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Santander's journey to achieving security-at-scale on AWS

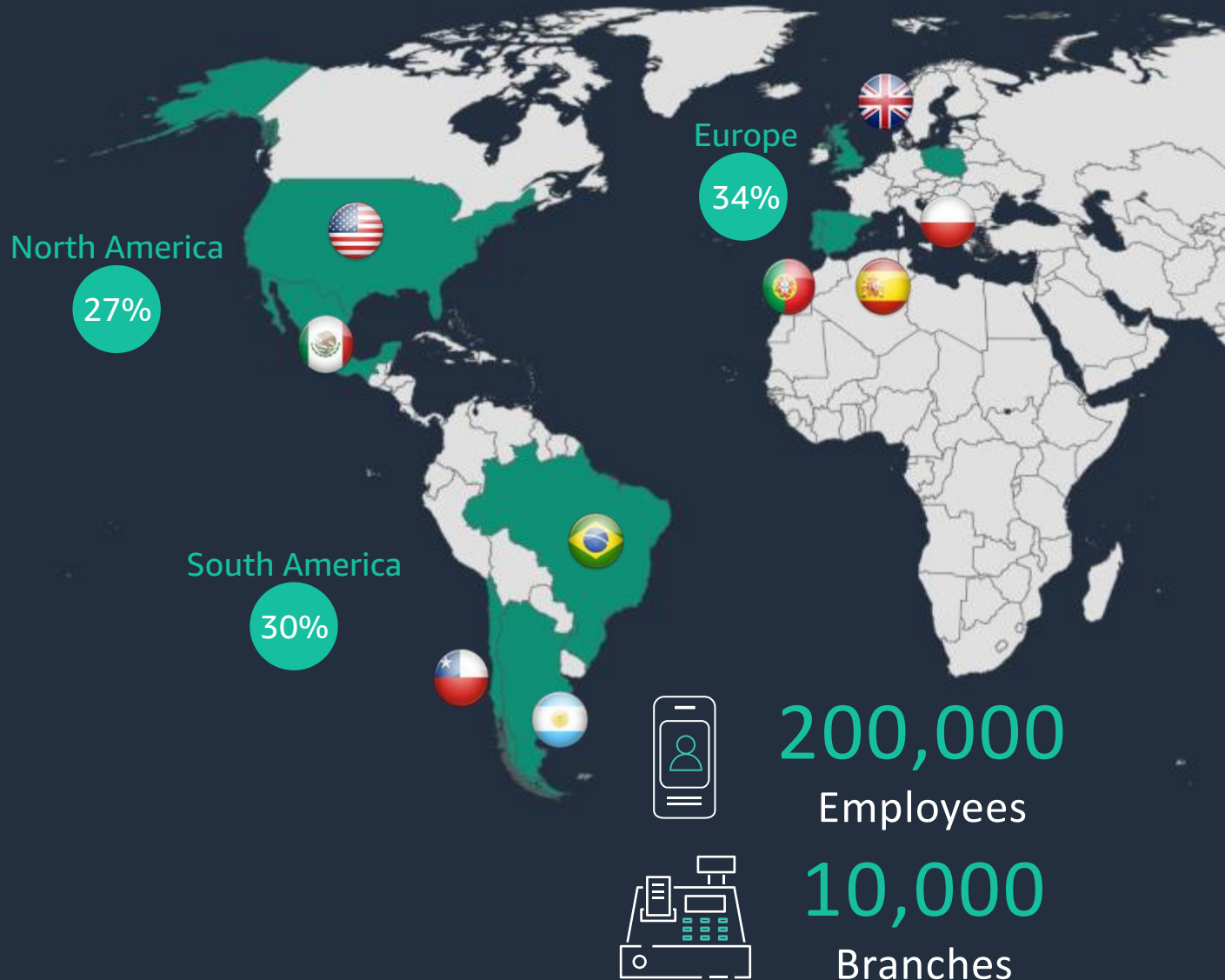
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“Local scale and leadership based on three regions.

