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IT Governance Limited

# CORPORATE BROCHURE

Protect • Comply • Thrive

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# COMPANY BACKGROUND

IT Governance is a leading global provider of cyber risk and privacy management solutions. In an increasingly punitive and privacy-focused business environment, we are committed to helping organisations protect themselves and their customers from the perpetually evolving range of cyber threats. Our deep industry expertise and pragmatic approach help our clients improve their defences and make key strategic decisions that benefit the entire business.

IT Governance is built around the belief that information security is always a business issue, never just an IT one. We are driven to help our clients find appropriate solutions that suit their budget and requirements with a guaranteed outcome.

As the global information security standard, ISO 27001 has been the driving force behind our business for nearly two decades, when our management team led the world's first implementation of an ISO 27001-compliant information security management system (ISMS).

Today, we deliver hundreds of projects all over the world to clients across the spectrum of data privacy and cyber security. We offer our clients a total solution, which sets us apart from our competitors. Our unique and unrivalled blend of products and services include penetration testing, training, toolkits, software, staff awareness e-learning and, of course, consultancy. In addition to bespoke consultancy services, we provide fixed-priced consultancy packages and fast-track delivery of management system implementations.

We pride ourselves on our ability to serve an international customer base and deliver a broad range of integrated, high-quality solutions globally, while meeting the real-world needs of today's organisations, directors and practitioners.

Our **Protect • Comply • Thrive** approach is aimed at helping your organisation achieve resilience in the face of constant change.

IT Governance is a subsidiary of GRCI International Group plc, focused on delivering IT governance, risk management and compliance solutions.

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# OUR VISION

## We believe...

- Data protection, cyber security and compliance are business issues, not just technical issues;
- In an integrated and pragmatic approach to managing cyber risks and privacy;
- In helping our clients find appropriate solutions that suit their budget and requirements with a guaranteed outcome;
- In developing knowledge and understanding – and sharing our expertise with our clients;
- In simplifying products and services, ensuring interoperability by default – to enable fast, informed, low-risk buying decisions;
- In transparently priced projects and contracts that are easy to understand and fit for purpose;
- In tailoring our solutions to meet the specific needs or budget of any organisation – no matter how big or small; and
- Helping our clients get results, and guaranteeing certification.

# DELIVERING VALUE

More than  
**90,000**  
books and  
guides sold

More than  
**40**  
training courses  
delivered  
globally

More than  
**500**  
organisations use  
our compliance and  
risk management  
software

More than  
**70,000**  
users of staff  
awareness  
e-learning  
courses

Training courses  
run in more than  
**10**  
countries

Our ISO 27001  
courses have  
benefited more than  
**7,000**  
participants  
globally

More than  
**8,000**  
have been  
trained on  
the GDPR

More than  
**9,000**  
users of our  
documentation  
templates and  
toolkits

We've helped  
more than  
**600**  
clients prepare  
for ISO 27001  
certification

# TIMELINE AND MILESTONES

Two of our directors, Alan Calder and Steve Watkins, become the first people in the UK to successfully implement an ISMS compliant with BS 7799 (the precursor to ISO 27001).

2002

1997

Incorporation of IT Governance Ltd. Alan Calder, CEO, becomes sole shareholder and is appointed Director.

E-commerce website launches selling books and documentation toolkits on information security.

2006

2005

IT Governance Ltd co-founds Vigilant Software to develop software that help organisations assess and reduce information security risks.

IT Governance launches consultancy division focusing on information security and management system standards..

2008

2007

IT Governance launches training division focusing on information security management and ISO 27001 courses.

Successful growth of the consulting division leads to the launch of IT Governance's penetration testing solutions.

2012

2010

Vigilant Software Ltd becomes a wholly owned subsidiary of the Group.

Irish subsidiary incorporated and office opens in Drogheda (IT Governance Europe Ltd).

2017

2016

Key products translated into German, French, Spanish and Italian.

GRC International Group becomes the holding company and is admitted to trading on the LSE's AIM. US subsidiary incorporated and office opens in New York. The Group acquires [www.gdpr.co.uk](http://www.gdpr.co.uk).

2019

2018

GRC International Group acquires DQM GRC and establishes GRCI Law – a legal, risk and compliance consultancy firm.

# MANAGEMENT TEAM



**Alan Calder**  
**Founder and Executive Chairman**

Alan Calder is an acknowledged international cyber security guru and a leading author on information security and IT governance issues. Alan founded IT Governance in 2002. He has written more than 20 books on cyber security. Alan's work draws on his experience leading the world's first successful implementation of BS 7799 (now ISO 27001), and is also the basis for the UK Open University's postgraduate course on information security. Alan has consulted for clients in the UK and abroad on cyber security and data governance, and is a regular media commentator and speaker.



