

Talentas Technology Private Limited's

SOC 2 Type 2 Report on the description of the Offshore Software Development and Managed services and on the Suitability of the Design and Operating Effectiveness of controls relevant to Security, Availability and Confidentiality Trust Service Criteria for the period from April 06, 2025 to October 06, 2025.

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This report, including the description of tests of controls and results thereof in Section IV, is intended solely for the information and use of the Service Organization, User Entities of the Service Organization's system related to the Offshore Software Development and Managed services relevant to Security, Availability and Confidentiality throughout the period April 06, 2025 to October 06, 2025, and the independent auditors of such user entities, who have a sufficient understanding to consider it, along with other information including information about controls implemented by user entities themselves, when assessing the risks of material misstatements of user entities' financial statements. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Unauthorized use, reproduction, or distribution of this report, in whole or in part, is strictly prohibited.

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INDEPENDENT SERVICE AUDITOR'S REPORT



1. Independent Service Auditors' Report

Independent Service Auditors' Report on Description of Talentas Technology Private Limited's System and the Suitability of the Design and Operating Effectiveness of Controls relevant to Security, Availability and Confidentiality trust service criteria.

To the Management of Talentas Technology Private Limited

Scope

We have examined Talentas' accompanying description of its Offshore Software Development and Managed services system found in Talentas' Offshore Software Development and Managed services system titled Talentas' Description of the Offshore Software Development and Managed services throughout the period April 06, 2025 to October 06, 2025 (description) based on the criteria for a description of a service organization's system set forth in DC 200, 2018 Description Criteria for a Description of a Service Organization's System in a SOC 2® Report (With Revised Implementation Guidance—2022), in AICPA, Description Criteria, (description criteria) and the suitability of the design and operating effectiveness of controls stated in the description throughout the period April 06, 2025 to October 06, 2025, to provide reasonable assurance that Talentas' service commitments and system requirements were achieved based on the trust services criteria relevant to Security, Availability and Confidentiality (applicable trust services criteria) set forth in TSP 100, 2017 Trust Services Criteria for Security, Availability, Processing Integrity, Confidentiality, and Privacy (With Revised Points of Focus—2022), in AICPA, Trust Services Criteria.

Talentas uses a subservice organization to provide cloud and hosting services. The description indicates that complementary subservice organization controls that are suitably designed and operating effectively are necessary, along with controls at Talentas, to achieve Talentas' service commitments and system requirements based on the applicable trust services criteria. The description presents Talentas' controls, the applicable trust services criteria, and the types of complementary subservice organization controls assumed in the design of Talentas' controls. The description does not disclose the actual controls at the subservice organization. Our examination did not include the services provided by the subservice organization, and we have not evaluated the suitability of the design or operating effectiveness of such complementary subservice organization controls.

The Description also indicates that Talentas' controls can provide reasonable assurance that certain service commitments and system requirements can be achieved only if complementary user entity controls assumed in the design of Talentas' controls are suitably designed and operating effectively, along with related controls at the service organization. Our examination did not extend to such complementary user entity controls and we have not evaluated the suitability of the design or operating effectiveness of such complementary user entity controls.

Service Organization's Responsibilities

Talentas is responsible for its service commitments and system requirements and for designing, implementing, and operating effective controls within the system to provide reasonable assurance that Talentas' service commitments and system requirements would be achieved. In Section 2, Talentas has provided the accompanying assertion titled Management Assertion Provided By Service Organization (assertion) about the description and the suitability of design of controls stated therein. Talentas is also responsible for preparing the description and assertion, including the completeness, accuracy, and method of presentation of the description and assertion; providing the services covered by the description; selecting the applicable trust services criteria and stating the related controls in the description; and identifying the risks that threaten the achievement of the service organization's service commitments and system requirements.



Service Auditor's Responsibilities

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the description and on the suitability of design and operating effectiveness of controls stated in the description based on our examination. Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the AICPA. Those standards require that we plan and perform our examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether, in all material respects, the description is presented in accordance with the description criteria and the controls stated therein were suitably designed and operated effectively to provide reasonable assurance that the service organization's service commitments and system requirements were achieved based on the applicable trust services criteria. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the examination engagement.

An examination of a description of a service organization's system and the suitability of the design and operating effectiveness of controls involves:

- obtaining an understanding of the system and the service organization's service commitments and system requirements.
- assessing the risks that the description is not presented in accordance with the description criteria and that controls were not suitably designed or did not operate effectively.
- performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the description is presented in accordance with the description criteria.
- performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether controls stated in the description were suitably designed to provide reasonable assurance that the service organization achieved its service commitments and system requirements based on the applicable trust services criteria.
- testing the operating effectiveness of controls stated in the description to provide reasonable assurance that the service organization achieved its service commitments and system requirements based on the applicable trust services criteria.
- evaluating the overall presentation of the description.

Our examination also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

Inherent Limitations

The description is prepared to meet the common needs of a broad range of report users and may not, therefore, include every aspect of the system that individual report users may consider important to meet their informational needs. There are inherent limitations in any system of internal control, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention of controls. Because of their nature, controls may not always operate effectively to provide reasonable assurance that the service organization's service commitments and system requirements are achieved based on the applicable trust services criteria. Also, the projection to the future of any conclusions about the suitability of the design or operating effectiveness of controls is subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Description of Tests of Controls

The specific controls we tested and the nature, timing, and results of those tests are listed in Section 4, "Trust Services Category, Criteria, Related Controls, And Tests Of Controls" of this report.



Opinion

In our opinion, in all material respects:

- a. the description presents Talentas' Offshore Software Development and Managed services system that was designed and implemented throughout the period April 06, 2025 to October 06, 2025, in accordance with the description criteria.
- b. the controls stated in the description were suitably designed throughout the period April 06, 2025 to October 06, 2025 to provide reasonable assurance that Talentas' service commitments and system requirements would be achieved based on the applicable trust services criteria, if its controls operated effectively throughout that period and if the subservice organization applied the complementary controls assumed in the design of Talentas' controls throughout that period.
- c. the controls stated in the description operated effectively throughout the period April 06, 2025 to October 06, 2025 to provide reasonable assurance that Talentas' service commitments and system requirements were achieved based on the applicable trust services criteria, if complementary subservice organization controls assumed in the design of Talentas' controls operated effectively throughout that period.

Restricted Use

This report, including the description of tests of controls and results thereof in Section 4, is intended solely for the information and use of Talentas; user entities of Talentas' Offshore Software Development and Managed services system throughout the period April 06, 2025 to October 06, 2025, business partners of Talentas subject to risks arising from interactions with the Offshore Software Development and Managed services system, practitioners providing services to such user entities and business partners, prospective user entities and business partners, and regulators who have sufficient knowledge and understanding of the following:

- The nature of the service provided by the service organization.
- How the service organization's system interacts with user entities, business partners, subservice organizations, and other parties.
- Internal control and its limitations.
- Complementary subservice organization controls and how those controls interact with the controls at the service organization to achieve the service organization's service commitments and system requirements.
- User entity responsibilities and how they may affect the user entity's ability to effectively use the service organization's services.
- The applicable trust services criteria.
- The risks that may threaten the achievement of the service organization's service commitments and system requirements and how controls address those risks.

This report is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than the specified parties.

Accorp Partners CPA LLC

Accorp Partners CPA LLC PAC-FIRM-LIC-47383 Kalispell, Montana Date: October 16, 2025

SECTION 2

MANAGEMENT ASSERTION PROVIDED BY SERVICE ORGANIZATION

Assertion of the Management of Talentas Technology Private Limited

We have prepared the accompanying description of Talentas Technology Private Limited's Offshore Software Development and Managed services system titled Talentas' Description of the Offshore Software Development and Managed services throughout the period April 06, 2025 to October 06, 2025 (description) based on the criteria for a description of a Service organization's system set forth in DC 200, 2018 Description Criteria for a Description of a Service Organization's System in a SOC 2® Report (With Revised Implementation Guidance—2022), in AICPA, Description Criteria (description criteria). The description is intended to provide report users with information about the Offshore Software Development and Managed services system that may be useful when assessing the risks arising from interactions with Talentas' system, particularly information about system controls that Talentas has designed, implemented, and operated to provide reasonable assurance that its service commitments and system requirements were achieved based on the trust services criteria relevant to Security, Availability and Confidentiality (applicable trust services criteria) set forth in TSP 100, 2017 Trust Services Criteria for Security, Availability, Processing Integrity, Confidentiality, and Privacy (With Revised Points of Focus—2022) , in AICPA, Trust Services Criteria.

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The description indicates that complementary user entity controls that are suitably designed and operating effectively are necessary, along with controls at Talentas, to achieve Talentas' service commitments and system requirements based on the applicable trust services criteria. The description presents the service organization's controls, the applicable trust services criteria, and the complementary user entity controls assumed in the design of the service organization's controls.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, that:

- 1. The description presents Talentas' Offshore Software Development and Managed services system that was designed and implemented throughout the period April 06, 2025 to October 06, 2025 in accordance with the description criteria.
- 2. The controls stated in the description were suitably designed throughout the period April 06, 2025 to October 06, 2025 to provide reasonable assurance that Talentas' service commitments and system requirements would be achieved based on the applicable trust services criteria, if its controls operated effectively throughout that period, and if the subservice organization and user entities applied the complementary controls assumed in the design of Talentas' controls throughout that period.
- 3. The controls stated in the description operated effectively throughout the period April 06, 2025 to October 06, 2025 to provide reasonable assurance that Talentas' service commitments and system requirements were achieved based on the applicable trust services criteria, if complementary subservice organization controls and complementary user entity controls assumed in the design of Talentas' controls operated effectively throughout that period.

