

THE FULL STACK PMM.

What separates the PMMs who compound from the ones who just keep up.

The Full Stack PMM is not a generalist with tools.

They are a deep specialist who has extended their reach using AI — and redesigned their day around the difference.



THE PROBLEM

Most PMMs are optimizing for the wrong thing. Here are the two traps.



Trap #1: The Pure Specialist

Deep expertise, no AI leverage.

This PMM knows the domain cold — the positioning, the competitors, the category dynamics. But every deliverable still moves at human speed. They write their own first drafts, pull their own research, manage their own battlecard cycle.

AI makes this profile less competitive, not more. Speed and output volume now carry weight at every level of the role.



Trap #2: The AI Generalist

Broad toolstack, shallow judgment.

This PMM has built an impressive personal stack. They know how to prompt, how to chain tools, how to automate. But their actual domain expertise is thin — their positioning is generic, their competitive analysis is surface-level, their narrative lacks the depth that earns executive trust.

AI amplifies what you bring. If what you bring is generic, AI makes you generically faster.

The Full Stack PMM escapes both traps: deep expertise, extended by AI.

FIGURE 1

The Full Stack PMM T-Shape: deep in craft, wide in leverage.

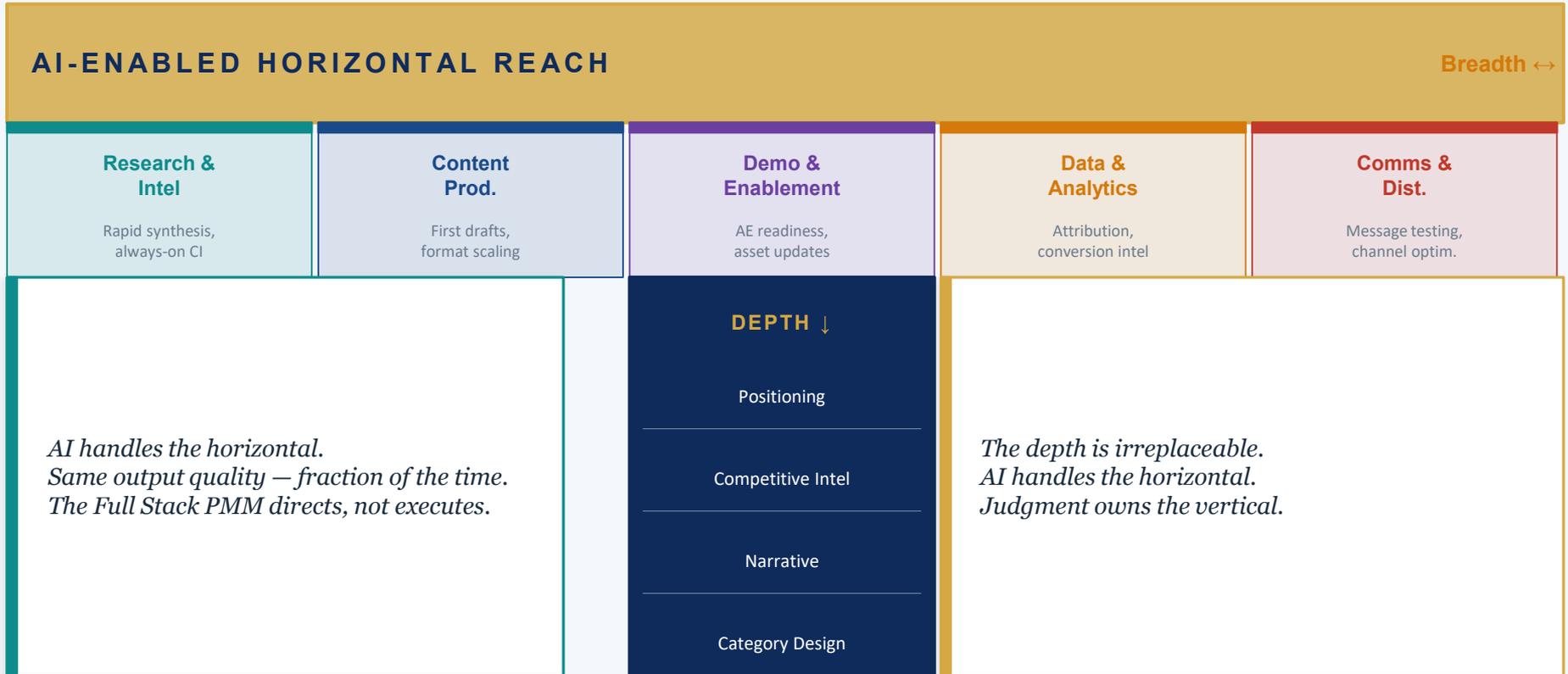


Figure 1. The T-shape: depth in core PMM craft + AI-extended reach across adjacent functions.