**Steve Watkins**  
**Executive Director**

Steve Watkins is the Executive Director of IT Governance Europe. He is an authority on information security management and ISO 27001 implementation, and is co-author (with Alan Calder) of the definitive compliance guide, *IT Governance – An International Guide to Data Security and ISO27001/ISO27002*. Steve is Chair of the ISO/IEC 27001 User Group, the UK Chapter of the ISMS International User Group, and an ISMS Technical Assessor for UKAS, advising on its assessments of certification bodies offering accredited certification. Steve sits on the IST/33 committee, responsible for the UK's contributions to the revisions of the ISO2700x series of standards, and RM/1, the committee responsible for BS 31100, the British standard for risk management, and the UK's contributions to ISO 31000.



**Chris Hartshorne**  
**Chief Financial Officer**

Chris joined the Group in April 2017 as Finance Director. Chris qualified as a Chartered Certified Accountant with Deloitte in 2007 and subsequently worked for PwC. In 2015, Chris joined MM (UK) Limited as financial controller before leaving to take up his position with the Group.

# MANAGEMENT TEAM



**Neil Acworth**  
**Group Chief Information Officer**

Neil is GRC International Group's CIO (chief information officer) and leads our information services team. As well as looking after the hybrid infrastructure and services that keep the business running, he manages the group's extensive software development activities, producing internal solutions and enterprise GRC software products. Neil also oversees the instructional design team, which is responsible for developing e-learning and classroom-based training courses, and manages information security risk, ensuring that we maintain compliance with the PCI DSS (Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard), ISO 27001 and Cyber Essentials.



**Geraint Williams**  
**Chief Information Security Officer**

Geraint is Chief Information Security Officer at IT Governance. Geraint is a PCI QSA and a highly-experienced technical professional (CREST Registered Tester). In addition to his role at IT Governance, he is a visiting fellow at the University of Bedfordshire. Geraint has a strong technical background, with experience of ethical hacking, digital forensics and wireless security issues. He has broad technical knowledge of security and IT infrastructure, including high performance computing. He holds certifications in security and digital forensics including CISSP, CREST Registered Tester, CEH & CHFI.



**Andrew Johnston**  
**Head of Training**

Andrew Johnston is our head of training and ensures IT Governance delivers high-quality courses across the large portfolio of training products currently available. Andrew's background includes operational management in training and education companies as well as in retail. Most recently, as an operations director, Andrew ensured the successful delivery of high-quality training to around 15,000 individuals.

Andrew has demonstrated excellence in performance turn-around, mobilising large and complex projects, building new solutions and leading teams to exceed service and stakeholder expectations. His previous business won the Interserve Group's Team of the Year award.

# IT GOVERNANCE SOLUTIONS

- Redefine how you manage cyber security and privacy risk. We can help you make the right choices and implement the best possible solutions for your budget and business needs.
- Our wealth of practical experience designing and implementing management systems, along with our wide range of end-to-end solutions, means we can help you throughout your project – whatever stage you're at.
- We provide a complete solution for maintaining privacy compliance and achieving cyber resilience, including books, standards, documentation toolkits, software, training, consultancy and technical services.

Training



Consultancy



E - learning & staff awareness



Toolkits



Compliance tools



Standards



# CORE AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Redefine how you manage cyber security and privacy risk. We can help you make the right choices and implement the best possible solutions for your budget and business needs. View our range of solutions built on international best practice and maintained by a team of experts.



# OUR SECTOR EXPERTISE

IT Governance's range of solutions can be applied to any organisation, regardless of its type or size. When it comes to service delivery, a sector-led approach enables us to provide our clients with proactive, strategic support through the dedicated expertise of a team of industry specialists.

Our sector-based teams have the required experience and expertise needed to quickly get to the crux of your specific challenges. Drawing on their wealth of knowledge we can ensure you are equipped to manage your cyber risk and privacy management challenges, efficiently and effectively.

Our healthcare teams are experienced at understanding the complex requirements of the NHS and the challenges around DSP Toolkit compliance. Our technology and media sector teams are deeply entrenched in the governance needs of Cloud-based organisations, while our professional services, financial, public sector teams, retail, charity, defence and energy teams all have vast experience dealing with the specific security nuances of these particular sectors.

Access sector-specific expertise by contacting us directly or visiting our website to see how we can help organisations like yours to succeed.



