ENHANCING HIGH-RISE PROJECT EFFICIENCY THROUGH STRATEGIC SUCCESS DRIVERS AND ADVANCED QUALITY MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

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Abstract

High-rise construction projects are inherently complex, requiring meticulous planning, coordination, and execution to ensure timely delivery, cost-effectiveness, and adherence to safety and quality standards. This study investigates the optimization of high-rise project efficiency through the analysis of Strategic Success Drivers(SSDs)and the application of advanced quality management strategies. The research utilizes primary data collected from industry professionals, including project managers, engineers, and quality assurance experts, to identify key SSDs that significantly impact project outcomes. By analyzing survey responses, interviews, and performance metrics, the study identifies the most critical factors influencing project success, such as stakeholder collaboration, resource management, and risk mitigation. Additionally, the study explores the role of advanced quality management techniques, such as Total Quality Management (TQM), Six Sigma, and Lean construction, in enhancing efficiency and ensuring consistent quality across project phases. The findings demonstrate that integrating SSDs with robust quality management frameworks leads to improved decision-making, better resource utilization, and higher overall project performance. This research provides valuable insights for practitioners in the high-rise construction industry, highlighting the importance of a strategic approach to project execution and continuous quality improvement.

Keywords: High-Rise Construction, Project Efficiency, Strategic Success Drivers (SSDs),Quality Management, Total Quality Management (TQM), Performance, Risk Mitigation, Etc

INTRODUCTION

High-rise construction projects, due to their complexity, scale, and numerous stakeholders, present unique challenges that require efficient management to ensure their success. In an industry where project delays, cost overruns, and quality issues are common, optimizing the performance of high-rise projects is crucial to achieving desired outcomes. Efficient project execution not only meets the functional and aesthetic goals of the building but also ensures adherence to timelines, budgets, and safety standards.

One of the key drivers of success in high-rise projects lies in understanding and effectively managing Strategic Success Drivers (SSDs). SSDs are the essential elements or activities that must be performed well for a project to achieve its objectives. In the context of high-rise construction, these factors often include project planning, resource allocation, communication, stakeholder management, and risk management. Identifying and prioritizing SSDs enables project managers to focus their efforts on the most influential aspects that can determine the project's success or failure.

Furthermore, the integration of advanced quality management strategies is essential to ensure that the high-rise projects not only meet client expectations but also comply with industry standards. Quality management techniques, such as Total Quality Management (TQM), Lean construction, and Six Sigma, offer systematic approaches to improving processes, reducing waste, and enhancing product quality. These strategies, when effectively implemented, can significantly contribute to improving project efficiency, reducing errors, and ensuring timely delivery.

This study aims to explore the relationship between SSDs and quality management techniques, and how their synergy can enhance the efficiency of high-rise construction projects. By analyzing primary data collected from industry professionals, the research seeks to identify the key success factors driving project performance and examine how advanced quality management frameworks contribute to optimizing project outcomes. The findings will provide practical insights for project managers, contractors, and stakeholders, offering strategies to navigate the complexities of high-rise construction and achieve improved project efficiency and quality.

Objective of the study

1. Identify key factors affecting high-rise project performance.
2. Examine how quality management techniques improve project outcomes.
3. Analyze the relationship between success factors and project performance.
4. Collect and analyze primary data from high-rise projects for practical insights.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

High-rise construction projects are often complex and resource-intensive, requiring effective management to ensure they are completed on time, within budget, and to the required quality standards. Despite advancements in technology and project management practices, many high-rise projects continue to face significant challenges such as delays, cost overruns, quality defects, and resource inefficiencies. These issues can be attributed to a lack of clear project objectives, ineffective communication, improper resource allocation, and insufficient application of quality management strategies.

This research seeks to address the gap in understanding how the integration of Strategic Success Drivers (SSDs)and advanced quality management strategies can enhance the efficiency of high-rise construction projects. By exploring the impact of well-defined success factors, standardized processes, risk management, and continuous monitoring, this study aims to provide a framework for improving project outcomes and reducing inefficiencies. Ultimately, the goal is to identify the key strategies that lead to more streamlined, cost-effective, and high-quality high-rise construction projects.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Sumesh Sudheer Babu et.al (2015) investigate the critical factors leading to construction company success. Many Strategic Success Driverssuch as factors related to project manager's performance, factors related to organization, factors related to project, factors related to external environment became apparent from this study. This study will helpful to identify factors that influence project success.