FIGURE 2

The AI-Enabled Workflow: same eight hours, fundamentally different allocation.

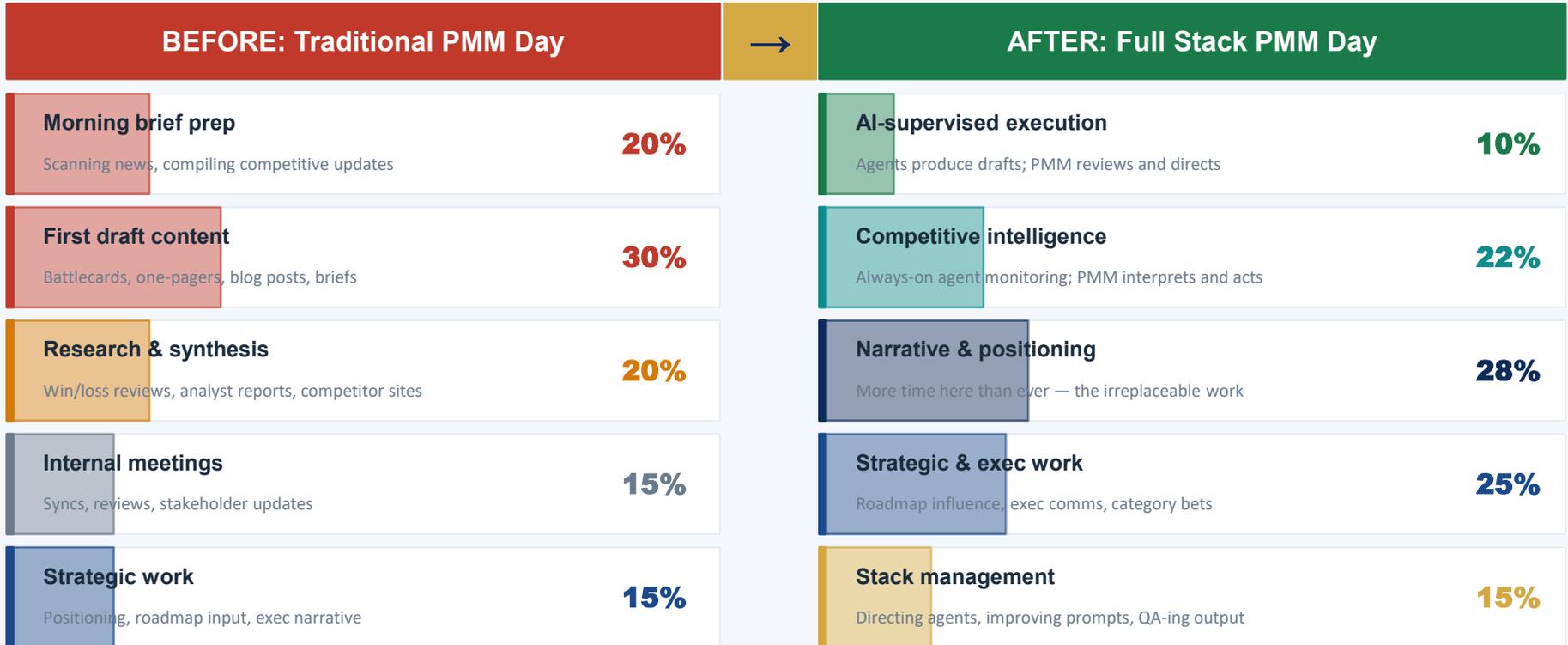


Figure 2. Eight-hour day, reallocated. Commodity execution drops from ~50% to ~10%. Strategic and narrative work doubles.

FIGURE 3

The Depth/Breadth Matrix: four profiles, one destination.