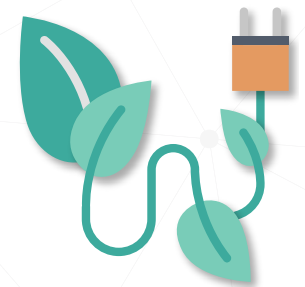
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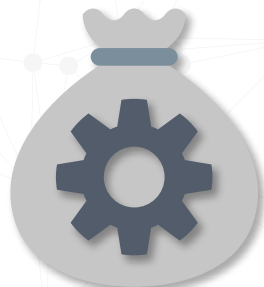
Defence and aerospace



Education sector



Energy and agribusiness



Financial services, banking and insurance



Healthcare



Manufacturing, supply and construction



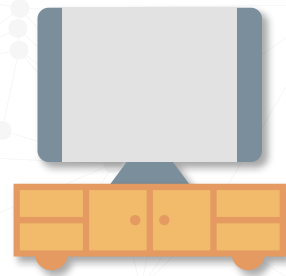
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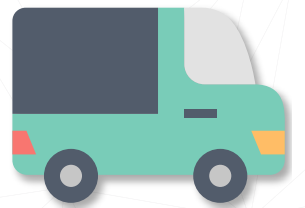
Public sector



Retail, food, travel, hospitality and leisure



Technology and media



Transport and automotive

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# GRCI GROUP OVERVIEW



**GRC INTERNATIONAL GROUP** is the holding company for a group of companies providing a range of products and services to help organisations address their IT governance, risk management and compliance requirements.

**IT GOVERNANCE LTD** is the leading cyber security and data privacy solutions provider and one-stop shop for governance, risk and compliance.

**IT GOVERNANCE PUBLISHING** is the world-leading publisher for governance and compliance books, tools and resources.

**GRC ELEARNING** is the group's e-learning company offering a portfolio of staff awareness e-learning courses.

**GRCI LAW** is a legal, risk and compliance consultancy firm, advising clients in the fields of data protection, data privacy, cyber and information security law.

**VIGILANT SOFTWARE** aims to make compliance easy. It develops industry-leading tools for intelligent, simplified compliance with standards and regulations including ISO 27001 and the GDPR.

**GDPR.co.uk** is a tool designed to help organisations and schools manage their journey to compliance and stay on top of their data protection obligations.

**DQM GRC** specialises in GDPR and e-privacy compliance services, commercial compliance and data governance technologies to de-risk the use of data.

# CLIENT TESTIMONIALS

IT Governance endeavours to provide the best possible solutions, which our clients attest to:



*I was delighted to find that ISO 27001 will provide me with a solution to managing information security in my company. An excellent course delivered by leaders in their field.*

**Keith Peterson,  
Texttel (UK) Ltd**



*I would have no hesitation in recommending IT Governance to others. The main advantage was their flexibility. IT Governance tailored their services to our specific needs.*

**Paul Berry, Senior  
Project Manager, Martin  
Dawes Solution**



*IT Governance were very professional and pragmatic in their approach, and displayed a level of understanding of our business that we found unique and refreshing.*

**Damien Everard, COO,  
Appletree.**



*Having IT Governance on hand to guide our swift adoption of the ISO 27001 standard and provide ongoing expert support has been invaluable. They really understood the needs of a technology enterprise like ours.*

**Paul Green, Information  
Security Operations  
Manager, Wirefast**



*We turned to IT Governance as they had the expertise and experience of helping organisations comply before and so took the stress away, allowing us to concentrate on other things.*

**Anil Pitalia, CEO,  
SpaMedica**



*I am finding the documentation toolkit very helpful [...] The documentation toolkit alone will save weeks/months of work. Keep up the good work!*

**Mark Dearlove, Security  
& Compliance Officer,  
Exa Networks Ltd.**



*I can recommend this course to anyone who needs an ISO 27001 Lead Auditor qualification. The trainer, exam and lessons are amazing. As a trainer myself, I have to say this is one of the best courses I have ever attended.*

**Michael Wilson,  
IAL Consultants**



*IT Governance kept us on the road all the way – right up to the arrival of the external auditor. Having a different set of eyes at every stage was one of the reasons that we felt confident throughout, and the result of the final audit justified this.*

**Aaron Symanski, COO,  
Pervasive Health**



*We would have no hesitation in recommending Sharon from IT Governance in guiding preparations for GDPR compliance. We benefited from her mature and sensible advice based on strong experience in this sector.*

**Clare Kavanagh,  
Managing Director,  
W5**



*IT Governance has always been very realistic, very helpful and will work on the problems we face in a no-nonsense way.*

