



MANDATE *Suite*

Product Catalogue

Five Frameworks.

Thirteen Products.

The MANDATE Suite is structured as three peer constitutional frameworks — EDS GF, RAF, and AIMS — extended by two structural modules: EUAE and GGF. Each framework delivers one or more named products. A product is a named, bounded bundle of normative instruments that addresses a specific governance problem for a specific buyer. Products can be implemented individually or as a complete suite. **MANDATE** (Product 1 of EDS GF) is a constitutional prerequisite for all other EDS GF products — it establishes the Board authority from which every downstream product derives its governance mandate.

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FRAMEWORKS

13

PRODUCTS

64

NORMATIVE INSTRUMENTS

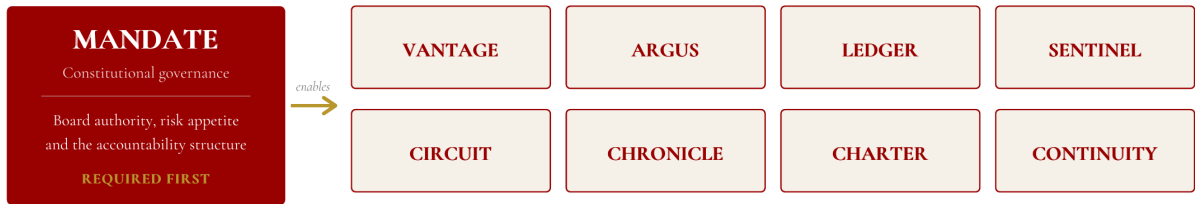
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BOARD KRIS

The Product Map — What Has to Come First

A product is a bounded bundle of instruments solving one governance problem for one buyer.

EDS GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK



Eight further products, each a bounded bundle addressing one governance problem for one buyer. Implemented individually or together.

PEER FRAMEWORKS AND EXTENSIONS

RESPONSIBLE AI FRAMEWORK

AXIOM

One product

AI MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

ATLAS

One product

EU ALIGNMENT ENHANCEMENT

ACCORD

One product

GROUP AI GOVERNANCE

NEXUS

One product

Thirteen products across five frameworks. MANDATE establishes the Board authority from which every other product in its framework derives its mandate.

FRAMEWORK	PRODUCTS	PRODUCT NAMES
EDS Governance Framework	9 products	MANDATE · VANTAGE · ARGUS · LEDGER · SENTINEL · CIRCUIT · CHRONICLE · CHARTER · CONTINUITY
Responsible AI Framework	1 product	AXIOM
AI Management System	1 product	ATLAS
EU Alignment Enhancement	1 product	ACCORD
Group AI Governance Framework	1 product	NEXUS

Each product is a named bundle of normative instruments. Every instrument specifies obligations with defined ownership, defined thresholds, defined escalation pathways, and defined breach classifications. No instrument is aspirational.

