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#### Last Year Was Tough for Everyone...

#### **Security Revenue Growth**

Q1 2021

Q2 2021

Q3 2021



In CY23, the Security group delivered 22% YoY Revenue Growth vs. just 16% from Non-Security

Q3 2022

Q4 2022

Q1 2023

Q2 2023

Q3 2023

Q4 2023

Q1 2024

Q2 2022

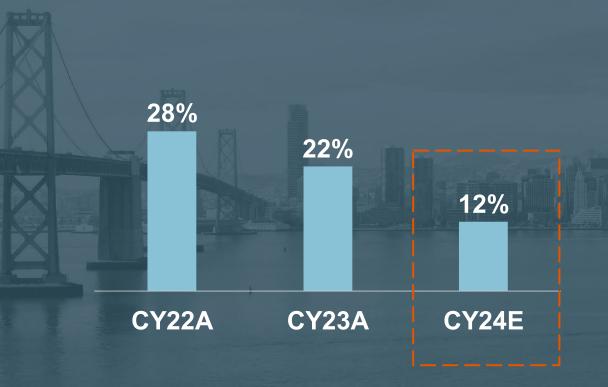
Q1 2022

Q4 2021

## ...and CY24 Guidance Is Tepid

#### **YoY Revenue Growth**

#### **Largest Changes in Revenue Growth**

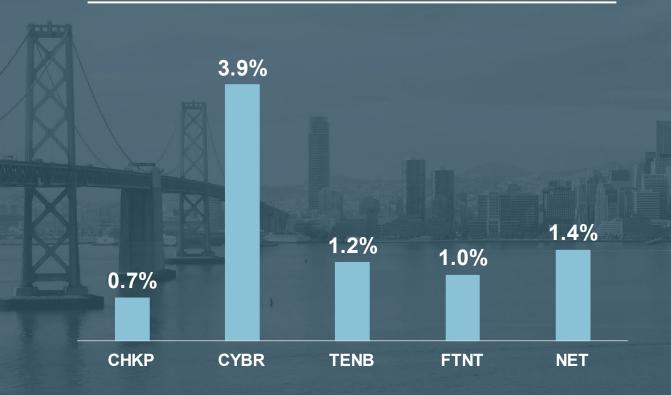


	CY23A	CY24E
okta	22%	11%
paloalto®	22%	12%
(II) SentinelOne <sup>®</sup>	47%	31%
<b>Example</b>	41%	25%

Some conservatism, but also macro pressures, continued focus on profitability, and pricing changes

## But Early Q1 Results Provide Some Reason for Optimism

#### **% Revenue Beats**



"...Checks speak to a healthy but moderating environment in 1Q...cyber [is] still better than broader software..." (1)

"...Cybersecurity spending environment was stable this quarter, with commentary generally more optimistic over future trends relative to recent quarters..." (2)

"...Industry environment is mixed but more stable than a year ago..." (3)

