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Our annual declaration



Our goal is to always be the leading firm in the eyes of our clients, our people and our wider stakeholders. Our purpose, to build trust in society and solve important problems, is at the heart of all that we do.

Our culture is built on acting ethically, responsibly and with integrity to do the right thing. This is a major focus for our Consulting Leadership and it underpins so much that is important to us: Our reputation, our ability to deliver high quality work and the credibility we have with our clients and our markets.

Investment in our people remains core to our success. We continue to grow the diversity of our skills by combining the talent we have in our business with alliance partners, contractors and the global PwC network.

We acknowledge the significant contribution that the consulting profession makes to the economy and society, which is why we're committed to the MCA's Consulting Excellence principles. These principles touch everything that we do and, as part of our annual declaration, we want to provide tangible evidence of our support and commitment from across our consulting business and our wider firm.



We combine strategy, technology and management consulting with industry insights, market leading integrated solutions and execution managed services that are applied to individual client circumstances, meaning we can secure value faster, across all of our transformation offerings and provide support from strategy to execution to operation.

While we recognise that change can be daunting, we see it as an opportunity. An opportunity to deliver results that make the difference to organisations, communities and society as a whole.

Paul Terrington
UK and EMEA Head of Consulting

Ethical behaviour



Working together with a common purpose



We're a hugely diverse business. What binds all that we do is our Purpose: To build trust in society and solve important problems. It sums up our ultimate role beyond profit generation and how we contribute to society more broadly.

Our code of conduct

While we conduct our business within the framework of applicable professional standards, we also have a detailed Code of Conduct for all our people, and many other internal initiatives to promote ethical behaviour in all its forms.

The Code reinforces the importance of conducting business within the framework of professional standards, laws and regulations. Together with our own policies and standards, the Code outlines the values and behaviours that define how we do business. It holds us accountable to be open-minded, responsive and give our best.

[Code of conduct](#) >

A framework supporting our values and purpose

Addressing and resolving ethical dilemmas is complex and the Code cannot address all questions or situations. The Code is one of many tools we have as professionals to guide our behaviour and is underpinned by the PwC Purpose and values. You can read about how we work and run our business with purpose by following the link below.

[Living our purpose](#) >



Our purpose is our Northern Star, it guides us through the client work that we undertake. It also ensures that we're constantly aware of our impact on society and on the wider environment in which we operate.

Kevin Ellis,
Chairman and Senior Partner

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We focus on being a responsible business



We have made significant strides in minimising our impact on the environment, as well as contributing to society overall.

Our sustainability strategy is central to delivering our purpose and is based around two key principles: Being a catalyst for change and doing the right thing.

You can read about our corporate sustainability strategy by following the link below.

[Corporate sustainability strategy](#) >

Our people contribute to our communities through volunteering and supporting social enterprise:

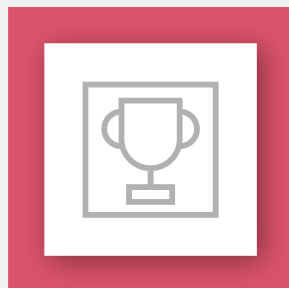
£8.5 million

the value of our overall community contribution in FY22

54,242

hours were volunteered by our people during the working day in FY22, 47% of which were skills based.

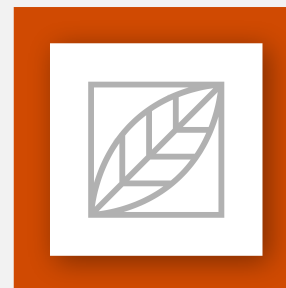
Our responsible business practices are being recognised in a variety of ways:



We hold the Platinum rating in EcoVadis' supplier assessment, scoring in the top 1% of respondents. EcoVadis is a global sustainability platform which rates our performance as a responsible business in areas covering environment, labour practices, ethics, and sustainable procurement.



We've been named the UK's number one employer in the Social Mobility Foundation's Employer Index (2019 & 2020). Our work this year includes expanding our Flying Start Degree Programme, which allows people to earn while they learn, with Queen Mary University of London joining the programme.



We were one of the first businesses to achieve the Carbon Trust Supply Chain Standard in 2015, and achieved the top 'Level 3' in 2020.

Committing to net zero by 2030

Our operations have been carbon neutral since 2007, and in that time we have significantly shrunk our total carbon footprint - with Covid related travel restrictions this year helping to drive it to 96% below the 2007 baseline.

