



CAREER INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Example Report

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INTRODUCTION

Methodology, Data Sources & How to Use This Report

WHAT THIS REPORT IS

This Career Intelligence Report synthesises independent assessment instruments into a single strategic development document. It provides John with an objective, data-grounded view of his leadership capabilities, personality drivers, cultural alignment, and career trajectory, calibrated against three C-suite roles and designed to inform his transition from institutional COO to transformation consultant and platform builder.

HOW IT WAS CONSTRUCTED

Each data source was analysed independently and then cross-referenced to identify convergent patterns, contradictions, and high-impact development opportunities. Where two or more sources confirm the same finding, confidence is high. Where they conflict — such as John's Industry Leader self-assessment in areas where role benchmarks reveal significant gaps — the tension is named and explored.

DATA SOURCES USED

- **Personality & Psychometrics Inventory**
- **Role Benchmark Analysis**
- **Cultural assessment**
- **Skills & Capability Assessments – Self & peer-assessed**
- **Career Aspirations**

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This is a **strategic development tool**, not a performance review. Read it with a coach or trusted adviser. Focus on the patterns across sections rather than individual scores. The most valuable insights sit at the intersections, where personality, capability, and culture data converge on the same finding.

YOUR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

John is a few steps away from a CEO, NED, Advisor role.

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

91%

Established

CHIEF STRATEGY OFFICER

80%

Tuning senior engagement

CHIEF REVENUE OFFICER

57%

Development Required

CHARACTER STUDY

John is an enterprise-level strategic transformation architect with 30+ years developed from roles as COO, CoS, CSO. He pairs high fairness and strong delivery with lower emotionality and modesty: confident and direct, excellent at designing operating models but less practiced at emotional coaching. This profile explains his strengths in trust and standards, and the development need for empathy and public positioning.

HIGH-LEVEL STRENGTHS

- **Trust & Integrity (112/90):** A standout strength; people consistently rate his ethics and reliability highest.
- **Team Building & Motivation (99/90, 93/90):** Proven ability to form high-performing teams through clarity and standards.
- **Operating Model Design (97/90):** Deep expertise in redesigning operations at scale.

ASPIRATIONS

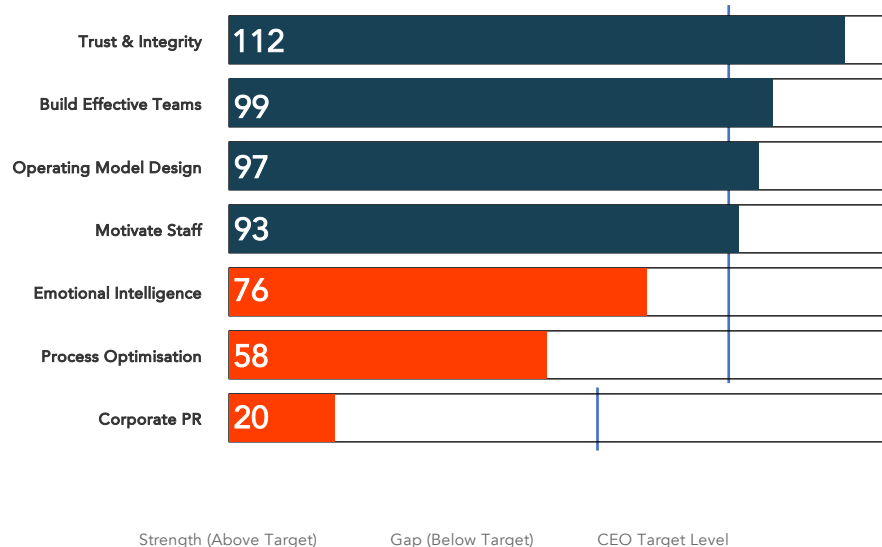
John's aspiration is to combine industry thought-leadership and engagement with comprehensive enterprise leadership to develop businesses as CEO, NED or Strategic Advisor

HIGH-LEVEL DEVELOPMENT AREAS

- **Psychological Safety & Connection 50/90:** Gentleness (2.25), Emotionality (2.63), and Modesty (2.50) create a leadership style that commands respect but inhibits trust and openness.
- **Corporate Public Relations (20/65):** Needs senior communication and media engagement experience.
- **Emotional Intelligence (76/90):** Improve attunement and coaching to build client trust.

SKILLS & CAPABILITY PROFILE

A Seasoned Banking Leader With Deep Managerial Expertise



KEY STRENGTHS

Trust & Integrity (112/90): Highest score — long tenure in Tier 1 banking gives strong client trust.

Operating Model Design (97/90): Core strength: systems thinking and design from fixing complex organisations.