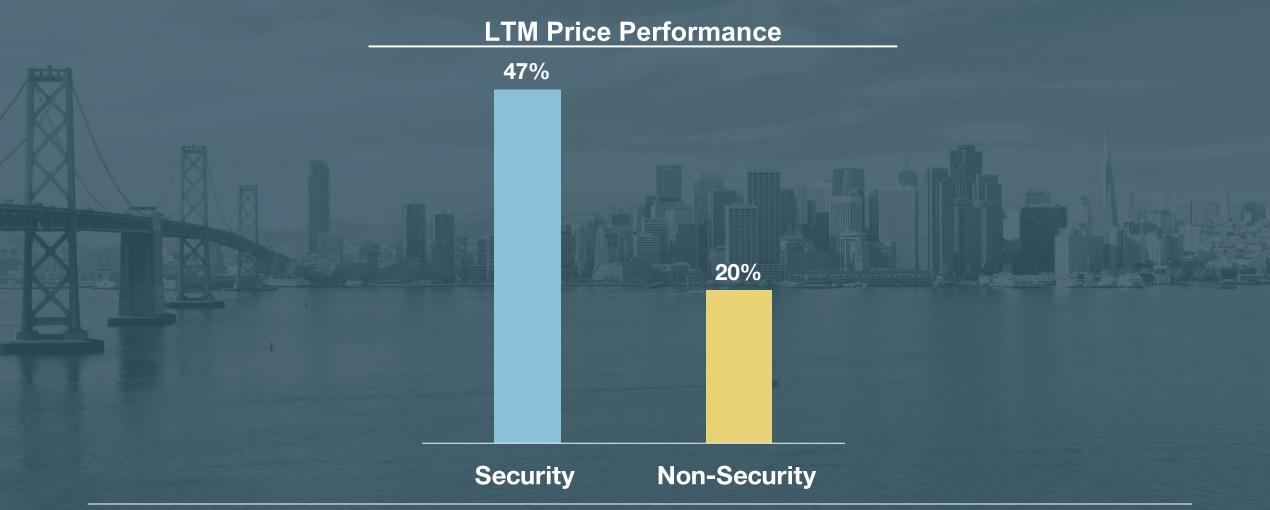
Source: Capital IQ as of 05/2/2024

<sup>1)</sup> Jefferies, "Cyber Preview: Moderating But Healthy Environment, CYBR Top Pick," 04/17/2024

<sup>2)</sup> Goldman Sachs, "Check Point (CHKP): Durability of >10% new business growth key for 2H24," 04/24/2023

<sup>3)</sup> William Blair, "Cybersecurity 2024 First-Quarter Preview," 04/23/2024

## And Security Continues to Outperform



#### **Security Will Continue to Grow**

#### Strong Security Spend Outlook: % Planning to Increase Spend



**Growing Threat Landscape** 

1 in 3

Breaches Identified by Internal Security

**277** 

Days to Identify and Contain Data Breach

\$9.5M

Avg. Cost of U.S. Data Breach

72%

2023 YoY Increase in Data Compromises

#### Public Valuations Have Rebounded Since Last RSA

#### **CY24E Multiples Are Still Correlated to Growth**





## Companies Continue to Focus on uFCF Margin...

#### **NTM uFCF Margins**



### ...Which Is Helping Drive Increases in Revenue Multiples

#### **NTM Revenue Multiples**

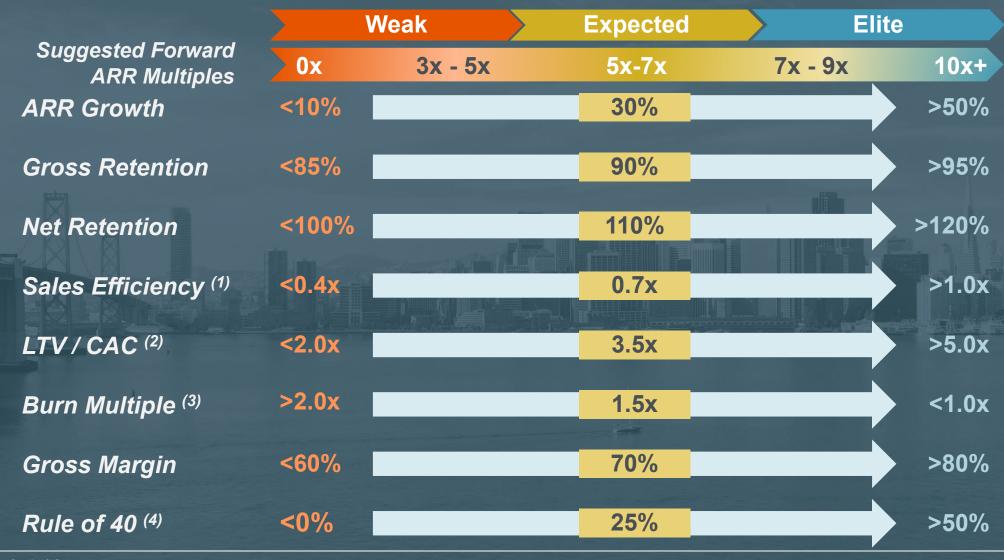


## Growth Is Worth More Than Profitability, but FCF Is More Important Than It Has Been in the Last 5 Years

Relative Importance of Growth vs. uFCF Margin in Security



## Great Tech Isn't Enough. Metrics Really Matter



Source: Piper Sandler & Co.

