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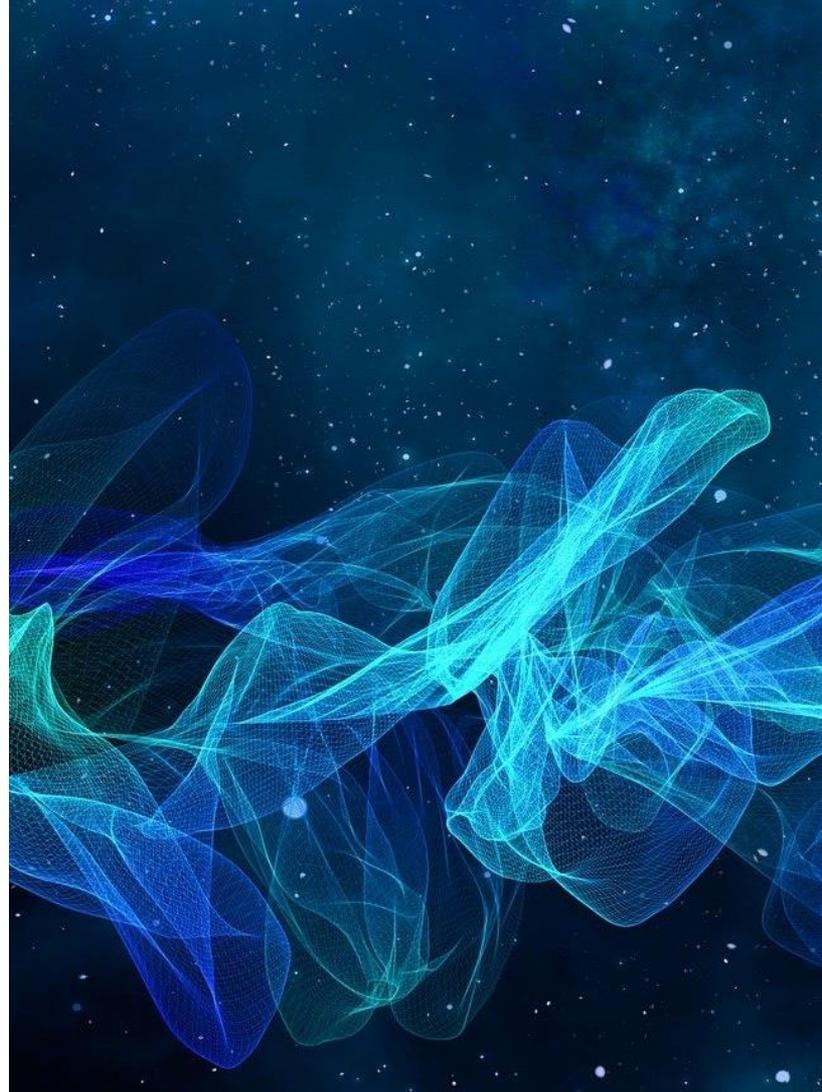# PLANNING YOUR SAP BPC STRATEGY

SAP BPC ROADMAP: EOM DATES

PRODUCT	VERSION	PLATFORM	MAINTENANCE PERIOD
BPC for Microsoft	10.1	Microsoft	maintenance ends 30 June 2026
BPC for NetWeaver	10.1	NetWeaver	maintenance ends 31 December 2027 *+ optional extended maintenance period available until 2030*
BPC optimised for S/4HANA	10.1	S/4HANA	maintenance ends 31 December 2027
BPC for BW/4HANA	11.1	BW/4HANA 2.0	maintenance ends 31 December 2025
	2021	BW/4HANA 2021	maintenance ends 31 December 2027
		BW/4HANA 2023	maintenance ends 31 December 2030

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PLANNING YOUR SAP STRATEGY

THERE ARE THREE KEY AREAS TO CONSIDER WHEN PLANNING YOUR SAP STRATEGY AND ROADMAP...

1. What are the consequences?

2. What are the options?

3. Decision making considerations...

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CONSEQUENCES OF STAYING ON BPC

- No more platform or security patches, resulting in greater challenges in 'keeping the lights on' and maintaining business as usual.

- Corporate policy matters will need to be addressed, as well as managing risks of audit qualification.

- Increasing costs of maintaining legacy platforms that cause practical challenges for IT with the additional costs and complexity of managing archaic infrastructure.

- Reducing market capability to provide support and consulting services for BPC. We see this is already driving up costs, and seeing users suffer with longer outages and challenges in completing essential solution maintenance.