Worldwide reach through our global businesses and PagoNxt”

PagoNxt

 **Santander**
Corporate & Investment Banking

 **Santander**
Wealth Management & Insurance

 **Santander**
Digital Consumer Bank 9%

Customer Focus

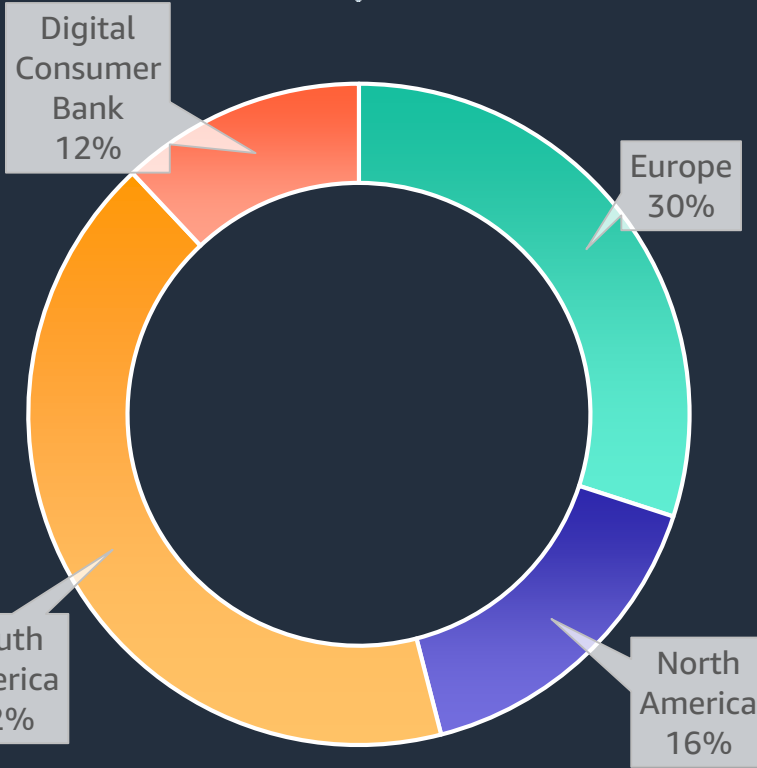
155 mn (+11%)
customers



26.0 mn
Loyal customers



49.2 mn
Digital customers



Tech investments to transform the business ...



€2 bn / year


23.8 mn (+12%)
Individuals

... help customers transact online


2.2 mn (+7%)
Companies



80%
Digital TX



56%
Digital sales



43.5 mn
Mobile customers

Cloud Strategy

In 2019, the Santander Board approved a “**Cloud First**” strategy that considers a **hybrid approach**, both evolution of on premises infrastructure with **Optimized Hosting Environment (OHE)** and **Public Cloud** for new applications or innovation use cases.



Cloud Strategy



It allows us to enable quick cloud solutions by homogenizing architecture and software development processes, **running digital-native applications across physical, virtual, public, private or hybrid cloud infrastructure.**



Setting **infra foundations** to achieve **homogenization & simplification**



Deploy **digital native applications** in a **faster and simpler way**



Enabling an **end-to-end automation process**



On premises **obsolescence reduction** and **data centers consolidation**



Reduction of global power consumption in our data centers

Landing Zone

“A configured, secure, scalable, multi-account, Cloud environment based on common best practices that allows a team to start deploying workloads in a fast, secure and consistent way”

