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EXECUTIVE PROFILE

A strategic technology Leader with over 15 years of experience driving digital evolution within global manufacturing, retail & distribution, energy, and financial services. Expert at aligning complex technology ecosystems with overarching business goals to drive revenue growth, operational efficiency, and market competitiveness.

Proven track record in navigating the "Board-to-Engine-Room" gap, translating technical debt and cybersecurity risk into clear commercial business cases for CEOs and Investors. CISM-certified leader with a relentless focus on building high-performance, distributed cultures that treat IT as a value-driver rather than a cost center.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- **Strategic Leadership:** Multi-year Roadmap Development, M&A Integration, Board-level Advisory.
 - **Commercial Acumen:** Multi-million £/\$ Budget Management, Vendor Rationalisation, OPEX/CAPEX Optimisation.
 - **Digital Transformation:** Cloud-First Strategies (Azure/AWS), ERP Modernisation, AI/ML Enablement.
 - **Cyber Resilience & Governance:** CISM, ISO 27001, NIST Frameworks, Disaster Recovery (RTO/RPO Excellence).
 - **Operational Excellence:** ITIL Frameworks, Global Service Delivery, 99.9% Availability, Change Management.
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Evolution Power Tools Ltd | UK, US, Europe, China **Group IT Manager** | 2021 – Present

Full P&L and strategic accountability for the global technology estate of a multi-national manufacturing and distribution leader. Leading a cross-functional team of 11 across five countries.

Strategic Impact & Business Transformation:

- **Board Advisory:** Appointed as the primary technology advisor to the Board, successfully shifting the IT perception from a back-office function to a strategic partner in global expansion.
- **Global Roadmap Delivery:** Architected and executed a 3-year "Digital First" strategy, consolidating fragmented regional IT silos into a unified global infrastructure.

- **Cloud Transformation:** Orchestrated a wholesale migration to a cloud-native architecture, retiring legacy technical debt and reducing infrastructure provisioning times by **85%**.

Financial & Operational Performance:

- **OPEX Optimisation:** Delivered **£380K in annual recurring savings** through aggressive vendor renegotiation and license consolidation without impacting service tiers.
- **Service Reliability:** Redesigned global service delivery models to achieve **99.94% platform uptime**, directly supporting 24/7 manufacturing and distribution cycles.
- **Business Continuity:** Established a gold-standard Disaster Recovery posture (RTO 60m / RPO 15m), validated through quarterly executive-led simulations.

Cybersecurity & Risk Management:

- **Security Culture:** Built a comprehensive cybersecurity framework from the ground up. Reduced high-risk behaviours (phishing clicks) from **12% to 3%** through a combination of technical guardrails and behavioural training.
- **Governance:** Implemented a structured IT Governance framework (COBIT/ISO-aligned), ensuring global compliance across diverse regulatory landscapes (UK, US, China).

Shoreline Natural Resources | Nigeria & UK IT Manager (Infrastructure & Security) | 2019 – 2021

Led the modernisation of the technology function for a high-stakes resource-sector organisation, focusing on cost-containment and enterprise-grade security.

- **Cost Rationalisation:** Co-authored a 3-year technology roadmap that successfully **reduced IT operating costs by 30%** through automation and contract lifecycle management.
- **Enterprise ERP Upgrade:** Directed a critical ERP modernisation project that provided the Finance Board with real-time analytics, reducing the month-end closing cycle by **20%**.
- **Risk Mitigation:** Established the organisation's first formal Information Security Programme, achieving a significant reduction in organisational risk exposure and satisfying external audit requirements.
- **Hybrid Cloud Adoption:** Migrated critical workloads to a hybrid cloud model, increasing system availability to **99.90%** and improving remote-access performance for international stakeholders.

MRS Oil & Gas | West Africa (Multiple Jurisdictions) Senior IT Project Manager | 2016 – 2019

Accountable for the delivery of multi-country technology programmes within the Mid-Stream Energy sector.

- **Programme Excellence:** Delivered a portfolio of cross-border programmes (ERP, Data Centre Migrations, WAN Redesign) within **±5% of budget**, maintaining zero data loss across all migrations.

- **Commercial Savings:** Consolidated fragmented regional network and security vendors, yielding **\$120K in annual support savings** while boosting site-to-site performance by **21%**.
- **Executive Reporting:** Developed a standardised PMO reporting structure, providing the Executive Team with clear visibility into project risks, dependency mapping, and ROI metrics.