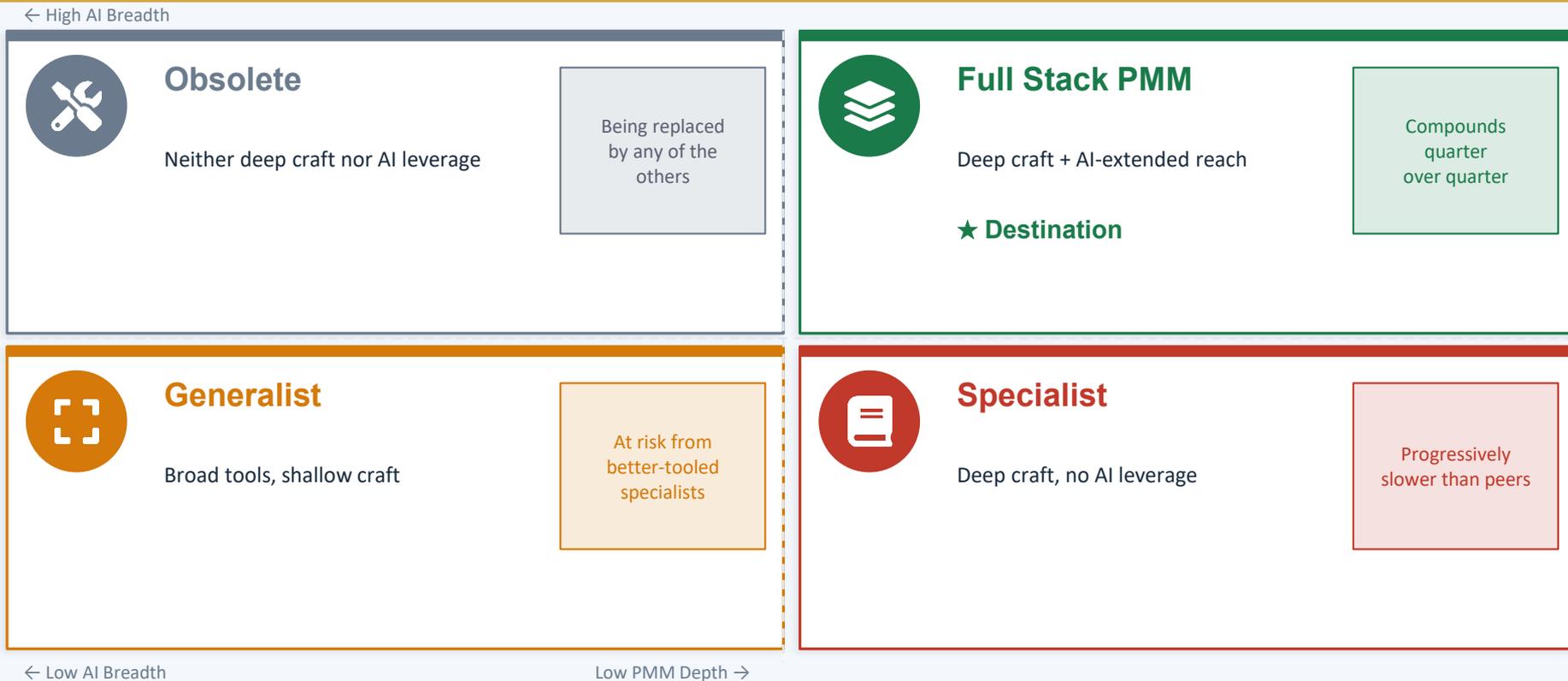


Figure 3. Four profiles: Obsolete (neither), Generalist (breadth only), Specialist (depth only), Full Stack (both). The destination is the top-right.

FIGURE 4

The Full Stack PMM Stack Architecture: three layers, one judgment loop.