Jaroslav Vrchota et.a (2020) determine the Strategic Success Driversin project management, as seen by the managers of Czech manufacturing enterprises, related to the most to the successful completion of the projects. We aim to analyze the relation of these success factors to Industry 4.0, Human Resources, and sustainability. We determined the possible interconnectedness of the Strategic Success Driversusing correlation coefficients. Then, we compared them using the Mann-Whitney test with new corporate management trends.

Aawag Mohsen Alawag et.al (2023) showed that the most important grouped factor is leadership. Regardless of the identified critical factor, all contributing factors established a significant influence on the successful performance. The study developed a conceptual framework based on the top critical factors that will help stakeholders to enter before applying TQM in IBS construction projects.

Egbebi Adeleke Oluwatosin et.al (2024) explores effective methods for ensuring and maintaining high-quality standards throughout the project lifecycle. Drawing on a comprehensive review of literature, case studies, and primary data collection through interviews and surveys, key insights are derived. The study emphasizes the importance of proactive quality planning, rigorous quality assurance, and effective quality control measures.

Yadi Li et.al (2018) is study aims at identifying the Strategic Success Drivers(SSDs)for safety management of high-rise building construction projects and exploring interactions among such SSDs. Study data were sourced from semistructured interviews and a questionnaire survey administered in China. ,e study constructs a third-order SSDs system containing six SSDs: management measures, management organization, technical and management plan, worker safety behavior, safety environment, and worker safety quality.

Snehil Jambhulkar et.al (2024) delves into the Strategic Success Driversinfluencing the successful completion of high-rise building projects, focusing on factors such as quality management, time optimization, resource utilization, and cost efficiency. The objectives include identifying these critical factors, analyzing their impact on project timelines and budgets, evaluating best practices, and proposing recommendations for enhancing project efficiency and success rates.

Pankaj P. Bhangale et.al (2016) identify the Strategic Success Driversaffecting the local construction projects and analyze them. A questionnaire is prepared from literature review. A comprehensive literature review was deployed to generate a set of factors believed to affect project enactment. The questionnaire contains two parts; part A dealing with the general information of the company and the respondent and Part B is subdivided again into different factors like cost, time, quality, client satisfaction, People factors, health and safety, innovation and learning and environment, project related, organization related, project manager and project team related and last is external environment related.

Rozlin Zainal et.al (2019) Success of each project and efficiency is required to achieve a greater advantage over the firms in construction industry today. Effective project management overcomes these types of challenges. Each big construction project company strives to achieve the most efficient and effective project management processes. The success factors which are important for project management in high rise building project success.

A. M. Faten Albtoush et.al (2022) determine the factors that affect the success of construction projects, based on realistic project data. To achieve this goal, data were collected and analyzed from the final reports of a number of projects that had been implemented in 15 years. The result illustrates that the most significant and vital factors

for the success of the construction project are: quality-related factors, cost-related factors, timerelated factors, contract-related factors, and related external factors.

Akhilesh Sharma et.al (2020) This elucidative discourse endeavours to delve into the critical determinants of triumph in project management practices that exert a pronounced influence on project success. By assimilating and implementing these determinants, organizations can bolster their acumen in project management and ameliorate overall project performance. The exposition commences by underscoring the paramountcy of project management practices as a bedrock for project triumph.

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RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Primary data will be collected through structured surveys distributed to 150 professionals involved in high-rise construction projects, including project managers, engineers, and quality control specialists. The survey will consist of both closed and open-ended questions. The quantitative data from closed-ended questions will be analyzed using descriptive statistics to summarize responses and regression analysis to identify relationships between Strategic Success Drivers (SSDs), quality management strategies, and project efficiency. Correlation analysis will also be performed to assess the strength of associations between variables. For the qualitative data from open-ended questions, thematic analysis will be employed to identify recurring themes, challenges, and practices within the responses. This will help uncover deeper insights into how SSDs and quality management practices are perceived and implemented in the industry. The integration of both data types will allow for a well-rounded understanding of the factors that influence high-rise project performance. The combination of statistical analysis and thematic coding will provide robust findings on the key success factors. These results will also highlight how advanced quality management techniques impact project efficiency. Ultimately, the analysis aims to offer actionable recommendations for improving the performance of high-rise construction projects.

