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Market Intelligence Report

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Frameworks Applied: Porter's Five Forces (Porter, 2008), Bottom-Up TAM Methodology (Sagentix, 2026), Tiebreaker Selling + JTBD (Bettencourt, 2010; Christensen et al., 2016), Three-Phase Market Entry (Sagentix, 2026), Pyramid Principle / SCQA (Minto, 2009), Revenue Architecture (Winning by Design, 2024)

PART I — Strategic Context

Part I establishes the macro environment and strategic frame for Sagentix's market entry. It opens with the governing thesis (AI-powered productized GTM advisory is structurally advantaged against incumbent models), defines the analytical methodology and evidence base, and maps the five converging forces — AI disruption, hyper-specialization, outcome-based pricing, government funding programs, and mid-market underservice — that create Sagentix's window of opportunity. A reader who reads only Part I understands why this market exists, why now, and why the current landscape favors a new entrant with Sagentix's specific credential stack.

Executive Briefing: AI-Powered Productized GTM Advisory Creates a Structural Disruption Opportunity in the \$300B+ Management Consulting Market



Situation

The global management consulting market generates \$358-492B annually (Mordor Intelligence, 2026; Fortune Business Insights, 2026), with the North American segment representing approximately 37% of global revenue. In Canada alone, the management consulting industry is valued at C\$27.5B (\$20.1B USD at 0.73 CAD/USD) with 94,900 establishments, growing at 6.38% CAGR through 2030 (Mordor Intelligence, 2026; Vertical IQ, 2026, NAICS 541611). The B2B technology sector — Sagentix's primary client base — is experiencing renewed venture capital investment (\$85B globally in 2025, with 90% directed to B2B companies), while AI-native platforms are commanding 47% higher median Series A sizes (\$22M vs. \$15M for traditional SaaS) (GrowthList, 2026; OpenVC, 2026).

Complication

Three structural forces have made the traditional consulting model untenable for mid-market B2B technology companies. First, AI is automating 40% of consulting tasks (Gartner, 2026) and tools like McKinsey's Lilli and BCG's Deckster now perform 80% of junior analyst work (HBR, September 2025), collapsing the billable-hour economics that sustain large firms. Second, the market is bifurcating: the "mid-market squeeze" is eliminating generalist firms, leaving only global-scale providers and hyper-specialized boutiques (Future of Consulting AI, 2026). Third, B2B technology companies in the \$2M-\$50M ARR range — too small for Top-tier strategy firms/Top-tier consulting-firm minimum engagements (\$250K-\$2M+) but too complex for DIY approaches — remain structurally underserved. The Top-tier consulting firms hold 75% of Canada's addressable \$5.2B consulting segment (Mordor Intelligence, 2026), creating a pricing desert between enterprise advisory and self-service tools.

Question

How should Sagentix Advisors Inc. position its AI-powered, productized GTM advisory platform to capture the emerging opportunity in serving mid-market B2B technology companies across four verticals — B2B Technology & SaaS, Cybersecurity & Defense Tech, Management Consulting / NRC IRAP, and Ideation Validation — in Canada and the US?

Answer

Sagentix should position as One of the first Canadian firms to combine AI-powered delivery with productized GTM advisory, productized GTM advisory firm targeting B2B technology companies in the \$2M-\$50M ARR range. The firm's unique credential stack (CMC + CISSP + P.Eng. + MBA) — combining certified consulting competence, cybersecurity domain expertise, engineering-grade analytical rigor, and business strategy foundations — creates a differentiated positioning that no identified competitor replicates. By delivering a structured 10-phase methodology at price points (\$4K-\$50K CAD) that sit between enterprise consulting minimums and DIY tool costs, Sagentix addresses the structural underservice gap. The firm's AI-native delivery model enables solo-founder economics with consulting-grade output quality, while the NRC IRAP MAS program provides a funded government channel for client acquisition.

Key Takeaways

1. **The \$300B+ consulting market is structurally bifurcating**, with AI eliminating the generalist middle tier and rewarding hyper-specialized boutiques that can deliver outcome-based engagements at 30-40% fee premiums over generalists (AlphaSense, 2026).
2. **Canada's 94,900 consulting establishments are 82% sole practitioners**, signaling extreme fragmentation and low barriers for a differentiated entrant — but also intense competition at the bottom tier (Vertical IQ, 2026, NAICS 541611).



3. **No identified competitor combines productized GTM advisory with a CMC + CISSP + P.Eng. + MBA credential stack**, creating a unique trust signal for risk-averse B2B technology buyers who require both strategic sophistication and domain credibility.
4. **Government funding programs (NRC IRAP MAS, CDAP, CanExport) create subsidized demand channels** — the MAS program alone provides 40-60 funded consulting hours per engagement to pre-qualified SMEs, with CIC budget expansion to \$2.6B over four years signaling increased federal commitment (BetaKit, 2024).
5. **Bottom-up TAM of \$297M across 13 industries narrows to a sales-pipeline-constrained Y1 SOM of \$290K-\$380K** (25 engagements at weighted-average ACV of \$10.7K USD), with 5-year expected cumulative SOM of \$5.75M — the AI platform's 52-engagement/year capacity per consultant inverts the traditional consulting bottleneck from delivery to sales pipeline.

Implication for Sagentix: The market timing is optimal. AI is disrupting incumbent delivery economics, mid-market B2B tech companies remain underserved, and Canada's government funding infrastructure provides a subsidized client acquisition channel. Sagentix's productized model and credential stack create a defensible position in a structurally attractive niche — but the window requires rapid execution before larger players develop productized mid-market offerings.

Methodology & Scope: Multi-Source Evidence Synthesis Across 13 Industry Profiles and 20 Validation Searches

This deliverable synthesizes data from six primary evidence categories to construct a comprehensive market intelligence foundation for Sagentix's GTM strategy.

Data Sources:

- **Industry Profiles:** 13 Vertical IQ reports covering US and Canadian markets across management consulting, technology services, cybersecurity, engineering services, and adjacent industries (see Reports Consulted table below)
- **Web Research:** 12 targeted web searches covering market sizing, competitor intelligence, regulatory landscape, AI disruption trends, and government funding programs
- **Knowledge Validation:** 8 structured knowledge searches with programmatic verification covering market taxonomy, structural transitions, competitive classification, performance metrics, certification frameworks, government programs, and credential distinctions
- **Subscription Data:** Bureau of Labor Statistics employment data (NAICS 54), US Census Bureau County Business Patterns (NAICS 5416), OECD macroeconomic indicators (Canada + US), World Bank development indicators, Apollo.io competitive intelligence (13 company profiles), Seeking Alpha public company monitoring (ZoomInfo, 6sense, HubSpot)
- **Economist Intelligence:** 6 relevant articles on PE/AI dynamics, software stock trends, and technology consulting market shifts
- **Internal Assets:** Client context, competitor landscape, and brand specifications

Analytical Approach:

- Porter's Five Forces applied per-vertical (not single aggregate analysis)
- Bottom-up TAM methodology with per-industry fit analysis, three-filter SAM, and capacity-constrained SOM



- Bull/Base/Bear scenario analysis with probability-weighted expected value
- SCQA executive framing (Minto, 2009) with Pyramid Principle declarative titles throughout
- APA 7th edition citations with minimum 10 in-text references

Geographic Scope: Canada (primary) and United States (secondary). Canadian figures reported in CAD with USD conversion at 0.73 CAD/USD for all calculations. OECD data confirms Canada GDP growth at 0.72% (Q4 2025) and US GDP growth at 2.33% (Q3 2025) (OECD, 2026).

Limitations:

- Sagentix Advisors Inc. has minimal web presence (no indexed website found in Search 9), limiting competitive perception analysis from the buyer side
- Revenue figures for private competitors (Kalungi, Winning by Design, Aventi Group) rely on Apollo.io estimates and may vary ±30%
- Vertical IQ reports use 2022-2025 data; market sizing extrapolations to 2026 apply stated CAGR assumptions
- NRC IRAP MAS program capacity figures are based on publicly available program descriptions; actual funded engagement volume is not publicly reported

This deliverable incorporates data from third-party industry research sources listed in the References section. Sagentix Advisors Inc. has not independently verified such data and makes no representation regarding its accuracy or completeness. All third-party data has been synthesized with original Sagentix Advisors Inc. analysis and should not be construed as a reproduction of any source report. Clients requiring access to complete source reports should contact the respective providers directly.

Vertical IQ Reports Consulted:

#	Report Code	Report Title	Region	Published
1	NAICS 541618	Other Management Consulting Services	US	March 2026
2	NAICS 541612	HR Consulting Services	US + CA	March 2026
3	NAICS 541330	Engineering Services	US + CA	March 2026
4	NAICS 541611	Management Consulting Services	US + CA	March 2026
5	NAICS 518210	Data Processing & Hosting	US + CA	March 2026
6	NAICS 513210	Software Publishers	US + CA	March 2026
7	NAICS 541613	Marketing Consulting Services	US + CA	March 2026
8	NAICS 541513	Computer Facilities Management Services	US + CA	March 2026
9	Multi-NAICS	Government Contractors	US + CA	March 2026
10	NAICS 541614	Process, Distribution & Logistics Consulting	US + CA	March 2026
11	NAICS 541690	Cybersecurity Services	US	March 2026
12	NAICS 541512	Computer System Design Services	US + CA	March 2026
13	NAICS 541511	Computer Programming Services	US + CA	March 2026

These reports provided foundational industry data. Key metrics are synthesized with web research, internal assets, and original Sagentix analysis throughout this deliverable. All figures converted to USD



at 0.73 CAD/USD for calculation consistency.

Implication for Sagentix: The evidence base for this analysis is unusually broad for a Phase 01 deliverable — 13 industry profiles spanning both the client's operating market (consulting) and its target verticals (technology, cybersecurity, engineering). This dual lens ensures that Sagentix's market sizing captures not just the consulting supply side but also the technology demand side where its clients operate.

1.0 Five Converging Forces Are Reshaping the \$300B Management Consulting Industry and Creating a Window for Specialized Entrants

The management consulting industry — globally estimated at \$358-492B depending on scope definition (Mordor Intelligence, 2026; Fortune Business Insights, 2026) — is experiencing its most significant structural transformation since the rise of strategy consulting in the 1970s. Five converging forces create a window of opportunity for new entrants with the right positioning, while simultaneously threatening incumbents who fail to adapt.

1.1 AI Disruption Is Collapsing the Economics of Traditional Consulting Delivery

Generative AI has fundamentally altered the cost structure of consulting delivery. Gartner estimates 40% of consulting tasks are now automatable (Deltek, 2026), and flagship tools like McKinsey's Lilli and BCG's Deckster perform roughly 80% of junior analyst research and slide-generation work (HBR, September 2025). Professional services leads all sectors in generative AI adoption, with implementation rates soaring from 33% in 2023 to 71% in 2024 (Deloitte, 2026). The implications cascade through the entire industry: AI consulting alone is expected to reach 40% of professional services revenue by 2026 (BPM, 2026).

For incumbents, this creates a cannibalization dilemma. A firm billing \$500/hour for analyst work cannot maintain that rate when AI performs the work in minutes. KPMG is already piloting internship models emphasizing judgment over routine analysis. The traditional consulting pyramid — built on leveraging junior labor — is flattening into an "obelisk" structure with fewer layers and smaller teams (HBR, September 2025).

For AI-native entrants like Sagentix, the calculus is inverted. Building on an AI-first methodology eliminates the legacy cost structure entirely. A solo founder with AI-augmented delivery can produce consulting-grade output that previously required a team of 3-5 analysts, creating margin structures that incumbents cannot match without cannibalizing existing revenue streams.

1.2 The Market Is Bifurcating: Mid-Market Generalists Face Extinction

The consulting industry is splitting into two viable tiers: global-scale providers with brand moats and deep bench strength, and hyper-specialized boutiques commanding 30-40% fee premiums over generalists (AlphaSense, 2026). The middle tier — regional generalist firms without deep specialization or global scale — faces what the Future of Consulting AI (2026) calls a "dramatic shrinkage".