KEY CAPABILITY GAPS

Corporate PR (20/65): Build a public voice and visible market authority for consulting.

Emotional Intelligence (76/90): Small but important gap — affects ability to inspire and advise.

STRATEGIC INTERPRETATION

The Transformation Architect. John is a builder of businesses: excellent on structure and integrity, weaker in public influence and emotional intelligence. To move into CEO, NED, Advisor roles, he should develop external presence and advisory empathy.

PERSONALITY PROFILE

The Fearless Commander — Driven, Direct & Demanding



Scores on 1–5. Dashed line = population average.

TRAIT INTERACTIONS & BEHAVIOURAL PATTERNS

THE FEARLESS COMMANDER (HIGH EXTRAVERSION + LOW EMOTIONALITY)

John pairs strong social confidence with very low fear. He brings an **unshakeable presence** and leads decisively in meetings. The main stretch point is underestimating others' anxiety, which can block buy-in.

THE DEMANDING PERFECTIONIST (HIGH CONSCIENTIOUSNESS + LOW AGREEABLENESS)

With top diligence and low gentleness, John enforces exacting standards. This drives execution but can create friction where influence depends on rapport rather than correctness.

THE ETHICAL ELITIST (HIGH FAIRNESS + LOW MODESTY)

Strong fairness and higher status expectations produce a meritocratic stance. He may show low patience for politics or perceived incompetence, which can alienate relationship-focused stakeholders.

DERAILMENT RISKS

The Empathy Blind Spot

The combination of Low Emotionality, Low Agreeableness, and Low Modesty creates a "triple threat" to relationships. John risks being perceived as arrogant and unapproachable. In a consulting role, where influence relies on relationship-building rather than positional authority, this is his single biggest liability.

LEADERSHIP STYLE ANALYSIS

The 'Commander' Archetype: Strengths & Shadow Side

THE COMMANDER

HIGH EXTRAVERSION
LOW AGREEABLENESS

- + **Decisive under pressure:** You do not hesitate when the path is unclear. You create certainty for others.
- + **Standard-setter:** You have an innate intolerance for mediocrity. "Good enough" is not in your vocabulary.
- + **Crisis-ready:** Your low Emotionality means you stay calm when others panic.

THE SHADOW SIDE

Your strength becomes your weakness when there is no crisis. In "peacetime," your directness can be experienced as aggression, and your high standards can feel like impossibility. Because you are so forceful (High Extraversion) and critical (Low Agreeableness), your team may stop bringing you problems until they are disasters.

THE SILENCE RISK

Your team likely agrees with you in meetings but disagrees in the corridor. You may mistake silence for consensus. It is not consensus; it is compliance.

THE LEADERSHIP PIVOT

You do not need to be "softer." You need to be **curious**. Replace the statement "Here is the plan" with the question "What am I missing?" Force the dissent that your personality naturally suppresses.

TEAM DYNAMICS & CULTURE IMPACT

The 'Engine Room' Effect: High Efficiency, Low Warmth

YOUR DEFAULT CULTURE: THE ENGINE ROOM

You naturally build teams that are highly efficient, task-focused, and low-drama. Emotions are seen as noise. Performance is the only currency. This works brilliantly for operational turnarounds but fails for long-term retention of creative or sensitive talent.

High

ACCOUNTABILITY

High

CLARITY

Low

PSYCH SAFETY

WHERE FRICTION EMERGES



Vs. The Diplomat (High Agreeableness)

You see them as slow and indecisive. They see you as rude and dismissive. They will shut down in your presence.



Vs. The Anxious Achiever (High Emotionality)

You see them as needing "hand-holding." They see you as unsupportive. They will burn out trying to please you.



Vs. The Innovator (High Openness)

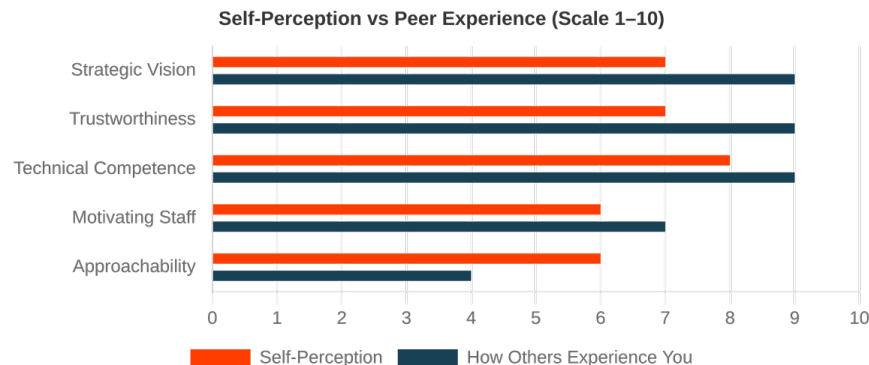
You see them as chaotic. They see you as rigid. You risk killing the "messy" ideas that lead to breakthroughs.

