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# The Operational Plan for CFOs to drive Growth AND Cash-Flow



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#### What has **Evolved**

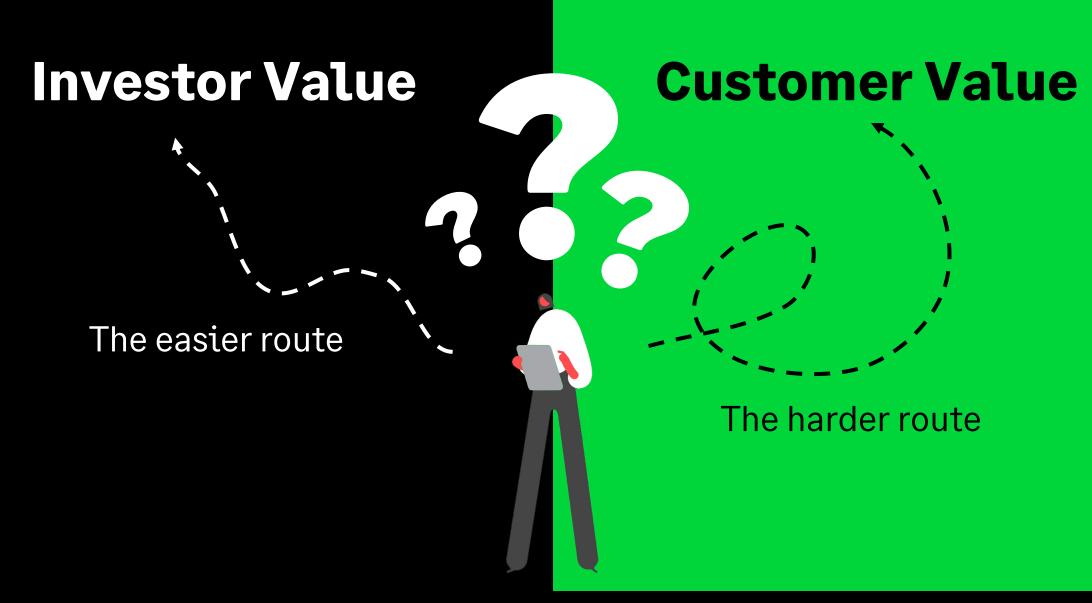
- Stages of Growth
- The shift from Investor Value to Customer Value
- The Business Funnel
- What Boards now want to see
- How to deliver



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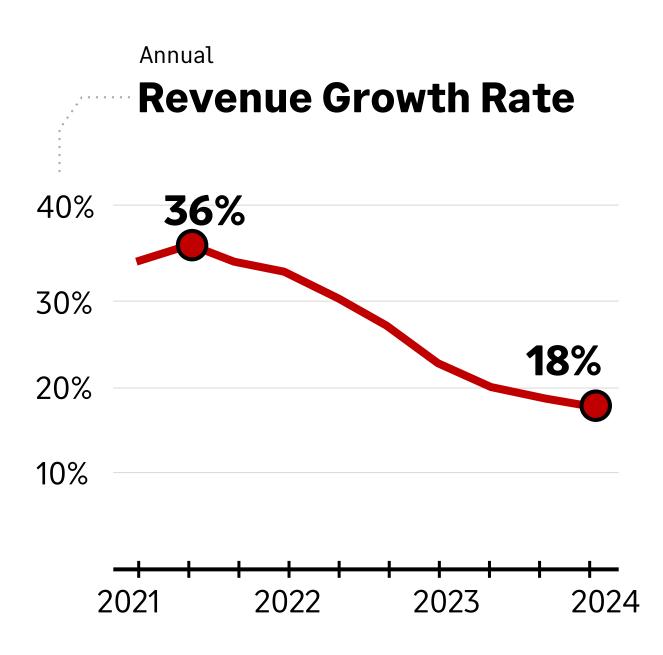




## Grow at all cost

Since the summer of 2021, growth rate for high growth technology companies has been cut in half...

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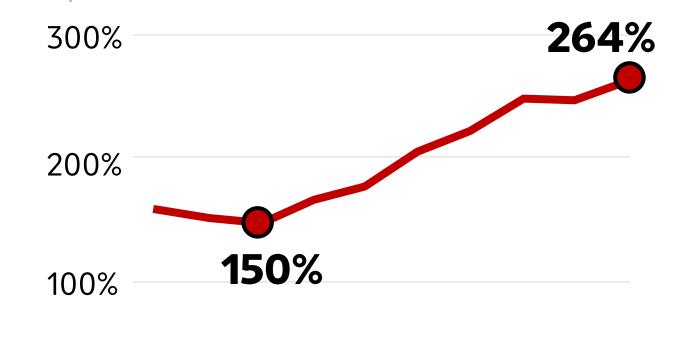
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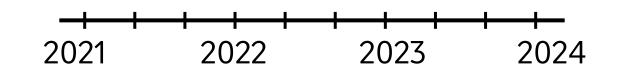
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...and the cost of acquiring new ARR has nearly doubled.