This bifurcation is structural, not cyclical. Clients in 2025-2026 "bought differently — wanted proof in week two, not promises for week twelve" (HBR, September 2025). The demand for hyper-specialized expertise is driving niche practitioners in fields like AI ethics, circular supply chains, and GTM strategy for B2B SaaS to displace generalists. In Canada, the Top-tier consulting firms (Deloitte, PwC, EY, KPMG) hold approximately 75% of the \$5.2B addressable consulting segment (Mordor Intelligence, 2026), but their minimum engagement sizes (\$250K-\$2M+) leave mid-market B2B tech companies



(\$2M-\$50M ARR) structurally underserved.

1.3 Business Model Transformation: From Billable Hours to Productized Outcomes

Five structural transitions are reshaping how consulting is delivered and monetized:

1. **Time-based to outcome-based pricing:** The billable hour is dying. GenAI performs tasks exponentially faster, making hourly billing economically irrational. Firms packaging expertise into repeatable, scalable "productized" offerings are creating predictable revenue (Deltek, 2026).
2. **Generalist to hyper-specialist:** Consultants specializing in specific industries or functions now command 30-40% fee premiums (AlphaSense, 2026).
3. **Periodic projects to continuous engagement:** The "fly in, diagnose, deliver report, leave" model is giving way to ongoing advisory relationships with higher lifetime value (NMS Consulting, 2026).
4. **Manual to AI-assisted delivery:** Professional services AI adoption jumped from 33% to 71% in one year (Deloitte, 2026). AI-native boutiques execute complex scopes faster and at a fraction of cost (Future of Consulting AI, 2026).
5. **Project delivery to platform-based consulting:** Firms are building collaborative platforms for real-time client engagement, data sharing, and progress tracking (Six Paths Consulting, 2026).

1.4 Canadian Government Funding Infrastructure Creates Subsidized Demand Channels

Canada's innovation funding ecosystem provides multiple pathways for subsidized consulting engagements:

NRC IRAP Management Advisory Services (MAS) Program: Active and accepting registrations for 2025/2026. Provides 40-60 hours of funded consulting from Certified Management Consultants (CMCs) to businesses referred by NRC IRAP Industrial Technology Advisors. CMC-Canada manages the program on behalf of NRC IRAP — Sagentix's CMC designation makes the firm eligible for the MAS roster (CMC-Canada, 2026).

Canada Innovation Corporation (CIC): The CIC/IRAP merger has been delayed to 2026-2027 (BetaKit, 2024), but the government doubled the CIC budget to \$2.6B over four years and allocated \$244.2M to NRC IRAP starting 2025-2026 for the Defence Industry Assist initiative supporting dual-use technologies.

Additional programs: Canada Digital Adoption Program (\$15,000 grants + \$25,000-\$100,000 loans for digital advisory); CanExport SMEs (\$10,000-\$50,000 for international market entry activities); ElevateIP (extended with \$84.4M new funding from 2026-2027 for IP commercialization advisory). Provincial agencies (Ontario Centre of Innovation, Alberta Innovates, Investissement Quebec) add additional funding streams.

1.5 The Regulatory and Economic Backdrop Favors Advisory Demand

Canada's economic environment creates both pressure and opportunity for consulting demand. GDP growth stands at 0.72% (Q4 2025), significantly trailing the US at 2.33% (Q3 2025) (OECD, 2026). Unemployment at 6.77% in Canada versus 4.45% in the US signals a more challenging operating environment that increases demand for strategic advisory — companies in slower-growth economies must be more deliberate about market positioning and GTM execution.

Key regulatory developments creating consulting demand include the proposed Consumer Privacy Protection Act (CPPA) modernizing federal privacy law; mandatory diversity disclosure rules for federally regulated financial institutions (Department of Finance, February 2025); the NRC IRAP/CIC transition creating advisory needs for SMEs navigating the transition; and the "one project, one review"



Major Projects Office streamlining approvals but requiring compliance advisory (BLG, 2025).

The Canadian dollar exchange rate of 1.37 CAD/USD (OECD, Q1 2026) creates a pricing advantage for Canadian-based advisory serving US clients — Sagentix can offer USD-competitive pricing while benefiting from CAD cost structure.

BLS data shows professional and business services employment (NAICS 54) at 22.4M in December 2025, declining -0.7% year-over-year (BLS, 2026), suggesting industry consolidation rather than contraction — firms are becoming more productive per employee, consistent with the AI-augmentation thesis. The US Census Bureau County Business Patterns data identifies 215,682 establishments in NAICS 5416 (management, scientific, and technical consulting services) employing 1.63M workers with \$170B in annual payroll and an average of 7 employees per establishment — confirming extreme fragmentation (Census Bureau, 2022).

Implication for Sagentix: All five forces converge in Sagentix's favor. AI disruption rewards AI-native firms. Bifurcation rewards specialists. Outcome-based pricing rewards productized delivery. Government funding subsidizes client acquisition. And Canada's economic dynamics create advisory demand among companies that need to be more strategic about GTM. The strategic question is not whether the opportunity exists but whether Sagentix can execute fast enough to capture it before the window narrows.

Key Takeaway: Part I establishes that the consulting industry is undergoing its most significant structural transformation in 50 years. Five converging forces — AI disruption, market bifurcation, business model transformation, government funding infrastructure, and favorable regulatory dynamics — create a time-limited window for AI-native specialized entrants. Part II will quantify this opportunity through detailed industry analysis and market sizing.

Sample Deep-Dive Sections — the following sections are reproduced verbatim from the full phase deliverable. They show the depth of analysis applied to one or two key topics.

2.0 Bottom-Up TAM of \$297M Narrows to a Capacity-Constrained Y1 SOM of \$290K-\$380K Across Four Verticals

The market sizing below follows a rigorous bottom-up methodology anchored in the per-industry fit analysis from §2.0. Every TAM component traces to a specific Vertical IQ profile and fit calculation. The SAM applies three independent filters per segment, and the SOM is capacity-constrained by Sagentix's current team size.

2.1 TAM Calculation (Total Addressable Market)

The TAM represents the theoretical maximum market for productized GTM advisory serving B2B technology companies in North America. After consolidating the 13 industry fit analyses from §2.0 and applying deduplication for overlapping NAICS codes (Computer Facilities Management shares the broader Computer System Design revenue base), the refined TAM is \$297M.



Market Component	NAICS/VIQ ID	Revenue Base (USD)	Sagentix Fit %	Fit Rationale (see §2)	TAM Contribution	Source
Management Consulting (CA)	541611	\$18.3B	0.15%	GTM-focused strategic consulting for B2B tech	\$27.4M	VIQ 214
Other Mgmt Consulting (US)	541618	\$11.4B	0.10%	Specialized tech-focused strategic consulting	\$11.4M	VIQ 881
Marketing Consulting (CA)	541613	\$913M	0.50%	Direct GTM adjacency	\$4.6M	VIQ 261
Software Publishers (CA)	513210	\$16.9B	0.08%	Primary B2B SaaS client vertical	\$13.5M	VIQ 265
Computer System Design (CA)	541512	\$77.4B	0.03%	B2B tech product companies	\$23.2M	VIQ 286
Computer Programming (CA)	541511	\$38.7B	0.03%	SaaS product dev firms	\$11.6M	VIQ 62
Cybersecurity Services (Global)	541690	\$183.1B	0.02%	NA cybersecurity firms (\$2-50M)	\$36.6M	VIQ 674
Data Processing & Hosting (CA)	518210	\$13.7B	0.03%	Cloud SaaS transition firms	\$4.1M	VIQ 34
HR Consulting (CA)	541612	\$1.5B	0.20%	HR-tech firms needing GTM	\$2.9M	VIQ 610
Engineering Services (CA)	541330	\$31.6B	0.02%	Engineering SaaS/tech firms	\$6.3M	VIQ 32
Government Contractors (CA)	Multi	\$16.1B	0.05%	GovTech firms needing GTM	\$8.1M	VIQ 167
Process/Logistics Consulting (CA)	541614	\$1.0B	0.10%	Supply chain tech firms	\$1.0M	VIQ 506
Deduplication adjustment				CFM overlap with CSD; marketing overlap with mgmt consulting	-\$53.7M	
TOTAL TAM					\$297M	

So What? A \$297M TAM for productized GTM advisory targeting North American B2B technology companies is a credible niche — large enough to build a significant business but small enough that incumbents (Top-tier strategy firms, Top-tier consulting firms) have no economic incentive to develop competing productized offerings for this segment. The TAM is dominated by three clusters: cybersecurity (\$36.6M), broad technology services (\$38.9M after dedup), and management/marketing consulting (\$43.4M).

2.2 TAM Assumptions Summary Table

TAM Component	Key Assumption	If Optimistic	If Pessimistic	Sensitivity (TAM ±)
Management Consulting (CA)	GTM advisory = 3-5% of strategic consulting	Fit % → 0.20% (+\$9.1M)	Fit % → 0.10% (-\$9.1M)	±\$9.1M
Cybersecurity Services	NA firms = 40% of global; \$2-50M = 5% of NA	Fit % → 0.03% (+\$18.3M)	Fit % → 0.01% (-\$18.3M)	±\$18.3M
Software Publishers (CA)	B2B app publishers = 37% excluding gaming	Fit % → 0.12% (+\$6.8M)	Fit % → 0.05% (-\$5.1M)	±\$5.9M
Technology Services Cluster	Product co. share = 2-3% of services	Fit % → 0.05% (+\$26M)	Fit % → 0.01% (-\$26M)	±\$26M
Total sensitivity range		\$356M	\$238M	±\$59M

2.3 SAM Analysis: Three-Filter Methodology

The SAM narrows the \$297M TAM to the portion Sagentix can realistically serve today, applying three independent filters per segment.

SAM Filter Definitions:

- **Tech Fit %:** Does Sagentix's 10-phase GTM advisory methodology have the capability to serve this segment? Consider: methodology coverage, AI-tool integration, deliverable relevance, industry knowledge depth.
- **Customer Fit %:** Are buyers in this segment ready and willing to adopt productized GTM advisory at Sagentix's price points (\$4K-\$50K CAD)? Consider: buyer sophistication, budget availability, procurement model, willingness to engage a boutique firm.
- **Access %:** Can Sagentix realistically reach these customers? Consider: geographic coverage (Canada primary, US secondary), brand awareness (currently zero web presence), sales channel availability, NRC IRAP channel access, credential-based referrals.

Segment	TAM	Tech Fit %	Customer Fit %	Access %	SAM Contribution
B2B SaaS / Software Publishers	\$13.5M	90%	40%	15%	\$729K
Cybersecurity Client Vertical	\$36.6M	85%	30%	10%	\$933K
Management Consulting (GTM niche)	\$27.4M	80%	25%	20%	\$1,096K
Other Mgmt Consulting (US)	\$11.4M	75%	20%	8%	\$137K
Marketing Consulting Adjacency	\$4.6M	85%	35%	15%	\$82K
Technology Services (CSD + CP + DPH)	\$38.9M	70%	20%	10%	\$545K
Engineering Tech Firms	\$6.3M	65%	15%	12%	\$74K
Government/NRC IRAP Channel	\$8.1M	80%	45%	25%	\$729K
HR-Tech / Adjacencies	\$3.9M	60%	20%	10%	\$47K
Process/Logistics Tech	\$1.0M	50%	15%	8%	\$6K
TOTAL SAM	\$297M				\$4.4M

So What? The SAM of \$4.4M represents approximately 1.5% of the TAM — a realistic conversion given Sagentix's current stage (pre-revenue, no web presence, solo founder). The three largest SAM segments are: Management Consulting GTM niche (\$1.1M, driven by high Access % from CMC/NRC IRAP channel), Cybersecurity (\$933K, driven by CISSP credential differentiation), and Government/NRC IRAP Channel (\$729K, driven by funded engagement model). The Access % filter is the most constraining — ranging from 8% (US Other Mgmt Consulting) to 25% (Government/NRC IRAP) — reflecting the reality that brand awareness is currently zero.

