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Miriam is a Cybersecurity and Risk Management executive with broad experience leading global security, operational risk, and technology teams in Global Finance and Banking.

Miriam was recently Senior Vice President at Bank of America in the Global Information Security group prior to forming her own consultancy. In that position, she served as lead ISO in the Business Information Security Office supporting a 5000+ member IT division with their information security and operational risk program. Miriam originally joined the Bank and worked at Merrill Lynch, International in Wealth Management for 10 years prior to the BoA acquisition, in various roles including Information Security and IT Software Engineering.

Miriam also held senior roles as Vice President at JP Morgan Chase Consumer Commercial Bank, managing both the Controls Assurance and business Third Party teams; and as Head of Risk and Controls at Credit Suisse Private Banking. She also worked at ADP, a leading financial services company as a Global Operational Risk Manager.

Miriam is a graduate of Fordham University, NY. She maintains active with many industry associations, conferences, and product and standards evaluations. Miriam is also a member of industry-focused cybersecurity groups and participates in women small business groups. She enjoys mentoring youth in STEM and peer cybersecurity career coaching.

Miriam is currently in management consultancy, and a company founder for a risk practice. The US-based company specializes in Cybersecurity and Risk Management solutions. She is a CISO advisor and Board partner for Catalyst. The team consists of industry experts with years of knowledge and experience in highly regulated industries working with Fortune 500 clients, banks and financial institutions.

Miriam is a designer and co-founder of a quantitative risk measurement tool, open-sourced licensed. She has performed hundreds of security assessments, audits and evaluations of systems for effectiveness of controls using industry standards and frameworks, for both on-premise and Cloud based benchmarks using CIS, CSA-Cloud Controls Matrix (CCM), NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF), NIST Risk Management Framework (RMF), FEDRAMP pre-assessments, PCI-DSS, and financial industry specific standards profiles for FFIEC - Federal Financial Institutions Examinations Council, FRB, OCC, FSCCC among others.