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Executive Summary

- Visionary leader with **25+ years of experience** in **global operations, IT GRC, cybersecurity**, and **digital transformation**. Currently spearheading the **Global Capability Centre (GCC)** operations for a multinational group, overseeing governance, compliance, and security for **64+ subsidiaries** across **19 countries** from Chennai.
- **Proven Expertise:** Demonstrated expertise in **strategic business planning**, **P&L optimization**, and managing **$100M+ budgets** to drive global operational excellence. Delivered measurable results, including **40% improvement in organizational resilience** and **70% process automation** through innovative AI/ML strategies.
- Recognized for building **high-performing teams**, fostering **cultural transformation**, and leveraging the GCC to deliver business-critical capabilities, operational excellence, and profitability.
- Adept at **regulatory compliance**, **stakeholder collaboration**, and enabling growth through **M&A integration**, **strategic governance frameworks**, and **digital innovation**.

Key Achievements

- **Global GCC Leadership:** Spearheaded the **strategic roadmap** for the GCC, aligning governance, risk, compliance, and cybersecurity objectives across **64 subsidiaries**. Leveraged **AI/ML-driven solutions** to optimize processes, enhance resilience, and enable real-time threat detection.
- **Operational Excellence at GCC:** Directed cross-functional teams at the GCC, optimizing operations and resource utilization to deliver **40% revenue growth** while ensuring seamless scalability for new acquisitions.
- **Strategic Integration at GCC:** Played a pivotal role in aligning the GCC's priorities with global stakeholders, enabling **plug-and-play frameworks** for acquired entities and ensuring regulatory compliance across **19 countries** globally.
- **Cybersecurity Innovation:** Designed AI-powered automation frameworks, achieving a **50% reduction in risk exposure** and enabling real-time threat detection.
- **P&L Optimization:** Managed **$100M+ budgets**, driving profitability by aligning financial strategies with business goals and delivering measurable ROI.
- **Strategic M&A Success:** Led post-merger integrations, aligning governance frameworks, and facilitating seamless operational transitions to support business scalability.
- **Global Security Frameworks:** Delivered large-scale cybersecurity programs across **18 countries in** Asia Pacific, aligning with **ISO 27001** and enhancing client satisfaction through tailored solutions.
- **Telecom Expertise:** Enhanced security and operational frameworks for global telecommunications networks, ensuring compliance and driving operational efficiency.
- **Regulatory Excellence:** Achieved compliance with global data protection regulations, including **GDPR**, **KSA PDPL**, and **India's DPDP Act**, safeguarding sensitive data assets.

Career Snapshot

Group Head of IT GRC & Cybersecurity (Additional DPO Role) — Jun 2023 – Present — Al Gihaz Holding, Chennai

Founder & CEO (Chief Executive Officer — May 2013 - May 2023 — Startup Initiatives Skillusions + CyResMan India, Dubai, Bahrain

CISO (Head of Information Security) — May 2010 - May 2013 — Deem Finance LLC (Formerly Dunia Finance LLC), Dubai

BCSG (Business Continuity, Security & Governance) Practice Delivery Asia Pacific Lead — Dec 2006 - Apr 2010 — BT Group Global Capability Centre, Gurgaon

Manager – Information Security — Jan 2005 - Dec 2006 — LG Soft India, LGE COE, Bengaluru

Senior Information Security Consultant — Dec 2001 - Jan 2005 — Network Security Solutions, Noida

Founder & Proprietor — Jun 1995 - Dec 2001 — Entrepreneurship iWeb Technology Solutions, New Delhi

Professional Experience

- **Directed Global GCC Strategies:** Defined and executed the strategic roadmap for IT GRC and Cybersecurity at the GCC Global Capability Centre, ensuring alignment with global governance, compliance, and security objectives across 64 subsidiaries. Achieved a **40% improvement in resilience** through AI/ML-driven automation and **real-time threat detection**.
- **Enabled End-to-End Automation:** Automated **70% of IT GRC processes**, enabling **real-time risk assessment** and reducing manual effort by **60%**. Ensured adherence to global privacy standards (**GDPR**, **KSA PDPL**, **India's DPDP Act**), safeguarding critical data assets.
- **Scaled Cybersecurity Startups:** Founded and scaled **Skillusions** and **CyResMan**, delivering innovative cybersecurity solutions to **30+ markets**. Led **digital transformation projects**, achieving a **40% risk reduction** and improving implementation speed by **50%** using proprietary frameworks.
- **Optimized Operational Efficiency:** Streamlined operations with standardized frameworks for **plug-and-play integration** of new entities. Reduced cybersecurity costs by **20%** while maintaining operational excellence.
- **Built High-Performance Teams:** Mentored and developed a skilled workforce through tailored training programs. Fostered **innovation and accountability**, building talent pipelines for specialized needs like **automotive cybersecurity**.
- **Enterprise Risk and Compliance Leadership:** Established an enterprise-wide cybersecurity program as CISO at Dunia Finance, achieving **ISO 27001 certification** and reducing risks by **30%**. Managed a **$2M cybersecurity budget**, driving positive ROI.
- **Managed Fraud Investigations:** Investigated high-profile fraud incidents, recovering organizational assets and implementing preventive measures to enhance risk management frameworks.
- **Delivered Multi-Country Programs:** Directed multi-country cybersecurity programs across **Asia Pacific, The Middle East, Africa & Europe**, aligning with global compliance frameworks like **ISO 27001**. Enhanced client satisfaction through customized solutions and operational efficiency.
- **Advanced Automotive Security:** Developed the **Automotive Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence** for Jaguar Land Rover, creating benchmarks for secure practices in connected vehicle technologies.
- **Strengthened National Cybersecurity:** Played a pivotal role in establishing **CERT-In**, India's first **Computer Emergency Response Team**, enhancing national cyber-readiness through innovative frameworks.
- **Achieved Award-Winning Compliance:** Transitioned organizations from **BS 7799** to **ISO 27001 compliance**, earning accolades like the **GOLD Award for Excellence**.
- **Entrepreneurial Governance Leadership:** Founded a profitable cybersecurity consultancy, delivering impactful governance frameworks tailored to SMEs and enabling sustained growth.

Certifications: CISSP, CISA, CISM, C-CISO, CRISC, Lead Auditor (ISMS, BCMS, ISO 27001, ISO 9001, ISO 55001), CDPO, BCCE, MBCI, CBCI, CHFI, CPISI, GRCP, Certified Cyber Criminologist, Cyber Crime Intervention Officer

Awards: **Honorary Doctorate** (Cybersecurity, CCU, USA 2023), **Pillars of India Award** (2024), **Bharat Gaurav Samman** (2024), **GOLD Award** (2006).

Education & Publications

- **PhD** in Information Security 2013
- **MBA** in e-Business 2004
- **BA** Kakatiya University India 1995

Publications: *Cybersecurity Chronicles: Navigating the Digital World Safely*.