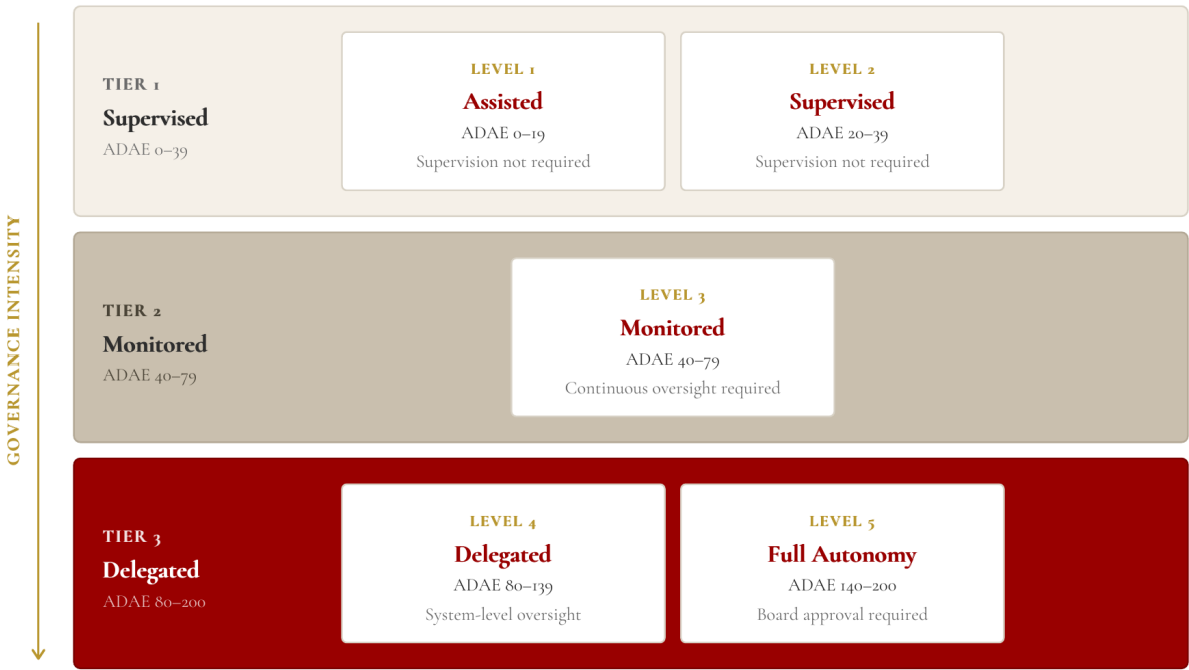
EDS Governance Framework.

Nine products. One constitutional architecture.

The Enterprise Decision Systems Governance Framework governs the delegation of machine decision authority from the Board to the system. It establishes the constitutional ceiling on aggregate autonomous authority, the per-system authority limits, the five-level autonomy classification, the eight-stage Board Governance Control Loop, and the operational controls that enforce Board intent at the execution boundary. Every instrument in every other EDS GF product derives its governance mandate from the constitutional layer established by MANDATE — Product 1.

Autonomy Levels and Delegation Tiers

Governance intensity is set by the authority a system holds, not by the technology it uses.



MANDATE <i>Constitutional governance</i> Primary buyer: Board · CEO · CRO GD-EDS-001 · BR-EDS Series · BRD-EDS-001/002 · ACP-EDS-001 · STR-EDS-001 · POL-EDS-001/002 · RTX-EDS-001	Board authority, risk appetite, accountability structure, and the Governance Doctrine that every downstream product must satisfy. Six constitutional resolutions adopted at Full Board level. Prerequisite for all other EDS GF products.
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VANTAGE <i>Pre-deployment certification</i> Primary buyer: CAIO · CRO · Internal Audit STD-EDS-004 · FRM-EDS-001 · FRM-EDS-004 · STD-EDS-001 · STD-EDS-003	Pre-deployment readiness scoring, ADAE assessment, GMI certification process, AI evaluation standard, and agent design behaviour standards. The gate that every system must pass before it reaches production.
ARGUS <i>Operationalisation</i> Primary buyer: CAIO · CTO MAN-EDS-001 · FRM-EDS-002 · POL-EDS-004 · FRM-EDS-003 · STD-EDS-008	Full system lifecycle governance: AI QA gate, HOTL certification programme, change and release controls, and supplier and third-party AI governance. The operational backbone that governs every system from deployment to decommissioning.
LEDGER <i>Agent registry and digital workforce map</i> Primary buyer: CAIO · HR · Procurement REG-EDS-001 · STD-EDS-007 · POL-EDS-005	The Autonomy Register as the authoritative live record of every production AI system — ADAE scores, autonomy levels, HOTL assignments, NHI identifiers, and governance status. The data foundation that every other governance mechanism depends on.
SENTINEL <i>Board monitoring and KRI early warning</i> Primary buyer: Board · BRC · CRO STD-EDS-002 · STD-EDS-009 · RPT-EDS-001	26 Key Risk Indicators across 13 governance domains, reported quarterly to the Board Risk Committee. Every KRI has a defined threshold, a red, amber, green status, and a mandatory escalation pathway. The visibility mechanism that keeps the Board governing in real time.
CIRCUIT <i>Incident response and escalation</i> Primary buyer: CAIO · CRO · Legal POL-EDS-003 · BCP-EDS-001	AI incident management policy covering severity classification, kill-switch activation, escalation pathways, and forensic investigation protocols. The response mechanism for when governance controls are tested by real events.
CHRONICLE <i>Decision audit trail and regulatory explainability</i> Primary buyer: General Counsel · Compliance · Regulators STD-EDS-006 · STD-EDS-005 · STR-EDS-002	Write-before-execute logging standard (19-field mandatory schema, 7-year retention, cryptographic integrity), model and prompt versioning, and the regulatory defensibility evidence pack. The audit trail that makes governance legally defensible.
CHARTER <i>Executive accountability and remuneration linkage</i> Primary buyer: CEO · Board · People Committee CHR-EDS-001 · EDU-EDS-001 · BRD-EDS-002	CAIO Charter establishing the role mandate, authority, and independence obligations. Board education brief. Director accountability playbook linking governance performance to remuneration outcomes. The accountability mechanism that makes governance personally consequential.
CONTINUITY <i>AI business continuity and governance resilience</i> Primary buyer: COO · CRO · CAIO BCP-EDS-001	AI-specific business continuity plan: governance resilience under system failure, key person dependency management, continuity of oversight arrangements, and the CAIO vacancy protocol. The resilience mechanism that ensures governance survives adverse conditions.