B. Managing Director

Name: Ramakrishna Badireddy

Title: CEO Date: 16-Oct-25

SECTION 3

TALENTAS' DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFSHORE SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGED SERVICES



3. System Description Provided by Service Organization

3.1 Overview of the Company and Services Delivered by the Report

Talentas Technology Private Limited (hereby referred to as <Talentas>) is a global offshore software services provider specializing in secure, compliant IT solutions, including:

- Web & Mobile Application Development, Ecommerce application design and development for the clients.
- BI & Data Analytics Consulting Services Helping clients derive value from their data.
- **Integration Services** Provide seamless integration services through API Development and middleware development
- QA & Testing Help clients test their applications.
- **Compliance-Focused IT Solutions** Ensuring adherence to security and regulatory standards.

3.2 Components of the System used to provide services

Infrastructure

Talentas operates with a fully secured digital infrastructure designed for seamless and protect connectivity with the clients. This includes:

- Private Internet Connectivity for dedicated and secure network access.
- **Enterprise-grade Cisco Meraki Firewall** to safeguard network traffic and prevent unauthorized access.
- **Sophos Central Endpoint Protection** deployed on all company-issued laptops, ensuring advanced threat detection and data security.

Talentas relies on client-provided or cloud-hosted systems for service delivery.

Software

Talentas utilizes Microsoft 365 Enterprise Premium for all secure email communications and document management, featuring:

- Enterprise-grade email security with Microsoft Defender for Office 365.
- End-to-end encryptions for all email transmissions.
- Secure cloud-documentation via OneDrive with advanced data protection.
- Compliance-ready infrastructure meeting global security standards (ISO 27001, SOC 2)
- Granular access controls and audit trails for all documents.
- No proprietary hosted applications.
- Sprinto (subservice provider) for continuous compliance monitoring.

Supporting Tools				
System / Application	Business Function / Description			
Sprinto	Provide continuous compliance monitoring of the company's system.			
O365 Premium	Office communication services			
Azure AD	Secure authentication			

People

Talentas has established a robust organizational framework with clearly defined functional divisions to maintain operational excellence. The personnel have also been assigned the following key roles:



Role	Responsibilities
Senior Management	Oversee risk management, resource allocation
Information Security Officer (ISO)	Risk assessment, security controls
Compliance Program Manager	Policy enforcement, audit coordination
System Users	Adherence to security policies, annual training

Procedures and Policies

Formal policies and procedures have been established to support the Talentas services. These policies cover:

- Access Control (RBAC, least privilege)
- Incident Management (reporting & resolution)
- Data Protection (encryption, classification)
- Vendor Risk Management (third-party assessments)

All employees acknowledge policies upon hiring and annually via **Sprinto**.

Data Management

All data that is managed, processed, and stored as a part of the Talentas analytics and consulting services is classified as per the Data Classification Policy which establishes a framework for categorizing data based on its sensitivity, value, and criticality to achieving the objectives of the organization.

Further, all customer data is managed, processed, and stored in accordance with the relevant data protection and other regulations, with specific requirements formally established in customer contracts. The access to the customers' critical data is only for a limited time period, during their onboarding phase which is revoked after onboarding is successfully completed.

Security Controls

Logical Access

- Multi-factor authentication (MFA) enforced.
- Access reviews conducted quarterly.

Physical Security

• No owned data centres - Relies on client/cloud infrastructure.

Change Management

No codebase maintenance (analytics/consulting only).

Risk Assessment

- Annual risk assessments (internal/external threats).
- Vendor Risk Management Critical vendors audited annually.



Trust Services Criteria (SOC 2)				
Category Scope				
Security	System safeguards against unauthorized access			
Confidentiality	Protection of sensitive client data			
Availability	Service uptime commitments			

3.3 Complementary Customer Controls

Customers must ensure:

- Access governance (user provisioning/deprovisioning).
- Incident reporting (breaches, anomalies).
- Data integrity (accuracy of shared datasets).

Integrity and Ethical Values

The effectiveness of controls cannot rise above the integrity and ethical values of the people who create, administer, and monitor them. Integrity and ethical values are essential elements of Talentas' control environment, affecting the design, administration, and monitoring of other components. Integrity and ethical behaviour are the product of Talentas' ethical and behavioural standards, how they are communicated, and how they are reinforced in practices. They include management's actions to remove or reduce incentives and temptations that might prompt personnel to engage in dishonest, illegal, or unethical acts. They also include the communication of entity values and behavioural standards to personnel through policy statements and codes of conduct.

Talentas and its management team has established the following controls to incorporate ethical values throughout the organization:

- A formally documented "Code of business conduct" communicates the organization's values and behavioural standards to staff members
- Staff members are required to acknowledge (upon hiring and annually thereafter) comprehensive policies and procedures covering the areas of Information Security, Change Management, Incident Management and Access Control. Staff Members also acknowledge that they understand their responsibility for adhering to the policies and procedures.
- All new employees go through background checks as a part of the hiring process.

Commitment to Competence

Talentas' management defines competence as the knowledge and skills necessary to accomplish tasks that define employees' roles and responsibilities. The following controls have been established in order to incorporate the commitment to competence throughout the organization:

- Management outlines the roles and responsibilities of technical staff to ensure that they are clear about their responsibilities in the organization. These roles and responsibilities are reviewed annually by the senior management.
- Annual Security Awareness Training is provided to all staff which focuses on maintaining the security of the proprietary and customer-servicing systems and related data.
- Employees receive periodic reviews by their supervisors inclusive of discussing any deficiencies noted in the execution of their job responsibilities.
- Employees are evaluated for competence in performing their job responsibilities at the time of hiring.



Management Philosophy and Operating Style

Talentas' management philosophy and operating style encompass a broad range of characteristics. Such characteristics include management's approach to monitoring business risks, and management's attitudes toward personnel and the processing of information.

Specific control activities that the service organization has implemented in this area are described below:

- Senior management meetings are held to discuss major initiatives and issues that affect the business as a whole
- Senior management reviews the functioning of internal controls, vendor risk assessment, risk assessment, and high severity security incidents annually

Organizational Structure and Assignment of Authority and Responsibility

Talentas' organizational structure provides the framework within which its activities for achieving entity-wide objectives are planned, executed, controlled, and monitored. Management believes that establishing a relevant organizational structure includes considering key areas of authority and responsibility. An organizational structure has been developed to suit its needs. This organizational structure is based, in part, on its size and the nature of its activities.

The management is committed to maintaining and improving its framework for how authority and responsibility for operating activities are assigned and how reporting relationships and authorization hierarchies are established. This also includes policies relating to appropriate business practices, knowledge, and experience of key personnel, and resources provided for carrying out duties.

In addition, it includes policies and communications directed at ensuring personnel understand the entity's objectives, know how their individual actions interrelate and contribute to those objectives, and recognize how and for what they will be held accountable. Organizational charts are in place to communicate key areas of authority and responsibility. These charts are accessible to all employees of the company and updated as required.

Human Resources Policies and Practices

Talentas' success is founded on sound business ethics, reinforced with a high level of efficiency, integrity, and ethical standards. The result of this success is evidenced by the management's ability to hire and retain top-quality personnel who ensure the service organization is operating at maximum efficiency.

Specific control activities that the service organization has implemented in this area are described below:

- Employees are evaluated for competence in performing their job responsibilities at the time of hiring
- New employees are required to acknowledge company policy up on hiring and re-acknowledge annually
- Performance evaluations for each employee are performed on an annual basis
- When a person is relieved of duties from the company, access to critical systems are revoked within 3 business days

Vendor Risk Assessment

Talentas uses a number of vendors to meet its business objectives. Talentas understands that risks exist when engaging with vendors and as a result, continuously assesses those risks that could potentially affect the Company's ability to meet its business objectives.



Talentas employs several activities to effectively manage its vendors. Firstly, the Information Security Officer performs an annual exercise of thoroughly examining the nature and extent of risks involved with each vendor relationship. For critical vendors, Talentas assesses vendor compliance commitments through the review of available information security assessment reports and determines whether compliance levels adequately support Talentas' commitments to its customers. If a critical vendor is unable to provide a third-party security report or assessment, Talentas management meets with such vendors periodically to assess their performance, security concerns, and their services. Any vendor risks identified are recorded in the risk assessment matrix, which is reviewed annually by the Senior Management of the company.

Monitoring

Talentas management monitors controls to ensure that they are operating as intended and that the controls are modified as conditions change. Monitoring activities are undertaken to continuously assess the quality of internal control over time. Necessary corrective actions are taken as required to correct deviations from company policies and procedures. Staff activity and adherence to company policies and procedures are also monitored. This process is accomplished through ongoing monitoring activities, independent evaluations, or a combination of the two.

Information and Communication Systems

Talentas maintains a company-wide Information Security Policy, supported by detailed standards and training to ensure that employees understand their individual roles and responsibilities regarding security and significant events.

Further, Talentas also has additional policies and procedures that define access management, change management, and authentication requirements and procedures for critical systems. These policies and procedures are published and made available to internal staff via the company intranet.

3.4 Principal Service Commitments and System Requirements

Talentas designs its processes to meet security, availability, and confidentiality commitments, aligned with:

- Customer agreements (security obligations).
- Regulatory requirements (ISO 27001, SOC 2, etc.).

Security Commitments

- Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) Users access only data necessary for their role.
- Network Environment Security Strict access controls for infrastructure.
- Proactive Monitoring Real-time alerts on system utilization and anomalies.