Builders: Stay Agile



Innovate with the speed
and agility of AWS

Cloud IT: Establish governance



Govern at scale with central controls

Santander Cloud Landing Zone

Global Products



Public Cloud



Cloud OHE



Network as a Service



DR & Backup



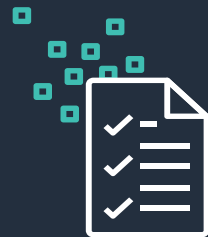
Container as a Service



Application Lifecycle



CMDB



Mandatory Policies, Requirements & Architectural Decisions

Global Teams



Cyber Architecture



Cyber Detect



Cyber Protect



Regulator



Risk & Compliance



Santander Cloud Landing Zone

Core component

1. Centralized infrastructure as a code repository for all entities
2. Security perimeters (firewalls)
3. IAM
4. RBAC for segregation of duties
5. Networking (connectivity to DC and internal networking + Zero-trust segmentation)
6. Log account and compliance monitor
7. ServiceNow integration (assets inventory)
8. Preventive (guardrails) and detective (CSPM) controls

Managed by Global Teams

Non-core components

These modules can be evolved/extended by the entities to **provide more agility and flexibility** in the evolution of the Landing Zone.

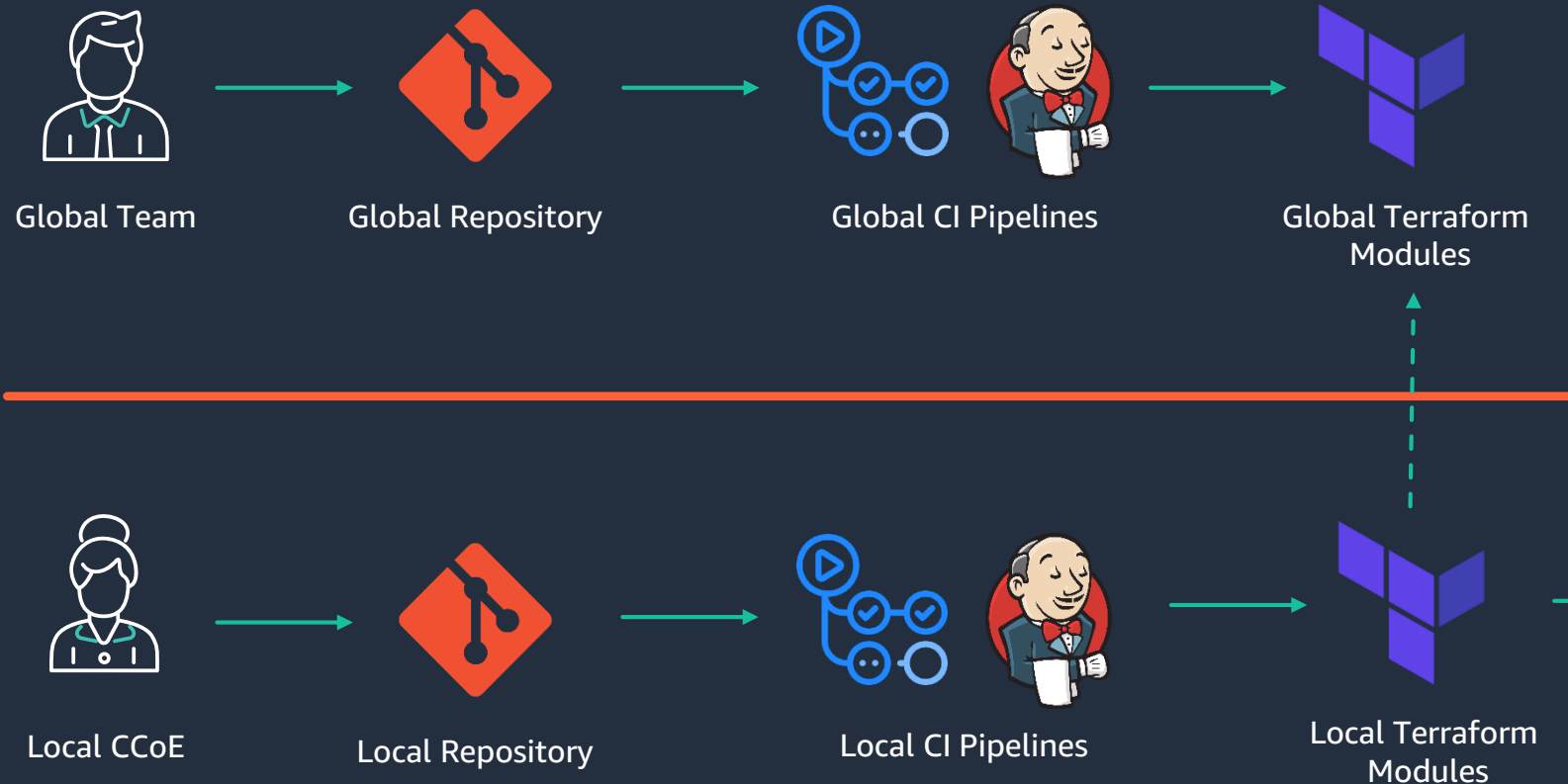
The evolution of these modules can be done under a federated approach to **boost inner-source model** with entities.