2.4 SOM Growth Model (Y1-Y5) — AI-Platform Leverage + Sales Scaling + CI Compounding

Structural advantage: AI-powered delivery capacity of 52 engagements/year per consultant. The Sagentix GTM Advisory Platform automates research, analysis, document generation, quality gates, and deliverable formatting — reducing a traditional 6-8 week Full GTM engagement to approximately 1 week of active consultant time. This means the binding constraint is NOT delivery capacity (52/year/person) but SALES PIPELINE. Growth requires investing in pipeline generation (sales, marketing, brand) rather than delivery headcount.

Growth Assumptions:

- **Delivery capacity:** 52 engagements/year per consultant (AI-platform-enabled — ~1 engagement/week)
- **Y1 bottleneck:** Sales pipeline, not delivery — a pre-revenue firm cannot close 52 deals regardless of delivery capacity
- **ACV evolution:** Weighted avg ACV increases Y1→Y5 as tier mix shifts toward higher-value tiers
- **CI conversion rate:** 20-25% of completed engagement clients convert to CI retainers
- **CI retention:** 75% year-over-year



- **IRAP-to-commercial conversion:** 30% of IRAP clients upgrade to Foundation+ within 12 months
- **Hiring is for PIPELINE, DEPTH, and PLATFORM — not delivery volume**

SOM Composition — Y1 Engagement-Level Breakdown (Solo Founder, Sales-Limited):

Vertical	Tier (Phases)	#	ACV CAD	ACV USD	Revenue USD
B2B SaaS	Full GTM (P01-P10)	2	CA\$45,000	\$32,850	\$65,700
B2B SaaS	Revenue Architecture (P01-P06)	3	CA\$27,500	\$20,075	\$60,225
B2B SaaS	GTM Foundation (P01-P03)	4	CA\$13,500	\$9,855	\$39,420
Cybersecurity	GTM Foundation (P01-P03)	3	CA\$13,500	\$9,855	\$29,565
NRC IRAP MAS	Gov-funded 40hr SOW	5	CA\$7,000	\$5,110	\$25,550
Ideation Validation	Phase 1 PoC (P01 only)	5	CA\$4,500	\$3,285	\$16,425
CI Retainers	Monthly add-on (~6mo avg Y1)	3	CA\$4,000/mo	\$17,520	\$52,560
Y1 Total		25 + 3 CI			\$289,445

Pricing tiers at 0.73 CAD/USD: Phase 1 PoC = CA\$4-5K (P01 only); GTM Foundation = CA\$12-15K (P01-P03); Revenue Architecture = CA\$25-30K (P01-P06); Full GTM = CA\$40-50K (P01-P10); CI = CA\$3-5K/month. NRC IRAP MAS = fixed CA\$7K government-funded (40 hours per SOW). Founder delivers all 25 engagements within 52-capacity ceiling (48% utilization). Sales pipeline is the binding constraint, not delivery. Rounded to \$290K for projection.

Hiring Roadmap — Roles by Growth Trigger (NOT Delivery Headcount):



Trigger	Year	Role	Why Needed	Cost (CA\$)
Pipeline > founder can manage (~30 leads)	Y1 Q3	Sales / BD	Founder spending 40%+ time on sales — throttling both pipeline and delivery	CA\$90-120K
Vertical depth needed (cybersecurity/defense)	Y2 Q1	Senior Consultant	Specialist depth for CISSP-adjacent verticals; enables parallel delivery	CA\$100-130K
Platform maintenance + portal scaling	Y2 Q3	Platform Developer	AI platform is the moat — needs dedicated maintenance, feature development	CA\$100-120K
Geographic expansion or 3rd vertical	Y3 Q1	2nd Senior Consultant	US market entry or new vertical (FinTech, CleanTech)	CA\$100-130K
Brand scaling + content pipeline	Y3 Q3	Marketing / Ops	Thought leadership, conference presence, admin scaling, client success	CA\$80-100K
Volume > 80 engagements/yr	Y4+	3rd Consultant + Jr. Analyst	Delivery scaling now becomes relevant; training pipeline for next generation	CA\$150-200K

Key insight: Traditional consulting firms hire for DELIVERY (the bottleneck is hours). Sagentix hires for PIPELINE, DEPTH, and PLATFORM (the bottleneck is sales, not hours). Each consultant has 52-engagement capacity — the firm needs fewer delivery staff but more sales/marketing/dev investment.

SOM Multi-Year Growth Model (Base Scenario):

Year	Team	Role Mix	Delivery Cap	Engagements	Project Rev	CI Retainers	CI Rev	Total Rev
Y1	1	Founder only	52	25	\$237K	3 new (6mo)	\$53K	\$290K
Y2	3	+ Sales + Sr Consultant	104	42	\$530K	8 (2 ret + 6 new)	\$175K	\$705K
Y3	5	+ Dev + 2nd Consultant	156	65	\$845K	14 (6 ret + 8 new)	\$385K	\$1.23M
Y4	7	+ Mktg/Ops + 3rd Consult	208	85	\$1.15M	21 (11 ret + 10 new)	\$560K	\$1.71M
Y5	8	+ Jr Analyst	260	105	\$1.5M	28 (16 ret + 12 new)	\$735K	\$2.24M

CI retainer ACV: CA\$4K/month midpoint = \$35K USD/yr. Y1 CI uses 6-month average; Y2+ uses full-year. CI retention 75% YoY. Revenue shown gross (team costs not deducted). SAM CAGR: 6.4%. Delivery capacity = 52 engagements/yr x number of consultants (founder + sr consultants + jr analyst). Sales and dev roles expand pipeline and platform, not delivery capacity directly.

So What? The AI-platform-enabled model inverts traditional consulting economics. Instead of hiring delivery staff at \$100K to unlock \$200K revenue (2x leverage), Sagentix hires sales/marketing at \$100K to unlock \$500K+ pipeline (5x leverage) — because each consultant already has 52-engagement capacity. The three compounding engines are: (1) **pipeline acceleration** — sales hire in Y1 Q3 unlocks the jump from 25 to 42 engagements; (2) **ACV uplift** — tier mix shifts from \$9.5K weighted avg (Y1) to \$14.3K (Y5) as reputation builds; and (3) **CI compounding** — retainers grow from \$53K (Y1) to \$735K (Y5), reaching 33% of Y5 revenue as a recurring, high-margin stream. The Y5 revenue of \$2.24M is achieved with only 8 people — a revenue-per-employee of \$280K, comparable to top-quartile consulting firms.

2.5 SOM Scenario Analysis (Bull / Base / Bear)

Scenario	Key Assumptions	Y1	Y3 Cumul.	Y5 Cumul.	Y5 Team	Y5 Annual
Bull	IRAP accepted Q1 + 3 Full GTM anchors + aggressive CI conversion (35%); sales hire Q2 Y1; 30 Y1 engagements	\$380K	\$3.2M	\$8.4M	9-10	\$2.9M
Base	Standard execution — 25 Y1 engagements; sales hire Q3; 20-25% CI conversion; tier mix improves gradually	\$290K	\$2.2M	\$5.9M	8	\$2.2M
Bear	IRAP delayed 12mo + slow brand traction; 15 Y1 engagements; low CI conversion (10%); founder-only through Y1	\$155K	\$900K	\$2.8M	4-5	\$900K

So What? The Bull/Bear spread on Y5 annual revenue is 3.2:1 (\$2.9M vs. \$900K). The two largest swing factors are: (1) **speed of sales hire** — bringing on a sales/BD person in Q2 vs. Q4 shifts Y1 revenue by \$90K and Y2 by \$200K+ (compounding effect on pipeline); (2) **CI conversion rate** — the difference between 10% and 35% conversion compounds to \$500K+ in Y5 recurring revenue. The delivery capacity ceiling (52/person) means the Bear scenario is NOT delivery-constrained — even at 15 engagements, the founder is at 29% utilization. The Bear reflects pure sales/market-access failure, not capacity limitation.

2.6 Probability-Weighted Expected Value

Scenario	Probability	Y5 Cumulative	Weighted Value
Bull	25%	\$8.4M	\$2,100K
Base	50%	\$5.9M	\$2,950K
Bear	25%	\$2.8M	\$700K
Expected Value	100%		\$5,750K

Probability rationale: Base weighted 50% as most likely trajectory given current positioning and market conditions. Bull weighted 25% — requires IRAP acceptance + strong early wins + aggressive sales hire. Bear weighted 25% — reflects downside where IRAP is delayed and brand traction is slow. The expected value of \$5.75M cumulative over 5 years supports a highly capital-efficient consulting firm

with 8 employees generating \$280K revenue per employee by Y5.

2.7 TAM/SAM/SOM Validation Cross-Checks

5a. Comparable Company Cross-Check

Company	TAM Claimed	SAM Claimed	Stage	Source
Kalungi	Not disclosed	~\$50M (56 employees × ~\$900K rev/employee)	Growth stage, 8 years old	Apollo.io, 2026
Winning by Design	Not disclosed	~\$52.5M revenue (150 employees)	Growth stage, 14 years old	Apollo.io, 2026
Pavilion	Not disclosed	~\$11M revenue (5,700 members)	Growth stage, 10 years old	Apollo.io, 2026
Sagentix	\$297M	\$4.4M	Pre-revenue	This analysis

Sagentix's TAM of \$297M is plausible when benchmarked against comparable revenue scale: Kalungi (\$50M+ implied revenue) and Winning by Design (\$52.5M) have captured meaningful market share over 8-14 years of operation, suggesting the addressable market is at least several hundred million dollars — consistent with our bottom-up estimate.

5b. Customer-Count-Based TAM Validation

Segment	Est. Addressable Customers	Avg. Annual Spend (USD)	Customer-Count TAM	Revenue-Based TAM	Gap	Explanation
B2B SaaS (Canada)	1,500 firms (\$2-50M ARR)	\$15,000 avg	\$22.5M	\$13.5M	1.7x	Customer-count higher; assumes all firms would consider GTM advisory
Cybersecurity (NA)	800 firms (\$2-50M)	\$20,000 avg	\$16.0M	\$36.6M	0.4x	Revenue-based higher; global figure inflates base
Consulting GTM niche	2,000 sole practitioners	\$8,000 avg	\$16.0M	\$27.4M	0.6x	Revenue-based captures larger firm engagements
Total validation	4,300	\$12,700 wtd	\$54.5M	\$297M	0.18x	Customer-count is ~18% of revenue-based TAM

The customer-count TAM of \$54.5M is significantly lower than the revenue-based TAM of \$297M. This gap is expected and correct: the revenue-based TAM represents the theoretical addressable market at industry level (what portion of industry revenue could be captured by GTM advisory), while the customer-count approach estimates what 4,300 specific firms would realistically spend. The \$54.5M figure serves as a more conservative, operationally grounded estimate of the "action TAM" — the revenue achievable if every identifiable prospect were converted.

5c. Unit-Economics-Based SOM Validation



Vertical	Target Y1	Win Rate %	Tier	ACV (USD)	Won	Revenue (USD)
B2B SaaS (Full GTM)	10 outreach	20%	Full GTM (P01-P10)	\$32,850	2	\$65,700
B2B SaaS (Rev Arch)	15 outreach	20%	Rev Architecture (P01-P06)	\$20,075	3	\$60,225
B2B SaaS (Foundation)	20 outreach	20%	GTM Foundation (P01-P03)	\$9,855	4	\$39,420
Cybersecurity	15 outreach	20%	GTM Foundation (P01-P03)	\$9,855	3	\$29,565
NRC IRAP	10 referrals	50%	Gov-funded 40hr SOW	\$5,110	5	\$25,550
Ideation Validation	25 outreach	20%	Phase 1 PoC (P01 only)	\$3,285	5	\$16,425
CI Retainers	8 prospects	38%	CI Monthly (~6mo Y1)	\$17,520	3	\$52,560
Total	103 outreach	24% wtd		\$10,700 wtd	25 + 3 CI	\$289,445

The unit-economics SOM aligns with the penetration-rate SOM at \$289K (0% gap). Both models converge on 25 project engagements + 3 CI retainers in Y1 — well within the founder's 52-engagement delivery capacity (48% utilization). The binding constraint is sales pipeline, not delivery. Closing two Full GTM clients (CA\$45K each) contributes 23% of Y1 revenue. NRC IRAP engagements (CA\$7K for 40 hours) serve as a government-subsidized entry point — the real value is IRAP-to-commercial conversion (30% convert to Foundation+ within 12 months).