Operational Requirements

- Documented in policies, procedures, and contracts.
- Governed by Information Security Policies covering:
 - System design & development
 - Network management
 - Staff hiring & training

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3.5 Applicable Trust Services Criteria and Related Controls

TSC Ref#	Criteria	Control#	Control Activity as specified by Talentas
	COSO Principle 1: The entity demonstrates a C1.1 commitment to	SDC 1	The entity has a documented policy to define behavioral standards and acceptable business conduct.
CC1.1		SDC 6	The entity has established procedures for new staff to acknowledge applicable company policies as a part of their onboarding.
	integrity and ethical values	SDC 12	The entity has established procedures for staff to acknowledge applicable company policies periodically.
		SDC 432	Entity outlines and documents cybersecurity responsibilities for all personnel.
		SDC 24	The entity's Senior Management reviews and approves all company policies annually.
	COSO Principle 2: The board of directors demonstrates independence from	SDC 25	Entity's Senior Management reviews and approves the state of the Information Security program including policies, standards, and procedures, at planned intervals or if significant changes occur to ensure their continuing suitability, adequacy, and effectiveness.
CC1.2	management and exercises oversight of the development and performance of internal	SDC 26	The entity's Senior Management reviews and approves the Organizational Chart for all employees annually.
	control.	SDC 27	The entity's Senior Management reviews and approves the "Risk Assessment Report" annually.
		SDC 29	The entity's Senior Management reviews and approves the "Vendor Risk Assessment Report" annually.
	COSO Principle 3: Management establishes, with board oversight, structures, reporting lines, and appropriate authorities and responsibilities in the pursuit of objectives.	SDC 2	Entity maintains an organizational structure to define authorities, facilitate information flow, and establish responsibilities.
		SDC 3	The entity has established procedures to communicate with staff about their roles and responsibilities.
CC1.3		SDC 22	Entity's Senior Management assigns the role of Information Security Officer who is delegated to centrally manage, coordinate, develop, implement, and maintain an enterprise-wide cybersecurity and privacy program.
		SDC 25	Entity's Senior Management reviews and approves the state of the Information Security program including policies, standards, and procedures, at planned intervals or if significant changes occur to ensure their continuing suitability, adequacy,



TSC Ref#	Criteria	Control#	Control Activity as specified by Talentas
RCI #			and effectiveness.
		SDC 154	The entity has set up mechanisms to assign and manage asset ownership responsibilities and establish a common understanding of asset protection requirements.
		SDC 396	The entity appoints a People Operations Officer to develop and drive all personnel- related security strategies.
		SDC 397	The entity appoints a Compliance Program Manager who has delegated the responsibility of planning and implementing the internal control environment.
CC1.4	COSO Principle 4: The entity demonstrates a commitment to attract, develop, and retain	SDC 4	The entity has procedures to ensure that all security-related positions are staffed by qualified individuals who have the necessary skill set.
	competent individuals in alignment with objectives.	SDC 5	The entity has established procedures to perform security risk screening of individuals prior to authorizing access.
	COSO Principle 5: The entity holds individuals accountable for their internal control responsibilities in the pursuit of objectives	SDC 7	The entity provides information security and privacy training to staff that is relevant to their job function.
		SDC 9	Entity requires that all employees in client serving, IT, Engineering, and Information Security roles are periodically evaluated regarding their job responsibilities.
CC1.5		SDC 12	The entity has established procedures for staff to acknowledge applicable company policies periodically.
		SDC 387	The entity has established procedures for new staff to complete security and privacy literacy training as a part of their onboarding.
		SDC 388	Entity documents, monitors, and retains individual training activities and records.
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		SDC 11	Entity systems generate information that is reviewed and evaluated to determine impacts on the functioning of internal controls.
	COSO Principle 13: The entity obtains or generates and uses relevant, quality information to support the functioning of internal control	SDC 13	The entity makes all policies and procedures available to all staff members for their perusal.
CC2.1		SDC 14	Entity displays the most current information about its services on its website, which is accessible to its customers.
		SDC 382	Entity has documented policy and procedures for physical and/or logical labeling of information via documented policy for data classification.



TSC Ref#	Criteria	Control#	Control Activity as specified by Talentas
		SDC 1	The entity has a documented policy to define behavioral standards and acceptable business conduct.
		SDC 6	The entity has established procedures for new staff to acknowledge applicable company policies as a part of their onboarding.
		SDC 12	The entity has established procedures for staff to acknowledge applicable company policies periodically.
CC2.2	communicates information, including objectives and responsibilities for	SDC 13	The entity makes all policies and procedures available to all staff members for their perusal.
	internal control, necessary to support the functioning of internal control	SDC 15	The entity has provided information to employees, via various Information Security Policies/procedures, on how to report failures, incidents, concerns, or other complaints related to the services or systems provided by the entity in the event there are problems.
		SDC 387	The entity has established procedures for new staff to complete security and privacy literacy training as a part of their onboarding.
		SDC 388	Entity documents, monitors, and retains individual training activities and records.
	COSO Principle 15: The entity communicates with external parties regarding matters affecting the functioning of internal control	SDC 14	Entity displays the most current information about its services on its website, which is accessible to its customers.
CC2.3		SDC 16	The entity has provided information to customers on how to report failures, incidents, concerns, or other complaints related to the services or systems provided by the Entity in the event there are problems.
CC3.1	COSO Principle 6: The entity specifies objectives with sufficient clarity to enable the identification and assessment of risks relating to objectives	SDC 18	The entity performs a formal risk assessment exercise annually, as per documented guidelines and procedures, to identify threats that could impair systems' security commitments and requirements.
	COSO Principle 7: The entity identifies risks to	SDC 6	The entity has established procedures for new staff to acknowledge applicable company policies as a part of their onboarding.
CC3.2	risks as a basis for determining how the risks should be	SDC 18	The entity performs a formal risk assessment exercise annually, as per documented guidelines and procedures, to identify threats that could impair systems' security commitments and requirements.
		SDC 19	Each risk is assessed and given a risk score in relation to the likelihood of it occurring and the potential impact on the Security,



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reci #			Availability, Confidentiality, Processing Integrity, and Privacy of the Company platform. Risks are mapped to mitigating factors that address some or all of the risk.
		SDC 21	The entity performs a formal vendor risk assessment exercise annually to identify vendors that are critical to the systems' security commitments and requirements.
CC3.3	COSO Principle 8: The entity considers the potential for fraud in assessing risks to the achievement of objectives	SDC 20	The entity considers the potential for fraud when assessing risks. This is an entry in the risk matrix.
	COSO Principle 9: The entity identifies and assesses changes that could significantly impact the system of internal control	SDC 18	The entity performs a formal risk assessment exercise annually, as per documented guidelines and procedures, to identify threats that could impair systems' security commitments and requirements.
CC3.4		SDC 19	Each risk is assessed and given a risk score in relation to the likelihood of it occurring and the potential impact on the Security, Availability, Confidentiality, Processing Integrity, and Privacy of the Company platform. Risks are mapped to mitigating factors that address some or all of the risk.
		SDC 21	The entity performs a formal vendor risk assessment exercise annually to identify vendors that are critical to the systems' security commitments and requirements.
	COSO Principle 16: The entity selects, develops, and performs ongoing and/or separate evaluations to ascertain whether the components of internal control are present and functioning	SDC 22	Entity's Senior Management assigns the role of Information Security Officer who is delegated to centrally manage, coordinate, develop, implement, and maintain an enterprise-wide cybersecurity and privacy program.
CC4.1		SDC 23	The entity uses Sprinto, a continuous monitoring system, to track and report the health of the information security program to the Information Security Officer and other stakeholders.
		SDC 24	The entity's Senior Management reviews and approves all company policies annually.
		SDC 25	Entity's Senior Management reviews and approves the state of the Information Security program including policies, standards, and procedures, at planned intervals or if significant changes occur to ensure their continuing suitability, adequacy, and effectiveness.



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KCI#		SDC 26	The entity's Senior Management reviews and approves the Organizational Chart for all employees annually.
		SDC 27	The entity's Senior Management reviews and approves the "Risk Assessment Report" annually.
		SDC 29	The entity's Senior Management reviews and approves the "Vendor Risk Assessment Report" annually.
		SDC 30	Entity reviews and evaluates all subservice organizations periodically, to ensure commitments to Entity's customers can be met.
		SDC 55	Entity identifies vulnerabilities on the Company platform through the execution of regular vulnerability scans.
		SDC 56	Entity tracks all vulnerabilities and remediates them as per the policy and procedure defined to manage vulnerabilities.
		SDC 154	The entity has set up mechanisms to assign and manage asset ownership responsibilities and establish a common understanding of asset protection requirements.
		SDC 389	Entity periodically updates and reviews the inventory of systems as a part of installations, removals and system updates.
	COSO Principle 17: The entity evaluates and communicates internal control deficiencies in a timely manner to those parties responsible for taking corrective action,	SDC 15	Entity has provided information to employees, via various Information Security Policies/procedures, on how to report failures, incidents, concerns, or other complaints related to the services or systems provided by the entity in the event there are problems.
CC4.2		SDC 23	The entity uses Sprinto, a continuous monitoring system, to track and report the health of the information security program to the Information Security Officer and other stakeholders.
	including senior management and the	SDC 24	The entity's Senior Management reviews and approves all company policies annually.
	board of directors, as appropriate	SDC 25	Entity's Senior Management reviews and approves the state of the Information Security program including policies, standards, and procedures, at planned intervals or if significant changes occur to ensure their continuing suitability, adequacy, and effectiveness.
CC5.1	COSO Principle 10: The entity selects and	SDC 31	The entity has developed a set of policies that establish expected behavior with regard to



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	develops control activities that contribute to the mitigation of risks to the achievement of objectives to acceptable		the Company's control environment.
		SDC 32	Entity's Senior Management segregates responsibilities and duties across the organization to mitigate risks to the services provided to its customers.
	levels	SDC 105	The entity establishes guidelines for acceptable and unacceptable technology usage behaviors, including outlining consequences for unacceptable actions.
		SDC 23	The entity uses Sprinto, a continuous monitoring system, to track and report the health of the information security program to the Information Security Officer and other stakeholders.
		SDC 24	The entity's Senior Management reviews and approves all company policies annually.
		SDC 25	Entity's Senior Management reviews and approves the state of the Information Security program including policies, standards, and procedures, at planned intervals or if significant changes occur to ensure their continuing suitability, adequacy, and effectiveness.
CC5.2	COSO Principle 11: The entity also selects and develops general control activities over	SDC 26	The entity's Senior Management reviews and approves the Organizational Chart for all employees annually.
	technology to support the achievement of objectives	SDC 27	The entity's Senior Management reviews and approves the "Risk Assessment Report" annually.
		SDC 28	The entity's Infosec officer reviews and approves the list of people with access to the production console annually.
		SDC 29	The entity's Senior Management reviews and approves the "Vendor Risk Assessment Report" annually.
		SDC 30	Entity reviews and evaluates all subservice organizations periodically, to ensure commitments to Entity's customers can be met.
		SDC 31	The entity has developed a set of policies that establish expected behavior with regard to the Company's control environment.
CC5.3	COSO Principle 12: The entity deploys control activities through	SDC 6	The entity has established procedures for new staff to acknowledge applicable company policies as a part of their onboarding.
223.3	policies that establish what is expected and in procedures that put	SDC 12	The entity has established procedures for staff to acknowledge applicable company policies periodically.