Challenges Encountered

Upon completion, Opal Tower faced significant structural issues, including:

- Cracking noises reported by residents.
- Visible cracks in walls and ceilings.
- Evacuation of over 3,000 residents due to safety concerns.

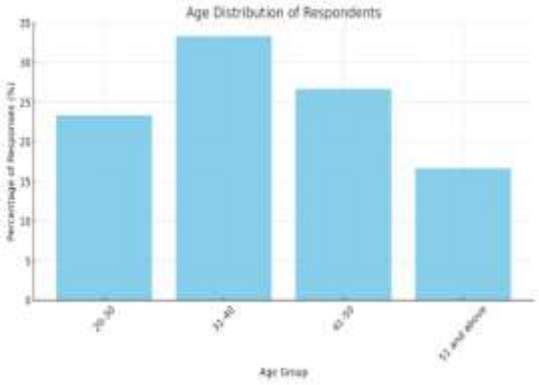
These issues were attributed to under-design and the use of lower-quality materials. The project highlighted the critical importance of stringent quality control and adherence to design specifications in high-rise construction.

Lessons Learned

- Importance of Quality Assurance: Ensuring that construction materials and design meet the specified standards is crucial to prevent structural failures.
- Stakeholder Communication: Effective communication among developers, contractors, and residents is essential to address issues promptly and maintain trust.
- Regulatory Oversight: Post-incident, New South Wales introduced stricter building regulations, including mandatory registration of designers and engineers, to enhance accountability and safety in construction projects.

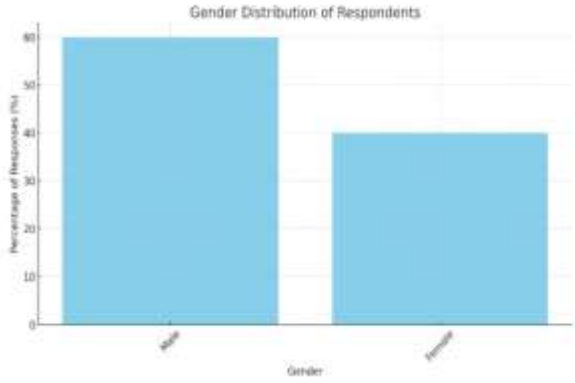
This case underscores the necessity of robust quality management systems and the proactive identification and mitigation of risks in high-rise construction projects.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION



The Age Distribution of Respondents chart shows the percentage of responses across four age groups. The highest percentage (around 35%) is from the 31–40 age group, followed by the 41–50 group (about 30%). The 20–

30 group has around 25%, while the 51 and above group has the lowest percentage, at about 15%.



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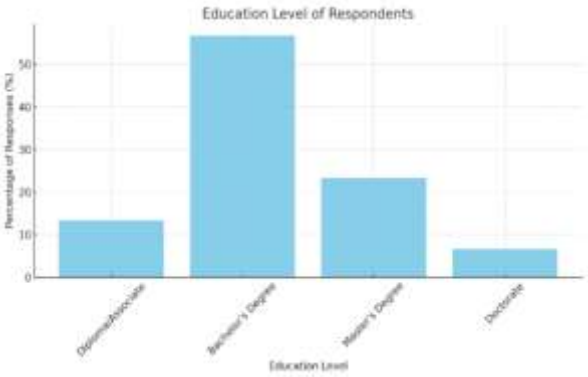
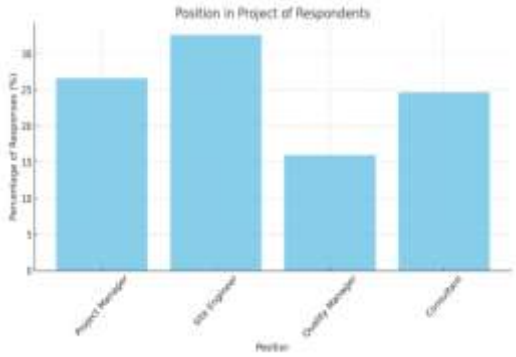


The Education Level of Respondents chart shows that 50% of respondents have a Bachelor's Degree, making it the most common education level in the sample. Master's Degree holders represent about 25%, while Diploma/Associate and Doctorate holders make up a smaller portion at around 10% each.



