software, and you can begin recording.

You will also need to choose a podcast hosting platform where you get your RSS feeds that you can submit to a podcast directory of your choice. Find out more about the best podcast hosting platforms on SFGate that have various features that make it easier to publish your podcast and track its success.

Warm-up, and don't be self-conscious

Rather than starting an episode cold, warm up your vocal cords by saying some tangue twisters or practicing your script. This will help you not stumble over your words and improve your diction. When you're talking into a mic for the first time, it's easy to get self-conscious. Just try to be yourself, show your personality, and enjoy the process of getting your message across. If you create a personal connection with listeners, you will soon have a group of them waiting for your next episode to come out.

Record in a small, quiet room and create a noise profile

If you record in a small quiet room with closed doors and windows, you would reduce any outside noise, such as pets barking. You can make the room more sound-absorbent by introducing soft items like rugs, cushions, and curtain fabrics.

Pause for a couple of seconds at the start of a recording to create a noise profile. You can use these seconds of silence when editing to identify and remove any background noise. Some online platforms have tutorials on how to do this.

Use proper microphone techniques

Having the right microphone is important, but it is just as

important to know how to use it. Your microphone should be at the same height as your mouth. Adjust your body, so your mouth is at the right distance from the microphone. The closer you are to the mic, the louder your voice will sound. It's important to keep your mouth at the same distance for the whole recording.

Most recording software will show volume levels on a scale of green to red, and you should stay in the green section unless you want to emphasize a point. If you go into the red section, the sound will be distorted. If you have a pop filter between your mouth and the mic, it will reduce any clicking sounds as you talk.

Keep your body still and watch your breath

If you move your body around while recording, it will cause background noise. Try to stay as still as possible in a chair and plant your feet solidly on the ground. Don't move objects around on your desk and if you have notes on paper, try to avoid moving them around.

Sit up straight and try to control your breathing, so you inhale and exhale quietly. You don't want to hear loud breathing on your recording. If you need to take a big breath, move your mouth away from the mic.

Use headphones and make a test recording

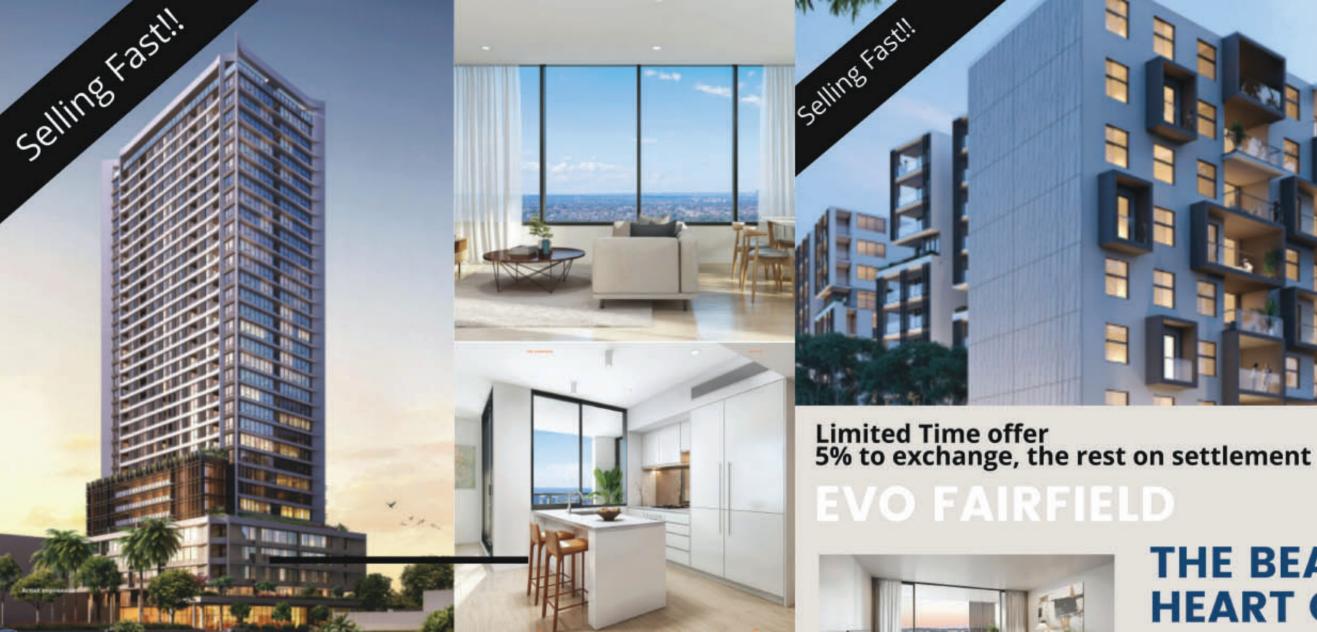
It is possible to record without using headphones, but using them will mean less editing work due to less feedback. Headphones that cover the ears are better than earbud headphones because the wires of earbud headphones lie over your chest and can rub against your clothing.

It helps to make a test recording so you can pick up any sound issues before you start recording. There may be a problem with a guest's microphone that you need to resolve. You don't want to find there's a sound problem you can't fix while editing.

Leave audio cues for mistakes

You will need to eliminate any mistakes during editing, so it helps to leave cues while you're recording so you can find them easily. When you make a mistake, you can pause, give a spoken marker, and then pause again before continuing. You can find the pauses and edit out the mistakes. Another option is a high-pitch sound marker, much like a dog clicker, that you click a few times after making a mistake so you can find the spikes while editing.















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