#### **Client Acquisition Cost**

as a % of Net New ARR

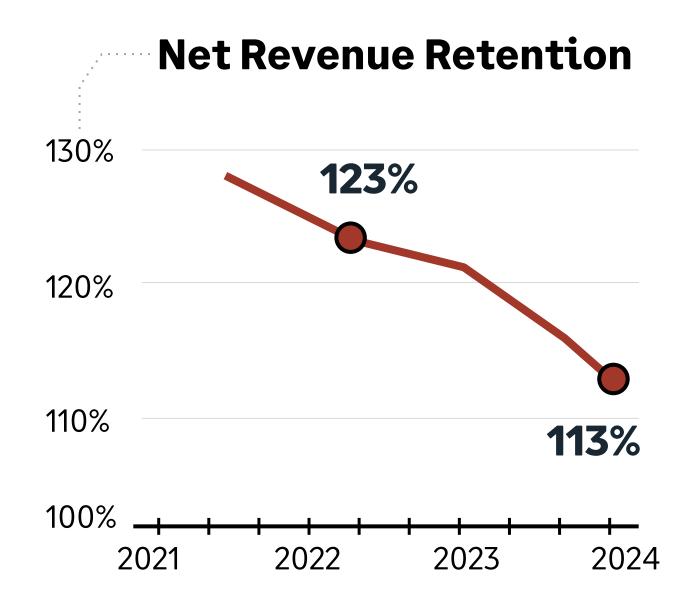






### Grow At All Cost

NRR is experiencing a sharp decline, which will ripple through the first half of 2024.

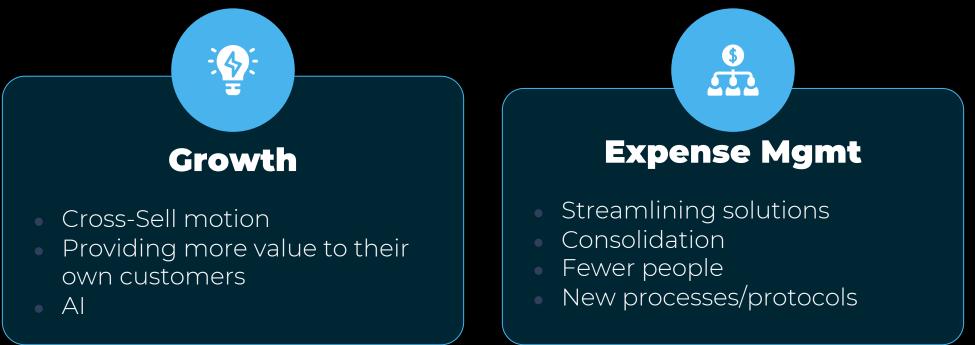




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### **Retain And Grow Customers**

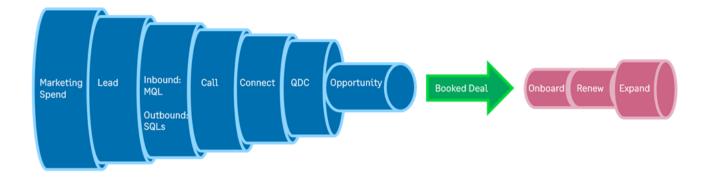
Help Your Customers on What the Care About (which is what you care about!)



CFOs are helping sales teams more than ever as purchasing criteria gets more stringent. Focus on strategy and achieving metrics with customers - the solutions will naturally come up

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## Agreed model and metrics / single source of truth



 Agreed buyer's journey / model

 Agreement on key metrics at each stage

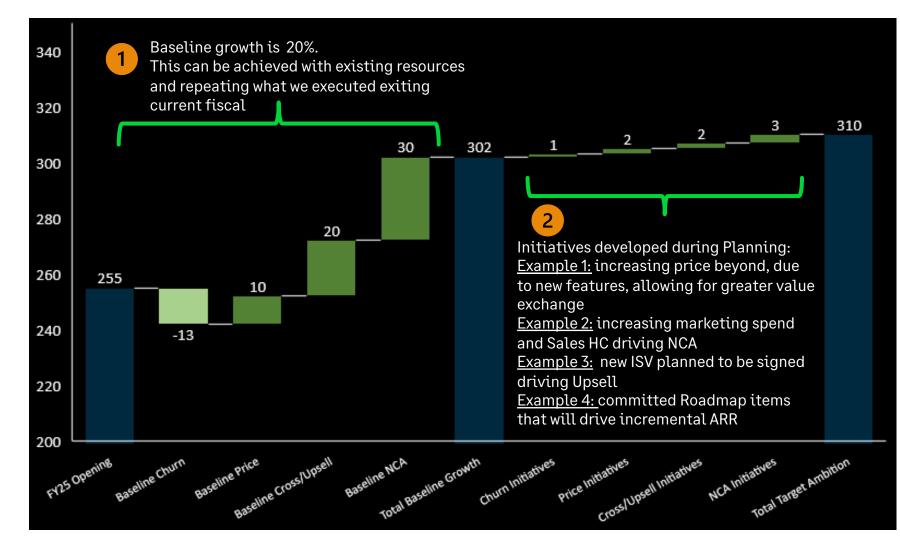
#### **Key Metrics**

Marketing	_	SDRs	Sales	Customer Success
Direct & VAR Push	Direct 8	k VAR Push	Direct & VAR	Direct & VAR
MQLs Created	SDR Me	trics - Calls, Connects, QDCs		Renewals & Churn
Source	SDR sco	recard	QDC to Opp Conversion %	Add-ons
Channel	MQL to Opp Conversion %	QDCs Created	Opp to Deal conversion %	Customer Count, Customer ACV
	Opps Created vs Plan		\$ Bookings	Total ARR
			\$ deal size	
			Deal Volume	Product
			Discounts / Promos given	Direct & VAR
			Win / Won Rates %	SKU penetration rate %
			Open Pipeline	SKU attach rate %
	·	Full Funnel Analysis		SKU volume sold
	Direct & VAR Push		Direct & VAR	SKU ASP