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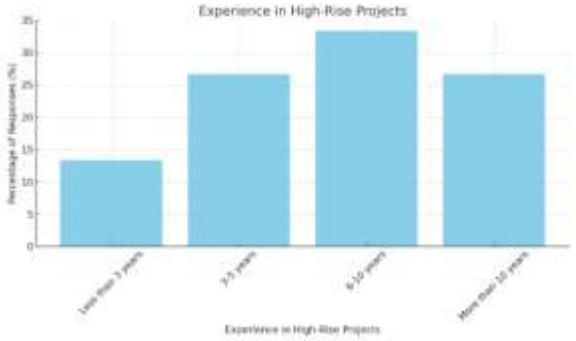
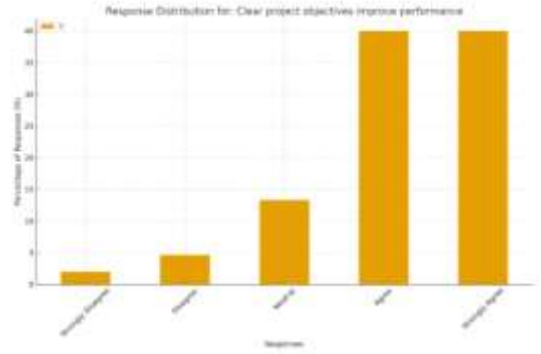


The Experience in High-Rise Projects chart shows that the largest group of respondents, around 35%, have 6–10 years of experience. 3–5 years of experience comes next at about 30%, while More than 10 years and Less than 3 years represent the smaller groups at 25% and 10%, respectively.



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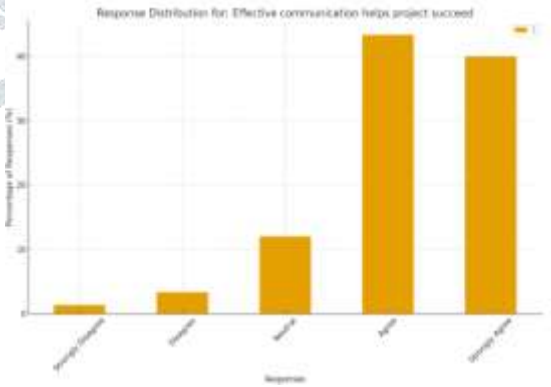

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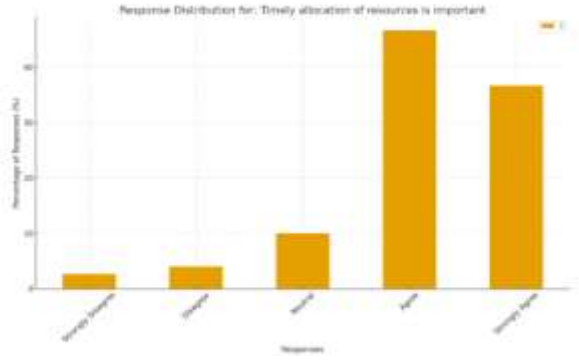

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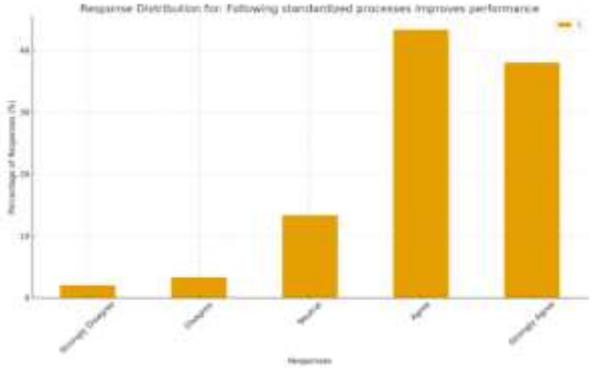