- Growing operational management gap that continues to build with competitors who embrace more advanced, flexible and lower overhead modern capabilities.

OPTIONS...

'SWEAT THE ASSET' – STAY ON BPC

- Solution meets current business needs
- Performance is acceptable
- Other priorities mean resources are not available to change
- Version in use remains in Maintenance
- Have support arrangements in place

ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION IS NEEDED

Business needs new functionality from modern suites to maintain efficiency / competitiveness

Business needs have changed and extensive investment in BPC not considered good value

System is out of maintenance / fails governance requirements

Maintaining old system difficult / costly
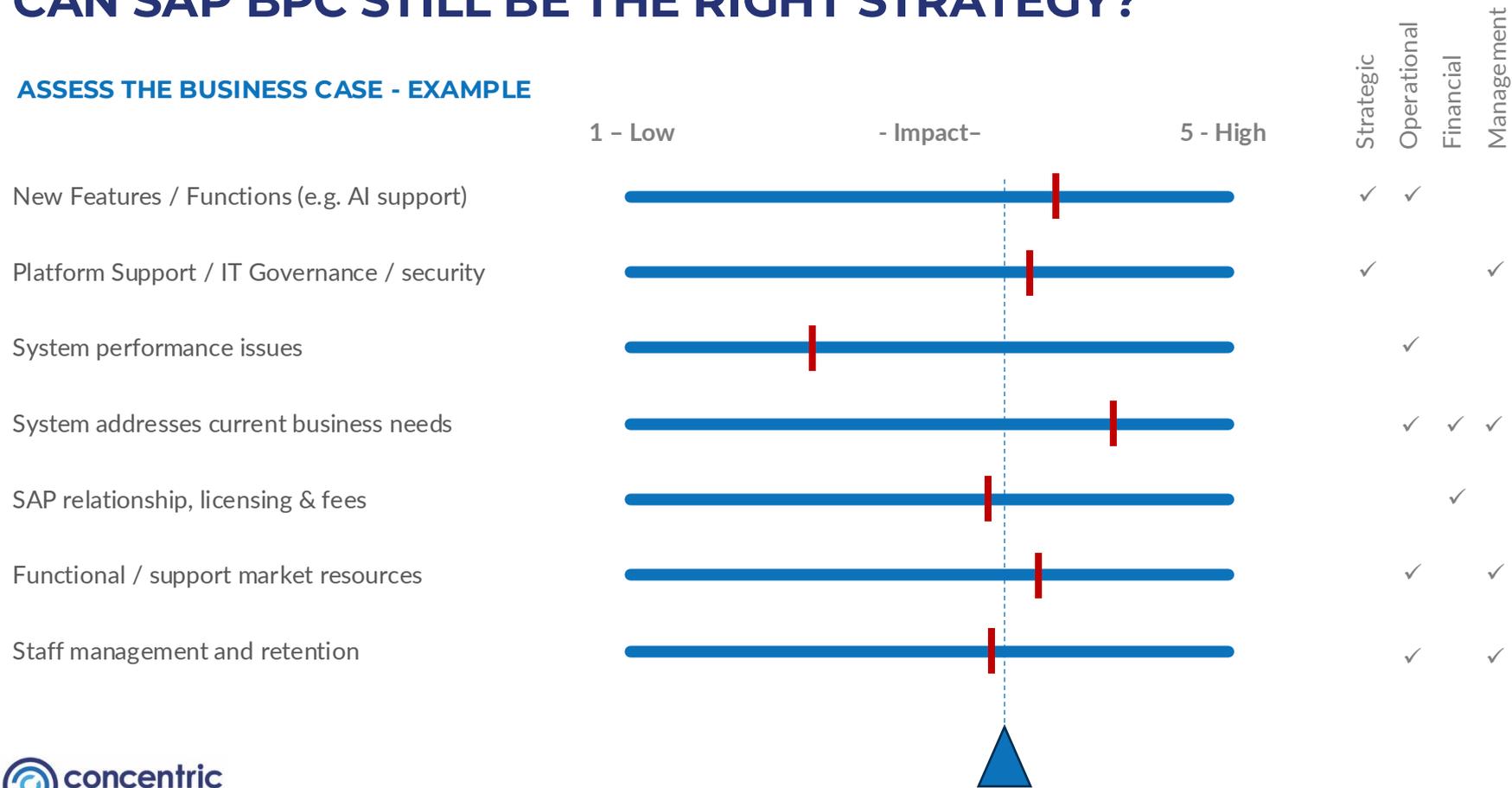
CHOOSE AN ALTERNATIVE SAP SOLUTION