 Agreement on what the single source of truth for the data is



### Shared understanding of risk



Methodical approach to risk

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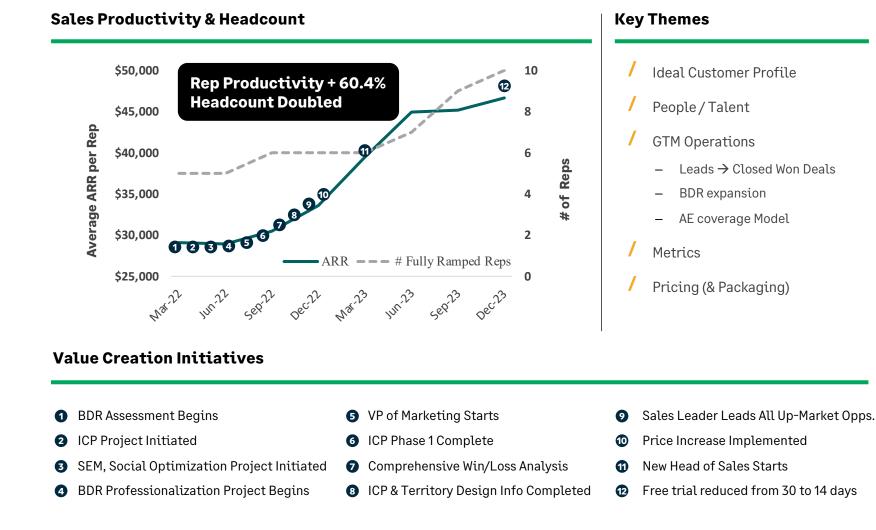
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- Agreement on baseline (low risk / objective: what can we achieve today with existing resources)
- Initiatives that will accelerate growth (high(er) risk / more subjective)



#### **Go-To-Market Optimization**

Driving sales efficiency and bookings performance by increasing productivity per rep while scaling the number of reps.







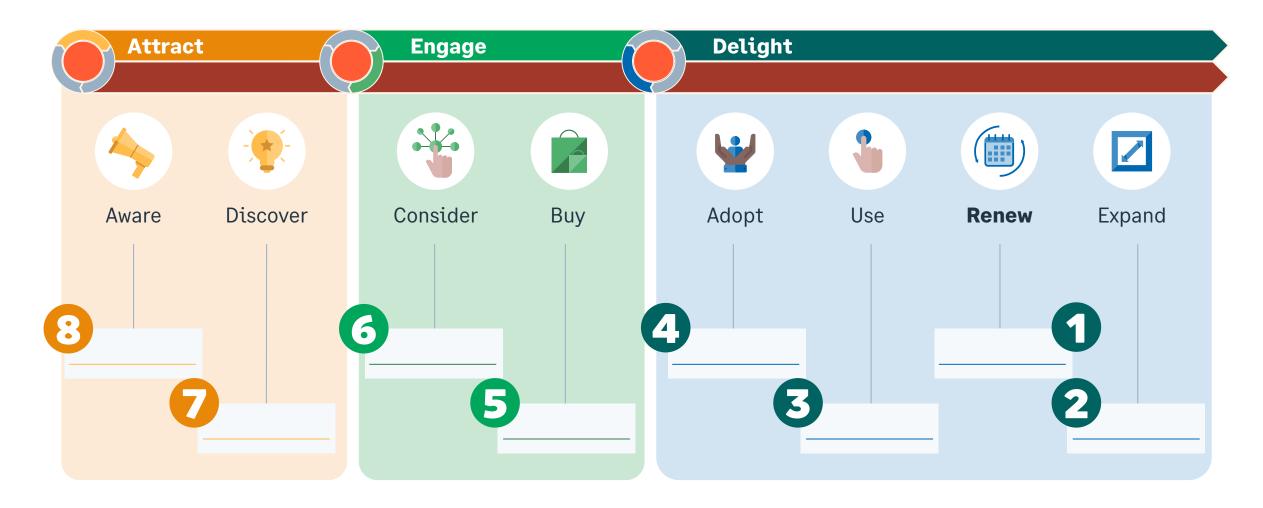
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#### **PROACTIVE RISK MANAGEMENT & ACTION PLANS.**

ARR (CS + PX) $\Rightarrow$ = • Search ht X	Renewal Date	Exec Sponsor C 🗢 Search h X	Risk Status ■ ▼ Search ×	Deployment (DE Search ×	Engagement (DE Search ×	Full User Depth ■ ▼ Search ×	ROI (DEAR)	Current Forecast	Path to upside	Downside (if churn)	Risk Reasons	Risk Mitigation Plan
10111-0011-0011	11/30/2022	Nick Mehta	NA	••20	••80	40	•100	95%	+0.1%	-1.8%	Adoption/ Sentiment Risk	Adoption Get Well Plan
1001-1-000-0000	7/31/2022	Nick Mehta	•20	•100	- 80	20	•20	83%	+0.3%	-1.5%	Adoption Risk	PBR/ Pam Playbook
100.000	6/9/2022	Kellie Capote	•20	●40	•60	40	•100	70%	+0.2%	-0.4%	Product Complexity	Product Engagement
10000	1/31/2023	Nick Mehta	020	•100	•100	20	960	90%	+0.1%	-0.5%	Stakeholder / Sentiment Risk	New Exec Playbook
	6/6/2022	Kellie Capote	NA	•100	•80	80	•20	90%	+0.0%	-0.4%	Adoption Risk	Adoption Get Well Plan
100-110-00	5/29/2022	Nick Mehta	•20	•100	•60	40	•100	33%	+0.2%	-0.1%	Adoption/ Sentiment Risk	Adoption Get Well Plan
100.000.004	1/31/2023	Nick Mehta	••20	•100	•60	40	920	80%	+0.1%	-0.2%	Adoption Risk	Value Playbook
(88) 110 (89)	7/31/2022	Kellie Capote	••20	•20	•60	40	•100	80%	+0.0%	-0.2%	Adoption Risk	Adoption Get Well Plan
101110-011	8/29/2022	Kellie Capote	••20	•20	•60	60	<b>960</b>	50%	+0.1%	-0.1%	Adoption/ Sentiment Risk	Adoption Get Well Plan
100-110-100	10/31/2022	Kellie Capote	••20	960	•100	60	•100	50%	+0.1%	-0.1%	Adoption Risk	Adoption Get Well Plan

