#### The Purpose of Structured Compensation





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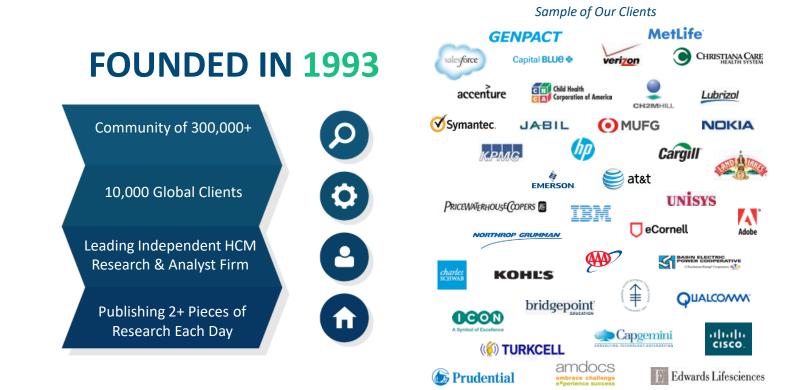
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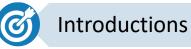
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Research overview



Four Pillars: Rewards



Four Pillars: Feedback



Four Pillars: Recognition



Four Pillars: Sense of Purpose



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The study, conducted May-July 2018, drew 363 valid responses from 47 industries. Two-thirds of responses came from the U.S. and Canada and 22% from EMEA nations.



# What is the purpose of your appraisal?

Identify top performers for merit increase? Formalize the collection of feedback? Facilitate Employee Development? DRIVE INCREASED PERFORMANCE?

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# COMPENSATION

Merit-Based Rewards



#### **Traditional Merit Increases:**

Partially paid out beginning up to 12 months after the qualifying performance has occurred.

Fully paid out over the span of an entire year (or more) from when merit-worthy performance has occurred.

Happen every year so it is more of an **EXPECTATION** than a **MOTIVATION**.

May cause an adverse effect on the employees who do not receive the highest increase. Are merit-based salary increases even effective for retaining employees?

John was brought into his position close to the salary range minimum.

John is a high performer with a 4.5% wage increase.

His Salary Range moves 2.5% each year.

It will take him 9 years to reach his range midpoint and 8 more to reach his max.

The average employee stays with a company 4.5 years. LESS for millennials.



### Rewards

- <u>Separate</u> cost of living base salary increases for all employees
- <u>Identify</u> top employees (through an evaluation or committee review) and <u>award</u> a much higher base salary increase to move them through their range (e.g., 8%-12%) fast enough to truly retain them.
- Move more of the merit-based pay budget toward <u>bonuses</u>, which can be paid out more frequently by managers (quarterly, or up to real-time).
- Find and implement **good technology** to make this easier.

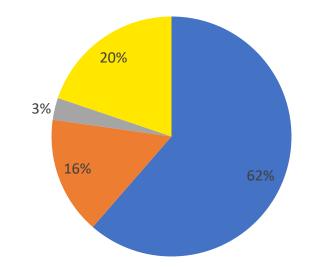
Support a true pay-for-performance culture.

Consistent, clear and timely communication identifying the "why" behind increases.

# How are compensation consultants being used?

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#### How do you use external compensation consultants?



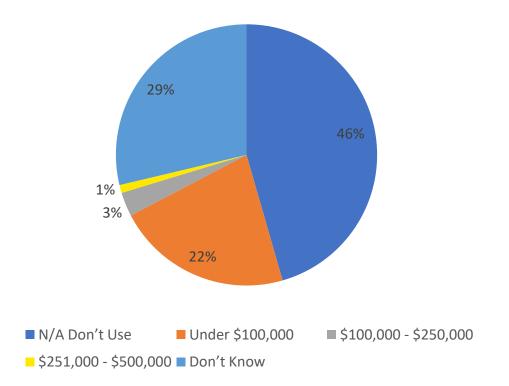
We don't use external compensation consultants

- Both
- Mostly for building contigent rate cards
- Mostly for setting salary ranges

## Compensation Analysis Annual Spend

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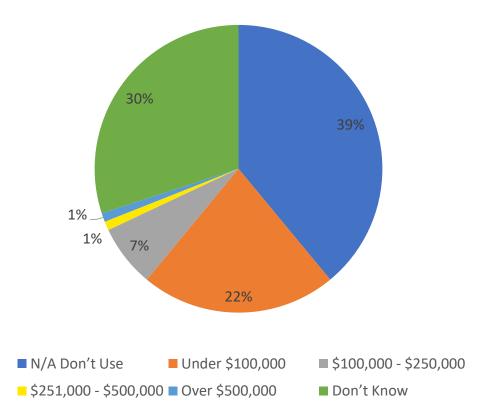
What is your annual spend for contingent compensation analysis?



