



THE AIOS BLUEPRINT

How to run your company on an AI Operating System

A practical guide for CEOs and business owners: what an AIOS is, the five layers it is built from, what it costs, and how to roll one out in 90 days without losing control of your business.

Icarus AI Agency, Vicenza, Italy. We run our own company on eight AI agents, 24/7. Everything in this guide is running in production today.



1. Why an AI Operating System

Most companies adopt AI as scattered tools: a chatbot here, a ChatGPT subscription there, a Zapier automation someone set up and forgot. Each tool is blind to the others, none of them knows your business, and you still spend your day copying information between systems.

An AI Operating System (AIOS) takes the opposite approach. It puts one brain on top of your existing tools. Your CRM, accounting, e-commerce, email and calendars keep doing their jobs; the AIOS reads them all, acts on what it sees, and reports to you in one dashboard.

The result is simple to state: routine work executes itself, exceptions come to you for approval, and you open one screen each morning instead of nine.

What changes in practice

Leads get answered in minutes at any hour. Quotes get followed up without anyone remembering to do it. Outstanding invoices get chased. Your P&L is live, not a month old. And every one of those actions is logged, visible, and reversible.

2. The five layers

Every AIOS we build has the same architecture. This is the checklist to hold any vendor against, including us.

Layer	What it holds
1. Context	Your business brain: strategy, offers, team, goals, processes. Living documentation, updated continuously.
2. Data	Live integrations: P&L, CRM, Stripe, ad accounts. Real numbers, not exports.
3. Intelligence	Meeting transcripts, call summaries and daily briefs feeding the system every day.
4. Automation	Workflows built on context and data: intake, follow-ups, collections, scheduling.
5. Command Center	The branded dashboard you open every morning: KPIs, module activity, approval queue.

The layer most vendors skip is the first one. Without context, an AI agent is a call-center worker on their first day, forever. With it, the system knows your pricing, your tone, your priorities and your red lines.

3. Staying in control: the approval queue

The fear every owner has about automation is the right one: what if it does something I would not have done? The answer is a human-in-the-loop approval queue.

Every action is classified once, when the system is built: safe to execute (send the standard follow-up, update the record, generate the report) or needs approval (issue a refund, quote a non-standard price, contact a key account). Safe actions run on their own. Everything else waits in your queue with full context and one-tap approve or reject.

You are not managing the AI. You are reviewing its exceptions, the same way you would with a very fast, very consistent employee.

4. The 90-day rollout

Phase	Weeks	What happens
Audit	1-2	We map your tools, data and bottlenecks. You get the integration map and the module plan before committing.
Foundation	3-6	Context layer built with you. First 2-3 integrations connected. Dashboard live with real data.
Automation	7-10	First modules go live one at a time, each starting in approval mode until you trust it.
Compound	11-13	Modules move to autonomous where proven. Daily brief starts. Next quarter's modules planned.

Nothing goes autonomous until it has earned it in approval mode. That single rule removes most of the risk of AI adoption.

5. What it costs

Plan	Monthly	Includes
Core	2,500 EUR	Branded dashboard, 3 automation modules, 2 live integrations, weekly executive brief.
Growth	5,500 EUR	8 modules, live P&L + CRM feeds, approval queue, daily brief, quarterly strategy review.
Enterprise	10,500 EUR	Unlimited modules, dedicated custom agents, multi-team access, SLA, dedicated engineer.

The comparison that matters is not against other software. A single operations hire costs 3,000 to 5,000 EUR per month, works 40 hours a week, and takes months to train. An AIOS Core plan costs less, works every hour of every day, and never forgets a process.

Not ready for a retainer? Start lower on the ladder: a single AI agent from 490 EUR setup plus 99 EUR per month, or a one-off systems integration project from 5,000 EUR. Every rung feeds the next.

6. Next step

Book a systems audit. We map your tools, your data and your bottlenecks, and show you exactly what your AIOS would look like, with fixed pricing, before you spend a euro.

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