This includes meeting new personas (CIO, CFO, new "heads of" during re-orgs) This also includes getting everyone at the company involved (incl FINANCE!) Soce

### Moments that matter: start with delight





### Navigating the Political Landscape

- CROs, CMOs, CPOs , CCOs will always want to maintain or increase budget
- As valuation is tied to profitability, valuation argument is the most compelling rationale for these executives
- $_{\circ}~$  Also engage the board and get agreement on overall expense targets
- Set ground rules around expense reductions (no moving around money to other departments, looking for net-net reductions)
- Hold the line for everyone to ensure some level of fairness although reality is some teams will need to reduce more
- Have Industry benchmarks as backups



## What a Board wants to see

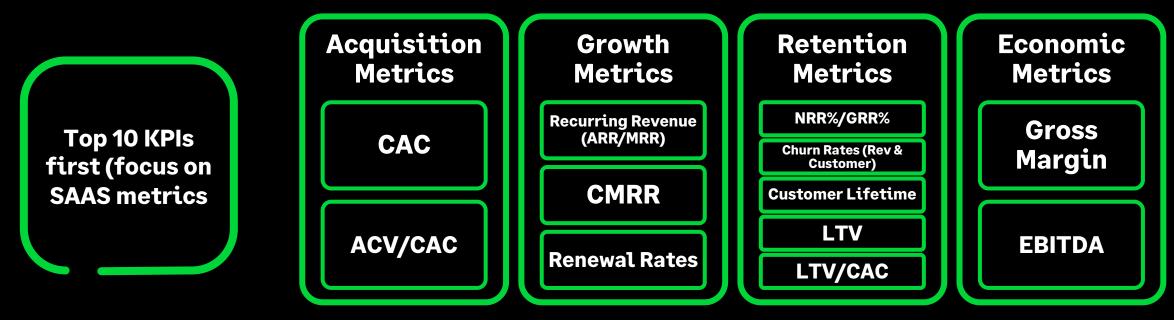
They want both:

- REVENUE and EBITDA
- Consistent double digit top line growth





#### What to show



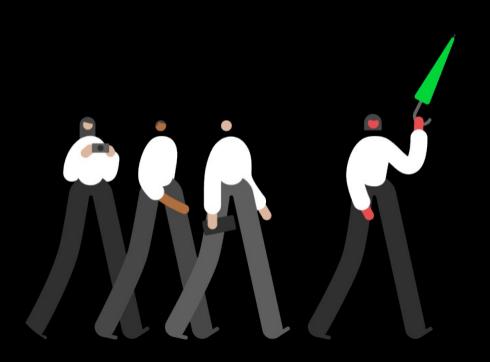
- Tactical KPIs as back-up (Headcount metrics, product specific LOGO's, Lead conversion metrics). Mix of leading and lagging indicators
- Don't open presentations with too much details -> start high level and click down
- Have back-up and ready to dive in, when hard questions come around
- Actions and **conclusions** from KPI & results **analysis**
- Always link back to the **strategic initiatives**
- Don't only show numbers, then folks come up with their own conclusions



#### How to manage the Board of Directors

#### • (Transparency

- Here is what we're doing, here's how we're tracking, here are the **metrics**
- They want to be part of the **strategic** discussion
- Can't let the PE firm lead, if so, then the CEO & CFO are not doing their job
- They DON'T want to get into people management or day-to-day tasks, that's your job
- IF they get into detailed tasks, it could be a sign they have LOST trust in the management team





#### What not to do 🗵

- Never give a deck of numbers with **no narrative**
- Don't act without knowing their investment, and growth thesis
- Don't call them into day-day tactical work
- Don't come with **problems**: Come with **Solutions**, Options and Pro's & Con's for each
- Transparency
  - Don't cover up mistakes, rather, own it and share a recovery plan/lessons learned
  - The struggle is often around 'how much' do you share? Learn and communicate with each other.
  - Not too hot, not too cold, just right
- Don't assume: The importance of self-respect in <u>getting to know each other</u>
- Sort things out before it gets vulnerable
- Don't be afraid to **ask for help**, a second opinion or input on a strategy