<sup>1)</sup> Net New ARR / Total S&M

<sup>2)</sup> Net New ARR \* Gross Margin / Gross Churn / Total S&M

<sup>3)</sup> Burn Multiple = Adj. uFCF / Change in ARR

<sup>4)</sup> Rule of 40 = Revenue Growth Rate + uFCF Margin

# M&A Deal Activity Is and Will Remain Higher & Multiples Are Holding Fairly Steady

Security M&A Deals in North America, Europe, and Israel



#### Yes, There Are Outliers...















<sup>1)</sup> Bloomberg; Cash deal

PANW 10Q; Includes ~\$440M cash and ~\$110M in equity awards

PANW 10Q; Includes ~\$250M in cash and ~\$70M in equity awards

<sup>4)</sup> TENB PR; Includes ~\$240M cash and ~\$25M in equity awards

<sup>5) 451</sup> Research as of 04/01/2024

# ...But These Are the Exception, Not the Rule. Massive Exits Will Remain Unlikely

1,100 security transactions since 2018

~170 of them are >\$100M...

~95 are >\$300M...

35 are >\$1Bn

~7%

of ~760 Strategic Deals >\$300M

~13%

of ~340 Sponsor Deals >\$300M

**5** Public Spin-Offs

**7** VC-Backed Exits

7 PE-Backed Exits

<sup>12</sup> Take-Privates by Sponsors4 Take-Privates by Strategics

## Later Stage Companies Are Pushing Out Fundraising to Grow into Their Peak Valuations

43
2021 VC-Backed
Unicorns

Pre-2021, this cohort raised every ~1.3 years

1 Strategic Exit, which was at an up round

No Raises After 2021 **Increased Valuations** N.D. Post-Val **Decreased Post-Val** 

40% have not raised since 2021 (~2.3 years)

25% have raised or exited to a Strategic at a higher valuation

35% have raised at a lower, or ND, valuation since 2021

## When IPOs Do Return, We Expect They Will Be Larger and Closer to Rule of 40

Software IPOs by Vintage Band (1)

	2015	2018	2021	2024
Revenue (\$M)	\$123	\$195	\$241	\$300+
Growth %	42%	41%	37%	
FCF Margin %	(1.5%)	(5.9%)	0.5%	
Rule of 40 <sup>(1)</sup>	32%	33%	42%	40%+
Sales Efficiency (2)	0.5x	0.6x	0.8x	
N =	15	39	76	

<sup>1)</sup> Rule of 40 = Growth Rate + uFCF Margin

<sup>2)</sup> Sales Efficiency = (Current Year Revenue – Last Year Revenue) / Total S&M Spend

#### Takeaways from the Rubrik IPO

#### **Observations**

- FY25E Financial profile: ~\$1Bn
   Subscription ARR; ~25% ARR growth,
   Unprofitable, 133% NRR (1)
- Proven category leader
- Enterprise-focused customer base
- Complex story: transition to subscription and data management to security

#### **Lessons Learned**

- Investor demand for growth IPOs is healthy—scarcity value exists
- Strong, consistent KPIs are critical
- Lack of profitability still impacts valuation
- Investors are okay with complexity and are expecting better days for enterprise