**Managed by Entity Cloud
Center of Excellence (CCoE)**



Santander Cloud Landing Zone

Core modules



- Enforce **compliance** with the Security Policies and the **Cloud Landing zone** architecture (modules and providers)
- Roles, secrets and environment **segregation**
- State is **consistently managed** during the asset lifecycle

Non-core modules

Santander Cloud Landing Zone

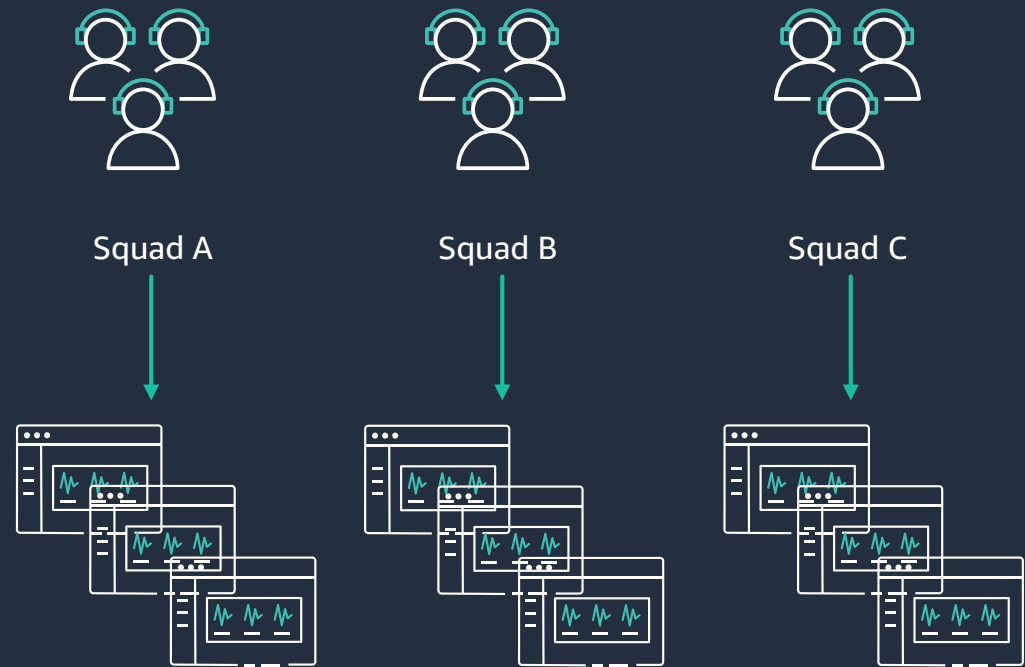


Local CCoE



Cloud Data Center

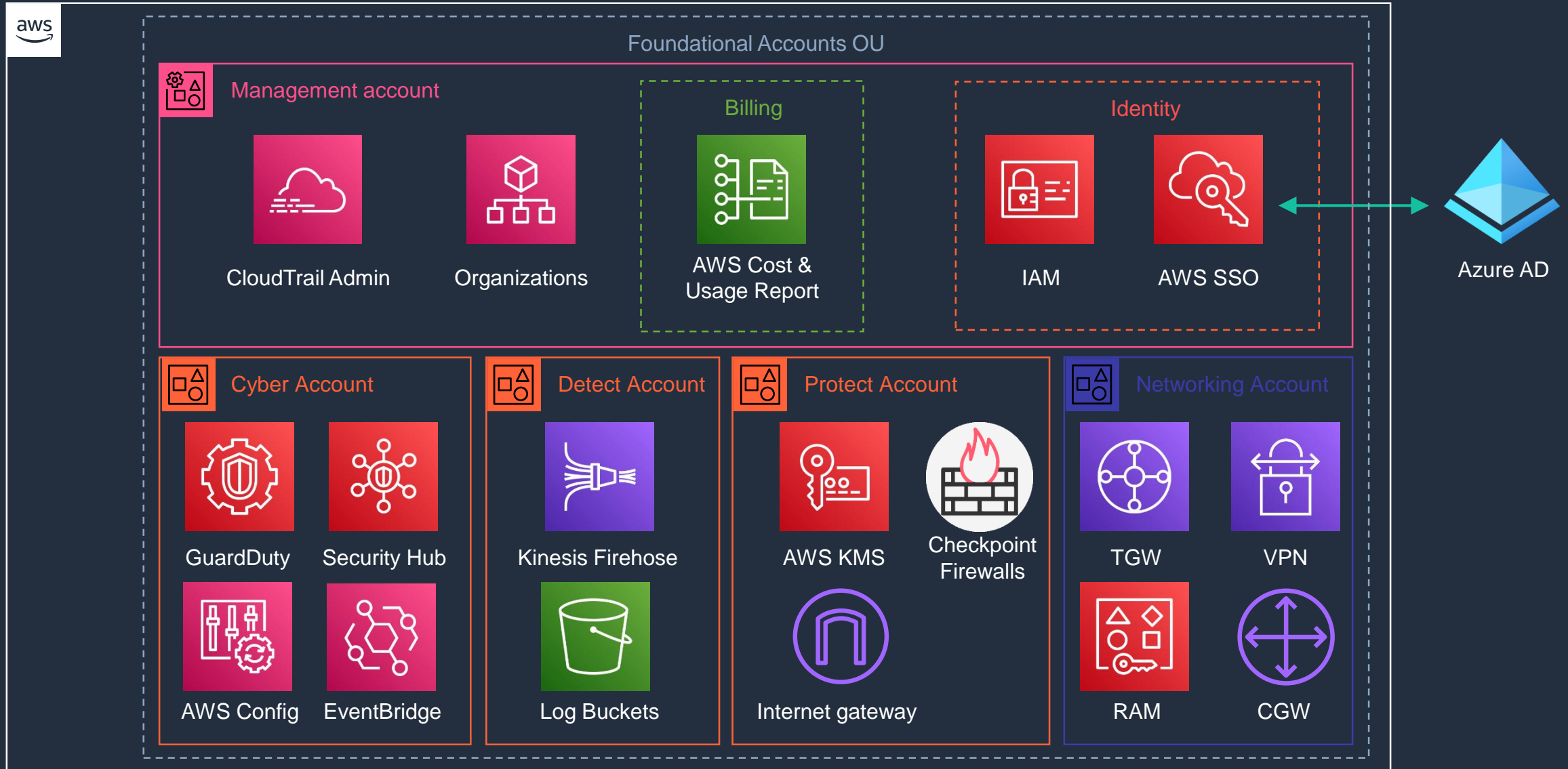
Agile Teams



Cloud Workspaces (Vended Accounts)