5e. Team Capacity Ceiling (AI-Platform-Enabled Growth)

Year	Team	Delivery Staff	Delivery Cap	Projected	Utilization	Constraint
Y1	1 (founder)	1	52	25	48%	Sales pipeline
Y2	3 (+sales, sr consultant)	2	104	42	40%	Sales pipeline
Y3	5 (+dev, 2nd consultant)	3	156	65	42%	Brand awareness
Y4	7 (+mktg/ops, 3rd consult)	4	208	85	41%	Market access
Y5	8 (+jr analyst)	5	260	105	40%	Vertical expansion



So What? *The 40-48% delivery utilization across all five years is the signature of an AI-platform business, not a traditional consulting firm. Traditional firms operate at 70-85% utilization because delivery hours are the scarce resource. Sagentix operates at 40-48% because the AI platform provides 52-engagement capacity per consultant — the scarce resource is pipeline, not hours. This means hiring for sales (\$90-120K) generates 5x revenue leverage vs. hiring for delivery (2x leverage in traditional firms). The Y5 revenue-per-employee of \$280K with only 5 delivery staff out of 8 total demonstrates a fundamentally different cost structure than the industry average of \$199K/consultant.*

Implication for Sagentix: The AI-platform growth model confirms a \$290K→\$2.2M revenue trajectory over 5 years, scaling from 1 to 8 team members. Unlike traditional consulting, hiring is for pipeline and platform — not delivery hours. The three compounding engines (pipeline acceleration via sales hire, ACV uplift as tier mix improves, CI compounding to \$735K recurring) produce \$280K revenue per employee by Y5, placing Sagentix in the top quartile of consulting firm efficiency.

Key Takeaway: Part II establishes that Sagentix's addressable market is \$297M across 13 industries, narrowing to \$4.4M SAM and a sales-pipeline-constrained Y1 SOM of \$290K scaling to \$2.2M by Y5 with a team of 8. The AI platform's 52-engagement-per-consultant capacity inverts traditional consulting economics: the firm hires for pipeline, depth, and platform — not delivery volume. Three growth engines compound to create a capital-efficient consulting firm generating \$280K revenue per employee. Part III examines the competitive dynamics and buyer behavior that shape how Sagentix captures this opportunity.



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PART I — Strategic Foundation & Diagnostic Alignment

Part I establishes the strategic anchor for Sagentix's value proposition design. It opens with the governing thesis — that credential-led AI advisory represents a category-creating opportunity in mid-market GTM — then defines the analytical methodology and evidence base, and conducts a four-component Diamond-E diagnostic that stress-tests strategic alignment across goals, product-market focus, value proposition, and core activities. A reader who reads only Part I understands whether the business strategy can support the value proposition claims that follow in Parts II-IV.

Executive Briefing: Sagentix's Credential-Led AI Platform Creates a Category-Defining Value Proposition in the Structurally Underserved Mid-Market GTM Advisory Space



Situation

The North American management consulting market generates \$358-492B annually, with Canada's segment valued at C\$27.5B (\$20.1B USD) across 94,900 establishments (Mordor Intelligence, 2026; Vertical IQ, 2026, NAICS 541611). B2B technology companies in the \$2M-\$50M ARR range — Sagentix's primary client universe — are experiencing renewed investment momentum, with 90% of 2025 venture capital directed toward B2B companies (GrowthList, 2026). Phase 01 market intelligence established a bottom-up TAM of \$297M narrowing to a \$4.4M SAM and capacity-constrained Y1 SOM of \$290K-\$380K across four verticals. The consulting industry's "productivity paradox" — where AI makes consultants dramatically more productive but traditional firms resist deploying it because it shrinks billable hours (Future of Consulting AI, 2026) — has created a structural opening for AI-native entrants who pass efficiency gains to clients rather than hoarding them.

Complication

Three value proposition challenges must be resolved before Sagentix can convert market opportunity into client revenue. First, 86% of B2B purchases stall during the buying process and result in no decision (INFUSE, 2026), meaning the VP must reduce buyer decision anxiety rather than merely describe capabilities. Second, buying committees have ballooned to 13+ stakeholders (Corporate Visions, 2026) spanning technical, financial, and executive functions — a single value proposition cannot resonate equally across all roles, requiring per-vertical, per-stakeholder VP variants. Third, 79% of B2B buyers rely on peer reviews as their most trusted source (TrustRadius, 2025), yet Sagentix is pre-revenue with zero published case studies or platform reviews — creating a "proof paradox" where the strongest claim (evidence-backed consulting) cannot itself be proven through the buyer's preferred proof mechanism.

Question

How should Sagentix design its value proposition architecture — across four verticals, six stakeholder roles, and three fit stages — to convert the \$297M market opportunity into paying engagements despite having zero client testimonials, limited brand recognition, and a solo-founder delivery constraint?

Answer

Sagentix should deploy a three-layer VP architecture: (1) a **core platform VP** anchored to the productivity paradox insight — "Research-grade methodology at growth-stage speed and budget" — that resonates across all verticals; (2) **per-vertical VP variants** that lead with the specific JTBD and justifier most relevant to each buyer segment (evidence discipline for B2B SaaS, cybersecurity domain fluency for defense tech, government-funded entry for IRAP clients, and risk-free validation for ideation founders); and (3) a **proof substitution strategy** that uses the Phase 1 money-back guarantee as a functional replacement for the case studies the firm does not yet have. The VP stack must address all six B2B stakeholder roles, with particular emphasis on neutralizing CFO objections through ROI-anchored messaging and saboteur-aware rebuttal frameworks. Evidence from 13 Vertical IQ industry profiles, 15 validation searches, and the Phase 01 competitive landscape confirms that no identified competitor occupies the intersection of productized methodology, AI-powered delivery, and multi-credential domain expertise — making Sagentix's positioning genuinely differentiated rather than aspirationally claimed.

Key Takeaways

1. **The "productivity paradox" is Sagentix's structural advantage.** Traditional consulting firms cannot fully deploy AI without cannibalizing their billable-hour economics; Sagentix's AI-native model turns this industry-wide constraint into a client benefit — faster delivery at 60-80% lower cost than Top-tier consulting firms alternatives (Future of Consulting AI, 2026).



2. **Four verticals require four distinct VP variants** because the buying trigger, stakeholder composition, and proof demands differ materially: B2B SaaS buyers prioritize speed-to-pipeline; cybersecurity buyers demand domain credibility; IRAP clients need government-eligible CMC designation; and ideation founders require risk-free validation of unproven concepts.
3. **The Phase 1 money-back guarantee is the most important VP asset** — it substitutes for the missing case studies by converting every objection into a risk-free trial, directly addressing the 86% purchase-stall problem (INFUSE, 2026).
4. **The CMC + CISSP + P.Eng. + MBA credential stack is an unreplicated differentiator.** No identified competitor among 13 profiled firms combines certified consulting competence, cybersecurity domain expertise, engineering rigor, and business strategy foundations in a single practitioner (Phase 01 competitive analysis, Sagentix, 2026).
5. **Evidence discipline — APA citations, source provenance, anti-hallucination gates — is the tiebreaker** in an era where 73% of organizations experience methodology decay within 90 days (Oliv.ai, 2026) and buyers are increasingly skeptical of AI-generated content without verification.

Implication for Sagentix: The VP architecture must solve three problems simultaneously: differentiate against 13 competitors across four archetypes, address 13+ stakeholder buying committees with role-specific messaging, and overcome the proof paradox through a risk-reversal mechanism (Phase 1 guarantee) rather than waiting for case studies that do not yet exist.

Methodology & Scope: Multi-Framework Evidence Synthesis Across 13 Industry Profiles, 15 Validation Searches, and 549+ IP Artifacts

This Phase 02 deliverable synthesizes evidence from four categories of sources to construct Sagentix's value proposition architecture:

Primary analytical frameworks: Four-Component Business Strategy / Diamond-E (Crossan et al., 2013) for strategic alignment diagnostic; Value Proposition Canvas (Osterwalder et al., 2014) for per-vertical customer profile and value map construction; Tiebreaker Selling (Anderson et al., 2014) for justifier identification; Jobs-to-Be-Done (Christensen et al., 2016; Ulwick, 2016) for buyer motivation analysis; Strategy Canvas (Kim & Mauborgne, 2005) for competitive value curve comparison; Bain Elements of Value (Almquist et al., 2016) for extended buyer need mapping; and Pyramid Principle / SCQA (Minto, 2009) for document architecture.

Industry evidence base: 13 Vertical IQ industry profiles covering NAICS codes 541611, 541612, 541613, 541614, 541618, 541690, 541511, 541512, 541513, 541519, 541810, 518210, and 541330. These profiles provide industry structure, financial benchmarks, competitive dynamics, and Canadian market context. All VIQ-sourced data points are cited as (Vertical IQ, 2026, NAICS XXXXX).

Web and knowledge validation: 10 primary web searches covering buyer pain points, competitor value propositions, buyer decision criteria, JTBD validation, switching costs, AI consulting specifications, competitor weaknesses, RFP evaluation criteria, CMC regulatory framework, and productized consulting validation. 5 knowledge searches with programmatic verification covering certification frameworks, buyer evaluation hierarchies, third-party validation programs, proof hierarchy mechanics, and standard buyer objections. 17 claims CONFIRMED, 7 PARTIALLY_CONFIRMED, 0 CONTRADICTED.



Prior phase inputs: Phase 01 Market & Competitive Intelligence (Sagentix, 2026) provides the TAM/SAM/SOM framework (\$297M/\$4.4M/\$290K-\$380K), 13 competitor profiles across four archetypes, three buyer personas, and six growth drivers. All Phase 01 findings are carried forward as established facts.

Subscription intelligence: Apollo.io competitor landscape (13 firms enriched), buyer persona intelligence (6 titles, 764 contacts), BLS employment data (NAICS 54), Census County Business Patterns (NAICS 5416), OECD macro indicators (CAN/USA), World Bank indicators, Economist articles, and research papers on consulting industry dynamics.

Scope and Limitations

This analysis covers four target verticals: B2B Technology & SaaS, Cybersecurity & Defense Tech, Management Consulting / NRC IRAP, and Ideation Validation (pre-revenue). The VP architecture is designed for the Canadian and US markets. Currency calculations use USD at 0.73 CAD/USD exchange rate. All claims are evidence-graded: Strong (multiple corroborating sources), Moderate (single credible source), or Weak (inference from adjacent data). Items lacking evidence are flagged [PROOF NEEDED].

This deliverable incorporates data from third-party industry research sources listed in the References section. Sagentix Advisors Inc. has not independently verified such data and makes no representation regarding its accuracy or completeness. All third-party data has been synthesized with original Sagentix Advisors Inc. analysis and should not be construed as a reproduction of any source report. Clients requiring access to complete source reports should contact the respective providers directly.

Implication for Sagentix: The evidence base is robust for strategic positioning and competitive differentiation claims, but gaps remain in client-side proof points (case studies, testimonials, NPS data) — these are catalogued in the §13.0 Proof Backlog with priority assignments and timeline targets.

1.0 Four-Component Diamond-E Diagnostic Reveals Tight Strategic Alignment with One Critical Tension Between Solo-Founder Capacity and Growth Ambitions

1.1 The Four Diagnostic Questions

The Diamond-E framework (Crossan et al., 2013) requires answering four foundational questions before any value proposition work begins. These answers anchor every subsequent section of this deliverable.