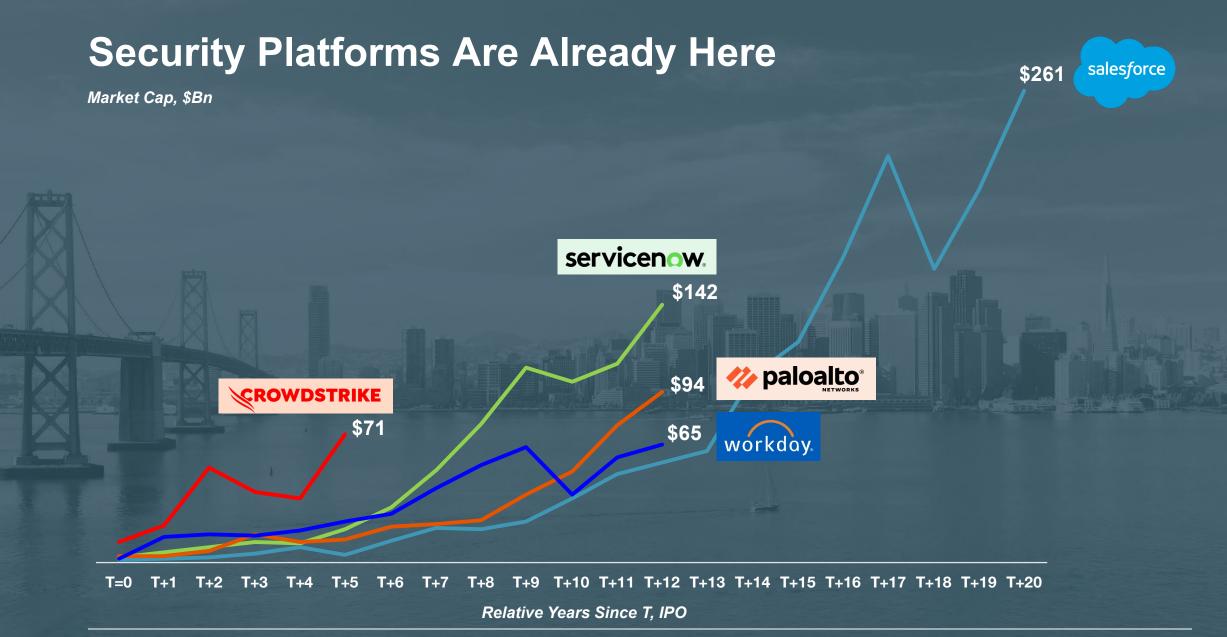


### VC Spend Is Back In-Line With Pre-2021 Levels

#### Security VC Investments in North America, Europe, and Israel



In 2023, total Series C+ deals declined ~40% YoY and ~55% since peak in 2021



## The Expanding Security Ecosystem



## 10 Predictions for the Security Market

- 1 Sales efficiency is king
- Private-to-private consolidation will accelerate
- 3 Private Equity is a major force in security and a potential value maximizing option
- Series C and above rounds are rare—and the requirements are increasingly hard
- You can rarely exit too early
- 6 Security companies of scale will be well-received when IPO markets re-open
- Security is increasingly consumed as a service and will be for the foreseeable future
- 8 Categories driving M&A: Data security, identity convergence, and Al
- 9 SMB market is still underappreciated in security
- Security is insulated and a growth market for the foreseeable future



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## Piper Sandler CISO Survey

Designed to Get a Pulse of Cybersecurity Concerns, Capability Needs, Consolidation Trends and Spending

110+

95%

~50/50

**Survey Responses** 

CIO, CISOs, CSOs & IT Directors

Private Equity & Public Ownership Split

Piper Sandler Cybersecurity is tapping into its deep network of CISOs and other senior security decision-makers to survey the community's budgets, focus areas, needs and strategies