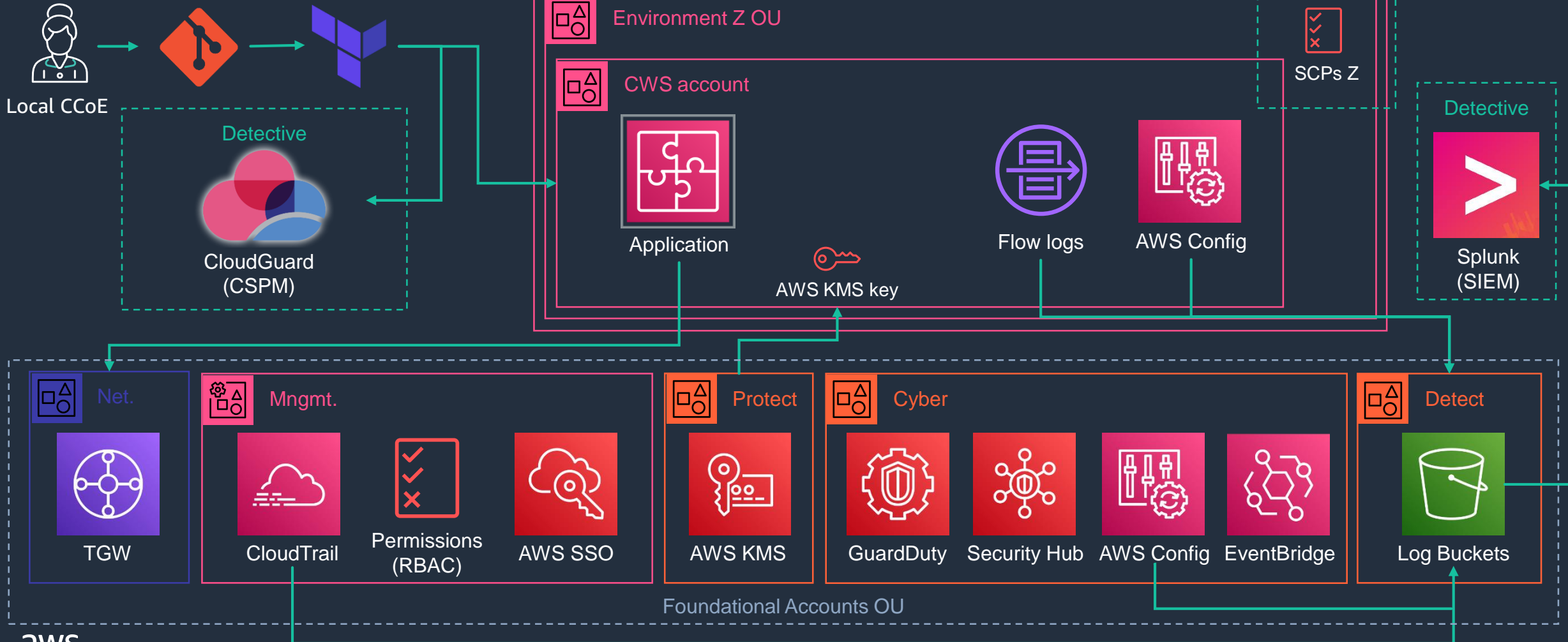


Cloud Data Center



Project Cloud Workspace

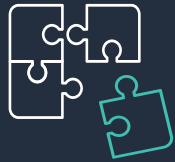
Account vending



Curated Modules

“A set of centrally managed and **Terraform modules** for commonly used AWS services, which **project teams can deploy** into their application accounts, applying specific service configuration following **security policies and best practices**.”

Tech stack validated



Reviewed by architectural domain to ensure the alignment

Inner source model

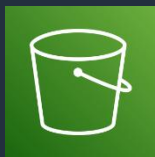


Based in a federated model and entities' collaboration

Secure by design



Enforcing tag and Santander standards, with CISO supervision



S3



Encryption



Logs



Tags



ACL



Terraform Code



Terraform S3 Curated Module

Public Control Framework

Security controls for cloud



Santander cybersecurity standard and guidelines.

Public Cloud Operating Model



Santander framework mapping the functions/activities with local and global areas.

CSA Framework



It is considered a de-facto standard for cloud security assurance and compliance.

