



Silver Leaf Solutions | Overview



Vision

To be #1 Global IT Cost Optimization Advisory and Software Asset Management Services Organization





Mission

To provide Research based,
Independent, Software Licensing
Advisory, Software Asset
Management, and Cloud
Optimization Services that lead to
12-15% savings annually



Trusted Advisors for Software Licensing Advisory, Cost Optimization & Managed SAM Services



Global Knowledge Center (GKC) – Research and Development at Gurgaon, India







Diverse Team of Licensing Specialists, Contract Experts, Cloud Architects, Tax Advisors, and Legal Consultants



Founders from Microsoft, EY, SAP, BCG, IBM & Oracle





Licensing Cost Optimization | Key Dimensions



Contract Evaluation

- Evaluating the different type of customer contracts
 & mapping the correct SKUs in those
- Licensing Model Evangelization Perpetual vs Subscription vs Cloud

Licensing Exceptions

- Buy-Back; Term; Payment Terms;
- Licensing Metrics
- Licensing Use Rights
- Evaluating Grants & License Access / Transfer Rights

BoM Optimization

- User Role Profiling
- Workload Deployment, Usage / Metering Assessment
- Alignment of Client Technology Roadmap & Spend to The Publisher Product & Licensing Roadmap



Price Benchmarking & Negotiations

- Benchmark Unit Pricing & Discounts
- Back-End Rebates & Incentives Visibility
- Local Accelerators Geography Wise
- Negotiating Strategy & Support

Modulation of Products

- Bundling & Un-bundling of Products
- Evaluation of Alternate Technologies
- Custom Licensing Metrics

Price Arbitrage

- Leveraging price differential in emerging vs developed markets
- Tax Optimization helps in structuring global or group level contracts



Licensing Cost Optimization | Engagement Methodology





- Pre-Engagement
- Discovery Workshops



• Technology Evangelization



- Contract Optimization
- Commercial Analysis



Tax Implications



Contract Completion& Sign Off

Plan



Assessment



Roadmap definition / Alignment



Design / Negotiation





Implementation / Management

Business Discovery
Workshop

Information Gathering

& Scoping

- Publisher License
 Analysis Product
 Licensing
- 7 Agreements Discussion– Options, Exceptions,& Scenarios
- Build Negotiation
 Strategy & Roles
- Contract Closure & Sign off

- 2 IT Discovery Workshop -Environment
- 5 Workload
 Optimization Analysis
 & Assessment
- Pricing & Goal
 Variance

Role plays & Rehearse the Strategy

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Global Licensing Helpdesk

- Purchase History and Entitlements
- Cloud Consumption
 Analysis & Assessment
- 9 Agreement on Final Construct & Commercial Goals

- Tax & Price Arbitrage
- Managed Services & Asset Management

Global Research and Development Team



Licensing Cost Optimization | Engagement Scenarios



The earlier the better!



Licensing Contract Renewals



Ideally 3-4 months before the renewal (expiry date of the current contract)



Upcoming / Deciding New Contracts



Evaluation of Procurement under a New Long-Term Contract



One Time New Order



M&A, Divestures, Upcoming True Ups, Adhoc Order



Restructuring Existing Contract



While planning to restructure existing perpetual licensing contracts to cloud-based licensing contracts/models



Outsourcing or Managed Services



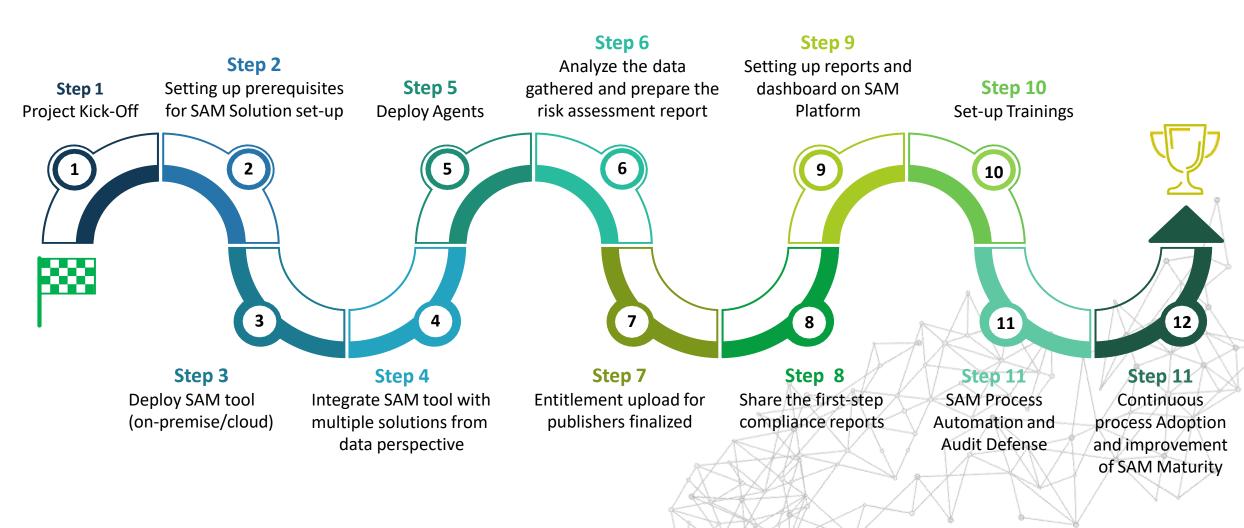
Cost optimize the same thus reducing overall spend