# Annual Spend on Survey Tools

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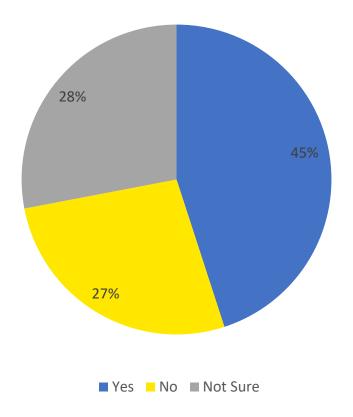
#### What is your annual spend for survey tools?



# Changing Feelings on Salary Data

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#### Do you think survey data is antiquated



# Because there is no Internal Equity

- The survey data alone is only providing external equity.
- Motivation toward increased performance is a formula that consist of all four pillars.
- Once your increase philosophy is relative to the market and your ranges are in alignment with the market you must then make sure that all things are fair and equitable within the organization. Internal Equity is needed with the external data to form a total compensation solution.



- 1) AROUND 24 SALARY RANGE BANDS TOTAL
- 2) COMBINATION OF POSITIONS THAT ARE BENCHMARKS, TIED DIRECTLY TO QUALITY EXTERNAL SALARY RANGE MARKET DATA AND POSITIONS THAT ARE SCORED DIRECTLY AGAINST THOSE INTERNALLY BENCHMARKED POSITIONS
- 3) SCORE UNIQUE/HYBRID POSITION WHERE DATA IS HARD TO FIND THROUGH INTERNAL BENCHMARKING (E.G., A NEW SUPPORT POSITION THAT SUPPORTS TWO PRODUCTS INSTEAD OF ONE)
- 4) DEVELOP/REVIEW TOGETHER, AT THE SAME TIME, BASED ON COMMON DATA SOURCES, AND A COMMON TEAM



#### COMMON POOR QUALITY SALARY RANGE STRUCTURE:

- 1) DIFFERENT SALARY RANGES FOR MOST EMPLOYEES (E.G., 90 UNIQUE RANGES FOR 300 PEOPLE).
- 2) SALARY RANGES THAT ARE ESTABLISHED 100% BASED ON EXTERNAL SOURCES ONLY, PERHAPS WITH AN INTERNAL REVIEW INCLUSIVE ONLY OF KEEPING THE RANGE LOWER THAN THE DIRECT SUPERVISOR.
- 3) TOTAL GUESSING WHEN IT COMES TO POSITIONS WHERE MARKET DATA IS HARD TO FIND.
- 4) DEVELOPED BY DIFFERENT PEOPLE, AT DIFFERENT POINTS IN TIME, WITH DIFFERENT METHODOLOGIES.



#### PITFALL OF POOR QUALITY SALARY RANGE STRUCTURE:

- 1) IMPOSSIBLE TO DO A PAY EQUITY ANALYSIS WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO PROTECT THE COMPANY, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, TO DO RIGHT BY THE PEOPLE THAT WE WORK WITH. FOR EXAMPLE:
- Sally is paid \$40K with a salary range of \$40K-\$60K, and Bill is paid \$62K in a salary range of \$45K-\$65K.
- Sally and Bill have different job titles and duties, but they are very similar jobs in terms of the nature of the work and their value to the organization. There is no easy way to explain the slight difference in the range.
- Worse yet, there is no good explanation for the difference in base salaries. Let's say that Sally is a top contributor and a committee decided to bump her to her max of \$60K. Sally is still \$2K less than Bill and now she is at her range ceiling. She has no more room to climb!. Worse yet, let's say Bill's range is more reflective of the market.
- Sally is still underpaid relative to Bill and the market. Sally should be paid \$62K.



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#### Reasons behind making changes to PM process (multiple answers accepted)

#### Overall



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#### **Feedback**

Knowing and sharing your progress toward your objective consistently throughout the year.

# Feedback as Motivation

- \* Eliminate the complex rating system and provide focused, regular feedback!
- \* Feedback that is timely, to the point!
- \* Performance-level check-ins should happen anytime, not just at year- end!