Social mobility and inclusion

As a major employer, we believe we can play a positive role in increasing social mobility through our recruitment, development and progression, community and advocacy activities.

In 2017, we set out a five-year plan to help advance social mobility in the UK. Our 5 point social mobility action plan focuses on the following five areas::

- Workplace skills
- Paid work experience
- Technology skills
- Cornerstone employer
- Social enterprises

[Social mobility](#) >

Client service and value



Our unique value proposition



We are in the business of transformation, known for our focus on and commitment to achieving results.

We're working to build trust, deliver sustained outcomes and help clients solve their most important problems by combining human ingenuity and understanding with the right technology for real results.

Our unique combination of strategy, technology and management consulting expertise allows us to help our clients with strategy-led, digitally enabled, results-driven transformation programmes, including those driven by deal related activity.

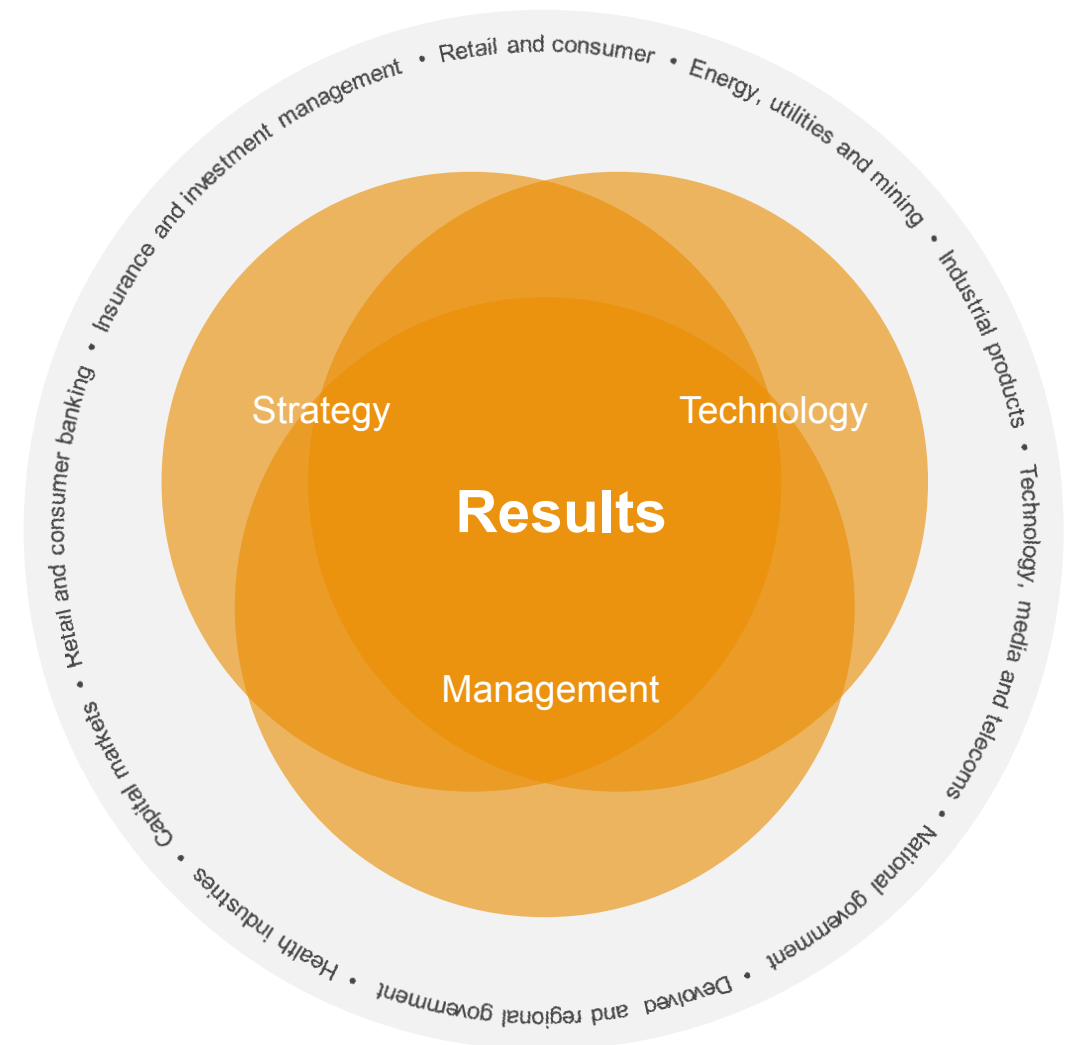
Our capabilities in both research and sustainability and climate change also allow us to differentiate ourselves in what we do in a highly competitive market.

