

# **NEW RISKS AND THREATS: A GROWING CONCERN FOR BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

Organizations are becoming more susceptible to fraud, data breaches and regulatory sanctions. The emergence of new digital channels, new banking and lending paradigms, and increased reliance on third--party products and services is creating a huge challenge for today's leading financial institutions. The demands for shorter product release cycles results in a race to reinvent how financial service organizations lend money to consumers and businesses.

### Growing risks through third parties lead to new regulations

The risks are now compounded, risking exposure from third parties in the value chain can ruin the reputation of banking leaders, in spite of strengthened security and compliance efforts.

To protect reputation, ensure operations and comply with government regulations, financial institutions are now responsible for conducting rigorous third party risk assessments, stemming from mandates of multiple bulletins and rules, including:

- Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC)
- Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)
- The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC)
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)

#### **New Cybersecurity Assessment Requirements (FFIEC)**

The FFIEC has recently issued new cybersecurity assessment recommendation for financial institutions. The assessment requires banks to determine their inherent risk and their current level of cybersecurity preparedness, composed of two main elements: the Inherent Risk Profile, and the Cybersecurity Maturity Level.

#### Key questions for banks and financial institutions

- Are your current IT compliance and cybersecurity practices aligned with the new regulatory requirements?
- Is your organization sufficiently prepared to address and remediate the new cybersecurity risks?
- Does your current level of preparedness effectively respond to the new regulatory requirements?
- Is your current due diligence process effective for ensuring compliance in light of new third party compliance requirements?

## THE REAL IMPACT

#### Productivity.

Operations disruption.

#### Confidentiality.

Business' sensitive information lost, personal identifiable information, username & passwords.

#### Reputation & image.

Brand prestige, break-out news.

## Legal liability.

Federal court compliant for negligence, severe fines penalties.

#### Product/Service profitability.

Disruption of products & services, not sales.

Technologies & connection types Inherent Risk Profile **Delivery channels** 

Online / mobile products & tech services

> Organizational characteristics

External threats

# Cybersecurity Maturity Level

Intermediate Innovative Advanced

Cyber Risk Management & Oversight

Threat Intelligence & Collaboration

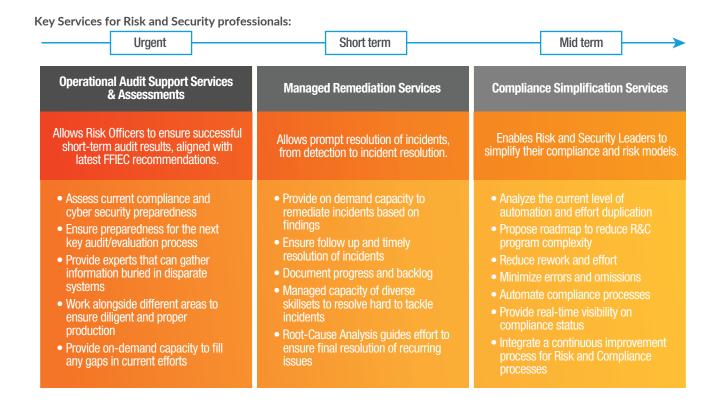
Cybersecurity Controls

**External Dependency** Management

Cyber Incident Management & Resilience

## HOW TIM TECH CONSULTS CAN HELP

At Tim Tech Consults, we understand the root of the problem is not access to technology, nor interpreting regulations, but rather the intersection of technology, people, regulations and business processes. Our approach to risk and compliance seeks to address resilient and recurring gaps at operational, tactical and strategic levels, focusing first on the most urgent needs by risk oficers.



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