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	policies into action	SDC 13	The entity makes all policies and procedures available to all staff members for their perusal.
		SDC 31	The entity has developed a set of policies that establish expected behavior with regard to the Company's control environment.
		SDC 33	Entity has documented policies and procedures to manage Access Control and an accompanying process to register and authorize users for issuing system credentials which grant the ability to access the critical systems.
		SDC 34	Entity ensures that logical access provisioning to critical systems requires approval from authorized personnel on an individual need or for a predefined role.
	The entity implements logical access security software, infrastructure, and architectures over protected information assets to protect them from security events to meet the entity's objectives.	SDC 38	Entity ensures that the production databases access and Secure Shell access to infrastructure entities are protected from public internet access.
CC6.1		SDC 42	The entity's Senior Management or the Information Security Officer periodically reviews and ensures that access to the critical systems is restricted to only those individuals who require such access to perform their job functions.
		SDC 43	The entity's Senior Management or the Information Security Officer periodically reviews and ensures that administrative access to the critical systems is restricted to only those individuals who require such access to perform their job functions.
		SDC 108	The entity uses Sprinto, a continuous monitoring system, to alert the security team to update the access levels of team members whose roles have changed.
		SDC 135	The entity has documented guidelines to manage passwords and secure login mechanisms and makes them available to all staff members on the company employee portal.
CC6.2	Prior to issuing system credentials and granting system access, the entity registers and authorizes new internal and external users whose access is administered by the entity. For those users	SDC 33	Entity has documented policies and procedures to manage Access Control and an accompanying process to register and authorize users for issuing system credentials which grant the ability to access the critical systems.
		SDC 34	Entity ensures that logical access provisioning to critical systems requires approval from authorized personnel on an individual need or



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KCI#	whose access is		for a predefined role.
	administered by the entity, user system credentials are removed when user access is no longer authorized.	SDC 35	Entity ensures logical access that is no longer required in the event of termination is made inaccessible in a timely manner.
		SDC 33	Entity has documented policies and procedures to manage Access Control and an accompanying process to register and authorize users for issuing system credentials which grant the ability to access the critical systems.
	The entity authorizes, modifies, or removes access to data,	SDC 34	Entity ensures that logical access provisioning to critical systems requires approval from authorized personnel on an individual need or for a predefined role.
	software, functions, and other protected information assets based on roles,	SDC 35	Entity ensures logical access that is no longer required in the event of termination is made inaccessible in a timely manner.
CC6.3		SDC 37	Entity ensures that access to the production databases is restricted to only those individuals who require such access to perform their job functions.
		SDC 42	The entity's Senior Management or the Information Security Officer periodically reviews and ensures that access to the critical systems is restricted to only those individuals who require such access to perform their job functions.
		SDC 43	The entity's Senior Management or the Information Security Officer periodically reviews and ensures that administrative access to the critical systems is restricted to only those individuals who require such access to perform their job functions.
CC6.4	The entity restricts physical access to facilities and protected information assets (for example, data center facilities, backup media storage, and other sensitive locations) to authorized personnel to meet the entity's objectives.	N/A	The entity does not have any physical offices or physical data centers. Hence, not applicable.
CC6.5	The entity discontinues logical and physical protections over physical assets only after the ability to read or recover data and	SDC 48	The entity has a documented policy that provides guidance on decommissioning of information assets that contain classified information.



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	software from those assets has been diminished and is no longer required to meet the entity's objectives.					
		SDC 38	Entity ensures that the production databases access and Secure Shell access to infrastructure entities are protected from public internet access.			
	SDC 39 Entity red access to with a see Multifactor SDC 44 Where ap endpoints data must protection Where ap endpoints data must unauthor The entity red access to with a see Multifactor Where ap endpoints data must unauthor The entity red access to with access to with a security access to with a se	Entity requires that all staff members with access to any critical system be protected with a secure login mechanism such as Multifactor-authentication.				
		SDC 44	Where applicable, Entity ensures that endpoints with access to critical servers or data must be protected by malware-protection software.			
		SDC 45	Where applicable, Entity ensures that endpoints with access to critical servers or data must be encrypted to protect from unauthorized access.			
CC6.6	The entity implements logical access security measures to protect	SDC 46	Where applicable, Entity ensures that endpoints with access to critical servers or data must be encrypted to protect from unauthorized access. The entity has set up measures to perform security and privacy compliance checks on the software versions and patches of remote devices prior to the establishment of the internal connection. Entity ensures that endpoints with access to critical servers or data are configured to autoscreen-lock after 15 minutes of inactivity. Every Production host is protected by a firewall with a deny-by-default rule. Deny by			
	against threats from sources outside its system boundaries.	SDC 47	Entity ensures that endpoints with access to critical servers or data are configured to autoscreen-lock after 15 minutes of inactivity.			
	system boundaries. SDC 47	Every Production host is protected by a firewall with a deny-by-default rule. Deny by default rule set is a default on the Entity's cloud provider.				
		SDC 104	The entity has documented policies and procedures for endpoint security and related controls.			
		SDC 119	Entity has documented guidelines to manage communications protections and network security of critical systems.			
		SDC 141	Entity requires that all critical endpoints be encrypted to protect them from unauthorized access.			
	SDC 47 Crit scr SDC 47 Crit scr SDC 50 Ever det clo SDC 104 SDC 104 SDC 119 Cor Sec SDC 141 Enc SDC 141 Enc SDC 390 The SDC 39	The entity develops, documents, and maintains an inventory of organizational endpoint systems, including all necessary information to achieve accountability.				
CC6.7	The entity restricts the transmission, movement, and	SDC 45	Where applicable, Entity ensures that endpoints with access to critical servers or data must be encrypted to protect from			



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100111	removal of information		unauthorized access.
	to authorized internal and external users and processes, and protects it during transmission,	SDC 49	The entity has set up cryptographic mechanisms to encrypt all production database[s] that store customer data at rest.
	movement, or removal to meet the entity's objectives.	SDC 51	Every Production host is protected by a firewall with a deny-by-default rule. Deny by default rule set is a default on the Entity's cloud provider.
		SDC 52	The entity develops, documents, and maintains an inventory of organizational infrastructure systems, including all necessary information to achieve accountability.
		SDC 100	Entity ensures that customer data used in non-production environments requires the same level of protection as the production environment.
		SDC 106	The entity has a documented policy to manage encryption and cryptographic protection controls.
		SDC 141	Entity requires that all critical endpoints be encrypted to protect them from unauthorized access.
CC6.8	The entity implements controls to prevent or detect and act upon the introduction of	SDC 46	The entity has set up measures to perform security and privacy compliance checks on the software versions and patches of remote devices prior to the establishment of the internal connection.
	unauthorized or malicious software to meet the entity's objectives.	SDC 50	Every Production host is protected by a firewall with a deny-by-default rule. Deny by default rule set is a default on the Entity's cloud provider.
	To meet its objectives, the entity uses	SDC 61	The entity's infrastructure is configured to review and analyze audit events to detect anomalous or suspicious activity and threats.
CC7.1	detection and monitoring procedures to identify (1) changes to configurations that result in the	SDC 62	The entity has set up methods to continuously monitor critical assets to generate capacity alerts to ensure optimal performance, meet future capacity requirements, and protect against denial-of-service attacks.
	introduction of new vulnerabilities, and (2) susceptibilities to newly discovered	SDC 391	The entity has a documented policy and procedures to establish guidelines for managing technical vulnerabilities.
	vulnerabilities.	SDC 394	The entity's infrastructure is configured to generate audit events for actions of interest related to security for all critical systems.
CC7.2	The entity monitors system components	SDC 61	The entity's infrastructure is configured to review and analyze audit events to detect