Strategy&, our strategy consulting business, continues to develop actionable strategies for clients based on our deep global industry expertise and foresight, alongside proprietary advanced analytics insight and technology strategy. We bring the rapid and resilient change in business that our clients demand.

Strategy&



Technology is no longer just one aspect of doing business - it often is the business. We've built our practice to deliver programmes with positive business and commercial impact. Our team of thousands of practitioners is consistently ranked by analysts as a top-quartile performer. We've built some of the UK's biggest Salesforce, SAP and Oracle practices, along with global teams dedicated to Microsoft, Workday, AWS and more. With hundreds of successful end-to-end complex business transformation projects under our belt, we're ready to help deliver quick, cost-efficient and tangible results.



Delivering the outcomes clients seek and need



Client relationships

Our strong client relationships are a fundamental asset of our business. Our ability to build and nurture client relationships is our core focus and commitment. We develop strong and effective partnerships with our clients by working alongside them and holding ourselves accountable for the results they achieve.

To exceed and maintain our client relationships we place significant emphasis on our client feedback programme across the firm. This helps us to get to the heart of what our clients really value and how we can strive to deliver an exceptional client experience.

Our client satisfaction scores (2023)



“Our Go to Market teams and Integrated solutions allow us to deliver services and solutions more consistently and at pace, addressing our clients’ key issues and delivering immediate impact and lasting outcomes. Whatever disruption or change organisations are facing, our speed, imagination and care coupled with our world-class expertise, allow us to make a real difference.”

Jonathan House
Markets and Services Leader, Consulting UK

New ways of working

We are investing in new ways of working with our clients. The Frontier is a combination of specialist teams and spaces where we innovate, disrupt and truly co-create with our clients. The experience in Frontier is often enabled by technology, but it’s as much about embracing a new mindset – a way of working that creates energy, helps solve problems and deepens relationships.

[The Frontier](#)



Bringing experience to life

The Frontier is also the home of the Experience Centre, where we combine our people and co-creative processes in a collaborative environment to reframe, visualise, and rapidly bring the future of our clients organisation to life.

Alliance relationships

In everything we do, we believe in solving important business issues for our clients. We do that through collaborating, innovating, and going to market together with our Alliances. We’ve developed strong Alliances with a number of technology firms, including SAP, Oracle, Salesforce, Microsoft, AWS and others - these relationships help us deliver strategy through execution.

[Strategic business relationships](#)

Our BXT methodology

Our BXT (Business, Experience, Technology) philosophy harnesses and combines diverse perspectives, a human centred approach and collaboration from across business, experience and technology to drive transformation and accelerated results for our clients.

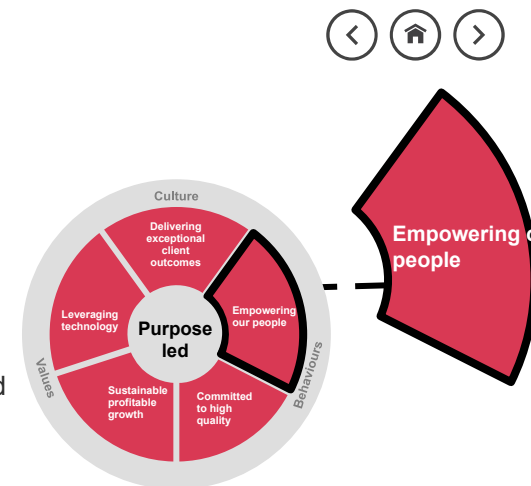
Professional development



Our people are our biggest strength

Our people are central to PwC's purpose, which is to build trust in society and solve important problems. Our goal is to build a diverse, inclusive, healthy and empowered workforce which delivers distinctive client service. We ensure our people are digitally upskilled and ready for the future of work and aim to create a culture that's genuinely inclusive and respectful, and promotes wellbeing both at work and beyond.

The future of work is changing fast, and so too are our clients' needs. We know that our people are our biggest strength as a business and that's why we're focused on helping to empower them to be the best that they can be, based on what we know matters most to them.