#### How Does Technology Play a Part in PM?



64% of organizations have dedicated PM technology, and another 19% plan to add in the foreseeable future



77% of highly-aligned organizations make use of PM technology, plus another 14% plan to add it in the foreseeable future

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# What Changes are Planned for Your Organization's Approach to Performance Management in The Next 12-18 Months?

 Focus performance appraisals more on the future goals of the employee and your expectations

 We do not plan on making any changes to performance management in that time frame

 Supplement annual performance appraisals with frequent performance conversations and coaching

 Eliminate formal performance appraisals

 Eliminate the use of a rating scale (numerical and/or descriptive)

 0%
 10%
 20%
 30%
 40%
 50%
 60%

- 54% of organizations surveyed say they will at least supplement their PM process with continuous conversations this year
- 70% said the reason for the change was "More frequent feedback was needed by our employees by managers"

#### **Sense of Purpose**

Are employee goals aligned with the goals of the organization?



**Important Questions to Answer** 

Is there a clear connection between the goals for an individual or team and the direction of the organization?

Has this connection been communicated effectively to the employee?

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Has the connection been communicated effectively to the employee via formal evaluation criteria?

# Alignment to business objectives

How aligned are your business objectives with your performance management process?

65%

35%

Not aligned or somewhat aligned

Aligned or highly aligned

# How the shift to team-based work is changing PM:



Organizations have a formal PM process in place for teams



Highly-aligned organizations have a formal PM process for teams

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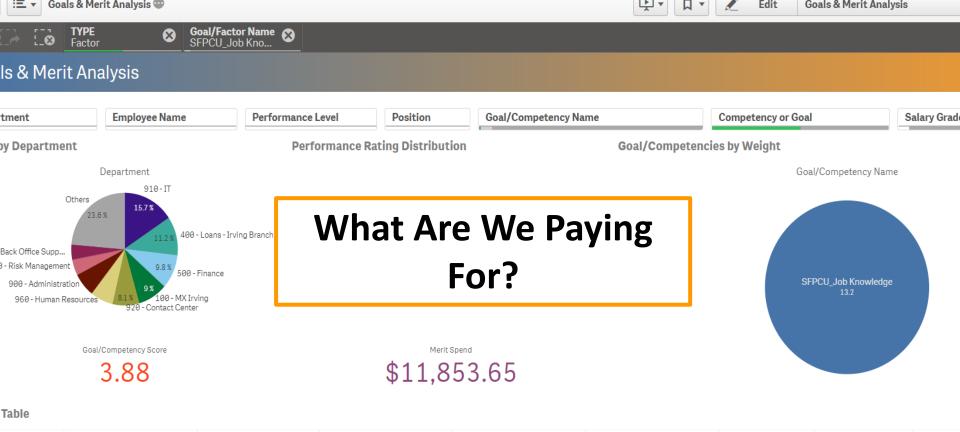
#### PAY FOR PERFORMANCE – *let's diagnose*



#### \$500K Pay for Performance Budget

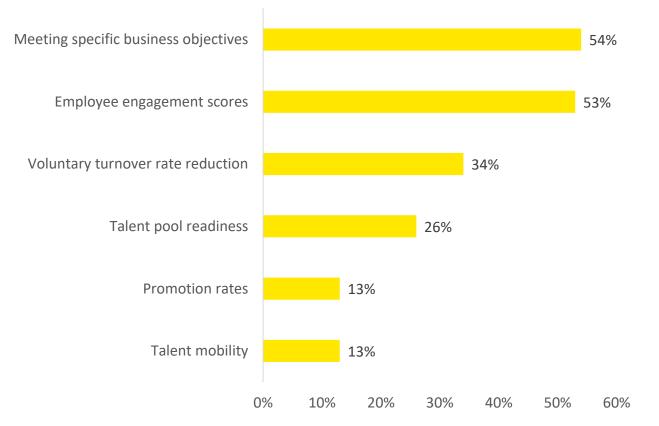
#### Things to Consider –

- <u>Job Knowledge</u> is listed for all team members making it the biggest investment at \$50K
- Will the investment for this competency help to reward and recognize desired behaviors of top performers? Help to drive continued success of the organization?
- What goals are being achieved as part of the \$250K spend?
- Are the goals aligned and contributing to the success of organizational goals?
- Overall, are we comfortable with the weightings/spend for each area <u>or</u> should we re-evaluate how to best use our pay for performance investment dollars?