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rtor "	and the operation of		anomalous or suspicious activity and threats.	
	anomalies that are indicative of malicious acts, natural disasters, and errors affecting the entity's ability to meet its objectives; anomalies are analyzed to determine whether they represent security events. The entity evaluates	SDC 62	The entity has set up methods to continuously monitor critical assets to generate capacity alerts to ensure optimal performance, meet future capacity requirements, and protect against denial-of-service attacks.	
	anomalies are analyzed to determine whether	SDC 391	The entity has a documented policy and procedures to establish guidelines for managing technical vulnerabilities.	
	and the operation of those components for anomalies that are indicative of malicious acts, natural disasters, and errors affecting the entity's ability to meet its objectives; anomalies are analyzed to determine whether they represent security events.	SDC 394	The entity's infrastructure is configured to generate audit events for actions of interest related to security for all critical systems.	
		SDC 23 monitoring health of the Information stakehold	The entity uses Sprinto, a continuous monitoring system, to track and report the health of the information security program to the Information Security Officer and other stakeholders.	
	SDC 46 to contain the contain	The entity has set up measures to perform security and privacy compliance checks on the software versions and patches of remote devices prior to the establishment of the internal connection.		
	The entity evaluates	SDC 54	anomalous or suspicious activity and threats. The entity has set up methods to continuously monitor critical assets to generate capacity alerts to ensure optimal performance, meet future capacity requirements, and protect against denial-of-service attacks. The entity has a documented policy and procedures to establish guidelines for managing technical vulnerabilities. The entity's infrastructure is configured to generate audit events for actions of interest related to security for all critical systems. The entity uses Sprinto, a continuous monitoring system, to track and report the health of the information security program to the Information Security Officer and other stakeholders. The entity has set up measures to perform security and privacy compliance checks on the software versions and patches of remote devices prior to the establishment of the	
	security events to determine whether they could or have resulted	SDC 55	managing technical vulnerabilities. The entity's infrastructure is configured to generate audit events for actions of interest related to security for all critical systems. The entity uses Sprinto, a continuous monitoring system, to track and report the health of the information security program to the Information Security Officer and other stakeholders. The entity has set up measures to perform security and privacy compliance checks on the software versions and patches of remote devices prior to the establishment of the internal connection. The entity maintains a record of information security incidents, its investigation, and the response plan that was executed in accordance with the policy and procedure defined to report and manage incidents. Entity identifies vulnerabilities on the Company platform through the execution of regular vulnerability scans. The entity tracks all vulnerabilities and remediates them as per the policy and procedure defined to manage vulnerabilities. The entity's infrastructure is configured to review and analyze audit events to detect anomalous or suspicious activity and threats The entity has set up methods to continuous monitor critical assets to generate capacity alerts to ensure optimal performance, meet future capacity requirements, and protect against denial-of-service attacks. Entity has documented guidelines on notifyin customers and other stakeholders in case of breach. The entity has a documented policy and procedures to establish guidelines for	
CC7.3	to meet its objectives (security incidents)	s to ether they resulted the entity iectives ents) E SDC 55 C Testion To SDC 56 C Testion To SDC 56	remediates them as per the policy and	
	to prevent or address	SDC 61	review and analyze audit events to detect	
		SDC 62	monitor critical assets to generate capacity alerts to ensure optimal performance, meet future capacity requirements, and protect	
		SDC 112	customers and other stakeholders in case of a	
		SDC 391	procedures to establish guidelines for	
		SDC 394		



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			related to security for all critical systems.
	The entity responds to	SDC 23	The entity uses Sprinto, a continuous monitoring system, to track and report the health of the information security program to the Information Security Officer and other stakeholders.
CC7.4	identified security incidents by executing a defined incident response program to understand, contain,	SDC 23 The entity of monitoring shealth of the Informa stakeholder. SDC 53 The entity of the Informa stakeholder. The entity incident of the Informa stakeholder. The entity incident of the Informa stakeholder. SDC 54 SDC 55 Entity identification of the Information of the	The entity has established a policy and procedure that includes guidelines to be undertaken in response to information security incidents.
	remediate, and communicate security incidents, as appropriate.	SDC 54	The entity maintains a record of information security incidents, its investigation, and the response plan that was executed in accordance with the policy and procedure defined to report and manage incidents.
		SDC 55	Entity identifies vulnerabilities on the Company platform through the execution of regular vulnerability scans.
	The entity identifies, develops, and	SDC 58	Entity has a documented policy on managing Data Backups and makes it available for all relevant staff on the company employee portal
CC7.5	implements activities to recover from identified security incidents.	SDC 23 SDC 53 SDC 54 SDC 55 SDC 58 SDC 52 SDC 56 SDC 64 SDC 65 SDC 65 SDC 66	The entity has documented policies and procedures that establish guidelines for continuing business operations and facilitate the application of contingency planning controls.
	The entity authorizes,	SDC 52	The entity develops, documents, and maintains an inventory of organizational infrastructure systems, including all necessary information to achieve accountability.
	designs, develops acquires, configures, documents, tests,	SDC 56	The entity tracks all vulnerabilities and remediates them as per the policy and procedure defined to manage vulnerabilities.
CC8.1	approves, and implements changes to infrastructure, data, software, and	SDC 53 SDC 54 SDC 55 SDC 58 SDC 58 SDC 56 SDC 56 SDC 66 SDC 66 SDC 66	The entity has documented policies and procedures to manage changes to its operating environment.
	procedures_to meet its objectives.	SDC 65	The entity has procedures to govern changes to its operating environment.
		SDC 66	The entity has established procedures for approval when implementing changes to the operating environment.
			The entity performs a formal rick accomment
CC9.1	The entity identifies, selects, and develops risk mitigation activities for risks arising from potential business	SDC 18	The entity performs a formal risk assessment exercise annually, as per documented guidelines and procedures, to identify threats that could impair systems' security commitments and requirements.



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	disruptions.	SDC 19	Each risk is assessed and given a risk score in relation to the likelihood of it occurring and the potential impact on the Security, Availability, Confidentiality, Processing Integrity, and Privacy of the Company platform. Risks are mapped to mitigating factors that address some or all of the risk.
		SDC 67	The entity has documented policies and procedures that describe how to identify risks to business objectives and how those risks are assessed and mitigated. The objectives incorporate the Entity's service commitments and system requirements.
		SDC 21	The entity performs a formal vendor risk assessment exercise annually to identify vendors that are critical to the systems' security commitments and requirements.
CC9.2	The entity assesses and manages risks associated with vendors and business partners.	SDC 67	The entity has documented policies and procedures that describe how to identify risks to business objectives and how those risks are assessed and mitigated. The objectives incorporate the Entity's service commitments and system requirements.
		SDC 68	The entity has a documented policy and procedures to manage Vendors/third-party suppliers and provides guidance to staff on performing a risk assessment of such vendors.
A1.1	The entity maintains, monitors, and evaluates current processing capacity and use of system components (infrastructure, data, and software) to manage capacity demand and to enable the implementation of additional capacity to help meet its objectives.	SDC 62	The entity has set up methods to continuously monitor critical assets to generate capacity alerts to ensure optimal performance, meet future capacity requirements, and protect against denial-of-service attacks.
	The entity authorizes, designs, develops acquires, implements, operates, approves,	SDC 58	Entity has a documented policy on managing Data Backups and makes it available for all relevant staff on the company employee portal
A1.2	maintains, and monitors environmental protections, software, data backup processes,	SDC 59	Entity backs up relevant user and system data regularly to meet recovery time and recovery point objectives and verifies the integrity of these backups.
	and recovery infrastructure to meet	SDC 60	Entity tests backup information periodically to verify media reliability and information



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IXCI#	its objectives.		integrity.		
		SDC 393	The entity has documented policies and procedures that establish guidelines for continuing business operations and facilitate the application of contingency planning controls.		
		SDC 60	Entity tests backup information periodically to verify media reliability and information integrity.		
A1.3	The entity tests recovery plan procedures supporting system recovery to	SDC 97	The entity has procedures to conduct regular tests and exercises that determine the effectiveness and readiness to execute the contingency plan.		
	meet its objectives.	SDC 393	The entity has documented policies and procedures that establish guidelines for continuing business operations and facilitate the application of contingency planning controls.		
		SDC 6	The entity has established procedures for new staff to acknowledge applicable company policies as a part of their onboarding.		
		SDC 12	The entity has established procedures for staff to acknowledge applicable company policies periodically.		
	The entity identifies and maintains confidential information to meet the	SDC 393 procedures continuing I the applicate controls. SDC 60 Entity tests verify media integrity. SDC 97 Effectivenes continuing I tests and explication of the entity integrity. SDC 393 The entity integrity integrity integrity. SDC 393 The entity integrity integrity integrity integrity. SDC 393 The entity integrity integrity integrity integrity integrity integrity integrity. SDC 6 Staff to ack policies as a staff to ack policies per integrity information informa	Where applicable, Entity ensures that endpoints with access to critical servers or data must be encrypted to protect from unauthorized access.		
C1.1	entity's objectives related to confidentiality.	SDC 49	The entity has set up cryptographic mechanisms to encrypt all production database[s] that store customer data at rest.		
		SDC 69	The entity has a documented Information Security Policy that governs the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information systems.		
		SDC 70	Entity performs physical and/or logical labeling of information systems as per the guidelines documented policy defined for data classification.		
C1.2	The entity disposes of confidential information to meet the entity's	SDC 48	The entity has a documented policy that provides guidance on decommissioning of information assets that contain classified information.		
	objectives related to confidentiality.	SDC 71	The entity has a documented policy outlining guidelines for the disposal and retention of information.		

SECTION 4

TRUST SERVICES CATEGORY, CRITERIA, RELATED CONTROLS, AND TESTS OF CONTROLS

4. Trust Services Category, Criteria, Related Controls, and Tests of Controls

4.1 Objective of Our Examination

This report is intended to provide interested parties with information about the controls at Talentas that may affect the processing of user organizations' transactions and also to provide users with information about the operating effectiveness of the controls that were tested. This report, when combined with an understanding and assessment of the controls at user organizations, is intended to assist user auditors in (1) planning the audit of user organizations' financial statements and (2) assessing control risk for assertions in user organizations' financial statements that may be affected by controls at Talentas

Our testing of Talentas controls was restricted to the control objectives and related controls listed in the matrices in this section of the report and was not extended to controls described in the system description but not included in the aforementioned matrices, or to controls that may be in effect at user organizations. It is each user auditor's responsibility to evaluate this information about the controls in place at each user organization. If certain complementary controls are not in place at user organizations, Talentas controls may not compensate for such weaknesses.

4.2 Control Environment Elements

The control environment sets the tone of an organization, influencing the control consciousness of its people. It is the foundation for other components of internal control, providing discipline and structure. In addition to the tests of design, implementation, and operating effectiveness of controls identified by Talentas our procedures included tests of the following relevant elements of the Talentas control environment:

- 1. Environment
- 2. Internal Risk Assessment
- 3. Information and Communication
- 4. Control Activities
- 5. Monitoring

Such tests included inquiry of the appropriate management, supervisory, and staff personnel; observation of Talentas activities and operations, inspection of Talentas documents and records, and re-performance of the application of Talentas controls. The results of these tests were considered in planning the nature, timing, and extent of our testing of the control activities described in this section.