#### **The Finance Tech Stack Checklist**





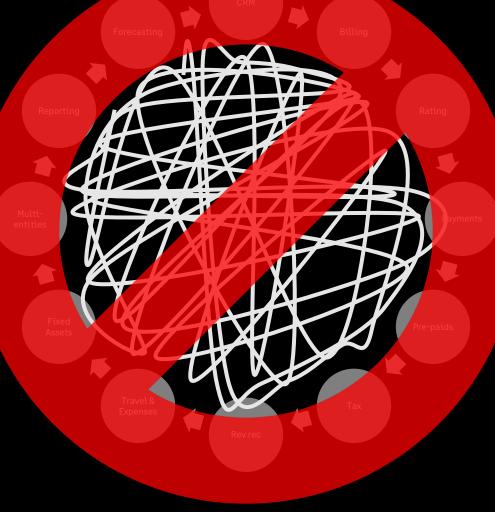




### **Avoid Manual Integrations**

More integrations = More

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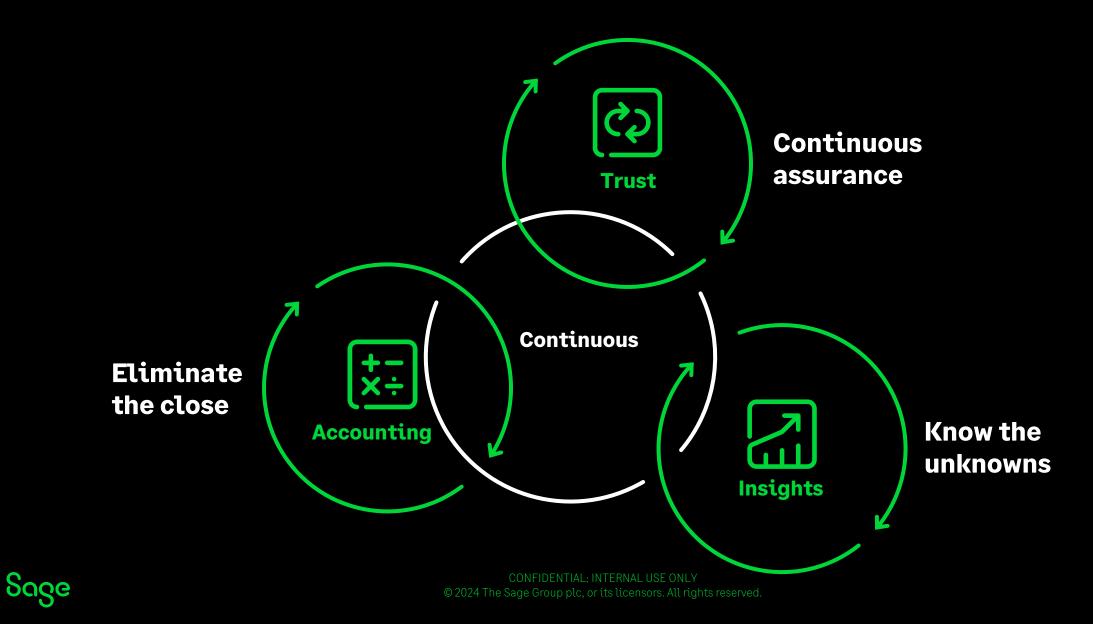


No system of record =

#### No accuracy



#### Leverage Automation with Al

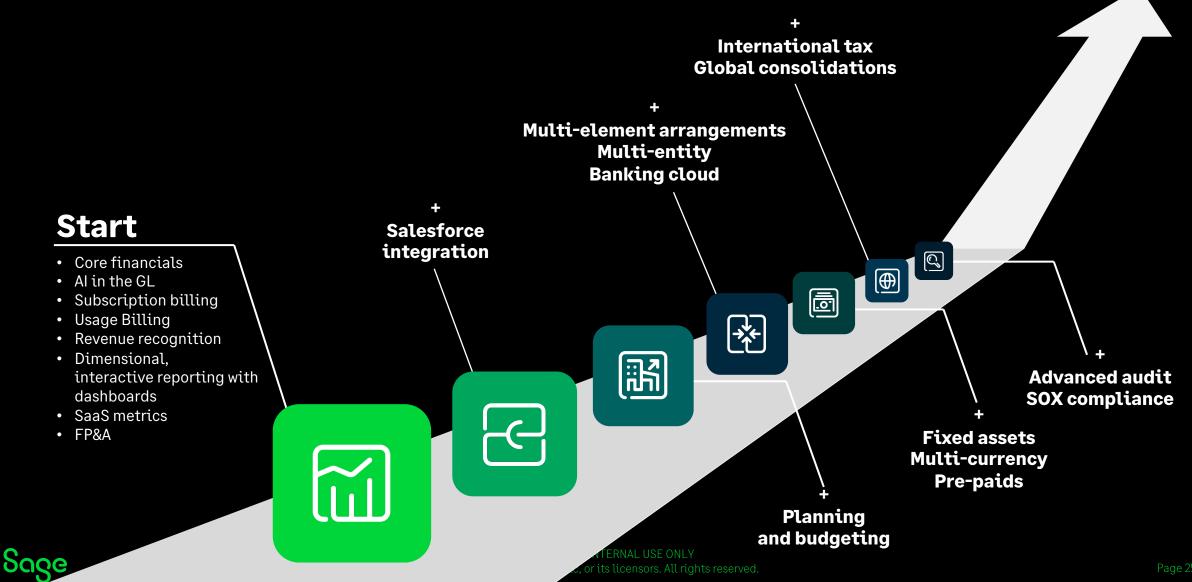


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### Start simple, scale big



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500+ SaaS, subscription, usage, and project billing scenarios, with rev rec