Responsible AI Framework.

One product. The ethical boundary on machine authority.

The Responsible AI Framework governs the ethical and rights dimensions of AI deployment. Where the EDS GF governs how much machine authority exists and whether it remains admissible, the RAF governs what that authority may be used for — establishing fairness thresholds that are measurable and binding, individual rights obligations that cannot be contracted away, and boundaries on prohibited use that no commercial pressure may override. The RAF operates as a constitutional peer to the EDS GF. Neither is subordinate to the other, and both must be satisfied concurrently for every AI system in scope.

AXIOM

Responsible AI governance

Primary buyer: CAIO · CRO · General Counsel · Compliance

GD-RAF-001 · BR-RAF-001 · POL-RAF-001/002/003 · STD-RAF-001/002/003 · FRM-RAF-001/002 · REG-RAF-001/002

The complete responsible AI governance instrument set: the RAF Governance Doctrine and Board Resolution; three policies covering responsible AI, fairness and bias governance, and AI data governance; three standards covering bias assessment, transparency and explainability, and data provenance and quality; two frameworks covering responsible use assessment and affected individual rights; and two live operational registers covering responsible use records and RAF nonconformity and CAPA tracking. AXIOM establishes the ethical boundaries within which all machine authority operates.

AXIOM is not a compliance instrument for responsible AI principles. It is the governance architecture that makes those principles operationally enforceable — with measurable thresholds, Board-level accountability, and mandatory escalation pathways when those thresholds are breached.

AI Management System.

One product. The ISO/IEC 42001:2023 certification pathway.

The AI Management System provides the management system envelope that keeps the EDS GF and RAF operationally maintained over time. Where the EDS GF and RAF are constitutional governance frameworks — establishing what must be governed and the principles that govern it — AIMS provides the objectives register, competence framework, nonconformity consolidation mechanism, and management review cycle that allow the organisation to assess, improve, and certify its governance posture. AIMS is the bridge between the MANDATE Suite’s constitutional governance and ISO/IEC 42001:2023 certification.