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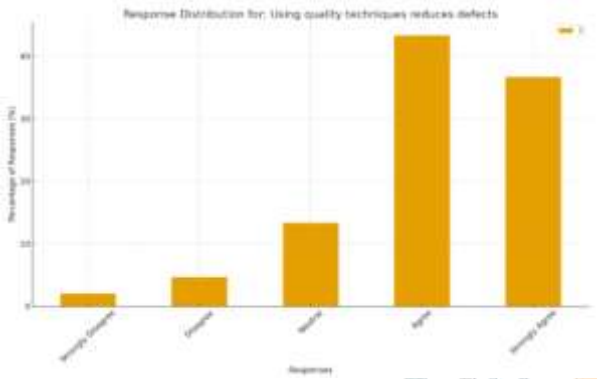

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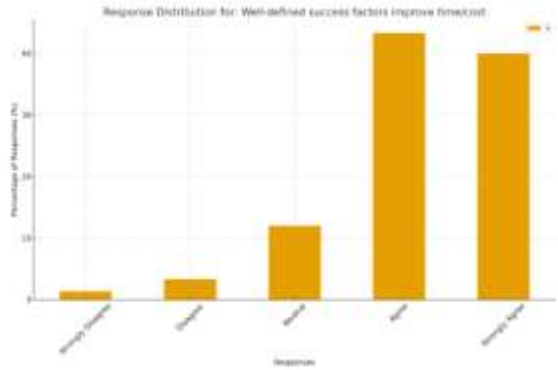

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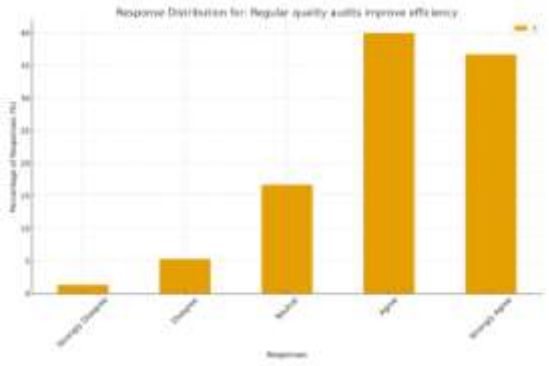

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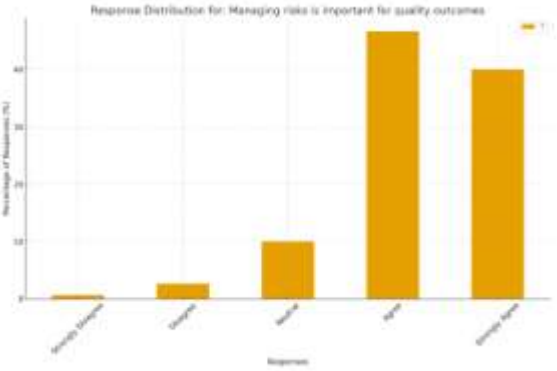

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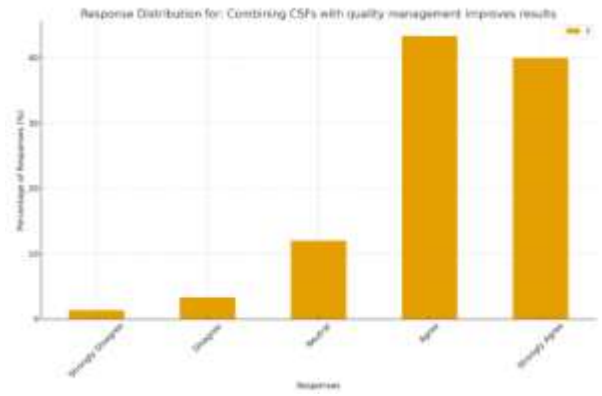

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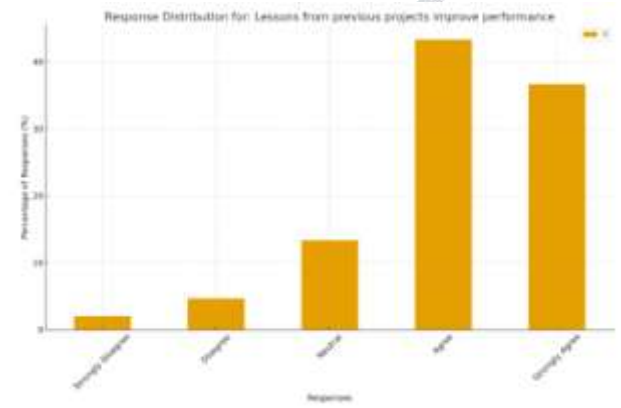