The core essentials for every SaaS from startup to IPO and beyond

Up and running in as little as 60 days

200+ investor metrics created up to 80% faster

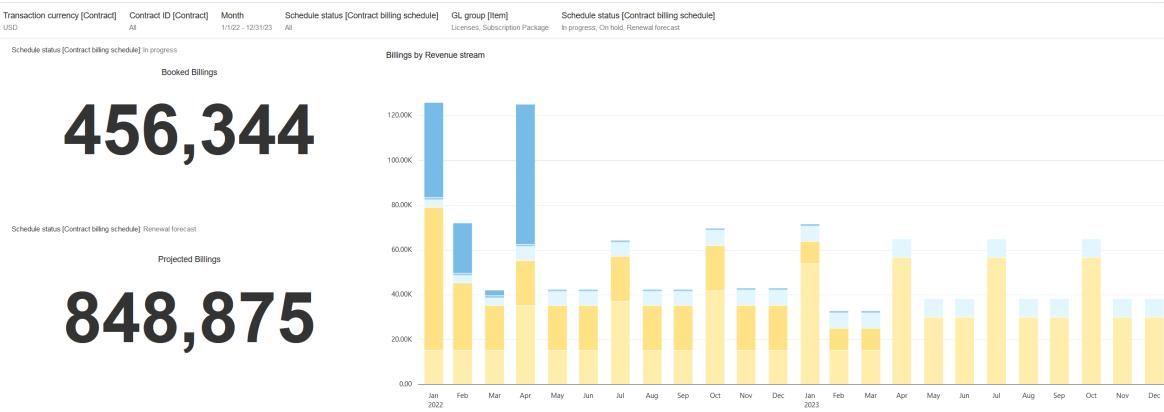
Costing 40% less than buying the tech stack parts separately

### When you get it right

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#### **The Billing Forecast**



#### Billings by Revenue stream

		01/31/2022	02/28/2022	03/31/2022	04/30/2022	05/31/2022	06/30/2022	07/31/2022	08/31/2022	09/30/2022	10/31/2022	11/30/2022	12/31/2022	01/31/2023	02/28/2023	03/31/2023	04/30/2023	05/31/2023	06/30/2023	07/31/2023	08/31/2023	09/30/2023	10/31/2023
Licenses	In progress	42,500.00	22,500.00	2,500.00	62,594.31																		
	On hold	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00							
	Renewal forecast	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	6,475.00	6,475.00	6,475.00	6,475.00	6,475.00	6,475.00	7,100.00	7,100.00	7,100.00	7,100.00	7,100.00	7,100.00	8,225.00	8,225.00	8,225.00	8,225.00	8,225.00	8,225.00	8,225.00
Subscription Package	In progress	64,050.00	30,200.00	20,200.00	20,200.00	20,200.00	20,200.00	20,200.00	20,200.00	20,200.00	20,200.00	20,200.00	20,200.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00							
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Total		125,900.00	72,050.00	42,050.00	125,119.31	42,425.00	42,425.00	64,325.00	42,425.00	42,425.00	69,750.00	43,050.00	43,050.00	71,650.00	32,850.00	32,850.00	64,925.00	38,225.00	38,225.00	64,925.00	38,225.00	38,225.00	64,925.00



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#### **Renewal forecasting to increase NDR**

Transaction currency [Contract] Contract ID [Contract] Months USD All 1/1/22 - 12/31/23

Schedule Type [Contract revenue schedule] Revenue

GL group [Item]

Schedule status [Contract revenue schedule] Licenses, Subscription Package In progress, Renewal forecast, Terminated

Schedule status [Contract revenue schedule]: In progress

Revenues by Revenue stream

Booked Revenue



Schedule status [Contract revenue schedule]: Renewal forecast

Projected Revenue





#### Revenues by Revenue stream

		01/31/2022	02/28/2022	03/31/2022	04/30/2022	05/31/2022	06/30/2022	07/31/2022	08/31/2022	09/30/2022	10/31/2022	11/30/2022	12/31/2022	01/31/2023	02/28/2023	03/31/2023	04/30/2023	05/31/2023	06/30/2023	07/31/2023	08/31/2023	09/30/2023	10/31/2023
Licenses	In progress	2,708.34	2,708.34	2,708.34	468.98	468.97	468.97	468.97	468.97	468.97	468.96	468.96	468.96	260.63	260.63	260.63	260.63	260.63	260.63	260.63	260.63	260.63	260.63
	Renewal forecast	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	6,475.00	6,475.00	6,475.00	6,475.00	6,475.00	6,475.00	7,100.00	7,100.00	7,100.00	7,100.00	7,100.00	7,100.00	8,225.00	8,225.00	8,225.00	8,225.00	8,225.00	8,225.00	8,225.00
Subscription Package	In progress	23,746.69	25,413.35	24,580.01	18,996.68	18,996.66	18,996.66	18,996.66	18,996.66	18,996.66	18,996.66	18,996.66	18,996.66	1,955.00	1,955.00	1,955.00	1,955.00	1,955.00	1,955.00	1,955.00	1,955.00	1,955.00	1,955.00
	Renewal forecast	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	21,700.00	21,700.00	21,700.00	22,300.00	22,300.00	22,300.00	23,900.00	23,900.00	23,900.00	24,908.34	24,908.34	24,908.34	39,908.34	39,908.33	39,908.33	39,908.33	39,908.33	39,908.33	39,908.33
	Terminated	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00										
Total		45,655.03	47,321.69	46,488.35	48,240.66	48,240.63	48,240.63	48,840.63	48,840.63	48,840.63	51,065.62	51,065.62	51,065.62	34,223.97	34,223.97	34,223.97	50,348.97	50,348.96	50,348.96	50,348.96	50,348.96	50,348.96	50,348.96



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#### Revenues, over cohorts, over time