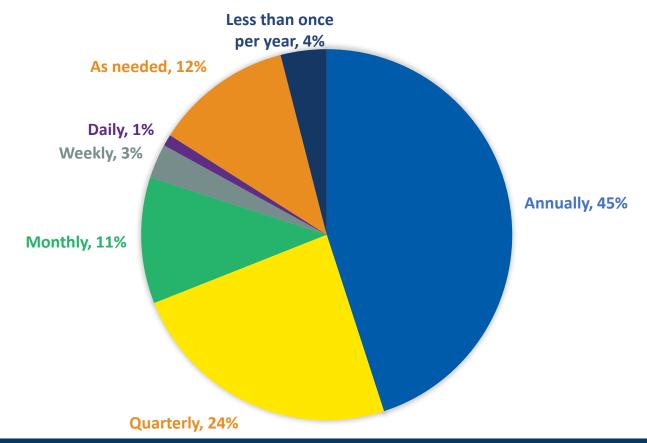


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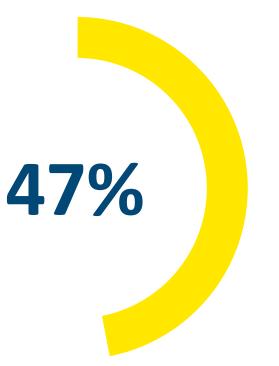
# How do you measure the effectiveness of your performance management process?



# What is the Frequency of your organization's performance discussions?



# Organizations that have a formal program in place to train managers to be better coaches and mentors



### Recognition

An annual recognition of outstanding performance may cause an adverse effect on the other high performance that has not been recognized.

Is it ideal to wait until the end of the year to identify achievements that have occurred throughout the year?



## **Recognition in Real Time**

• Improve engagement and retention by providing employees with recognition!

• Recognition that is timely, to the point and totally digital!

• Replicate desired behaviors with specific, frequent and focused recognition.

#### **Real-time Rewards and Recognition From Managers**



Of organizations give spot rewards or recognition to individuals as part of their PM process



Of organizations give spot rewards or recognition to teams as part of their PM process

41

# There is a rising trend in peer to peer and 360 reviews.

A top reason employers lose talent is due to the manager/employee relationship.

- Check-in meetings
- 360 reviews

Allow employees to provide feedback on managers. Technology can help facilitate the nurturing of the manager employee relationship



#### Actionable Data with Advanced Analytics

Management rating trends and feedback analytics

#### **Training and Communication Needs:**



Rate their coaching and mentoring programs to be not effective or only somewhat effective



Rate their managers as not or only somewhat effective in discussing specific growth opportunities with their employees based on their performance



More likely to be rated effective or highly effective in organizations where PM is aligned to business objectives

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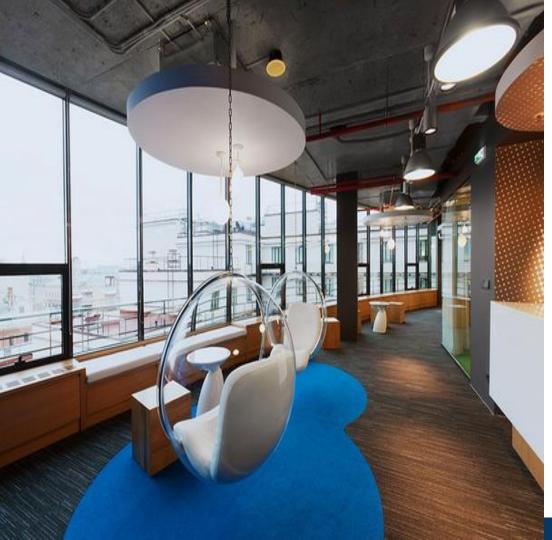
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# MOST HR TEAMS DON'T HAVE THE NECESSARY TOOLS TO ENSURE A QUALITY INTERNAL SALARY RANGE STRUCTURE – IMPAIRING THEIR ABILITY TO TRULY ENSURE EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK.







#### Software-based Solutions

- Understand and implement an 'equal pay for equal work' environment.
- Reward top performers appropriately and initiate a program to retain them.
- Continuously exchange feedback relative to goal achievement and job performance.
- Allow recognition to happen regularly, and in real-time, as official and unofficial recognition
- Ensure employees know their purpose and communicate it well potentially through your evaluation process.
- Automate using good technology.

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# Key Takeaways

- New paradigm of pay for performance
- No one "right" way it's about less structure and a more human approach
- Create a positive AND productive culture through social recognition

# **Questions?**

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