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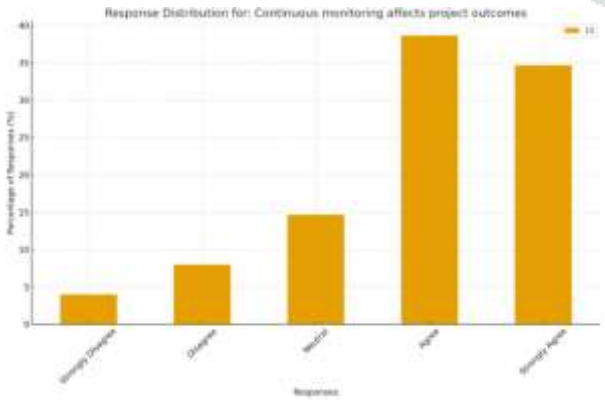

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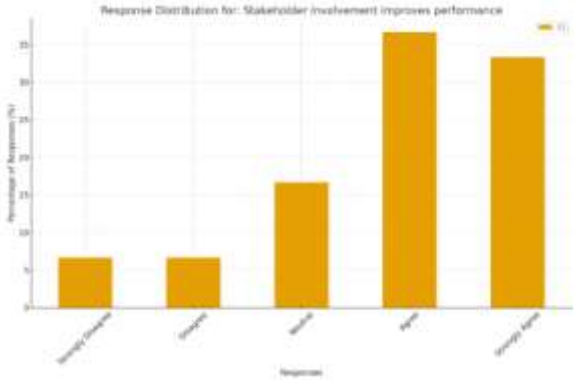

The Response Distribution for "Stakeholder involvement improves performance" chart shows that the majority of respondents agree (about 35%) or strongly agree (around 30%) with the statement. A moderate portion of respondents are neutral (about 20%), while only a small percentage disagree or strongly disagree.

DISCUSSION

The survey results provide valuable insights into the factors influencing high-rise project success. The 31–40 age group comprises the largest portion of respondents at 35%, followed by the 41–50 group at 30%, indicating a workforce with substantial experience. In terms of gender, 60% of respondents are male, reflecting a male-dominated sample. Regarding education, 50% of respondents hold a Bachelor's Degree, with 25% holding a Master's Degree, demonstrating a highly educated workforce. In terms of project roles, Site Engineers represent the largest group at 30%, followed by Project Managers at 25%.

When it comes to experience, 35% of respondents have 6–10 years of experience, with the survey capturing a diverse range of experience levels.

Key findings include the overwhelming agreement that clear project objectives (80%) and effective communication (85%) are essential for improving project performance. Additionally, timely resource allocation is deemed crucial by 70% of respondents, and quality techniques are believed to reduce defects by 75%. A majority of respondents (85%) agree that following standardized processes and managing risks contribute to better project outcomes. Furthermore, continuous monitoring is seen as important by 75% for ensuring project success.

Overall, the survey underscores the importance of combining Strategic Success Drivers(SSDs)with quality management practices to improve project outcomes, with lessons learned from previous projects playing a vital role in enhancing future performance.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, enhancing high-rise project efficiency requires a strategic approach that integrates Strategic Success Drivers (SSDs)and advanced quality management strategies. The findings from this study underscore that clear project objectives, effective communication, timely resource allocation, and the use of quality management techniques are fundamental to improving project performance. Additionally, standardized processes and robust risk management play crucial roles in ensuring that projects are completed on time, within budget, and with high-quality outcomes.

By aligning SSDs with quality management practices, high-rise projects can minimize defects, reduce delays, and optimize resource utilization. Furthermore, continuous monitoring and learning from previous projects are essential for fostering a culture of improvement and innovation. The combination of these elements not only leads to more efficient project execution but also enhances stakeholder satisfaction and the long-term sustainability of the projects.

Ultimately, the adoption of these strategies provides a framework for future high-rise construction projects, ensuring that they meet the ever-evolving demands of the industry while maintaining high standards of safety, quality, and performance.

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