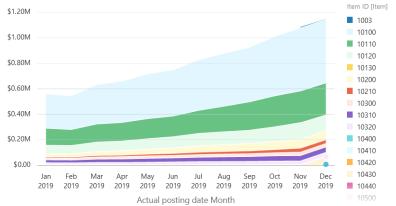
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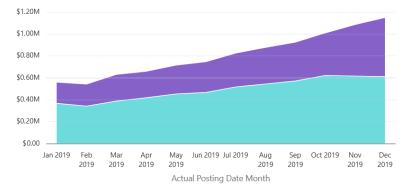
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Actual Revenue - by Customer Type

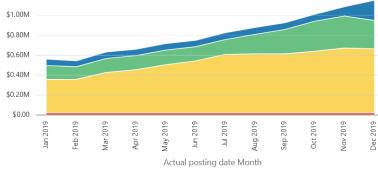
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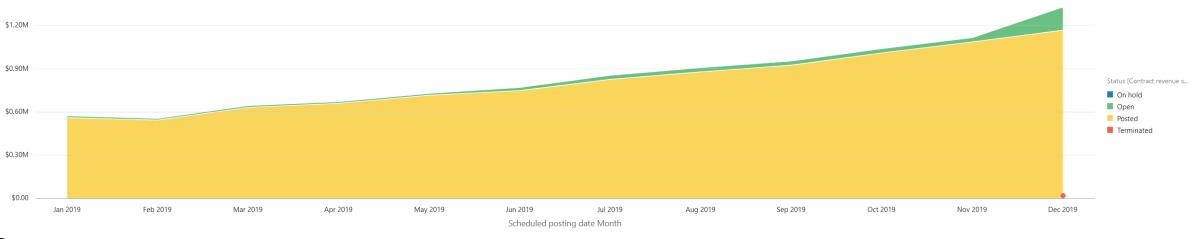


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All Revenues

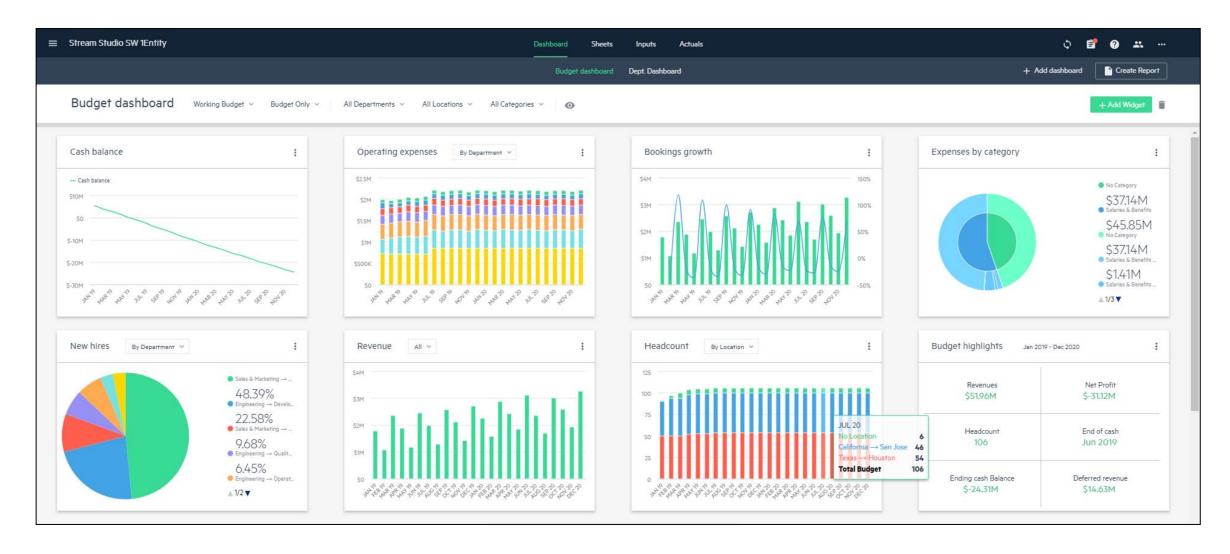
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#### **Budget vs. actuals**