**Ian Kilpatrick,  
Group Information  
Security Officer at  
Collinson Group**

# OUR CLIENTS

Who we work with:



Volkswagen



SLAUGHTER AND MAY



OLIVER  
BONAS

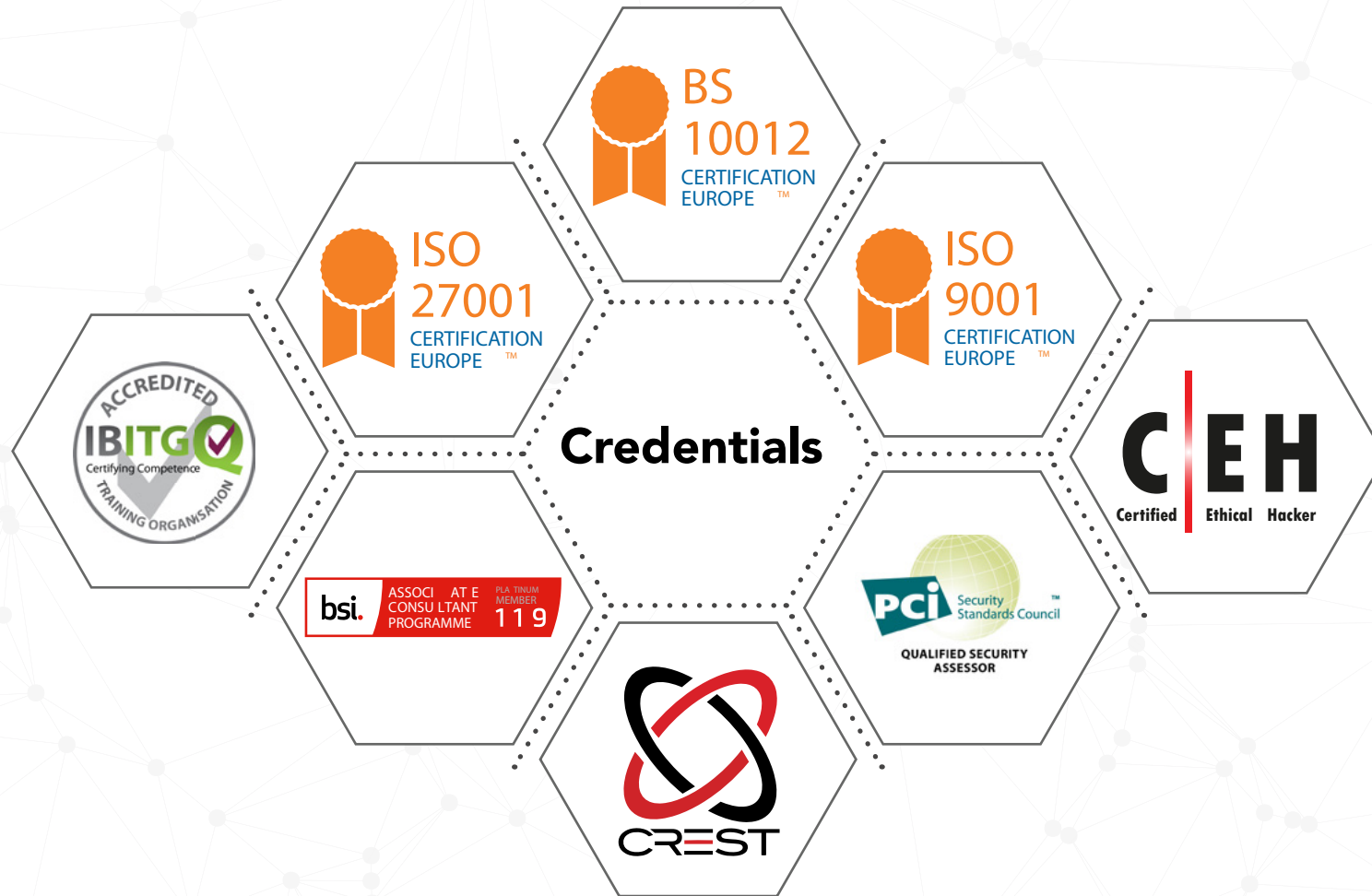


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# OUR ACCREDITATIONS

IT Governance is proud of its long-standing commitment to quality in the services we provide and in the processes we use to deliver those services. We strive for excellence in all aspects of business and believe that both continuing education and professional certifications help us to better meet our clients' needs.



# OUR PARTNERS

We collaborate with the industry's most trusted partners to deliver the very best IT governance, risk management and compliance solutions.





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