THE CULTURE FIX

Structured Warmth: You do not need to change your personality; you just need to change your rituals. Start every meeting with 5 minutes of "human" check-in before the "task" check-in. It will feel inefficient to you. It is essential for them.

LEADERSHIP PERCEPTION ANALYSIS – 360 FEEDBACK

The Respect vs Connection Paradox



STRATEGIC SYNTHESIS

The "Impressive but Inaccessible" Paradox: John consistently underestimates his impact on others. People look up to him, find him impressive, and deeply respect his competence. But his Low Gentleness (2.25) and Low Emotionality (2.63) create an invisible wall — they admire the leader but hesitate to approach the person.

HIDDEN STRENGTH: STRATEGIC AUTHORITY

UNDER-SCORED

John rates his strategic vision modestly, yet his Industry Leader ratings in Strategic Vision Development, Organisational Design, and Objective & Goal Setting tell a different story. Others see a commanding strategist; he sees room for improvement.

Personality Driver: Low Modesty (2.50) means he knows his worth privately, but High Conscientiousness (4.63) makes him perpetually self-critical in public. The result: quiet confidence that others read as gravitas.

HIDDEN STRENGTH: TRUSTWORTHINESS

UNDER-SCORED

His Gain Trust & Demonstrate Integrity score (112/90) is the highest in his entire profile — exceeding the COO target by 24%. Others experience him as deeply principled. He likely takes this for granted.

Personality Driver: Fairness (5.00) — the maximum score. Integrity is not a strategy for John; it is an instinct. This is his most powerful and undervalued asset.

BLIND SPOT: APPROACHABILITY

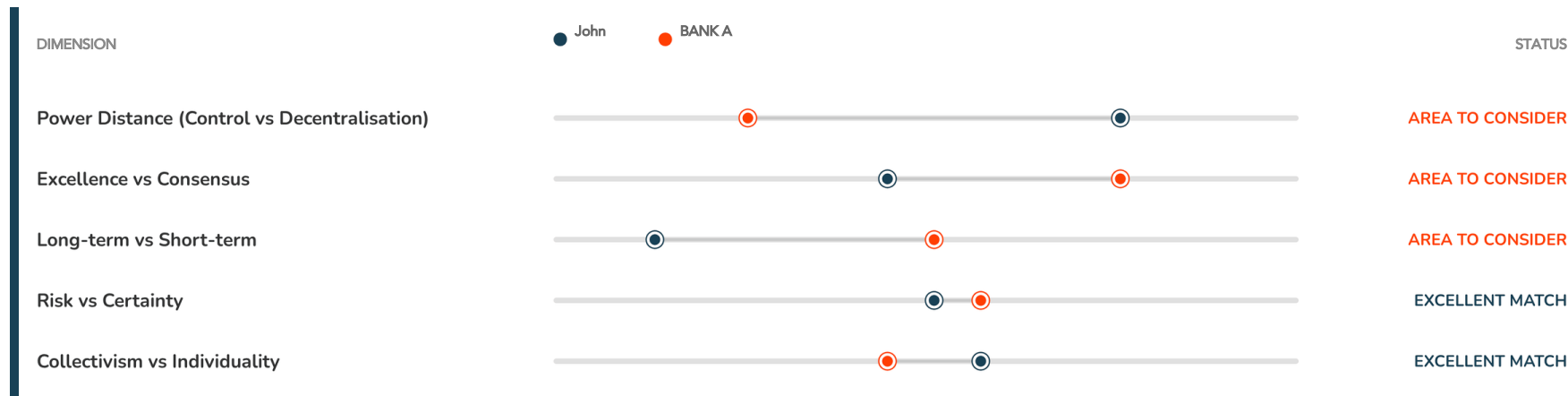
GAP

The critical disconnect: people respect and admire John but find him difficult to approach. His directness, high standards, and emotional reserve create a perception of distance that he likely does not intend or recognise.

Personality Driver: Low Gentleness (2.25) + Low Sentimentality (3.00) + Low Fearfulness (1.75) = he doesn't signal warmth, doesn't show vulnerability, and doesn't appear to need others. This reads as "unapproachable" even when his intent is simply "focused."

