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With over 25 years of distinguished leadership experience in the technology sector, I have navigated the complexities of diverse global working cultures including working in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, the USA, Canada, Singapore, Japan, Argentina, and Spain, to name a few.

I stand out as a rare security executive holding a post-graduate degree in Law (LL.M) from Strathclyde University, a top-ten UK institution, enabling me to dissect statutory legal instruments and their implications on cyber security. Complementing this legal expertise, I also hold a B.A. in International Business & Management from Bournemouth University with a commendable 2:1 distinction.



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DEPARTMENT BREAKDOWN

WHAT ARE YOUR KEY DEPARTMENTAL OBJECTIVES OVER THE NEXT 6 TO 12 MONTHS?

Implementing a supply chain cyber risk assessment program, Enhancing cyber awareness communications across the company, with the ELT, and Board, Modernizing security control in Operational Technology environments, Transition to Microsoft security technology stack, Automate vulnerability management/cyber hygiene programs

WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT TECHNOLOGY STACK?

Network- Palo Alto, Cisco, Checkpoint, F5, Trend Micro
Endpoint- Transitioning from CrowdStrike and Symantec to Microsoft Defender (M365 E5)
Email- FireEye ETP, Cisco IronPort, O365 ATP
Cloud- AWS and Azure IAM- Azure AD, Sailpoint, BeyondTrust
WAF- Akamai, AlertLogic
SIEM- Elastic and Transitioning from Log Rhythm to Azure Sentinel

HOW MANY PEOPLE REPORT TO YOU (BOTH DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY)?

30

WHAT IS YOUR TOTAL BUDGET OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS PERIOD?

€10-25 million

PROJECT INSIGHTS

PROJECT OR INITIATIVE DESCRIPTION

Cyber Resiliency Program, Transition fully to Microsoft security tech stack (all-in with E5 licensing) versus best of breed approach, On-board a 24x7x365 managed security services partner, Streamline control frameworks, Automate cyber hygiene/vulnerability management programs, Implement automated data discovery, classification, protection of unstructured data with Azure Information Protection, Microsoft Cloud App Security, etc. Ensure DR/BCP strategies and practices incorporate cyber incident RPO/RTO

WHAT NON-BUDGETARY CHALLENGES DO YOU ANTICIPATE?

Retaining key talent during this time of uncertainty; employee burn-out, Continuous cyber attacks, phishing emails, etc. Company cybersecurity culture

WHAT 3RD PARTIES ARE YOU HOPING TO MEET WITH?

Supply chain cyber risk management, Control frameworks adoption experts, Operational Technology/Industrial Control Systems security experts, Security automation and integration services

WHAT IS YOUR TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION?

The cyber resiliency program currently has a 3-year roadmap. The initiatives discussed here will be completed within the next 3-12 months.

WHAT IS YOUR BUDGET FOR THIS PROJECT?

~€20 million



What technology/services are of strategic importance to you in the next 12 months?

Please indicate level of need/importance below.

We realize everyone has priorities, so we asked the delegates theirs. This is so that we can create a more personalized experience for all our attendees.

Leveraging AI to enhance threat detection	A
Convergence of Data Privacy and Data Security	E
Protecting the enterprise against the emerging use of GenAI and LLMs	C
Universal Privilege Management - Why you Need to Address More Than Passwords	D
Save the SOC: How to Increase Investigation Speed, Efficiency and Accuracy	A
Next Gen Browser Security	C
Creating an Intelligence Forward Cyber Security Program	A
Integrated and agile identity platform providing authentication and secure interactions for users, systems, and devices	E
Optimizing security portfolio investment by focusing on best-of-platform vs. best-of-breed	C
AI tools that can quickly repair or recover files to enhance remediation	C
Continuous Visibility of Security and Compliance Across On-Premises Assets, Endpoints and Multi-Cloud Environments	B
Creating a Zero Trust Environment	E
Five Best Practices When Deploying Zero Trust in the Modern Data Center	A
Bot mitigation and prevention strategies	D
Delivers advanced managed services and solutions for cybersecurity, cloud, artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), and IT modernization.	E