4.3 Applicable Trust Services Criteria, Controls, Tests of Operating Effectiveness, and Results of Tests

Our tests were designed to examine Talentas description of the system related to Talentas as well as the suitability of the design and operating effectiveness of controls for a representative number of samples throughout the period April 06, 2025 to October 06, 2025.

In selecting particular tests of the operational effectiveness of controls, we considered (a) the nature of the items being tested, (b) types of available evidential matter, (c) the nature of the trust services principles and criteria to be achieved, and (d) expected efficiency and effectiveness of the test.

Testing the accuracy and completeness of the information provided by Talentas is also a component of the testing procedures performed. Information we are utilizing as evidence may include but is not limited to:

- 1. Standard 'out of the box' reports as configured within the system
- 2. Parameter-driven reports generated by Talentas
- 3. Custom-developed reports that are not standard to the application such as scripts, report writers, and queries
- 4. Spreadsheets that include relevant information utilized for the performance or testing of a control
- 5. Talentas-prepared analyses, schedules, or other evidence manually prepared and utilized by the Company

While these procedures are not specifically called out in the test procedures listed in this section, they are completed as a component of our testing to support the evaluation of whether or not the information is sufficiently precise and detailed for purposes of fully testing the controls identified by Talentas

Description of Testing Procedures Performed

Our examination included inquiry of management, supervisory, and staff personnel; inspection of documents and records; observation of activities and operations; and re-performance of controls surrounding and provided by Talentas Our tests of controls were performed on controls as they existed for the period from throughout the period April 06, 2025 to October 06, 2025, and were applied to those controls relating to the trust services principles and criteria.

Tests performed on the operational effectiveness of controls are described below:

Test	Description
Inquiry	Conducted detailed interviews with relevant personnel to obtain evidence that the control was in operation during the reporting period and is accompanied by other procedures noted below that are necessary to corroborate the information derived from the inquiry.
Observation	Observed the performance of the control multiple times throughout the reporting period to evidence the application of the specific control activity.
Examination of Documentation/Inspection	If the performance of the control is documented, inspected documents and reports indicate the performance of the control.
Re-performance of Monitoring Activities or Manual Controls	Obtained documents used in the monitoring activity or manual control activity and independently re-performed the procedures. Compare any exception items identified with those identified by the responsible control owner.
Re-performance of Programmed Processing	Input test data, manually calculated expected results, and compared actual results of processing to expectations.

4.4 Testing Procedures Performed by Independent Service Auditor

In addition to the tests listed below for each control specified by Talentas, ascertained through inquiry with management and the controlling owner that each control activity listed below operated as described for the period from throughout the period April 06, 2025 to October 06, 2025.

TSC Ref	Control#	Control Activities as specified by Talentas	Test Procedures performed	Results of Test
CC1.1 CC2.2	SDC 1	Entity has a documented policy to define behavioral standards and acceptable business conduct.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected code of conduct document and acceptable usage policy to ascertain whether entity has a documented policy to define behavioral standards and acceptable business conduct.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC1.3	SDC 2	Entity maintains an organizational structure to define authorities, facilitate information flow and establish responsibilities.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected organizational structure to ascertain whether entity maintains an organizational structure to define authorities, facilitate information flow and establish responsibilities.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC1.3	SDC 3	Entity has established procedures to communicate with staff about their roles and responsibilities.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected, for sample joiners, communications showing roles and responsibilities were shared to ascertain whether entity has established procedures to communicate with staff about their roles and responsibilities.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC1.4	SDC 4	Entity has procedures to ensure that all security-related positions are staffed by qualified individuals who have the necessary skill set.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected, for sample new joiners, candidate evaluation forms and HR policies to ascertain whether entity has procedures to ensure that all security-related positions are	No Exceptions Noted.

TSC Ref	Control#	Control Activities as specified by Talentas	Test Procedures performed	Results of Test
			staffed by qualified individuals who have the necessary skill set.	
CC1.4	SDC 5	Entity has established procedures to perform security risk screening of individuals prior to authorizing access.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected, for sample new joiners, background verification records and HR policies to ascertain whether entity has established procedures to perform security risk screening of individuals before authorizing access.	No Exceptions Noted.
C1.1 CC1.1 CC2.2 CC3.2 CC5.3	SDC 6	Entity has established procedures for new staff to acknowledge applicable company policies as a part of their onboarding.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected, for sample new joiners, policy acceptance logs and HR policies to ascertain whether entity has established procedures for new staff to acknowledge applicable company policies as a part of their onboarding.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC1.5	SDC 7	Entity provides information security and privacy training to staff that is relevant for their job function.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected attendance records from the last Security and privacy training to ascertain whether entity provides information security and privacy training to staff that is relevant to their job function.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC1.5	SDC 9	Entity requires that all employees in client serving, IT, Engineering and Information Security roles are periodically evaluated regarding their job responsibilities.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected annual evaluation records to ascertain whether entity requires that all employees in client serving, IT, Engineering, and Information Security roles are periodically	No Exceptions Noted.

TSC Ref	Control#	Control Activities as specified by Talentas	Test Procedures performed	Results of Test
			evaluated regarding their job responsibilities.	
CC2.1	SDC 11	Entity systems generate information that is reviewed and evaluated to determine impacts to the functioning of internal controls.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected logs from event monitoring tool to ascertain whether entity systems generate information that is reviewed and evaluated to determine impacts on the functioning of internal controls.	No Exceptions Noted.
C1.1 CC1.1 CC1.5 CC2.2 CC5.3	SDC 12	Entity has established procedures for staff to acknowledge applicable company policies periodically.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected, for sample employees, policy acceptance logs and HR policies information to ascertain whether entity has established procedures for staff to acknowledge applicable company policies periodically.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC2.1 CC2.2 CC5.3	SDC 13	Entity makes all policies and procedures available to all staff members for their perusal.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected, shared folder where all the policies are stored and noted all the employees have access to. Further inspected to ascertain whether entity makes all policies and procedures available to all staff members for their perusal.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC2.1 CC2.3	SDC 14	Entity displays the most current information about its services on its website, which is accessible to its customers.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected relevant artefacts to ascertain whether entity displays the most current information about its services on its website, which is accessible to its customers.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC2.2	SDC 15	Entity has provided	Inquired with the management	No

TSC Ref	Control#	Control Activities as specified by Talentas	Test Procedures performed	Results of Test
CC4.2		information to employees, via various Information Security Policies/procedures, on how to report failures, Incidents, concerns, or other complaints related to the services or systems provided by the entity in the event there are problems.	regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected Information Security policy and procedures to ascertain whether entity has provided information to employees, via various Information Security Policies/procedures, on how to report failures, incidents, concerns, or other complaints related to the services or systems provided by the entity in the event there are problems.	Exceptions Noted.
CC2.3	SDC 16	Entity has provided information to customers on how to report failures, Incidents, concerns, or other complaints related to the services or systems provided by the Entity in the event there are problems.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected incident management and sample of incident tickets to ascertain whether entity has provided information to customers on how to report failures, incidents, concerns, or other complaints related to the services or systems provided by the entity in the event there are problems.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC3.1 CC3.2 CC3.4 CC9.1	SDC 18	Entity performs a formal risk assessment exercise annually, as per documented guidelines and procedures, to identify threats that could impair systems' security commitments and requirements.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected risk register to ascertain whether entity performs a formal risk assessment exercise annually, as per documented guidelines and procedures, to identify threats that could impair systems' security commitments and requirements.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC3.2 CC3.4 CC9.1	SDC 19	Each risk is assessed and given a risk score in relation to the likelihood of it occurring and the potential impact on the security, availability and confidentiality of the Company platform.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected documented risk mitigation strategy within risk	No Exceptions Noted.

TSC Ref	Control#	Control Activities as specified by Talentas	Test Procedures performed	Results of Test
		Risks are mapped to mitigating factors that address some or all of the risk.	register to ascertain whether Each risk is assessed and given a risk score in relation to the likelihood of it occurring and the potential impact on the security, availability, and confidentiality of the Company platform. Risks are mapped to mitigating factors that address some or all of the risk.	
CC3.3	SDC 20	Entity considers the potential for fraud when assessing risks. This is an entry in the risk matrix.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected risk register and risks related to fraud to ascertain whether entity considers the potential for fraud when assessing risks. This is an entry in the risk matrix.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC3.2 CC3.4 CC9.2	SDC 21	Entity performs a formal vendor risk assessment exercise annually to identify vendors that are critical to the systems' security commitments and requirements.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected vendor risk assessment forms to ascertain whether entity performs a formal vendor risk assessment exercise annually to identify vendors that are critical to the systems' security commitments and requirements.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC1.3 CC4.1	SDC 22	Entity's Senior Management assigns the role of Information Security Officer who is delegated to centrallymanage, coordinate, develop, implement and maintain an enterprise-wide cybersecurity and privacy program.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected organizational structure and roles and responsibility document of Information Security Officer to ascertain whether entity's Senior Management assigns the role of Information Security Officer who is delegated to centrally manage, coordinate, develop, implement, and maintain an enterprise-wide cybersecurity and privacy program.	No Exceptions Noted.