1. Goals: What does the business propose to achieve?

Sagentix Advisors Inc. pursues a growth-priority strategy with managed risk. Hard goals include: Y1 revenue of \$290K-\$380K from 20-25 engagements at a weighted-average ACV of \$10.7K USD; 5-year cumulative expected revenue of \$5.75M-\$8.9M; and establishment as Canada's first recognized AI-powered productized GTM advisory firm targeting B2B technology companies. The NRC IRAP MAS roster placement is a binary event that controls access to a government-subsidized client acquisition channel — CA\$7K per 40-hour engagement, fully funded (CMC-Canada, 2026). Soft goals include: founder autonomy (solo practitioner model), bilingual EN/FR service delivery, and contribution to Canada's technology commercialization ecosystem through IRAP-funded advisory. The explicit priority



when goals conflict is growth over short-term profitability — the firm is willing to accept lower margins on IRAP engagements (CA\$7K vs. commercial rates of CA\$12K-\$50K) to build the case study portfolio and peer review base necessary for commercial pipeline development.

2. Product Market Focus: What products and services does the business plan to sell, and to what markets?

Sagentix sells a structured 10-phase GTM advisory engagement to B2B technology companies in the \$2M-\$50M ARR range across four verticals. The product market matrix maps four service tiers against four buyer segments:

Service Tier	Price (CAD)	Price (USD)	Phases	B2B SaaS	Cyber/Defense	IRAP	Ideation
Ideation Validation	\$4K-\$5K	\$2.9K-\$3.7K	P01				Primary
GTM Foundation	\$12K-\$15K	\$8.8K-\$11K	P01-P03	Secondary		Secondary	
Revenue Architecture	\$25K-\$30K	\$18.3K-\$21.9K	P01-P06	Primary		Primary	
Full GTM	\$40K-\$50K	\$29.2K-\$36.5K	P01-P10	Aspirational		Aspirational	
NRC IRAP MAS	\$7K (fixed)	\$5.1K	P01 (40hr)				Primary
CI Retainer	\$3K-\$5K/mo	\$2.2K-\$3.7K/mo	Ongoing	Add-on		Add-on	

***So What?** The product-market matrix reveals that Revenue Architecture (\$25K-\$30K CAD) is the primary commercial offering for B2B SaaS and Cybersecurity verticals, while IRAP (\$7K fixed) and Ideation (\$4K-\$5K) serve as low-barrier entry points. The strategy is land-and-expand: IRAP-funded Phase 1 converts to commercial Phase 2+ engagements, and Ideation clients graduate to Foundation or Revenue Architecture as they mature.*

3. Value Proposition: How does the business intend to attract customers?

Sagentix attracts customers through a differentiation strategy (not cost leadership) anchored to three axes:

- **Features (intangible):** A unique credential stack (CMC + CISSP + P.Eng. + MBA) that enables credible service across four verticals from a single practitioner. 549+ reusable IP artifacts providing institutional knowledge without institutional overhead. APA 7th edition evidence discipline with source provenance and anti-hallucination quality gates.
- **Execution (speed and reliability):** AI-powered delivery compresses 12-16 week traditional consulting timelines to 2-8 weeks per phase. 16-check automated quality checklist ensures consistency across every engagement. Founder-led delivery eliminates the "bait-and-switch" problem where seniors sell and juniors deliver.
- **Price (indirect value):** Government-subsidized entry through NRC IRAP MAS (CA\$7K, fully funded). Commercial pricing 60-80% below Top-tier consulting firms alternatives (\$29K-\$37K USD for Full GTM vs. \$500K-\$2M+ for comparable Top-tier strategy firms engagements). Month-to-month flexibility vs. 6-month minimum contracts from competitors like Kalungi.



The VP is NOT "stuck in the middle" (Porter, 2008): Sagentix does not compete on low cost but rather on differentiated value delivered at a price point accessible to mid-market buyers. The pricing reflects AI-enabled efficiency, not quality compromise.

4. Core Activities: What are the primary value-adding activities?

Three core activities deliver the VP:

1. **AI-powered deliverable composition** — the platform generates research-backed, multi-format deliverables (PDF, DOCX, PPTX) using 549+ curated IP artifacts, 47 industry profiles, and automated quality gates. This is the highest-value, hardest-to-replicate activity.
2. **Evidence synthesis and validation** — the founder applies domain expertise (consulting, cybersecurity, engineering) to synthesize industry data, web research, and client-specific intelligence into defensible strategic recommendations. Every claim is traced to a verifiable source.
3. **Client relationship and delivery management** — founder-led engagement management ensures strategic continuity across all 10 phases, eliminating the handoff problems endemic to larger firms where project teams rotate.

The IP library (549+ artifacts) and the AI platform itself are the core assets that cannot be outsourced without losing competitive advantage. Client acquisition (sales pipeline) is the current bottleneck — not delivery capacity.

1.2 Strategy Components Matrix

Component	Current State	Strength	Risk
Goals	Growth-priority; Y1 \$290K-\$380K; 5-year \$5.75M+	Clear financial targets; IRAP as acquisition channel	Solo-founder revenue ceiling
Product Market Focus	4 tiers x 4 verticals; \$2.9K-\$36.5K USD	Breadth enables multiple entry points	Too many verticals for solo practitioner
Value Proposition	Differentiation: credential stack + AI speed + evidence rigor	Unreplicated positioning vs. 13 competitors	Pre-revenue = unproven in market
Core Activities	AI composition + evidence synthesis + founder delivery	Hard-to-replicate platform moat	Founder = single point of failure

***So What?** The strategy components are tightly aligned in concept but face a single critical constraint: the solo-founder model creates both the differentiation (no bait-and-switch, credential continuity) and the primary risk (capacity ceiling, key-person dependency). The VP design must acknowledge this tension rather than paper over it.*



1.3 VP Decomposition and Alignment Assessment

Pair	Alignment	Evidence	Tension
Goals ↔ Product Market Focus	Strong	Growth goal supported by 4-tier pricing with IRAP entry and commercial expansion	4 verticals may dilute focus for solo founder
Goals ↔ Value Proposition	Strong	Differentiation VP enables premium pricing even at mid-market rates	Growth requires volume that solo delivery constrains
Product Market Focus ↔ Core Activities	Moderate	AI platform serves all tiers; founder expertise spans all verticals	IRAP (40hr fixed) may consume capacity needed for higher-ACV commercial work
Value Proposition ↔ Core Activities	Strong	AI platform + IP library + evidence discipline directly deliver the VP promise	No activities are misaligned with the VP

1.4 Competitive Advantage Test and One-Sentence Strategy Statement

Is the VP genuinely differentiated? Yes. Among 13 profiled competitors (Phase 01), no firm combines: (a) productized 10-phase methodology, (b) AI-powered delivery with 549+ reusable artifacts, (c) CMC + CISSP + P.Eng. + MBA credential stack, (d) APA 7th evidence discipline with anti-hallucination gates, and (e) government-funded entry through NRC IRAP MAS. Each individual element exists elsewhere; the combination is unique.

Is the firm "stuck in the middle"? No. Sagentix charges 2-7x more than DIY tools and 60-80% less than Top-tier consulting firms — a clear differentiation position targeting the underserved mid-market.

One-Sentence Strategy Statement:

Sagentix Advisors Inc. intends to become One of the first Canadian firms to combine AI-powered delivery with productized GTM advisory productized GTM advisory firm by offering evidence-backed, multi-phase go-to-market strategy — delivered with Research-grade methodology at growth-stage speed and budget — to B2B technology companies in the \$2M-\$50M ARR range across four verticals, through an AI-native delivery platform that composes defensible strategic deliverables from 549+ curated IP artifacts and 13 industry intelligence profiles.

Implication for Sagentix: The Diamond-E diagnostic confirms tight strategic alignment with one actionable tension: solo-founder capacity limits must be explicitly addressed in the VP (through phased engagement design, not through hiding the constraint). The one-sentence strategy statement should anchor all sales conversations, website messaging, and pitch decks.

Sample Deep-Dive Sections — the following sections are reproduced verbatim from the full phase deliverable. They show the depth of analysis applied to one or two key topics.

2.0 Three Kinds of Fit Assessment Places All Four Verticals at Problem-Solution Fit with Clear Advancement Paths to Product-Market Fit

2.1 Per-Vertical Fit Classification

Vertical	Current Fit Stage	Supporting Evidence	Evidence Gaps	Advancement Actions
B2B Technology & SaaS	Problem-Solution Fit (on paper)	Phase 01 TAM analysis (\$297M); web research confirms pain points; 86% purchase-stall rate validated; competitor analysis confirms positioning gap	No signed clients; no usage data; no retention metrics; no NPS	Close 3-5 Phase 1 engagements; collect testimonials; measure pipeline velocity impact
Cybersecurity & Defense Tech	Problem-Solution Fit (on paper)	Phase 01 competitive analysis confirms no CISSP-holding GTM firm; CISO buyer pain validated via Apollo intel; defense procurement pain confirmed via VIQ profiles	No cybersecurity-vertical clients; no defense procurement case studies	Close 1-2 cybersecurity client Phase 1 engagements; validate CISSP resonance in sales conversations
Management Consulting / NRC IRAP	Problem-Solution Fit (on paper)	CMC is mandatory gate (confirmed); IRAP MAS program mechanics validated; AI delivery advantage documented	MAS roster placement pending; no IRAP client completions; no conversion metrics	Submit MAS application; complete first 3 IRAP engagements; measure IRAP-to-commercial conversion
Ideation Validation	Problem-Solution Fit (on paper)	Founder pain validated via web research; money-back guarantee designed; pricing validated against alternatives	No pre-revenue client engagements; guarantee has not been tested in market	Close 2-3 ideation Phase 1 engagements; test guarantee conversion rate; collect founder testimonials

2.2 Fit Advancement Roadmap

Problem-Solution → Product-Market Fit requires:

1. Minimum 5 signed engagements across at least 2 verticals (evidence that buyers will pay)
2. At least 2 client testimonials or Clutch.co reviews (evidence that buyers receive value)
3. Pipeline velocity data: time from first contact to signed engagement (evidence that the sales motion works)
4. Retention/expansion data: at least 1 IRAP-to-commercial or Phase 1-to-Foundation conversion (evidence that the land-and-expand model works)

Product-Market Fit → Business Model Fit requires:

1. CAC:LTV ratio calculation (requires 10+ clients for statistical validity)
2. Gross margin per engagement tier (requires cost tracking across multiple engagements)
3. First-hire economics: revenue per consultant vs. fully-loaded cost
4. CI retainer subscription metrics: churn, expansion, LTV



Timeline Estimate: Problem-Solution → Product-Market: 6-12 months. Product-Market → Business Model: 12-24 months.

Strategic Sequencing Insight: B2B SaaS and IRAP Should Be Activated First. B2B SaaS offers the shortest timeline to first revenue (30-60 days) and the highest ACV expansion potential (Ideation → Foundation → Revenue Architecture). IRAP offers the lowest customer acquisition cost (government-funded) and the easiest proof-building opportunity (each engagement produces a publishable case study). Cybersecurity should be activated second (60-90 day timeline) once the CISSP narrative has been validated in 2-3 sales conversations. Ideation should run continuously as a low-friction funnel builder but should not consume primary sales effort.

Implication for Sagentix: All four verticals are at Problem-Solution Fit — the VP is designed on paper but untested in market. The single most important action is to close the first 5 engagements across 2+ verticals within 90 days. Every other VP improvement (messaging refinement, proof collection, positioning adjustment) depends on having real client feedback.



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Frameworks Applied: Pyramid Principle / SCQA (Minto, 2009), Message House (McKinsey/Umbrex, 2024), Tiebreaker Selling + JTBD (Bettencourt, 2010; Christensen et al., 2016), Bain Elements of Value (Almquist et al., 2016), Forrester Strategic Messaging Architecture (Forrester, 2024), Simon-Kucher Value-Price Alignment (Simon-Kucher, 2023), Wynter Four-Layer Message Scoring (Wynter, 2024), Deloitte Market Ready (Deloitte, 2025), Insurance-to-Advantage Positioning (Sagentix, 2026), Brand Narrative Arc (BCG, 2024)

PART I — Strategic Context & Insights

Part I establishes the messaging mandate. It opens with the governing thesis — that a fundamental "Trust Gap" has opened between buyers and opinion-based consulting in the era of AI-generated content — then defines the analytical methodology and evidence base that anchor every subsequent messaging decision. A reader who reads only Part I understands the strategic problem the messaging architecture is designed to solve and the evidence standards applied to solve it. The Trust Gap thesis is not a rhetorical flourish; it is the operational reason Sagentix chose evidence discipline (APA citations, anti-hallucination gates, source provenance) as its primary differentiator rather than speed, price, or AI features in isolation.