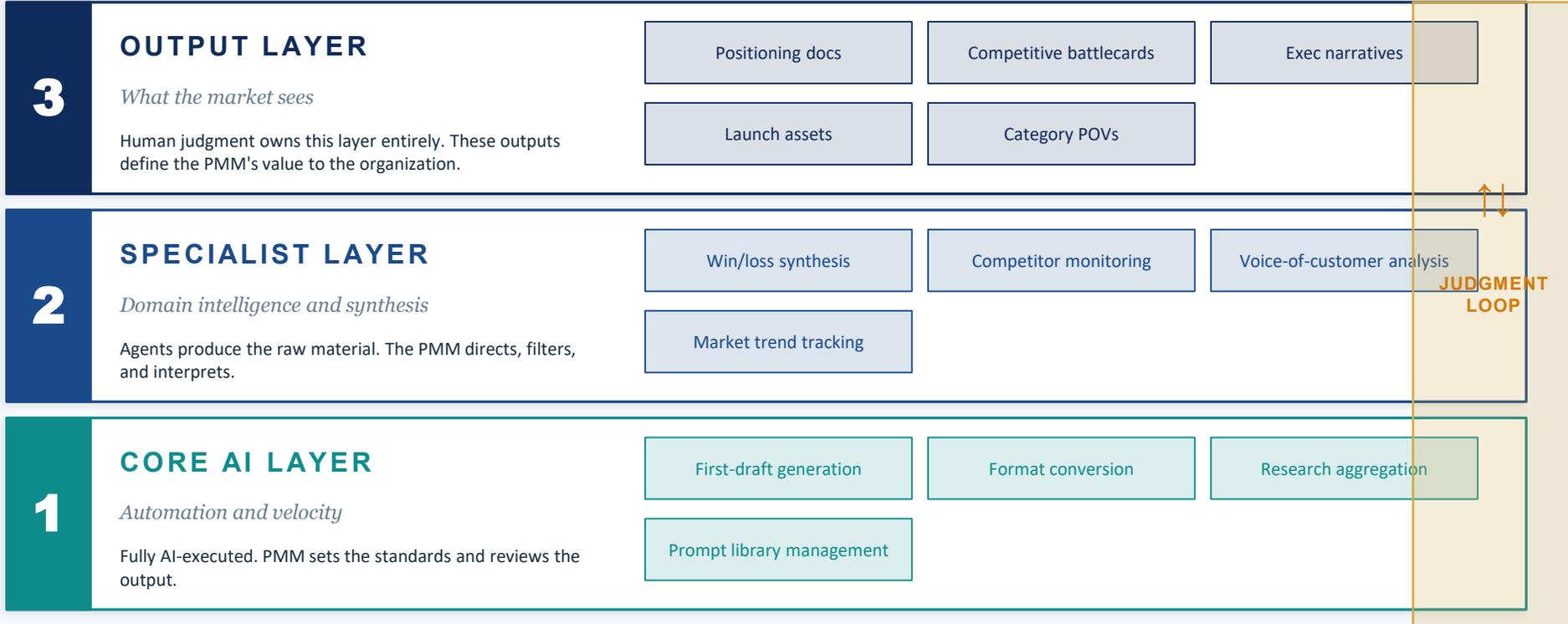


Figure 4. Three layers: Core AI (velocity), Specialist (intelligence), Output (judgment). The PMM owns all three — but only executes on the top.

THREE MOVES

How to move from wherever you are to Full Stack — in three deliberate decisions.



Move 01

Build Your Stack

Identify your highest-volume commodity tasks — the first drafts, the research syntheses, the competitive summaries. Build agents for each. Not one giant AI 'strategy,' but five specific workflows that run without you. The stack is not a tool list. It is a set of running processes.

Action Item

Inventory your top five time-consuming commodity tasks this week. Commit to building an agent workflow for at least one before next quarter.



Move 02

Rebuild Your Story

The PMMs who compound are not the ones who produce more content faster. They are the ones who produce sharper positioning, cleaner category narratives, more specific competitive differentiation — because they freed the time to think instead of produce. The story is where the depth pays off.

Action Item

Audit your last five major positioning or narrative deliverables. What percentage of that time was thinking versus producing? What changes if producing is no longer the constraint?



Move 03

Rebuild Your Skills

The craft skills that matter most in the agentic era are not the ones AI can replicate. They are the ones that AI makes more valuable: deep competitive analysis, category narrative construction, executive-level positioning judgment. These are the skills worth investing in now.

Action Item

Identify one craft skill — not a tool skill — that you want to be genuinely better at in twelve months. Build a development plan around it.

CHAPTER 4 · TAKEAWAYS



The Full Stack PMM is not a generalist — it is a deep specialist with AI-extended horizontal reach. The depth is irreplaceable. The horizontal is AI-enabled.



The AI-Enabled Workflow reallocates the same eight hours: commodity execution drops from ~50% to ~10%. Strategic and narrative work doubles.



The Depth/Breadth Matrix has four profiles. Most PMMs are Specialists (deep, no leverage) or Generalists (broad, shallow). The destination is Full Stack.



The Stack Architecture has three layers — Core AI (velocity), Specialist (intelligence), Output (judgment). The PMM owns all three but executes only on the top.



The three moves: Build Your Stack. Rebuild Your Story. Rebuild Your Skills. In that order, for that reason.

Next: Chapter 5 — Why Stories Still Win