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CC4.1 CC4.2 CC5.2 CC7.3 CC7.4	SDC 23	Entity uses Sprinto, a continuous monitoring system, to track and report the health of the information security program to the Information Security Officer and other stakeholders.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected monitoring logs the monitoring tool to ascertain whether entity uses a monitoring too to track and report the health of the information security program to the Information Security Officer and other stakeholders.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC1.2 CC4.1 CC4.2 CC5.2	SDC 24	Entity's Senior Management reviews and approves all company policies annually.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected policy and process review sign-off logs to ascertain whether entity's Senior Management reviews and approves all company policies annually.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC1.2 CC1.3 CC4.1 CC4.2 CC5.2	SDC 25	Entity's Senior Management reviews and approves the state of the Information Security program including policies, standards and procedures, at planned intervals or if significant changes occur to ensure their continuing suitability, adequacy and effectiveness.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected policy and process review sign-off logs to ascertain whether entity's Senior Management reviews and approves the state of the Information Security program including policies, standards, and procedures, at planned intervals or if significant changes occur to ensure their continuing suitability, adequacy, and effectiveness.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC1.2 CC4.1 CC5.2	SDC 26	Entity's Senior Management reviews and approves the Organizational Chart for all employees annually.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected organization chart and its review records to ascertain whether entity's Senior Management reviews and approves the Organizational Chart for all employees annually.	No Exceptions Noted.

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CC1.2 CC4.1 CC5.2	SDC 27	Entity's Senior Management reviews and approves the "Risk Assessment Report" annually.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected risk assessment report and review evidence to ascertain whether entity's Senior Management reviews and approves the Risk Assessment Report annually.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC5.2	SDC 28	Entity's Infosec officer reviews and approves the list of people with access to production console annually	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected user access review records to ascertain whether entity's Infosec officer reviews and approves the list of people with access to production console annually. Noted that no changes were requested as part of the user access review activity.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC1.2 CC4.1 CC5.2	SDC 29	Entity's Senior Management reviews and approves the "Vendor Risk Assessment Report" annually.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected vendor assessment register and reports to ascertain whether entity's Senior Management reviews and approves the "Vendor Risk Assessment Report" annually.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC4.1 CC5.2	SDC 30	Entity reviews and evaluates all subservice organizations periodically, to ensure commitments to Entity's customers can be met.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected SOC 2 type II reports of subservice organization and evaluation report prepared by entity to ascertain whether entity reviews and evaluates all subservice organizations periodically, to ensure commitments to entity's customers can be met.	No Exceptions Noted.

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CC5.1 CC5.2 CC5.3	SDC 31	Entity has developed a set of policies that establish expected behavior with regard to the Company's control environment.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected information security policy and acceptable usage policy to ascertain whether entity has documented a set of policies and procedures that establish expected behavior with regard to the Company's control environment.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC5.1	SDC 32	Entity's Senior Management segregates responsibilities and duties across the organization to mitigate risks to the services provided to its customers.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected user access list to ascertain whether entity's Senior Management segregates responsibilities and duties across the organization to mitigate risks to the services provided to its customers.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC6.1 CC6.2 CC6.3	SDC 33	Entity has documented policy and procedures to manage Access Control and an accompanying process to register and authorize users for issuing system credentials which grant the ability to access the critical systems.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected Access Control policy to ascertain whether entity has documented policies and procedures to manage Access Control and an accompanying process to register and authorize users for issuing system credentials which grant the ability to access the critical systems.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC6.1 CC6.2 CC6.3	SDC 34	Entity ensures that logical access provisioning to critical systems requires approval from authorised personnel on an individual need or for a predefined role.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected, for sample new joiner, access approval forms to ascertain whether entity ensures that logical access provisioning to critical systems requires approval from authorized personnel on an individual need	No Exceptions Noted.

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			or for a predefined role.	
CC6.2 CC6.3	SDC 35	Entity ensures logical access that is no longer required in the event of a termination is made inaccessible in a timely manner.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected, for sample leavers, access revocation logs and last working date to ascertain whether entity ensures logical access that is no longer required in the event of termination is made inaccessible in a timely manner.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC6.3	SDC 37	Entity ensures that access to the production databases is restricted to only those individuals who require such access to perform their job functions.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected list of users having access to production databases to ascertain whether entity ensures that access to the production databases is restricted to only those individuals who require such access to perform their job functions.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC6.1 CC6.6	SDC 38	Entity ensures that the production databases access and Secure Shell access to infrastructure entities are protected from public internet access.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected firewall configuration and database access ruleset to ascertain whether entity ensures that the production databases access and Secure Shell access to infrastructure entities are protected from public internet access.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC6.6	SDC 39	Entity requires that all staff members with access to any critical system is protected with a secure login mechanism such as Multifactor-authentication.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected MFA configuration to ascertain whether entity requires that all staff members with access to any critical system be	No Exceptions Noted.

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			protected with a secure login mechanism such as Multifactor authentication.	
CC6.1 CC6.3	SDC 42	Entity's Senior Management or the Information Security Officer periodically reviews and ensures that access to the critical systems is restricted to only those individuals who require such access to perform their job functions.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected latest user access review records to ascertain whether entity's Senior Management or the Information Security Officer periodically reviews and ensures that access to the critical systems is restricted to only those individuals who require such access to perform their job functions.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC6.1 CC6.3	SDC 43	Entity's Senior Management or the Information Security Officer periodically reviews and ensures that administrative access to the critical systems is restricted to only those individuals who require such access to perform their job functions.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected latest user access review records to ascertain whether entity's Senior Management or the Information Security Officer periodically reviews and ensures that administrative access to the critical systems is restricted to only those individuals who require such access to perform their job functions.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC6.6	SDC 44	Where applicable, Entity ensures that endpoints with access to critical servers or data must be protected by malware-protection software.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected, for sample endpoint, anti-virus and malware protection software version and installation status to ascertain whether where applicable, entity ensures that endpoints with access to critical servers or data must be protected by malware-protection software.	No Exceptions Noted.
C1.1 CC6.6	SDC 45	Where applicable, Entity ensures that endpoints with	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to	No Exceptions

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CC6.7		access to critical servers or data must be encrypted to protect from unauthorised access.	ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected, for sample endpoint, encryption status to ascertain whether entity ensures that endpoints with access to critical servers or data must be encrypted to protect from	Noted.
CC6.6 CC6.8 CC7.3	SDC 46	Entity has set up measures to perform security and privacy compliance checks on the software versions and patches of remote devices prior to the establishment of the internal connection.	unauthorized access. Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected latest security patching report to ascertain whether entity has set up measures to perform security and privacy compliance checks on the software versions and patches of remote devices prior to the establishment of the internal connection.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC6.6	SDC 47	Entity ensures that endpoints with access to critical servers or data are configured to auto-screen-lock after 15 minutes of inactivity.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected screen lock configuration at domain level to ascertain whether entity ensures that endpoints with access to critical servers or data are configured to auto-screen-lock after 15 minutes of inactivity.	No Exceptions Noted.
C1.2 CC6.5	SDC 48	Entity has a documented policy that provides guidance on decommissioning of information assets that contain classified information.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected asset disposal policy to ascertain whether entity has a documented policy that provides guidance on decommissioning of information assets that contain classified information.	No Exceptions Noted.
C1.1 CC6.7	SDC 49	Entity has set up cryptographic mechanisms to encrypt all production database[s] that store	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described.	No Exceptions Noted.

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		customer data at rest.	Inspected encryption status of production databases to ascertain whether entity has set up cryptographic mechanisms to encrypt all production databases that store customer data at rest.	
CC6.6 CC6.8	SDC 50	Every Production host is protected by a firewall with a deny-by-default rule. Deny by default rule set is a default on the Entity's cloud provider.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected firewall configuration to ascertain whether Every Production host is protected by a firewall with a deny-by-default rule. Deny by default rule set is a default on the entity's cloud provider.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC6.7	SDC 51	User access to the entity's application is secured using https (TLS algorithm) and industry standard encryption.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected TLS certificate to ascertain whether entity has set up processes to utilize standard encryption methods, including HTTPS with the TLS algorithm, to keep transmitted data confidential.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC6.7 CC8.1	SDC 52	Entity develop, document, and maintain an inventory of organizational infrastructure systems, including all necessary information to achieve accountability.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected asset inventory to ascertain whether entity develops, documents, and maintains an inventory of organizational infrastructure systems, including all necessary information to achieve accountability.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC7.4	SDC 53	Entity has established a policy and procedure which Includes guidelines to be undertaken in response to information security Incidents.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected incident management	No Exceptions Noted.

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			policy to ascertain whether entity has established a policy and procedure which includes guidelines to be undertaken in response to information security incidents.	
CC7.3 CC7.4	SDC 54	Entity maintains a record of information security Incidents, its investigation and the response plan that was executed in accordance with the policy and procedure defined to report and manage Incidents.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected list of incidents and noted that there was no security incident reported during the audit period.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC4.1 CC7.3 CC7.4	SDC 55	Entity identifies vulnerabilities on the Company platform through the execution of regular vulnerability scans.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected latest VAPT report to ascertain whether entity identifies vulnerabilities on the Company platform through the execution of regular vulnerability scans.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC4.1 CC7.3 CC8.1	SDC 56	Entity tracks all vulnerabilities, and remediates them as per the policy and procedure defined to manage vulnerabilities.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected latest VAPT report to ascertain whether entity tracks all vulnerabilities and remediates them as per the policy and procedure defined to manage vulnerabilities.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC7.5 A1.2	SDC 58	Entity has a documented policy on managing Data Backups and makes it available for all relevant staff on the company employee portal	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected Backup policy to ascertain whether entity has a documented policy on managing Data Backups and makes it available for all relevant staff on the company employee portal	No Exceptions Noted.
A1.2	SDC 59	Entity backs up relevant user	Inquired with the management	No