CULTURAL ALIGNMENT & WORKING ENVIRONMENT

Where John Fits — and Where Friction Will Emerge



ALIGNMENT STRENGTHS

Risk & Certainty (Gap: 1): John matches the bank's appetite for managed risk. He does not gamble; he calculates. This alignment has allowed him to lead major change programmes without triggering the organisation's immune system.

Collectivism (Gap: 2): Despite his high Extraversion, John aligns well with the need for shared identity. He builds teams that fit the wider structure rather than creating rogue silos.

AREAS OF FRICTION

Power Distance (Gap: 8): The most dangerous friction. John believes in decentralised authority (+4) — pushing decisions to the edge. HSBC operates on centralised control (-4). *Scenario:* John empowers a product lead to sign off a launch; the central committee blocks it. John's instinct is to fight the bureaucracy, viewing it as inefficiency rather than governance.

Excellence vs Consensus (Gap: 5): John prioritises the best outcome (-1); the bank prioritises agreement (+4). He will push a solution that is

DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS

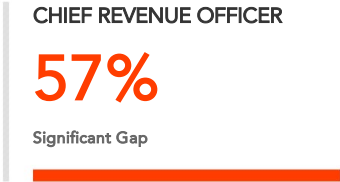
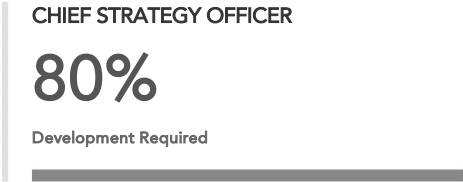
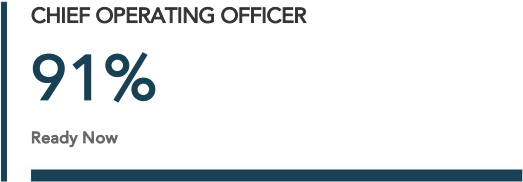
The Consultant's Trap: As John pivots to advisory, his "Decentralisation" preference becomes a liability if he cannot read the client's "Control" culture. He risks designing operating models that are theoretically perfect but culturally rejected.

Shift Required: He must learn to value Consensus as a form of Excellence. In a consulting role, a solution that isn't adopted is a failure, no matter how operationally superior it is. This requires suppressing his Low Agreeableness (2.88) to build the coalition



ROLE READINESS & CAPABILITY GAP ANALYSIS

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CRITICAL CAPABILITY GAPS FOR TARGET ROLES

CAPABILITY AREA	SCORE VS TARGET	GAP	ROOT CAUSE & BEHAVIOURAL REQUIREMENT	
Corporate Public Relations	20 / 65	-45	Root Cause: Internal focus.	Requirement: Build a public voice and visible market authority for consulting.
Process Optimisation & QA	58 / 90	-32	Root Cause: Ad-hoc fixes over formal methodology.	Requirement: Formalise toolkit (Lean/Six Sigma) for systemic prevention.
Emotional Intelligence	76 / 90	-14	Root Cause: Lower emotionality; prioritises logic.	Requirement: Practice deliberate empathy and validate emotions before problem-solving.
Data Governance	69 / 90	-21	Root Cause: Lack of domain experience & knowledge.	Requirement: Invest in education & exposure to thought-leadership.

AI & FUTURE CAPABILITY READINESS

Your Operational Strengths Are Automatable — Your People Skills Are Not

HIGH AUTOMATION RISK

Process & Reporting Execution

Budget & Cost Management	Industry Leader
Reporting - Programme	Specialist
Process Optimisation	Practitioner
Data Feeds & Market Data	Practitioner

MEDIUM AUTOMATION RISK

Strategy & Analysis

Strategic Vision Development	Industry Leader
Portfolio Management	Industry Leader
Operating Model Design	Expert

LOW AUTOMATION RISK

Human Influence & Trust

Gain Trust & Integrity	Industry Leader
Build Effective Teams	Expert
Culture Change	Expert

STRATEGIC PIVOT

STOP INVESTING (COMMODITISED)

Technical Process Mastery. Your "Industry Leader" status in Excel, Budgeting, and Reporting is becoming commoditised. AI agents will handle many routine tasks faster and more accurately. Stop defining your value by spreadsheet control.

DOUBLE DOWN (FUTURE VALUE)

Advisory Judgment & Influence. Invest in Trust, Integrity, and Culture Change—these human skills are the premium services in the AI era. Shift identity from process architect to change counselor.

PSYCHOLOGICAL DIMENSION

For a high-conscientiousness leader (4.63), this pivot is uncomfortable. You prefer accuracy and control; moving to the human-side work feels messier, but it is the sustainable, high-value path.

PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT FOCUS

Three Convergent Priorities to Close the Gap

01 PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFETY & CONNECTION

CONVERGENT EVIDENCE

Gentleness (HEXACO)	Low (2.25)
Emotionality (HEXACO)	Low (2.63)
Modesty (HEXACO)	Low (2.50)

NICERACADEMY MODULES

Communication as a Leader

From Good to Unstoppable Leadership

30-DAY EXPOSURE ACTIONS

- **The "Check-In" Ritual:** Start every 1:1 with "How are you feeling about this?" before diving into tasks. Practice sitting with the answer.
- **Share a Failure:** In the next team meeting, share one professional mistake you made and what you learned. Model the vulnerability you want to see.

Mentor Profile: A senior leader known for building high-trust, psychologically safe teams — ideally someone who has made the transition from "commanding" to "connecting."

02 EXTERNAL INFLUENCE & PR

CONVERGENT EVIDENCE

Corporate PR Gap	-45 (20/65)
Modesty (HEXACO)	Low (2.50)
LinkedIn Expertise	Practitioner

NICERACADEMY MODULES

Communication as a Leader

The Authentic Leadership Code

30-DAY EXPOSURE ACTIONS

- **Publish One Insight:** Write and post one 500-word article on "The Future of Operating Models" on LinkedIn.
- **Speaker Panel Pitch:** Identify 3 industry conferences and draft a pitch to join a panel on Banking Transformation.

Mentor Profile: A "Visible Expert" partner from a Big 4 firm who has successfully built a personal brand.

03 EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

CONVERGENT EVIDENCE

EI Gap (COO)	-14 (76/90)
Emotionality	Low (2.63)
Gentleness	Low (2.25)

NICERACADEMY MODULES

Communication as a Leader

From Good to Unstoppable Leadership

30-DAY EXPOSURE ACTIONS

- **The "Last to Speak" Rule:** In all internal meetings for 30 days, force yourself to speak last to practice active listening.
- **Validation Scripts:** Practice using validation phrases ("I can see why that worries you") before offering logical solutions.

Mentor Profile: An Executive Coach with a psychology background, specifically for high-conscientiousness leaders.

DEVELOPMENT ROADMAP

From Operator to Trusted Advisor in 18 Months

0 - 3 MONTHS

THE CONNECTION PIVOT

KEY ACTIONS

- **Psychological Safety Sprint:** Run a 4-week experiment: open every meeting with a personal check-in and close with "What did we miss?" Track how team candour changes.
- **EI Coaching:** Hire an executive coach specifically to practice "validation before solutioning" — learn to sit with discomfort instead of solving it away.

LEADING INDICATORS

- Direct reports voluntarily raise concerns and disagreements in meetings without being prompted — a measurable shift in team candour.

PERSONALITY RISK

Impatience (Low Agreeableness): You may find check-ins "slow" and "unproductive." Resist the urge to skip them or rush to solutions; the discomfort is the development.

3 - 9 MONTHS

THE PUBLIC VOICE

KEY ACTIONS

- **Publish Insight:** Write 2 white papers on "Operating Models in the AI Era" to build the missing Public Relations capability.
- **Industry Speaking:** Secure 1 panel slot. Move from being the "internal fixer" to the "external authority."

LEADING INDICATORS

- Inbound invite to speak or advise based on published content, not just past reputation.

PERSONALITY RISK

Perfectionism (High Conscientiousness): You will want the white paper to be academically perfect. It needs to be commercially provocative. Don't let "perfect" block "published."

9 - 18 MONTHS

THE TRUSTED ADVISOR

KEY ACTIONS

- **Lead Transformation:** Lead a major client programme as the strategic advisor, delegating the "fixer" role to a lieutenant.
- **Commercial Growth:** Originate new revenue through relationship capital, not just technical delivery.

LEADING INDICATORS

- Client retention based purely on advisory retainer, independent of project delivery milestones.

PERSONALITY RISK

Relapse to Execution: When the team struggles, your instinct (High Diligence) will be to dive in and fix it. You must stand back and guide, or you fail the transition.

CONCLUSION & CAREER SYNTHESIS

From Wartime General to Enterprise Steward

THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

You have spent your career leading business development and transformation. Now you must learn to drive it without redlining the passengers. Your next level of success will not come from doing more; it will come from **inspiring others to succeed as individuals and as a leadership teams.**

SHIFT 1: ROLE

BUILDER → ARCHITECT

Design the blueprint and trust the team to build it.



SHIFT 2: STYLE

COMMAND → COACH

Start asking better questions.



SHIFT 3: MINDSET

EFFICIENCY → EMPATHY

Efficiency is for processes. Empathy is for people.

"Your vulnerability is not a weakness; it is the only leadership tool you haven't mastered yet."