Our Ways of Working

We believe that our culture and behaviours are fundamental to delivering all aspects of our strategy and the way we work is changing. In order to stay relevant and attract the best people, we know we need to do things differently to respond to technology advances, workers' preferences and the evolving services we offer to clients. To do this, we continue to enhance "The Deal" that we offer to our people:

"Our Deal is designed to bring to life what it means and feels like to work at PwC. It clearly sets out what you can expect from the firm and what is expected from you, supporting you to be the best you can be, both professionally and personally" - Ian Elliot 'Chief People Officer'

The Deal is part of a workforce framework, which covers everything from learning and development to how our people can make a positive societal difference, aligned with PwC's Net Zero commitment. It is built on two-way flexibility and trust to meet the needs of teams, clients and the firm. The Deal framework includes:

- an 'Empowered day' - which gives our workforce more freedom to decide the most effective working pattern on any given day
- hybrid working approach to where we work, with the expectation that at least 2-3 days (or 40-60%) will be spent co-located with colleagues in an office or on client site

Wellbeing

At PwC we're committed to creating an environment that enables our people to prioritise their wellbeing and take care of themselves. Care is one of our core values, and we aim to understand every individual and what matters to them, recognising each person's value and contribution, while enabling them to grow in a way that brings out their best selves. And that's why we want to help our people to look after themselves. In addition to the flexibility in the Deal, we provide all our people with the resources and tools to stay fit and healthy and the opportunity to access support when they need it:

Resources: We provide our people with a range of wellbeing resources and toolkits, including access to wellbeing and meditation apps. We provide regular guidance and webcasts on how to adopt everyday wellbeing practices such as digital dieting and wellbeing habits. Our internal learning platform Vantage provides our people with opportunities to grow.

Medical Support: As part of our benefits package offering we provide all our people with access to a 24/7 Employee assistance programme (EAP) helpline and support service, private medical care so they receive confidential medical access, counselling, and other professional advice if needed.

Training: We train our mental health advocates, wellbeing champions and career coaches to feel confident providing one-to-one support.

Being a progressive employer



Inclusive Workplace

We are committed to creating an inclusive workplace and culture where everyone can reach their full potential and believe in being transparent about our progress towards this. We have a 5 point action plan to promote diversity and inclusion:

-  **Inclusive Culture** - We run inclusive leadership programmes to help our leaders at all levels create a culture where difference is embraced and to equip them with the skills and knowledge to do to drive inclusion in their business, and we work with teams across the firm to help them understand the role that all of us play in creating an inclusive culture. All of our inclusion activity is underpinned by sustained engagement and communication strategy that is designed to engage our people in thinking about inclusion in broadest terms, covering different aspects of difference and challenging our people to reflect on how they can be more inclusive.
-  **Senior Level Accountability** - Ensuring senior level accountability for delivering on our publicly disclosed targets for both gender and ethnicity, aligning our accountability framework to both performance management and reward. In our partner income allocation process, we have recognised and rewarded those partners who have made a positive contribution to the delivery of our diversity targets.
-  **Fair Work Allocation** - Working on high-profile projects is one way that our people can really make their mark and progress in their career. That's why we've taken a number of steps to make sure that we're providing fair access to the best work opportunities. It's about challenging assumptions to ensure that we're not always looking in the same pool when it comes to resourcing, providing more people with the opportunity to work on career defining projects.
-  **Recruitment Activity** - We continue to evolve our Talent Acquisition offering to ensure we remain an Employer of choice to all types and backgrounds of Talent. We have undergone significant transformation and invested heavily to ensure our Talent Acquisition operation delivers an equitable experience and outcome for all who touch it. From dropping the minimum 2:1 qualification from our Early Years Graduate programmes, to introducing new assessment frameworks to remove bias from our process, we continue to make positive changes to ensure we attract and recruit from the as broad and a diverse a talent pool as possible.
-  **Progression Coaches** - We're investing to create more progression coaches to provide career sponsorship and advice to high potential female and ethnic minority directors. Career sponsorship is a vital part of giving individuals the network and support to reach their full potential.

See our [2022 Annual Report](#) for our People Diversity reporting

Ranked 4th in 2022 Social Mobility Employer Index. We have been ranked in the top ten for the 6th year running.

PwC named one of The Times Top 50 Employers for Women in 2022

Supporting career progression and development of our people



The PwC Professional and training curriculum

As part of our overall talent strategy, we have a highly developed people model – The PwC Professional. It is designed to provide development opportunities and access to a variety of well established training programmes and career paths.

It describes the skills and capabilities we need per grade in order to achieve our strategy. It brings more consistency and allows us to effectively develop and attract the leaders of the future. This is linked within each business area with strong technical training.



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