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		and system data regularly to meet recovery time and recovery point objectives, and verifies the integrity of these backups.	regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected backup configuration and logs to ascertain whether entity backs up relevant user and system data regularly to meet recovery time and recovery point objectives and verifies the integrity of these backups.	Exceptions Noted.
A1.2 A1.3	SDC 60	Entity tests backup information periodically to verify media reliability and information integrity.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected latest back restoration logs to ascertain whether entity tests backup information periodically to verify media reliability and information integrity.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC7.1 CC7.2 CC7.3	SDC 61	Entity's infrastructure is configured to review and analyse audit events to detect anomalous or suspicious activity and threats	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected event monitoring tool configuration and logs to ascertain whether entity's infrastructure is configured to review and analyze audit events to detect anomalous or suspicious activity and threats	No Exceptions Noted.
A1.1 CC7.1 CC7.2 CC7.3	SDC 62	Entity has set up methods to continuously monitor critical assets to generate capacity alerts to ensure optimal performance, meet future capacity requirements, and protect against denial-of-service attacks.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected event monitoring tool configuration and logs relevant artefacts to ascertain whether entity has set up methods to continuously monitor critical assets to generate capacity alerts to ensure optimal performance, meet future capacity requirements, and protect against denial-of-service attacks.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC8.1	SDC 64	Entity has documented	attacks. Inquired with the management	No

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		policies and procedures to manage changes to its operating environment.	regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described.	Exceptions Noted.
			Inspected change management policy and SDLC process document to ascertain whether entity has documented policies and procedures to manage changes to its operating environment.	
			Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described.	
CC8.1	SDC 65	Entity has procedures to govern changes to its operating environment.	Inspected change management policy and SDLC process document to ascertain whether entity has procedures to govern changes to its operating environment.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC8.1	SDC 66	Entity has established procedures for approval when implementing changes to the operating environment.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected, for sample changes, approval and testing records to ascertain whether entity has established procedures for approval when implementing changes to the operating environment.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC9.1 CC9.2	SDC 67	Entity has documented policies and procedures that describe how to identify risks to business objectives and how those risks are assessed and mitigated. The objectives incorporate Entity's service commitments and system requirements	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected risk management policy to ascertain whether entity has documented policies and procedures that describe how to identify risks to business objectives and how those risks are assessed and mitigated. The objectives incorporate the entity's service commitments and system requirements	No Exceptions Noted.
CC9.2	SDC 68	Entity has a documented	Inquired with the management	No

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		policy and procedures to manage Vendors/third-party suppliers and provides guidance to staff on	regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described.	Exceptions Noted.
		performing a risk assessment of such vendors	Inspected risk management policy to ascertain whether entity has documented policies and procedures that describe how to identify risks to business objectives and how those risks are assessed and mitigated. The objectives incorporate the entity's service commitments and system requirements	
C1.1	SDC 69	Entity has a documented Information Security Policy that governs the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information systems.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected vendor management policy to ascertain whether entity has a documented policy and procedures to manage Vendors/third-party suppliers and provides guidance to staff on performing a risk assessment of such vendors.	No Exceptions Noted.
C1.1	SDC 70	Entity performs physical and/or logical labeling of information systems as per the guidelines documented policy defined for data classification.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected Information Security Policy to ascertain whether entity has a documented Information Security Policy that governs the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information systems	No Exceptions Noted.
C1.2	SDC 71	Entity has a documented policy outlining guidelines for the disposal and retention of information.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected asset management policy and data classification policy to ascertain whether entity performs physical and/or logical labelling of information systems as per the guidelines documented policy defined for data classification	No Exceptions Noted.

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A1.3	SDC 97	Entity has procedures to conduct regular tests and exercises that determine the effectiveness and the readiness to execute the contingency plan.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected BCP plan and test report to ascertain whether entity has procedures to conduct regular tests and exercises that determine the effectiveness and the readiness to execute the contingency plan.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC6.7	SDC 100	Entity ensures that customer data used in non-Production environments requires the same level of protection as the production environment.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected encryption status and firewall configuration for non-prod environment to ascertain whether entity ensures that customer data used in non-Production environments requires the same level of protection as the production environment.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC6.6	SDC 104	Entity has documented policy and procedures for endpoint security and related controls.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected information security policy and endpoint protection policy to ascertain whether entity has documented policies and procedures for endpoint security and related controls.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC5.1	SDC 105	Entity establishes guidelines for acceptable and unacceptable technology usage behaviors, including outlining consequences for unacceptable actions.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected information security policy and acceptable usage policy to ascertain whether entity establishes guidelines for acceptable and unacceptable technology usage behaviors, including outlining consequences for unacceptable actions.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC6.7	SDC 106	Entity has a documented	Inquired with the management	No

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		policy to manage encryption and cryptographic protection controls.	regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described.	Exceptions Noted.
			Inspected encryption and cryptographic policy to ascertain whether entity has a documented policy to manage encryption and cryptographic protection controls.	
CC6.1	SDC 108	Entity uses Sprinto, a continuous monitoring system, to alert the security team to update the access levels of team members whose roles have changed	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described.	No
			Inspected logs from monitoring tool to ascertain whether entity uses a continuous monitoring too to alert the security team to update the access levels of team members whose roles have changed.	Exceptions Noted.
CC7.3	SDC 112	Entity has documented guidelines on notifying customers and other stakeholders in case of a breach.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected privacy policy to ascertain whether entity has documented guidelines on	No Exceptions Noted.
			notifying customers and other stakeholders in case of a breach.	
CC6.6	SDC 119	Entity has documented guidelines to manage communications protections and network security of critical systems.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected network security	No Exceptions Noted.
			policy and approved hardening standard to ascertain whether entity has documented guidelines to manage communications protections and network security of critical systems.	
CC6.1	SDC 135	Entity has documented guidelines to manage passwords and secure login mechanisms and makes them available to all staff members	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described.	No Exceptions Noted.

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		on the company employee portal	Inspected password management policy and password configuration to ascertain whether entity has documented guidelines to manage passwords and secure login mechanisms and makes them available to all staff members on the company employee portal.	
CC6.6 CC6.7	SDC 141	Entity requires that all critical endpoints are encrypted to protect them from unauthorised access	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected, for sample endpoints, encryption configuration and password configuration to ascertain whether entity requires that all critical endpoints are encrypted to protect them from unauthorized access.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC1.3 CC4.1	SDC 154	Entity has set up mechanism to assign and manage asset ownership responsibilities and establish a common understanding of asset protection requirements.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected asset register to ascertain whether entity has set up mechanisms to assign and manage asset ownership responsibilities and establish a common understanding of asset protection requirements.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC2.1	SDC 382	Entity has documented policy and procedures for physical and/or logical labeling of information via documented policy for data classification.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected data classification policy and procedures related to asset and information labelling to ascertain whether entity has documented policy and procedures for physical and/or logical labeling of information via documented policy for data classification.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC1.5 CC2.2	SDC 387	Entity has established procedures for new staff to complete security and	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control	No Exceptions Noted.

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		privacy literacy training as a part of their onboarding.	operates as described. Inspected, for sample new joiners, inspected Security awareness and Privacy training completion records and HR policies artefacts to ascertain whether entity has established procedures for new staff to complete security and privacy literacy training as a part of their onboarding.	
CC1.5 CC2.2	SDC 388	Entity documents, monitors and retains individual training activities and records.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected attendance records from the last Security and privacy training to ascertain whether entity documents, monitors, and retains individual training activities and records.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC4.1	SDC 389	Entity periodically updates and reviews the inventory of systems as a part of installations, removals and system updates.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected asset register to ascertain whether entity periodically updates and reviews the inventory of systems as a part of installations, removals, and system updates.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC6.6	SDC 390	Entity develop, document, and maintain an inventory of organizational endpoint systems, including all necessary information to achieve accountability.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected asset register to ascertain whether entity develops, documents, and maintains an inventory of organizational endpoint systems, including all necessary information to achieve accountability.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC7.3 CC7.1 CC7.2	SDC 391	Entity has a documented policy and procedures to establish guidelines on managing technical	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described.	No Exceptions Noted.

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		vulnerabilities.	Inspected information security policy and vulnerability management policy to ascertain whether entity has a documented policy and procedures to establish guidelines for managing technical vulnerabilities.	
A1.2 A1.3 CC7.5	SDC 392	Entity has documented guidelines to manage Disaster Recovery that establishes guidelines and procedures for continuing business operations in case of a disruption or a security incident	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected DR policy to ascertain whether entity has documented guidelines to manage Disaster Recovery that establish guidelines and procedures for continuing business operations in case of a disruption or a security incident	No Exceptions Noted.
A1.2 A1.3 CC7.5	SDC 393	Entity has documented policies and procedures that establish guidelines for continuing business operations and facilitate the application of contingency planning controls.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected business continuity policy and plan to ascertain whether entity has documented policies and procedures that establish guidelines for continuing business operations and facilitate the application of contingency planning controls.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC7.1 CC7.2 CC7.3	SDC 394	Entity's infrastructure is configured to generate audit events for actions of interest related to security for all critical systems	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected event monitoring tool configuration and logs whether entity's infrastructure is configured to generate audit events for actions of interest related to security for all critical systems.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC1.3	SDC 396	Entity appoints a People Operations Officer to develop and drive all personnel related security strategies.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described.	No Exceptions Noted.

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			Inspected organizational structure and roles and responsibility document of People Operations Officer relevant artefacts to ascertain whether entity appoints a People Operations Officer to develop and drive all personnel-related security strategies.	
CC1.3	SDC 397	Entity appoints a Compliance Program Manager who is delegated the responsibility of planning and implementing the internal control environment.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected organizational structure and roles and responsibility document of compliance program manager to ascertain whether entity appoints a Compliance Program Manager who is delegated the responsibility of planning and implementing the internal control environment.	No Exceptions Noted.
CC1.1	SDC 432	Entity outlines and documents cybersecurity responsibilities for all personnel.	Inquired with the management regarding the control activity to ascertain that the control operates as described. Inspected documented roles and responsibilities to ascertain whether entity outlines and documents cybersecurity responsibilities for all personnel.	No Exceptions Noted.

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