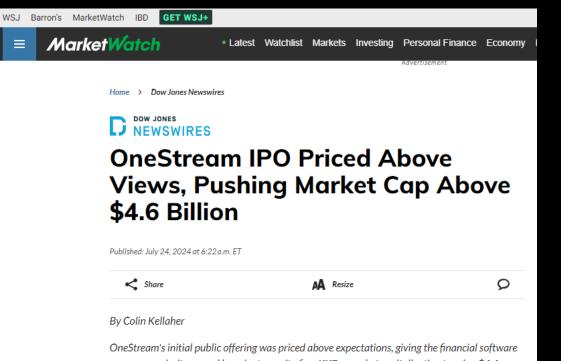


#### **Cash forecasting**

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<ul> <li>Revenues</li> </ul>	\$951,285	\$924,575	\$852,561	\$1,191,059	\$1,082,044	\$1,101,837	\$1,076,303	\$1,322,140	\$1,247,784	\$1,285,316	\$1,294,018	\$1,502,291	\$1,639,358	\$1,617,945	\$1,535,499	\$1 \$33,316,572
Revenue - Servic (40100 +2more)	\$368,760	\$346,599	\$272,910	\$403,922	\$315,871	\$330,090	\$281,294	\$350,791	\$261,576	\$265,589	\$289,763	\$290,753	\$405,636	\$381,259	\$300,201	\$ \$7,933,629
Revenue-Subs (40500 40800-102)	\$196,590	\$199,760	\$208,999	\$408,898	\$410,199	\$422,893	\$437,981	\$636,309	\$657,869	\$682,654	\$688,918	\$902,507	\$915,418	\$939,893	\$944,441	\$\$17,860,553
Copy of Revenue-Subscription	\$385,935	\$378,216	\$370,652	\$363,239	\$355,974	\$348,854	\$341,877	\$335,040	\$328,339	\$321,772	\$315,337	\$309,030	\$302,849	\$296,792	\$290,857	S: \$7,414,187
Revenue-Other (40900)	-	-	-	\$15,000	-	-	\$15,150	-	-	\$15,302	-	-	\$15,455	-	-	\$\$108,203
✓ Cost of Revenues	(\$127,784)	(\$170,996)	(\$312,761)	(\$408,978)	(\$416,212)	(\$500,817)	(\$353,588)	(\$525,278)	(\$629,474)	(\$631,773)	(\$568,961)	(\$800,228)	(\$817,672)	(\$855,567)	(\$874,680)	(\$ (\$16,231,496)
Cost of Other Revenue (50900)	-	-	(\$68,900)	(\$76,320)	-	(\$73,140)	-	-	-	(\$75,260)	-	-	(\$66,780)	(\$79,500)	(\$73,034)	(§ (\$751,137)
Cost of Goods Sold (50200)	-	(\$1,200)	(\$1,212)	(\$1,224)	(\$1,236)	(\$1,249)	(\$1,261)	(\$1,274)	(\$1,287)	(\$1,299)	(\$1,312)	(\$1,326)	(\$1,339)	(\$1,352)	(\$1,366)	( (\$30,860)
Cost of Services Revenue (50300)	-	-	(\$65,000)	(\$65,650)	(\$66,307)	(\$66,970)	(\$67,639)	(\$68,316)	(\$68,999)	(\$69,689)	(\$70,386)	(\$71,090)	(\$71,800)	(\$72,518)	(\$73,244)	(\$ (\$1,590,653)
Contract Expense (50400160160)	(\$127,784)	(\$169,796)	(\$177,649)	(\$265,784)	(\$348,670)	(\$359,459)	(\$284,688)	(\$455,689)	(\$559,189)	(\$485,525)	(\$497,263)	(\$727,813)	(\$677,752)	(\$702,197)	(\$727,037)	(\$ (\$13,858,846)
> Operational Expenses	(\$221,020)	(\$231,308)	(\$220,158)	(\$273,323)	(\$320,105)	(\$285,754)	(\$260,861)	(\$312,934)	(\$356,256)	(\$375,397)	(\$201,645)	(\$405,591)	(\$231,765)	(\$243,073)	(\$231,588)	(\$ (\$7,094,236)
> Other income and expenses	(\$18,723)	(\$11,131)	(\$25,766)	(\$21,212)	(\$22,731)	(\$23,486)	(\$32,190)	(\$51,977)	(\$25,202)	(\$27,516)	(\$38,839)	(\$41,734)	(\$19,249)	(\$11,432)	(\$26,503)	C (\$690,806)
✓ USA 2	-	\$61,200	\$371,790	\$2,286,834	\$14,241,569	\$89,797,186	\$573,251,245	\$3,705 M	\$24,245 M	\$160,625 M	\$1,077 B	\$7,316 B	\$50,294 B	\$350,040 B	\$2,466 T	\$ \$2.1 × 10 <sup>23</sup>
✓ Cash Received	-	\$61,200	\$371,790	\$2,286,834	\$14,241,569	\$89,797,186	\$573,251,245	\$3,705 M	\$24,245 M	\$160,625 M	\$1,077 B	\$7,316 B	\$50,294 B	\$350,040 B	\$2,466 T	\$ \$2.1 × 10 <sup>23</sup>
Subscription Revenue	-	\$61,200	\$371,790	\$2,286,834	\$14,241,569	\$89,797,186	\$573,251,245	\$3,705 M	\$24,245 M	\$160,625 M	\$1,077 B	\$7,316 B	\$50,294 B	\$350,040 B	\$2,466 T	\$ \$2.1 × 10 <sup>23</sup>
Total	\$583,758	\$572,340	\$665,666	\$2,774,380	\$14,564,565	\$90,088,966	\$573,680,909	\$3,706 M	\$24,245 M	\$160,625 M	\$1,077 B	\$7,316 B	\$50,294 B	\$350,040 B	\$2,466 T	\$17,59 <b>\$2.1 × 10</b> <sup>23</sup>
Cash Balance Total 🎄	\$12,530,758	\$13,103,098	\$13,768,764	\$16,543,144	\$31,107,709	\$121,196,675	\$694,877,583	\$4,400 M	\$28,646 M	\$189,271 M	\$1,267 B	\$8,582 B	\$58,877 B	\$408,916 B	\$2,875 T	\$20,46 <b>\$2.1 × 10</b> <sup>23</sup>
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#### When it all comes together



company majority owned by private-equity firm KKR a market capitalization topping \$4.6 billion.

OneStream late Tuesday said the offering of 24.5 million shares was priced at \$20 apiece, topping the \$17 to \$19 range the Birmingham, Mich., company had telegraphed.

OneStream is offering nearly 18.1 million shares in the IPO, while current shareholders are selling another 6.45 million.

OneStream will have about 230.5 million shares outstanding after the IPO, giving the company a market capitalization of around \$4.61 billion at the \$20-a-share pricing.

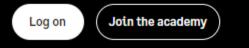
OneStream shares are slated to begin trading Wednesday under the symbol OS.

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