Executive Briefing: The Trust Gap Created by AI-Generated Content Is Sagentix's Single Most Defensible Messaging Wedge



Situation

Sagentix Advisors Inc. enters the Canadian and US B2B technology GTM advisory market from a structurally favorable position. Phase 01 established a bottom-up TAM of \$297M narrowing to a \$4.4M SAM and a capacity-constrained Y1 SOM of \$290K-\$380K (25 engagements at a weighted-average ACV of \$10.7K USD) across four verticals (Sagentix, 2026). Phase 02 confirmed that no identified competitor among 13 profiled firms replicates the CMC + CISSP + P.Eng. + MBA credential stack, and that Sagentix's 12 differentiators (D1-D12) converge on a defensible moat anchored in evidence discipline, a 549-artifact IP library, and AI-native delivery speed (Sagentix, 2026). The macro environment amplifies these advantages: management consulting is undergoing its most significant structural transformation since the 1970s, with Gartner estimating that 40% of consulting tasks are now automatable and 71% of professional services firms having adopted generative AI tools in 2024 — up from 33% in 2023 (Deloitte, 2026; Deltek, 2026).

Complication

Three messaging problems must be solved before Sagentix can convert this market opportunity into paying engagements. First, AI-generated content now saturates the B2B buyer information diet — 2026 estimates place roughly 74% of new web content as machine-produced, and Google AI Overviews end approximately 60% of searches without a click (Ahrefs, 2025; Semrush, 2025) — which has trained buyers to distrust any claim that cannot be traced to a verifiable source. Second, Sagentix is pre-revenue with zero published case studies, zero peer reviews, and a minimal search footprint: Phase 01 web presence research confirmed that Sagentix has no indexed brand reputation on G2, Clutch, or industry roundups, creating a "proof paradox" where the firm's strongest claim (evidence-backed consulting) cannot itself be proven through the mechanisms buyers most trust — peer reviews (79% of B2B buyers cite these as the most trusted source) and published case studies (TrustRadius, 2025; Phase 03 Web Search 3, 2026). Third, Canada's Competition Act Section 52 and Section 74.01 prohibit performance claims that are not substantiated by "adequate and proper testing" conducted prior to publication — specifically disqualifying testimonials, anecdotes, and case studies as substantiation for quantitative claims (Competition Bureau Canada, 2026; CMC-Canada, 2026), which means every message Sagentix publishes must be simultaneously differentiated, compelling, and conservatively worded to stay within regulatory guardrails.

Question

How should Sagentix architect its brand messaging — across a core platform narrative, four vertical playbooks, thought leadership programming, and internal activation — to resolve the Trust Gap in the buyer's mind, substitute for missing social proof, and remain rigorously compliant with Canadian marketing law, so that every channel (website, LinkedIn, email, proposal, partner co-sell) carries the same defensible message?



Answer

Sagentix should deploy a Trust-Gap-anchored messaging architecture with five interlocking elements: (1) a platform-level **positioning statement** — "The GTM advisory platform that proves every claim. Built for B2B technology companies \$2M–\$50M ARR who cannot afford to be wrong." — that directly names the Trust Gap and establishes evidence discipline as the tiebreaker; (2) a **Message House** with five brand pillars (Evidence Discipline, Credential Stack, AI-Powered Speed, Productized Transparency, Risk Reversal) each anchored to a verifiable proof point and mapped to the 12 differentiators from Phase 02; (3) **four full vertical playbooks** — one per Phase 02 vertical with no merging, each containing 11 subsections (overview, persona, 6 key messages, 8–10 objection rebuttals, battlecard, buyer journey map, discovery guide, risk register, data defensibility, switching triggers, justifier bridge); (4) a **language guardrail system** that converts the Competition Act Section 52/74.01 constraints into a practical approved/prohibited word list plus a GenAI prompt library that encodes the guardrails into every AI-generated piece of content; and (5) a **three-horizon KPI dashboard** that measures leading indicators (message comprehension, engagement rate), lagging indicators (demo requests, win rate, sales cycle), and strategic indicators (unaided brand recall, category association, pricing power). The Trust Gap thesis anchors every section: it is the reason the firm leads with APA citations rather than client logos, the reason the Phase 1 money-back guarantee replaces case study proof, and the reason the GenAI prompt library is mandatory rather than optional.

Key Takeaways

1. **The Trust Gap is the single most defensible messaging wedge.** Buyers have been conditioned by ~74% AI-saturated web content and 60% of Google searches ending without a click (Ahrefs, 2025; Semrush, 2025) to distrust unsourced claims — Sagentix's APA 7th citations, source provenance, and 16-check anti-hallucination gates are the structural antidote.
2. **Four verticals require four distinct playbooks.** B2B SaaS buyers hire for decision confidence (J4); Cyber/Defense buyers hire for domain fluency (J8); IRAP clients hire to maximize the 40-hour budget (J10); Ideation founders hire to de-risk personal capital (J14). A single generic message cannot address four distinct emotional jobs — which is why Phase 02's carry-forward rule mandates full playbooks per vertical.
3. **Canadian Competition Act compliance is a messaging feature, not a constraint.** Sections 52 and 74.01 require performance claims to pass "adequate and proper testing" before publication (Competition Bureau Canada, 2026) — Sagentix's evidence discipline infrastructure already satisfies this standard, converting a regulatory ceiling into a quality floor that less-rigorous competitors cannot match.
4. **The Phase 1 money-back guarantee substitutes for missing social proof.** Because Sagentix cannot yet point to testimonials, the guarantee converts every pre-revenue objection ("you have no track record") into a risk-free trial ("test us against any established firm — if our Phase 1 reveals nothing new, you pay nothing"). This is the single most important messaging asset for the first 12 months.
5. **Founder-led messaging is a 2026 structural advantage.** Multiple 2026 trend analyses identify "founder/CXO-led content" as the dominant B2B SaaS format because buyers filter for authenticity over brand polish (HubSpot, 2025; A88 Lab, 2025) — Stephane Raby's CMC + CISSP + P.Eng. + MBA credential stack is a legitimate, protected asset that should anchor the brand narrative arc rather than sit in an "about us" footer.



Implication for Sagentix: The messaging architecture must solve three problems simultaneously: name and monetize the Trust Gap as a legitimate market insight, substitute the Phase 1 guarantee for missing social proof, and embed Canadian Competition Act compliance into every channel through approved/prohibited language lists and GenAI prompt guardrails. Every subsequent section of this deliverable exists to operationalize that three-part solution.

Methodology & Scope: Multi-Source Messaging Synthesis Across 13 Industry Profiles, 8 Web Searches, and 4 Programmatic Knowledge Validations

This Phase 03 messaging deliverable synthesizes evidence from six source categories to construct Sagentix's brand messaging architecture.

Primary analytical frameworks: Pyramid Principle / SCQA (Minto, 2009) for declarative title architecture; Message House (McKinsey/Umbrex, 2024) for brand pillar structure; Tiebreaker Selling plus Jobs-to-Be-Done (Bettencourt, 2010; Christensen et al., 2016) for vertical-level justifier logic; Bain Elements of Value (Almquist et al., 2016) for persona-level value mapping; Forrester Strategic Messaging Architecture (Forrester, 2024) for five-tier message hierarchy; Simon-Kucher Value-Price Alignment (Simon-Kucher, 2023) for premium-pricing message support; Wynter Four-Layer Message Scoring (Wynter, 2024) for pre-launch validation; and Deloitte Market Ready (Deloitte, 2025) for internal activation protocol. Canadian regulatory constraints are applied via Competition Act Section 52 and 74.01 (Competition Bureau Canada, 2026) and the CMC-Canada Uniform Code of Professional Conduct (CMC-Canada, 2021).

Industry evidence base: 13 Vertical IQ industry profiles (Sagentix, 2026, NAICS 541611, 541612, 541613, 541614, 541618, 541690, 541511, 541512, 541513, 541519, 541810, 518210, 541330). These profiles provide industry terms vocabulary, call prep questions, industry challenges, current conditions, industry trends, and Canadian market specifics that inform per-vertical messaging language.

Web search augmentation: 8 targeted web searches covering competitor messaging and taglines (Search 1), content marketing trends (Search 2), brand perception whitespace (Search 3), buyer forum language (Search 4), productized consulting positioning (Search 5), testimonial architecture (Search 6), CMC and ISO 20700 regulatory terminology (Search 7), and Canadian Competition Bureau advertising law (Search 8). All web-derived claims were routed through Step 6.6 source verification before publication.

Knowledge validation: 4 programmatically verified knowledge searches covering (1) regulatory marketing language in Canada for management consulting services, (2) competitor credential and certification positioning practices, (3) standard messaging frameworks in management consulting software and services, and (4) common marketing pitfalls and misleading claims in the consulting industry. Validation outcomes were routed through the `ks_validator.py` pipeline with claim extraction, retrieval-augmented judgment, and verdict application before any insight entered the draft.

Prior phase inputs: Phase 01 Market & Competitive Intelligence (Sagentix, 2026) provides TAM/SAM/SOM (\$297M/\$4.4M/\$290K-\$380K), 13 competitor profiles across four archetypes, three buyer personas, and six growth drivers. Phase 02 Value Proposition Design (Sagentix, 2026) provides



23 pain points (P1-P21 plus cross-vertical), 16 JTBD statements (J1-J16), 12 differentiators (D1-D12), four per-vertical justifier matrices, 48 objections and rebuttals, four value proposition canvases, six-role stakeholder maps per vertical, and the core VP stack. All Phase 02 outputs carry forward verbatim into this deliverable — the vertical carry-forward rule is blocking.

Subscription intelligence: Apollo.io competitor messaging and news feeds; Apollo.io buyer persona intelligence (LinkedIn headlines from CEO, CTO, CFO, VP Operations, VP Engineering, Director of Operations); web competitive intelligence on competitor homepage copy; audience intelligence from Reddit and forum threads; digital audit of Sagentix current messaging; client research on economic and academic sources; StatsCan, BLS, Census, OECD, and World Bank government data for authoritative citation backing.

Scope and Limitations

This analysis covers four verticals from Phase 02: B2B Technology & SaaS, Cybersecurity & Defense Tech, Management Consulting / NRC IRAP, and Ideation Validation (pre-revenue). The messaging architecture is designed for the Canadian and US markets. Currency calculations use USD at 0.73 CAD/USD exchange rate. All claims are evidence-graded: Strong (multiple corroborating sources), Moderate (single credible source), or Weak (inference from adjacent data). Web-sourced items were routed through Step 6.6 source verification prior to publication, and items lacking evidence are flagged [Unverified].

The messaging architecture assumes Sagentix does NOT offer cybersecurity compliance services — the CISSP credential enables domain fluency for serving cybersecurity companies as GTM advisory clients, but the firm never delivers SOC 2, CMMC, FedRAMP, or ITAR compliance itself. This distinction is embedded in every message targeting the Cybersecurity vertical.

This deliverable incorporates data from third-party industry research sources listed in the References section. Sagentix Advisors Inc. has not independently verified such data and makes no representation regarding its accuracy or completeness. All third-party data has been synthesized with original Sagentix Advisors Inc. analysis and should not be construed as a reproduction of any source report. Clients requiring access to complete source reports should contact the respective providers directly.

Implication for Sagentix: The evidence base is robust for strategic positioning, vertical playbooks, and competitive messaging. Gaps remain in pre-launch message testing data — the §7.0 testing plan is designed to close these gaps in the first 30 days of activation. Sales teams may use approved messaging immediately; any message tagged [Unverified] requires explicit validation before external publication.

1.0 The Trust Gap Thesis: Buyers No Longer Trust Opinion-Based Consulting in an Era of Undifferentiated AI-Generated Content

The governing thesis of this entire deliverable is that B2B technology buyers have been conditioned — by roughly three years of exposure to AI-generated content, generalist consulting output, and failed vendor promises — to distrust any claim that cannot be traced to a verifiable source. We call this phenomenon the **Trust Gap**, and it is the fundamental market bifurcation that the Sagentix messaging architecture resolves.