~20%

>10,000 Employees

~80%

>1,000 Employees

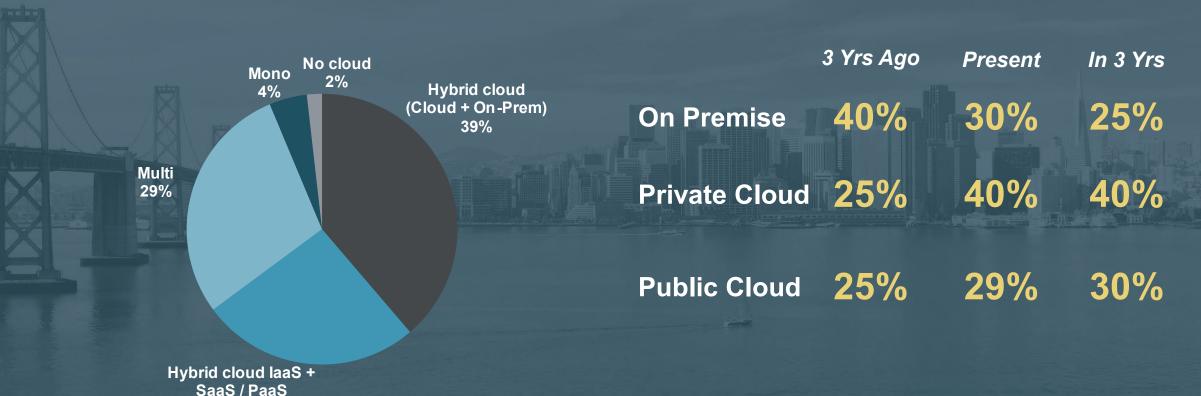
55%

Technology Industry

## Cloud & Cloud Usage Shift to Cloud Continues

**Cloud Mix** 

#### Distribution of Workloads (1)



26%

## Budget: Spending Security Spending is Expected to Increase

**Expected Budget Change vs. 2023 Budget** 



## **Budget: Security Categories**

## Cloud & Data Security Still Dominate Security Budgets

What categories comprise your top 3 by budget spend?

	2024 Survey	vs. 2023 Survey Rank
Cloud Security	71%	_
Data Security	69%	
Application Security Testing	25%	#4 → #3
Operational Technology	17%	#9 → #4
Managed Detection & Response	14%	#11 → #5

## Vendor Counts & Category Rationalization Consolidation Trends Appear Mixed

**Anticipated Change in Number of Vendors** 

#### **Top Categories for Rationalization**



#### Point Solutions vs. Platforms

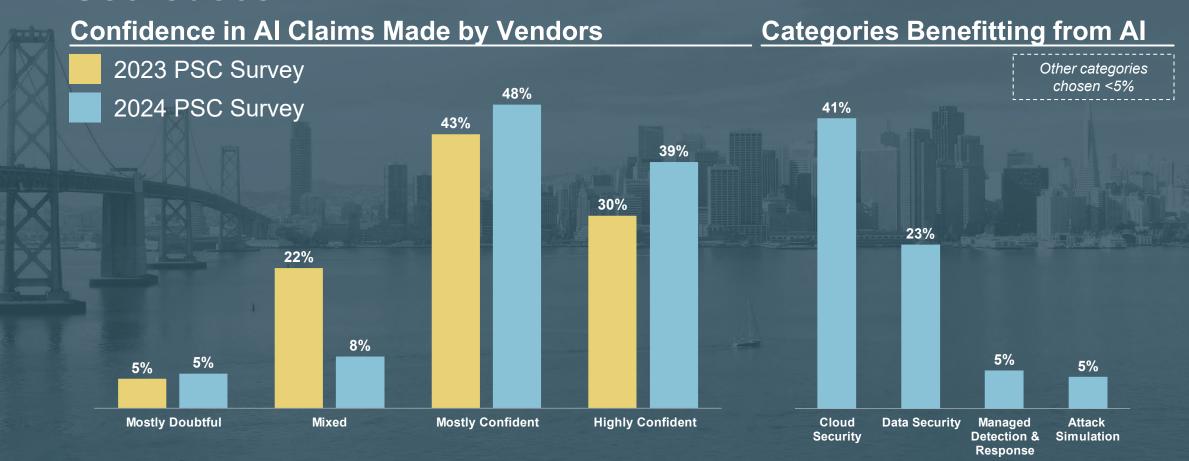
#### Platforms Are More Commonly Used Across All Categories

% Utilizing Specialists (As Opposed to a Larger Platform Vendor)

