### Developing a Successful Cyber Strategy

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### How To Ensure Your Strategy Succeeds





### **Proven Benefits of a Successful Strategy**

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By using the right drivers **Reduce Risk** 

Address what matters to the business Business Buy-In

#### **Show ROSI**

Showing a measurable Return on Security Investment

#### Delivered

Strategy will be in lockstep with the business velocity

# Six Steps to a Successful Cyber Strategy



# Successful Strategy is Business Aligned

Aligned to business

**strategy** Aligns with the business strategy

**Aligned to IT initiatives** 

Supports the technical direction of the business

Valued by the business

Valued by all the stakeholders



Revenue Streams Protects the business revenues streams

> **Go-to-market** Understands the businesses go-tomarket offerings

**Growth** Supports the often rapid growth of the business

# **Cyber Strategy Principles**

The guiding principles that underpin the strategy Example:

- Develop and Govern a Healthy Security Culture
- Manage Risk in the Language of Business
- Establish a Control Baseline
- Simplify and Rationalize IT and Security
- Control Access with Minimal Drag on the Business
- Institute Resilient Detection, Response and Recovery

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### **Key Cyber Strategy Drivers**



Meet regulatory, legal and contractual obligations

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#### Threat Landscape

Address Threat Landscape

#### Controls Uplift

Uplift maturity, coverage and efficacy of controls

#### Risk Reduction

Close Risks + Reduce likelihood and/or impact of Risk Register items

## Identifying Cyber Control Gaps





## **Effortlessly Measuring Success**



#### **Maturity Uplift**

CMMi uplift against CSF or other framework

#### **Risk reduction**

Close or reduce likelihood or impact of risks in Risk Register

#### **Balanced Scorecard**

Financial, business, client and innovation perspectives

**Objectives & Key Results** Measuring the results of the strategy objectives

# Maturity Uplift Example – NIST CSF

**IDENTIFY** 



## **OKR Example**

**Objective:** Reduce risk

- **Key Result 1:** Close existing risks through the implementation of compensating controls
- **Key Result 2:** Reduce either the Likelihood or Impact of Critical & High risks through the implementation of compensating controls

### **Tested Implementation Formula**





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IT Initiatives

# Successful Cyber Strategy Takeaways

Business Alignment Increases Chance of Success

Key Drivers Justify the Investment

Metrics Measure Success

Risk & Compliance Define the Controls