The Trust Gap has three structural components. The first is **content saturation**: multiple 2025 analyses estimate that AI-generated content now represents roughly 74% of all new web content, with brands that build "credible networks of interconnected assets" cited as the only formats that stand out against the background noise (Ahrefs, 2025). A buyer researching "how to position our SaaS product" in 2026 does not encounter a handful of authoritative sources; they encounter dozens of indistinguishable AI-summarized listicles that cannot be audited for accuracy or independence. The second component is **search behavior collapse**: Google AI Overviews now end approximately 60% of searches without a click, which has compressed the window for any single piece of content to earn a buyer's attention and raised the bar for content quality signals that differentiate "high-authority" from "AI slop" (Semrush, 2025; Similarweb, 2025). The third is **vendor promise fatigue**: 86% of B2B purchases stall during the buying process and result in no decision (INFUSE, 2026), which Phase 02 identified as the largest single obstacle to GTM advisory conversion — buyers have been burned enough times by opinion-based consulting that they now default to inaction unless a vendor can affirmatively demonstrate that their claims are testable.

The cumulative effect is that the 2026 B2B buyer is more skeptical, more time-constrained, and more default-inertial than at any point in the past decade. Phase 02 identified this through the JTBD analysis as an "anxiety reduction" job (J4, J8, J12, J14 — the emotional jobs across all four verticals converge on buyer decision confidence, not feature preference). The Trust Gap is the market-level articulation of that buyer-level finding: buyers are not hiring GTM consultants to "get a strategy deck"; they are hiring GTM consultants to reduce the personal and professional risk of being wrong about a strategic decision. Every message, every channel, every proof asset must address that anxiety directly.

Sagentix's structural advantage against the Trust Gap is its evidence discipline infrastructure — a stack of capabilities that no identified competitor replicates. The 16-check automated quality checklist (D4) validates every deliverable against regulatory terminology rules, APA citation standards, and anti-hallucination gates before any document leaves the firm. The 549-artifact IP library (D2) ensures that every recommendation is grounded in a curated methodology rather than improvised reasoning. The CMC + CISSP + P.Eng. + MBA credential stack (D10) provides personal accountability — Stephane Raby's name and designations appear on every deliverable, eliminating the "junior bait-and-switch" failure mode common to traditional consulting engagements. The 13-profile Vertical IQ industry intelligence base ensures that every market claim is backed by a verifiable third-party source. And the automated regulatory terminology check (D4 subcomponent) prevents the single most dangerous messaging failure — a claim that a regulated product "does X" when the actual regulatory status only supports "may contribute to X."

The Trust Gap thesis reframes Sagentix's positioning from "a better AI-powered consulting firm" to "the antidote to AI-generated opinion consulting." This is a category-creation opportunity rather than a feature-comparison opportunity. The messaging architecture that follows — Message House, Brand Narrative Arc, Per-Vertical Playbooks, Channel Strategy, Thought Leadership — is all designed to operationalize the Trust Gap thesis into concrete, testable, and regulation-compliant messages.

Five structural implications for messaging architecture flow from the Trust Gap thesis:

1. **Lead every message with evidence discipline.** The first sentence of every piece of content — whether a LinkedIn post, an RFP response, or a homepage hero — must signal that Sagentix is the evidence-backed option. The tagline candidates in §2.0 are all tested against this requirement.
2. **Treat compliance as a quality floor, not a ceiling.** The Competition Act Section 52/74.01 constraints that prohibit unsubstantiated performance claims are the same constraints that Sagentix's infrastructure already satisfies. Messaging that respects these constraints is simultaneously compliant and differentiated.
3. **Substitute the Phase 1 guarantee for missing social proof.** Until the first 5 case studies are published (target: Q3 2026), every message that would normally cite a testimonial must instead cite



the Phase 1 money-back guarantee as the proof mechanism. The messaging framework for this substitution is detailed in §3.0.

4. **Elevate the founder credential stack into the brand narrative.** 2026 content trends favor founder-led authenticity over brand polish (HubSpot, 2025; A88 Lab, 2025). The CMC + CISSP + P.Eng. + MBA stack is legitimately unreplicated and should anchor the brand narrative arc in §2.0.
5. **Build a GenAI prompt library that encodes the guardrails.** Because every team member will eventually use GenAI to draft content, the only scalable compliance mechanism is to embed the approved/prohibited language rules into the prompts themselves. §4.0 defines the prompt library.

***So What?** The Trust Gap is not an abstract insight — it is a specific, measurable, and exploitable mismatch between what buyers need (evidence-backed confidence) and what AI-saturated consulting content provides (indistinguishable opinion). Sagentix's entire messaging architecture is a direct response to that mismatch.*

Strategic Insight: The Trust Gap thesis inverts the traditional consulting messaging stack. Where McKinsey leads with brand pedigree, Kalungi with T2D3 methodology, and Winning by Design with SPICED, Sagentix leads with the integrity of the claim itself. This is a category creation move — it names a new evaluation criterion ("Can the firm prove its own claims?") that automatically disadvantages every competitor whose marketing relies on unsubstantiated promises.

Implication for Sagentix: The Trust Gap thesis must appear explicitly in every Part II brand platform element (§2.0), every Part III vertical overview (§5.1.1, §5.2.1, §5.3.1, §5.4.1), every Part IV channel message (§6.0), and every thought leadership POV (§6.0). If a piece of content does not either name the Trust Gap directly or address it through evidence discipline, it does not reflect the brand and should be rewritten.

***Sample Deep-Dive Sections** — the following sections are reproduced verbatim from the full phase deliverable. They show the depth of analysis applied to one or two key topics.*



2.0 The Core Brand Platform Anchors Every Message to a Single Positioning Statement, Five Proof Pillars, and One Declarative Tagline

2.1 Category Statement

Sagentix competes in a category we name **AI-Powered Productized GTM Advisory** — a deliberate label designed to distinguish Sagentix from three adjacent categories that do not fit. First, traditional management consulting (McKinsey, BCG, Deloitte, EY, KPMG) — the "established player" archetype — operates on billable-hour economics that are being cannibalized by AI (Gartner via Deltek, 2026), delivers in 12–16 week engagement minimums, and charges \$250K–\$2M+ per engagement (RocketBlocks, 2026). The mismatch with Sagentix is structural: Sagentix is designed to deliver a complete 10-phase GTM strategy in 6–8 weeks at \$8.8K–\$36.5K USD, which is incompatible with the pyramid-of-juniors consulting model. Second, productized SaaS marketing agencies (Kalungi, Winning by Design, Pavilion) focus on demand generation, content marketing, or community curriculum — they do not cover market intelligence, value proposition design, pricing architecture, or business model design, and none of them hold CMC, CISSP, or P.Eng. credentials. The mismatch is scope: Sagentix covers 10 strategic phases versus Kalungi's marketing-only or Winning by Design's sales-process-only focus. Third, sales intelligence platforms (ZoomInfo, 6sense, Alore.io) sell data or automation tools, not strategic guidance — they provide inputs to GTM decisions, not GTM decisions themselves. The mismatch is deliverable type: Sagentix produces strategic advisory outputs, not data feeds.

We create this category because none of the three existing categories can absorb Sagentix without distortion. A buyer searching for "mid-market GTM strategy" in 2026 encounters only the Top-tier strategy and consulting firms archetype (too expensive, too slow) or the productized marketing agency archetype (too narrow, no strategic rigor) — the "AI-Powered Productized GTM Advisory" category names the white space between them and immediately suggests that speed, price, and scope have all been solved simultaneously.

2.2 Primary Positioning Statement

The GTM advisory platform that proves every claim. Built for B2B technology companies \$2M–\$50M ARR who cannot afford to be wrong.

This positioning statement is designed to simultaneously:

- **Name the Trust Gap directly.** "Proves every claim" is a specific, testable phrase that differentiates Sagentix from any competitor whose marketing relies on unsubstantiated assertions.
- **Define the buyer.** "\$2M–\$50M ARR" excludes both Top-tier consulting firms enterprise buyers and pre-revenue ideation-only founders from the headline, focusing attention on the core commercial segment.
- **Invoke the decision anxiety job (J4, J8).** "Cannot afford to be wrong" names the emotional stakes that Phase 02 JTBD analysis identified as the true buying trigger.
- **Implicitly reference the regulatory standard.** "Proves every claim" is the exact language that Canada's Competition Act Section 74.01 requires for performance claims — an oblique but legitimate claim on regulatory authority.

This positioning statement is outcome-first, jargon-free, and carries the Trust Gap thesis in a single sentence that can be spoken in three seconds and remembered after one reading.



2.3 Brand Pillars (5)

The brand pillars are the structural supports of the Message House. Each pillar connects to one or more differentiators from Phase 02 (D1-D12), carries a specific proof anchor, and receives an evidence strength rating that governs how confidently it may be used in customer-facing content.

#	Pillar	Proof Anchor	Linked Differentiators	Evidence Strength
1	Evidence Discipline	16-check automated quality checklist with APA 7th citations, anti-hallucination gates, and regulatory terminology enforcement on every deliverable	D1, D4	Strong — platform operational; sample deliverable demonstrable
2	Credential Stack	CMC + CISSP + P.Eng. + MBA — the only multi-domain GTM advisory credential combination identified across 13 competitor profiles	D5, D7, D10	Strong — certifications verifiable and protected
3	AI-Powered Speed	10-phase methodology delivered in 6–8 weeks end-to-end vs. 12–16 week phase minimums for Top-tier consulting firms equivalents	D3, D12	Strong — platform architecture documented; first-year utilization pending validation
4	Productized Transparency	Four fixed-price tiers from \$4K–\$50K CAD plus CI retainer \$3K–\$5K/mo — no custom proposals, no percentage-of-spend billing, no scope ambiguity	D8, D9	Strong — pricing architecture published
5	Risk Reversal	Phase 1 money-back guarantee — "If our market intelligence reveals nothing you did not already know, you pay nothing" — applies across all four verticals	D1, D8	Strong — contractual; legal review complete

***So What?** The five pillars are not equally load-bearing. Pillars 1 (Evidence Discipline) and 2 (Credential Stack) carry the Trust Gap thesis and must appear in every communication. Pillars 3 (Speed), 4 (Transparency), and 5 (Risk Reversal) are tiebreakers that appear when buyer objections demand them — particularly in cost-sensitive situations (Pillar 4) or when missing social proof becomes an obstacle (Pillar 5).*

2.4 Tagline Candidates

Tagline selection must pass three tests: **Justifier Resonance** (does the tagline surface the vertical-primary tiebreaker?), **Accuracy** (is the claim substantiable under Competition Act Section 52/74.01?), and **Differentiation** (does the tagline distinguish Sagentix from at least three named competitors?). We evaluate six candidates below.



#	Tagline	Justifier Resonance	Accuracy	Differentiation	Notes
1	"Every Claim Sourced. Every Insight Traced. Every Deliverable Defensible."	High — directly carries Trust Gap thesis	High — Sagentix infrastructure substantiates each phrase	High — no competitor uses "sourced/traced/defensible" language	Recommended primary for B2B SaaS and Cybersecurity verticals
2	"Secure Growth, Simplified."	Medium — carries "safety" and "clarity" but not evidence discipline	High — defensible as corporate tagline	Medium — "Secure Growth" echoes other firms	Current tagline on website header; retain for corporate brand and website footer
3	"Research-grade methodology. Startup Speed. Evidence for Every Claim."	High — names three differentiators simultaneously	Medium — "Research-grade methodology" is a comparative claim requiring care	Medium — "Research-grade methodology" is used by other boutiques	Recommended for investor pitch and conference speaking — not website
4	"The GTM Strategy Platform That Proves Its Own Claims."	High — recursively demonstrates the Trust Gap thesis	High — claim is self-referential and testable	High — no competitor uses recursive proof positioning	Recommended for thought leadership and LinkedIn founder content
5	"Research-Backed Strategy. AI-Powered Delivery. No Opinions."	High — surfaces all three primary pillars	Medium — "No Opinions" is an absolute claim requiring softening	Medium — "research-backed" is a crowded phrase	Candidate for ad copy variants only — not corporate phrase
6	"Your IRAP Investment, Multiplied by AI."	High — carries IRAP-specific justifier	High — factually accurate for MAS engagements	High — unique to Sagentix IRAP positioning	Recommended as IRAP-vertical sub-tagline only

Recommended Primary Tagline: Candidate #1 — *"Every Claim Sourced. Every Insight Traced. Every Deliverable Defensible."* — becomes the primary brand tagline. It is the clearest single-phrase articulation of the Trust Gap thesis, every word is substantiable under Canadian marketing law, and it differentiates from all 13 competitor taglines analyzed in Phase 01 and Phase 03 Web Search 1.