- Business has an SAP Strategy
- For Consolidations business is significantly aligned to a single instance of S/4HANA
- For other SAP mid market ERP and SAC deployed, consider Consolidation extension

EXPLORE ALTERNATE SOLUTIONS

- Non SAP ERP / heterogeneous data landscape
- Multiple instances of SAP ERP (e.g. S/4HANA on-prem, S/4 HANA Cloud and ECC)
- Unified EPM vs siloed processes

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ASSESS THE BUSINESS CASE - EXAMPLE

	1 – Low	- Impact–	5 - High	Strategic	Operational	Financial	Management
New Features / Functions (e.g. AI support)				✓	✓		
Platform Support / IT Governance / security				✓			✓
System performance issues					✓		
System addresses current business needs				✓	✓	✓	
SAP relationship, licensing & fees						✓	
Functional / support market resources					✓		✓
Staff management and retention				✓			✓

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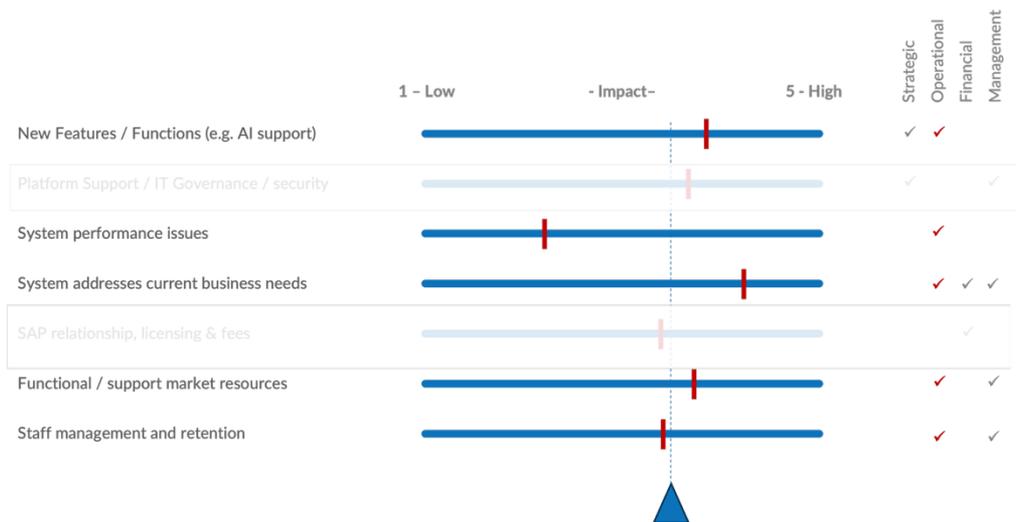

Example considerations:
- Will a lack of new features and capabilities hinder your competitiveness in the market? For example, use of AI to remove human bias in forecasting improves accuracy between 15-25%
- What does your business currently need and how well is BPC meeting those requirements?
- Does an out-of-maintenance system pose a vulnerability threat to your business?

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Example considerations:
- Are you missing capabilities that will make a difference to what you do and how you do it? For example, AI/ML enhanced processes that could reduce manual effort, highlight potential errors and reduce human bias and improve forecast accuracy…
- Are you experiencing system performance issues?
- What consequences does a poor performing system have on user adoption and usability? Does making team use a legacy solution affect staff retention?
- How easy is it to recruit new team members with BPC skills?
- How easy is it to find external third-party support and consulting with dedicated BPC expertise and resources? Many SAP consultancies have moved focus to the latest SAC and Group Reporting products

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ASSESS THE BUSINESS CASE – EVALUATE FINANCIAL IMPACTS

Example considerations:
- Does the system meet current needs? If not, then should you spend any money on enhancing or adapting, or would that same money be better invested in something with a longer-term benefit?
- Is there budget for the maintenance fees and hosting fees associated with BPC? (These are also likely to escalate).
- Do you have a BPC version sitting on old infrastructure needing specialist (and often costly) capabilities to support internally?

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ASSESS THE BUSINESS CASE – EVALUATE MANAGEMENT IMPACTS

Example considerations:
- What do corporate policies state? Do they require software to be maintained, or to employ resources capable of supporting systems.
- Are you experiencing internal pressures from users requesting new content or features?
- How do you obtain more licences when a business unit changes their process for planning or there is an acquisition?
- What do you do in the event of the departure of your main system admin, due to ill health, retirement or changing roles?
- How do you practically manage training of new people or teams on an outdated solution?

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