However, engagement can also be mid-term of an existing Software Licensing Contract



Managed SAM Services | Methodology







Key Differentiators | Silver Leaf vs a Global Research & Advisory Organizations





- Silver Leaf Solutions is completely Independent in there Research, Knowledge & Advisory
- Silver Leaf Solutions has Zero Revenue from Software Vendors/Publishers
- Laser Focused on Software Licensing Only Worldwide
- Un-biased recommendation on Technology & Software Solutions
- Follow a 15-step engagement methodology for our Advisory and Contract Optimization services
- Offers Guaranteed Savings with an Outcome-based Service
 Fee Model through its research-oriented approach
- Facts Based & "Ground Zero" Experience Based Advisory

Global Research & Advisory Organizations

- Is highly dependent on knowledge and information from Software Vendors
- They earn Consulting & Subscription Revenues from Software Vendors/Publishers → 25% of Global Annual Revenue earned from Microsoft, IBM, SAP & Oracle
- Significantly **Biased Recommendations** on those Software Vendors who "Pay to Play"
- No Such Engagement Methodology to "Hand-Hold" the customer through the entire optimization and negotiation process
- No Guaranteed Savings; No Outcome Based Advisory Fee Model
- Opinion-based Advisory by Analysts who are self proclaimed experts but never had "Ground Zero" Experience



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- We follow pre-cursor methodology like Software Asset management (SAM) and provides GRC Compliance and Audit Protection/Assistance and Managed SAM Services
- Expertise in M&A, Divestures, Global Contracts, Price Benchmarking, Taxation & Compliance
- Global Sourcing Advisory with local partner support across regions
- Maintain transparency around discounts, margins, and back-end rebates
- The Company has **various profiles** for each kind of role such as Licensing Consultants, Contract Specialists, Taxation, Legal, and SAM Experts

Global Research & Advisory Organizations

- No SAM Services Offered
- No Sourcing/Procurement Advisory that potentially can lead to WHT Optimization and Inter-company Transfer Pricing Resolution
- No knowledge of Software Vendor's internal discount and pricing structure, reseller rebates and incentives and pricing arbitrage in multiple currencies
- No Knowledge on Product Licensing Use Rights, Licensing Metrics and Licensing Contract Clauses, Exceptions & Grants
- Finally, Magic Quadrant is a Marketing & PR Tool only trying to influence decision makers to go with mentioned software vendors



Value Proposition



Reduction of Cash Outflow; Guaranteed Savings



Global Software Licensing Contracts
Structuring through Scientific model



Alternative Technology
Evaluation and Solution Pricing



Mergers, Acquisitions, and Divestures



Compliance and Audit Protection





BOM Optimization (Mid-term / Renewal time)



Build transparency around discounts, negotiations, and exceptions



Build Right Licensing model



Develop flexibility to reduce dependency on contract/lock in



Predictable Budgeting



Global Customer References | Industry Verticals





















Customer Bytes





IT Companies: Looking at our engagements with IT companies, transparency was key. Through meticulous contract benchmarking, restructuring, and insightful strategies, we empowered our clients to realize a remarkable 50% reduction in costs. Click here to read more.



Banking & Insurance Companies: Our collaboration with prominent banking institutions resulted in a highly optimized agreement, achieving an outstanding 70% reduction in costs. This effort involved restructuring for future technology consumption and streamlining the Bill of Materials. <u>Click here to read more.</u>



Telecom Companies: Reflecting on our endeavors, we partnered with leading telecommunication company, offering a comprehensive 5-year Software Asset Management (SAM) managed service. This initiative included real-time dashboards, delivering substantial cost optimization and enhanced operational efficiency. Click here to read more.



Pharma and Healthcare: Our collaboration with pharmaceutical companies yielded remarkable results. Savings totaling USD 1.25 million were achieved through the optimization of contracts and the exploration of alternative technologies, guided by our impactful Discovery workshop. <u>Click here to read more.</u>



Customer Bytes



Automobile Companies: In our collaboration with a prominent global auto manufacturer, we successfully optimized their Microsoft Enterprise Agreement (EA). This initiative resulted in an impressive 22% reduction in costs, accompanied by a refined and strategically aligned Bill of Materials (BOM). <u>Click here to read more.</u>



Oil and Gas Companies: We ensure 100% visibility across software, offering comprehensive insights into your digital landscape. Our commitment extends to guaranteeing 100% compliance, mitigating risks and fostering a robust software governance framework. Additionally, our expertise results in impressive cost optimization, achieving savings ranging from 15% to 20%, promoting financial efficiency in your operations.



Publishing & Educational Institutions: Our initiatives showcased expertise in benchmarking, aligning IT spend, and imparting comprehensive licensing knowledge. This not only streamlined costs but also provided invaluable insights into alternative technologies. <u>Click here to read more.</u>



Entertainment & Media Companies: We've been a linchpin for entertainment and media firms, seamlessly guiding them through Adobe audits and ensuring compliance with SAM assessments. Notably, our effective optimization of costs for SAP contracts has translated into substantial savings, totaling EUR 1.2 million. Click here to read more.



Logistics Companies: In collaboration with logistics company, we conducted SAM Compliance Assessments, identified gaps, and achieved significant cost optimization, resulting in substantial savings. Empowering teams with tailored SAM and licensing training ensured long-term compliance and operational efficiency, averting a potential financial exposure of EUR 0.6 Million. Click here to read more.

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