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Board profile

I help boards oversee technology, data and AI with confidence.

Summary

As head of architecture for a global technology company's managed cloud services across nine countries, and chair of its architecture review board, I govern technology decisions every fortnight. I bring that discipline to the boardroom: clear questions, evidence-led challenge, and technology risk explained in terms directors can act on.

What I bring to a board

Technology and digital oversight	I chair an architecture review board across nine countries. It meets every fortnight, so I am practised at asking whether a technology decision is sound before it is approved.
Cloud, data and AI governance	I work on the architecture of managed cloud services, so I know what sound cloud and data governance looks like. I ask the same questions of an AI proposal: what it is for, what data it uses, and who is accountable.
Cyber and technology risk	I explain technology risk in terms directors can act on: what could go wrong, what it would cost, and who owns the response.
Supplier and platform risk	Managed cloud services depend on platforms and suppliers. I ask how far the organisation depends on each one, and what happens if one fails.
Audit and risk committees	I can help an audit or risk committee test the technology and data risk reporting it receives: is it clear, is it backed by evidence, and does it show what the board must decide.

Governance record

Deputy Chair, a local parish council	I preside at meetings in the Chair's absence and share oversight of the council's annual budget.
Secretary, a local cricket club	An elected officer of the club committee, responsible for governance, the constitution and the annual general meeting.

Qualifications and membership

Membership	Professional Member of BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT (MBCS)
Degree	BSc (Hons) Computing and IT, Open University, 2018

Boards I can serve

Regulated and public-sector organisations, for example housing associations, education and regulators. Also SME and PE-backed businesses where technology drives growth, resilience or value.

I am based in Lancashire, in the North West of England.