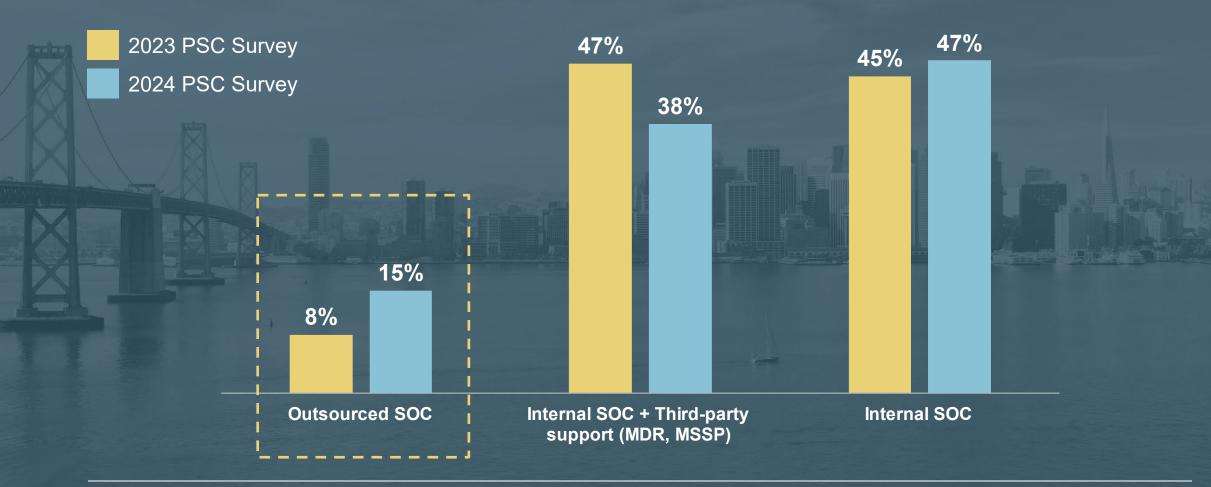
31% - 40% 41% - 50% 0% - 10% 11% - 20% 21% - 30% Security Posture SIEM Data Security XDR Management SASE Application Security Cloud Security **Testing**  Threat Exposure Management • MSSP Email Attack Simulation Identity Third-party Risk Management MDR Categories with Threat Intelligence the greatest OT Network Security usage of Endpoint Protection **Specialists** 

### AI & Security

## Growing Confidence in AI; Cloud & Data Security Lead AI Use-Cases

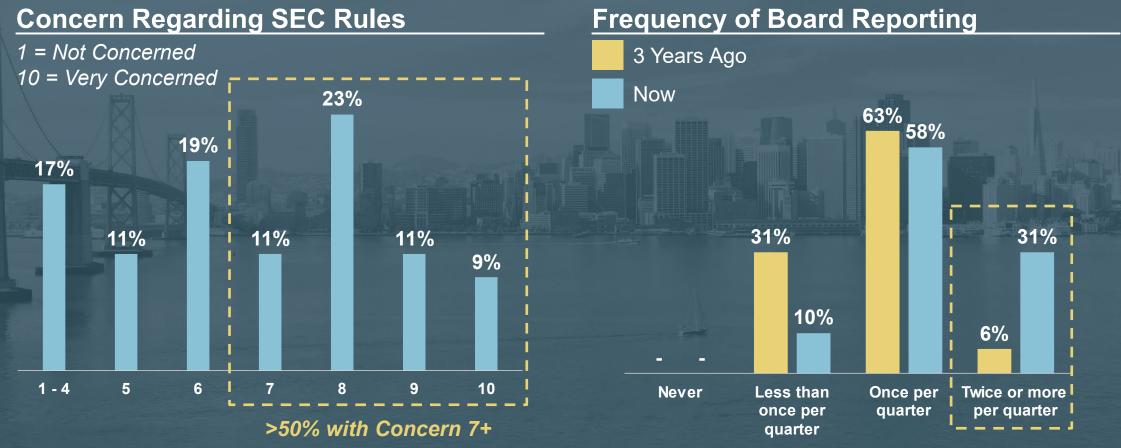


# Outsourcing Slight Uptick in Outsourcing SOC



#### **SEC Rules**

# New SEC Rules Are Creating Concerns for Security Teams & Board Reporting Is Increasing



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