ATLAS

AI management system — ISO/IEC 42001:2023

Primary buyer: CAIO · CRO · Internal Audit · Certification Bodies

MAN-AIMS-001 · POL-AIMS-001 · FRM-AIMS-001/002 · REC-AIMS-001/002 · REG-AIMS-001/002/003/004/005

The complete AIMS instrument set: the AIMS Manual (apex instrument mapping all 64 governance obligations to ISO/IEC 42001:2023 clauses); the AIMS Policy (eight governing principles); the Competence and Training Framework (eight role tiers, defined competency requirements and assessment methods); the AI Impact Assessment Framework (8-domain assessment, 5×5 risk matrix); the Top Management Commitment Record; the Management Review Record; and five operational registers covering nonconformity and CAPA consolidation, scope and interested parties, objectives tracking, and documented information inventory. ATLAS delivers the full ISO/IEC 42001:2023 certification pathway.

Without AIMS, the EDS GF and RAF operate as compliance obligations — instruments that must be satisfied but have no mechanism for systematic improvement. With ATLAS, they operate as a continuous improvement system with annual management review, internal audit, and external certification at GMI Level 5.

EU Alignment Enhancement.

One product. EU AI Act deployer compliance.

The EU Alignment Enhancement extends the core MANDATE Suite for organisations within the EU AI Act deployer scope. It does not create a parallel compliance programme. It adds the specific instruments required for EU AI Act deployer obligations — Fundamental Rights Impact Assessment, high-risk system classification and registration, provider technical documentation, and Article 73 serious incident notification — aligned with the Omnibus political agreement of May 2026 and the 2 December 2027 compliance deadline.

ACCORD

EU AI Act deployer compliance

Primary buyer: CAIO · CRO · General Counsel · DPO

FRM-EUAE-001 · STD-EUAE-001/002 ·

PRO-EUAE-001 · STR-EUAE-001

The complete EU AI Act deployer instrument set: the Fundamental Rights Impact Assessment Framework (FRIA); the EU High-Risk Classification and Registration Standard; the Provider Technical Documentation Standard; the EU Serious Incident Notification Procedure (Article 73 compliance); and the EU Regulatory Engagement Strategy. ACCORD is designed to absorb into core MANDATE instruments when Australian AI obligations crystallise — the architecture anticipates regulatory evolution without requiring a framework rebuild.

ACCORD is aligned with the EU AI Act Omnibus political agreement of May 2026. The 2 December 2027 compliance deadline applies to high-risk AI system deployers. Organisations without current EU AI Act obligations may implement ACCORD as a regulatory readiness instrument.

Group AI Governance Framework.

One product. Governance across entity boundaries.

The Group AI Governance Framework extends the MANDATE Suite for holding company and group structures. Individual entity compliance is not group governance. A holding company whose subsidiaries each satisfy their individual Autonomy Budget and GMI requirements may still be exposed at the group level — because cross-entity AI systems operate across legal-entity boundaries simultaneously, and no individual entity’s governance instruments can see or govern that aggregate exposure. NEXUS governs what no individual entity instrument can reach.

NEXUS

Group AI governance

Primary buyer: Group CAIO · Group CRO ·

Group Board

GD-GGF-001 · FRM-GGF-001 · STD-GGF-001

The complete Group AI Governance Framework instrument set: the Group Governance Doctrine (constitutional instrument for group-level AI governance); the Group Autonomy Allocation Framework (Group Portfolio ADAE calculation, Group Autonomy Budget ceiling, subsidiary sub-budget allocation, mandatory cross-entity ADAE loading of +1 band — non-waivable); and the Cross-Entity System Classification Standard (C1–C4 criteria for identifying systems that operate across legal-entity boundaries). NEXUS establishes the Group CAIO as a mandatory constitutional role at GMI Level 2 and above, and adds four Group KRIs to the Board Monitoring Dashboard.

The cross-entity ADAE loading — one additional band above the calculated score, mandatory and non-waivable — reflects the amplified governance exposure that arises when machine decision-making crosses legal-entity boundaries simultaneously. A system in the Moderate band becomes High. High becomes Critical. Critical becomes Systemic.

Terms Used *in This Document.*

ADAE · Autonomous Decision Authority Exposure

The composite score produced by applying the four-dimensional decision authority scoring methodology. Determines a system's Autonomy Level, delegation tier, and the approval authority its deployment requires.