Standard Alliance Insurance PLC | Nigeria Head of IT Infrastructure | 2008 – 2015

Held full accountability for infrastructure governance and operations within a regulated financial services environment.

- **Governance Leadership:** Established enterprise-wide infrastructure standards that resulted in **zero critical findings** across two consecutive external regulatory audits.
 - **Efficiency Gains:** Led a massive server virtualisation initiative, reducing physical footprint by **35%** and decreasing annual run-rate costs by **\$95K**.
 - **Platform Maturity:** Improved core platform availability from **99.5% to 99.9%** by implementing redundant architecture and rigorous change management protocols.
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EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

- **MSc Information Systems Management** | University of Salford, UK
- **HND Electrical/Electronic Engineering** | Yaba College of Technology, Nigeria

Key Certifications:

- **CISM** (Certified Information Security Manager) – ISACA
- **CEH** (Certified Ethical Hacker)
- **ITIL** (Implementation & Governance)
- **CCNA** (Cisco Certified Network Associate)
- **ISO 27001 / NIST CSF / COBIT / TOGAF** (Applied Knowledge)

TECHNICAL DOMAIN EXPERTISE

- **Executive Tech:** AI/LLM Enablement (RAG/Fine-tuning), Data Strategy, Digital Roadmapping.
- **Cloud & ERP:** Azure, AWS, VMware, SAP, Infor, Microsoft Dynamics.
- **Cybersecurity:** IAM, SIEM, EDR, DLP, Phishing Defense, Business Continuity Planning.

Supplemental Project Appendix

1. Global Cloud Migration & Infrastructure Modernisation

Role: Project Sponsor / Lead Architect **Scope:** 5 Countries | 25% Infrastructure Reduction

- **The Challenge:** Evolution Power Tools operated on fragmented, aging on-premises hardware across the UK, US, France, and China, leading to high maintenance costs and frequent regional downtime.
- **The Solution:** Architected a "Cloud-First" transition using a Hybrid Azure/AWS environment. Implemented Infrastructure as Code (IaC) to standardise deployments across all global regions.
- **The Outcome:** Reduced hardware Capex by 40% over 24 months. Improved system recovery times from 24 hours to under 60 minutes. Provisioning for new international satellite offices was reduced from 3 weeks to 2 days.

2. Enterprise ERP Implementation & Business Intelligence (BI) Strategy

Role: Steering Committee Lead **Scope:** Multi-million-pound resource sector upgrade

- **The Challenge:** Shoreline Natural Resources lacked "single source of truth" data, causing month-end delays and inaccurate financial forecasting for the Board.
- **The Solution:** Led the end-to-end upgrade of the core ERP system and integrated a Power BI reporting layer. Focused heavily on data cleansing and stakeholder training to ensure high adoption rates.
- **The Outcome:** Shortened the month-end close by 2 full business days. Enabled the Executive Board to access real-time production and financial KPIs via mobile dashboards, significantly improving decision-making speed.

3. Information Security Framework & Cyber Essentials Certification

Role: CISO / CISM Lead **Scope:** ISO 27001 Alignment & Staff Culture Shift

- **The Challenge:** High vulnerability to social engineering and lack of formal governance frameworks (NIST/ISO) left the organisation exposed to significant reputational risk.
- **The Solution:** Established a formal Information Security Management System (ISMS). Deployed an automated EDR (Endpoint Detection and Response) solution and launched a gamified security awareness programme for all staff.
- **The Outcome:** Achieved UK Cyber Essentials Plus certification. Reduced security-related service desk tickets by 45% and decreased the organisation's cyber insurance premiums by 15% through proven risk mitigation.

4. M&A Technology Due Diligence & Integration

Role: IT Lead (M&A) **Scope:** Acquisition of Regional Distributors

- **The Challenge:** Rapid business growth via acquisition led to "Shadow IT" and redundant software spend across newly acquired business units.
- **The Solution:** Developed a repeatable "IT Playbook" for M&A, covering due diligence, security auditing, and rapid domain migration.
- **The Outcome:** Successfully integrated three regional entities within 6 months of acquisition. Identified and removed £120k in redundant software licensing within the first 90 days of integration.