Preventive



Landing Zone Curated Modules



Service Control Policies

Detective



CloudGuard

Dashboard



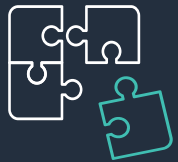
PowerBI

Public Control Framework

Typologies



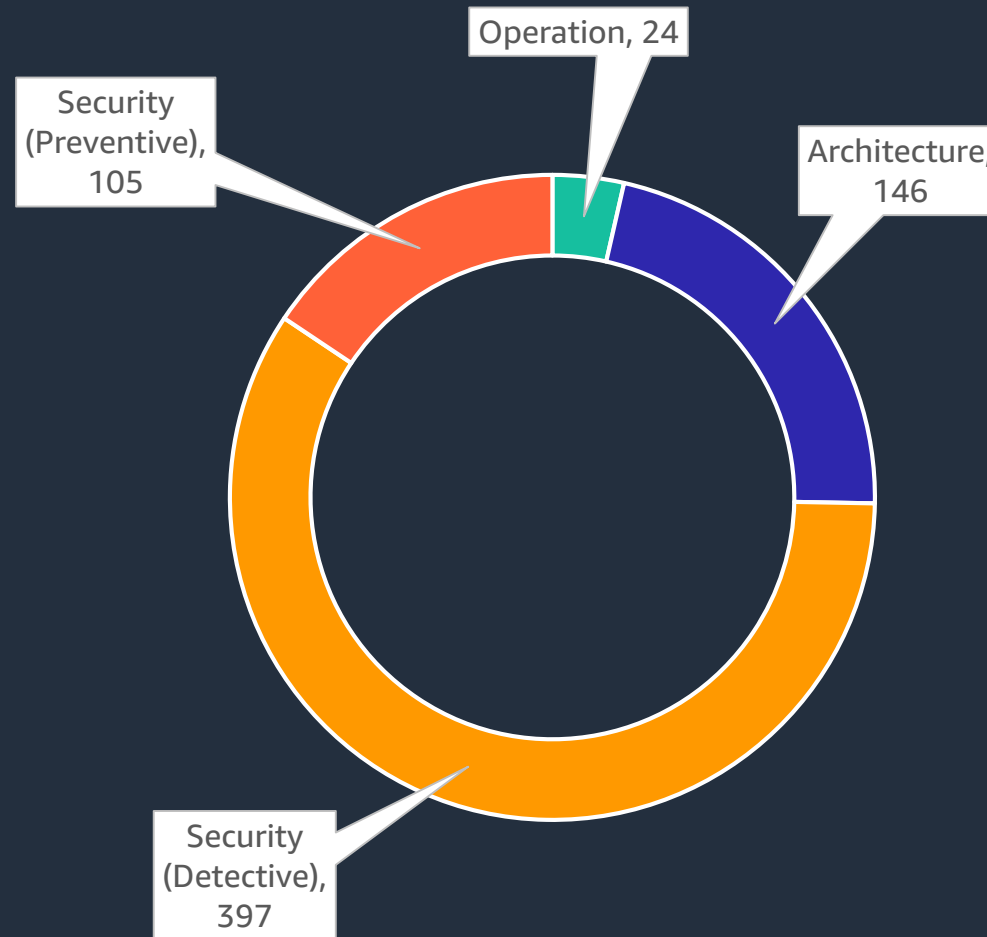
Security



Architecture



Operation



+500
Accounts



+450,000
Artifacts



12
Entities

Lessons Learned

- Include **controls definition, from the beginning**, in an architectural evolution (or adoption of new services), is key to ensure the adoption in a secure way.
- **Different types of controls** (automatization layer, CSPs, detective, etc.) are complimentary, and they are required to ensure a successful model.
- It is not easy to keep the pace, with the continuous evolution of the public cloud, so **native services are a key piece** (as new functionality appears).
- With the right tools and automatization, a **federated model is viable**.



Thank you!

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