Autonomy Budget

The Board-approved aggregate ceiling on total delegated machine authority across all production agentic AI systems in the organization's estate. Expressed in ADAE composite score points. Prevents the invisible concentration of institutional authority in production AI systems at the portfolio level, a risk that no individual system limit can detect. No deployment that would push Portfolio utilisation above 80% of the ceiling may proceed without Board Risk Committee review.

Autonomy Register

The EDS framework's live inventory of all authorised AI deployments. Every AI system must have a registered Autonomy Register entry before it may be deployed to production. The register records each system's Autonomy Level, Criticality Tier, oversight model, accountable executive, and Authority Matrix domain authorisation.

CAIO · Chief AI Officer

The senior executive is responsible for AI governance strategy, Authority Matrix domain authorisation at or below Board-approved limits, and compliance with the EDS framework across the organisation. The CAIO is the accountable owner of the Autonomy Register.

EDS · Enterprise Decision Systems

The governance framework that establishes the constitutional doctrines, governance principles, and operational instruments through which machine decision authority is delegated and controlled.

GMI · Governance Maturity Index

The EDS framework's five-level certification scale (Level 1 through Level 5) that measures an organization's readiness to govern autonomous AI systems. The GMI is a binding constraint on autonomy scaling: no system may operate at an Autonomy Level exceeding the organization's certified GMI level. GMI Level 2 is the minimum governance readiness gate before any Level 3 system may be deployed; GMI Level 3 before Level 4; GMI Level 4 before Level 5.

HOTL · Human-on-the-Loop

The EDS oversight model for Autonomy Level 3 systems. A certified HOTL supervisor monitors the decision stream in real or near-real time and has the authority to intervene, redirect, or halt the system at any point. HOTL oversight is a constitutional governance obligation; a system operating at Level 3 or above without a currently certified HOTL supervisor breaches governance.

MANDATE · Machine Authority Non-Delegable Autonomous Technology Enforcement

The Board-level instrument through which machine decision authority is formally delegated, explicitly bounded, and continuously monitored. MANDATE is not a software product or a technical standard; it is the highest-order governance act the Board performs in relation to AI, and the constitutional foundation from which all other EDS controls are derived. No EDS product — no policy, standard, operating manual, or assurance framework — can operate without the constitutional foundation MANDATE provides. The three Governance Doctrines (Decision Authority Governance, Governance-Constrained Autonomy, and Delegated Machine Authority) form the core of MANDATE and define its scope.

NHI · Non-Human Identity

A digital identity assigned to an autonomous AI agent, service account, or automated script that grants it the ability to act within enterprise systems. In the EDS framework, NHIs are governed by the JML lifecycle framework, must be registered in the NHI Lifecycle Register before production use, and may never operate with privilege scopes exceeding the Maximum Action Magnitude specified in the Authority Matrix domain entry. An unregistered NHI is a zero-tolerance governance breach.

RAG · Retrieval-Augmented Generation

The architectural pattern that grounds LLM outputs in verified, organisation-specific knowledge by retrieving relevant document chunks from a governed vector index before generation. The EDS framework's primary deployment pattern for Chapters 6–8 use cases. RAG addresses the risk of hallucination by requiring every generated claim to be supported by retrieved, authorised source documents.

The Governance Conversation *Starts Here.*

42 Consulting.AI designed, built, and published the MANDATE Suite. It is the product of a single governing conviction: that AI governance at the depth regulated enterprises require cannot be delivered by a compliance framework. It requires a constitutional architecture — adopted by the Board, enforced by the infrastructure, and continuously tested against current conditions.

“Governance is not the opposite of intelligence. It is what makes intelligence trustworthy.”

If your organisation is approaching the governance threshold—where autonomous AI systems make or materially influence decisions that affect customers, financial outcomes, or regulatory standing—the MANDATE Suite provides the architecture to cross it correctly.

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