Secondary Tagline: Candidate #2 — *"Secure Growth, Simplified."* — is retained as the corporate tagline on website header, business cards, and email signature to maintain continuity with existing brand assets.

Vertical Sub-Taglines: Candidates #4 (thought leadership) and #6 (IRAP) are deployed in specific channel contexts as documented in the per-vertical playbooks in Part III.

2.5 Elevator Pitches

Three durations, each designed for a specific conversation context:

10-Second (elevator, networking, cold outreach opener):



"Sagentix is the GTM advisory platform that proves every claim — built for B2B tech companies \$2M to \$50M ARR."

30-Second (introduction at partner meeting, intro email body, LinkedIn DM):

"Sagentix is an AI-powered productized GTM advisory firm for B2B technology companies from \$2M to \$50M ARR. We deliver the same evidence rigor you would get from McKinsey or BCG, but in weeks instead of months, and at a fraction of the cost. Every claim in every deliverable carries an APA 7th citation to a verifiable source — so your board, your investors, and your customers can audit our work. The first phase is risk-free: if our market intelligence reveals nothing you did not already know, you pay nothing."

2-Minute (discovery call opening, conference keynote intro, investor pitch opener):

"You are leading a B2B technology company somewhere between \$2M and \$50M in ARR. You have a product that works and customers who pay for it, but you are hitting a ceiling — your sales process was built on founder intuition, your pricing hasn't kept up with your value, and your board is asking for a GTM strategy that is backed by actual data rather than consultant opinions. You've looked at the alternatives: McKinsey and BCG charge \$250,000 to \$2 million for a 12-to-16-week engagement, which is more than some of you spent on your Series A. Productized marketing agencies like Kalungi cover demand generation but don't touch pricing, sales process, or business model design. DIY with ChatGPT gives you answers that sound confident but cannot be audited."

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Sagentix is the fourth option you haven't found yet. We are One of the first Canadian firms to combine AI-powered delivery with productized GTM advisory productized GTM advisory firm, built for exactly this segment. Our founder, Stephane Raby, holds four of the consulting industry's most respected designations simultaneously: Certified Management Consultant, CISSP, Professional Engineer, and MBA. He works every engagement personally — there is no bait-and-switch to junior associates. Our AI platform enforces a 16-check quality checklist on every deliverable, with APA 7th citations, source provenance for every claim, and automated anti-hallucination gates. We have 549 curated IP artifacts — frameworks, research briefs, methodologies — that we deploy in combinations tailored to your stage and vertical."

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The engagement model is productized. Four fixed-price tiers, from a four-thousand-dollar Ideation Validation to a fifty-thousand-dollar Full GTM. No custom proposals. No percentage of spend. No scope ambiguity. And every Phase 1 engagement carries a money-back guarantee: if our market intelligence does not reveal something you did not already know, you pay nothing. That is how confident we are in the evidence discipline we bring to every strategic question you are asking."

2.6 Core Value Proposition Stack (Carried Forward from Phase 02)

The VP stack below is carried forward verbatim from Phase 02 §9.0 with no modifications. Messaging in Part III maps each vertical VP variant to its per-vertical playbook.

Platform-Wide Core VP (Phase 02, unchanged):



For B2B technology companies who need research-backed go-to-market strategy but cannot access Top-tier consulting firms consulting, Sagentix Advisors is the AI-powered GTM advisory platform that delivers evidence-backed, multi-phase strategy with Research-grade methodology at growth-stage speed and budget — unlike traditional consulting firms that charge \$250K-\$2M+ and deliver in 12-16 weeks, or marketing agencies that cover only demand generation.

Three Headline Outcome Bullets (Platform-Wide):

1. **Defensible strategy, not consultant opinions** — every deliverable carries APA 7th citations with source provenance, anti-hallucination quality gates, and a 16-check automated checklist (supports J1, J4 for B2B SaaS; J8 for Cyber; J11 for IRAP; J13, J14 for Ideation).
2. **Complete GTM in weeks, not quarters** — AI-powered delivery compresses 10 strategic phases from 12–16 months to 6–8 weeks total (supports J7 Cyber defense procurement timelines; J10 IRAP 40-hour efficiency).
3. **Mid-market pricing, enterprise quality** — \$8.8K–\$36.5K USD for comprehensive GTM strategy vs. \$250K–\$2M+ from McKinsey/BCG/Deloitte (supports J2 B2B SaaS pricing architecture; J17 [Ideation pitch deck TAM/SAM/SOM]).

2.7 Message House One-Pager (McKinsey/Umbrex Standard)

The Message House is the single most important operational asset from this deliverable. It is designed to print on one letter-sized page and be pinned in every team member's workspace. The table below is the authoritative version — any future edits must be version-controlled and re-published.



Element	Content
Roof (Positioning + Core Thesis)	Positioning: The GTM advisory platform that proves every claim. Built for B2B technology companies \$2M–\$50M ARR who cannot afford to be wrong. Core Thesis: The Trust Gap — buyers no longer trust opinion-based consulting in an era of undifferentiated AI-generated content; evidence discipline is the structural antidote.
Pillar 1: Evidence Discipline	APA 7th citations, source provenance, 16-check quality checklist, anti-hallucination gates on every deliverable. Proof: Sample deliverable with visible citations (see sagentix.ca/sample).
Pillar 2: Credential Stack	CMC + CISSP + P.Eng. + MBA — the only multi-domain GTM advisory credential combination identified across 13 profiled competitors. Proof: Stephane Raby profile on LinkedIn; (ISC) ² , CMC-Canada, and OIQ directory listings.
Pillar 3: AI-Powered Speed	Complete 10-phase GTM methodology in 6–8 weeks vs. 12–16 weeks per phase for Top-tier consulting firms equivalents. Proof: 549-artifact IP library + published phase-config; Phase 1 delivery timeline contractual.
Pillar 4: Productized Transparency	Four fixed-price tiers from \$4K–\$50K CAD; no custom proposals, no percentage-of-spend, no scope ambiguity. Proof: Public pricing on sagentix.ca ; tier definitions in engagement agreement.
Pillar 5: Risk Reversal	Phase 1 money-back guarantee — "If our market intelligence reveals nothing you did not already know, you pay nothing." Proof: Guarantee language in engagement agreement.
Foundation (Top 3 Proof Points)	(1) 549+ curated IP artifacts indexed in platform (Run 29, March 2026). (2) 13 Vertical IQ industry profiles loaded per engagement (NAICS 541611, 541618, 541613, 541690, 541511, 541512, 541513, 513210, 518210, 541330, 541614, 541612, 541810). (3) 16-check automated quality checklist with Check 12 anti-hallucination gate, Check 15 data integration gate, and regulatory terminology enforcement.
Verticals Row — B2B SaaS	<i>Lead Message:</i> "Board-ready GTM strategy with every claim sourced to verifiable data." <i>Justifier:</i> Evidence Discipline. <i>Proof Hook:</i> Sample Phase 1 deliverable.
Verticals Row — Cybersecurity & Defense Tech	<i>Lead Message:</i> "GTM strategy for security companies — from a CISSP-certified consultant who speaks your compliance language." <i>Justifier:</i> Domain Expertise. <i>Proof Hook:</i> CISSP verification + sample cyber deliverable.
Verticals Row — Management Consulting / NRC IRAP	<i>Lead Message:</i> "Your IRAP investment, multiplied by AI — more insight per funded hour than any other MAS consultant." <i>Justifier:</i> Government-Funded Entry. <i>Proof Hook:</i> CMC designation + sample MAS deliverable comparison.
Verticals Row — Ideation Validation	<i>Lead Message:</i> "Evidence or nothing — professional-grade market validation under \$5K with a money-back guarantee." <i>Justifier:</i> Risk-Free Validation. <i>Proof Hook:</i> Guarantee contract language.
Tagline	Primary: Every Claim Sourced. Every Insight Traced. Every Deliverable Defensible. Corporate: Secure Growth, Simplified.



***So What?** The Message House consolidates every strategic decision from Phase 01 and Phase 02 into one operational artifact. Every future piece of content can be validated against it in under 60 seconds by a single question: "Does this content reinforce the roof, at least one pillar, and at least one vertical lead message?" If the answer is no, the content does not reflect the brand.*

2.8 Brand Narrative Arc (BCG Brand-Centric Standard)

The brand story anchors long-form content: the website About page, investor pitch, conference keynote, PR placements, and the founder-led LinkedIn content strategy in §6.0. Three acts, each 2–3 sentences.

Act 1 — Origin: The Consulting Contradiction

Stephane Raby spent 25+ years inside the consulting industry watching a contradiction build: the same firms that taught rigorous evidence-based analysis to their junior staff were writing client deliverables full of unsourced opinions, because billable-hour economics rewarded speed of output over depth of reasoning. When generative AI arrived in 2023–2024, the contradiction became a crisis — AI could now produce consulting-grade slides in minutes, but nobody had solved the trust problem: how does a buyer know whether the claims in the deck are accurate? Sagentix was founded in 2025 to close that gap, applying the evidence discipline Stephane learned from 25+ years of regulated-industry practice (cybersecurity compliance audits, ISO 20700 consulting standards, engineering report standards, APA academic standards) to the messy, opinion-driven world of B2B GTM strategy.

Act 2 — Breakthrough: The Evidence Platform

The breakthrough was not a single innovation; it was a compound architecture. The firm built a platform — 549 curated IP artifacts, 16-check automated quality gates, APA 7th citation enforcement, anti-hallucination validation, regulatory terminology checking, and multi-format branded output — that together make evidence discipline the default rather than the exception. The founder's multi-credential stack (CMC, CISSP, P.Eng., MBA) provides personal accountability on every engagement; the AI platform provides delivery scale that would otherwise require a team of 5–8 analysts. The combination produces consulting-grade output in 2–4 weeks per phase, at a fraction of Top-tier consulting firms pricing, with every claim traceable to a verifiable source. No other firm has assembled this combination — not because it is impossible, but because the billable-hour economics of legacy consulting firms make it impossible to adopt without cannibalizing existing revenue streams.

Act 3 — Vision: The Audit-Ready Consulting Industry

Sagentix is building toward a future state where every strategic recommendation in every consulting deliverable is as auditable as a financial statement. The vision is not "cheaper consulting" or "AI consulting" — it is "audit-ready consulting": a category in which buyers expect to see APA citations, source provenance, and anti-hallucination validation on every page, and in which firms that cannot produce these artifacts are automatically deprioritized. We believe this category will define the next decade of B2B advisory services — and we are building the reference architecture for it today, one engagement at a time.



Strategic Insight: The three-act brand narrative is designed to convert the founder's credentials and the firm's infrastructure into a story buyers can retell. The Origin act names the problem buyers already feel (unsourced consulting opinions). The Breakthrough act gives them a specific mechanism to point to ("that firm with the APA citations"). The Vision act positions Sagentix as a category creator rather than a commodity provider — which is critical for investor and media conversations where category-defining firms command premium valuations.

Implication for Sagentix: The brand narrative arc must be drafted as a 400-word About page, a 2-slide investor pitch opener, a 60-second conference keynote intro, and a 10-post LinkedIn series before any other content is produced. These four assets operationalize the narrative and become the reusable source for everything else.



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Sales Pitch Deck

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Frameworks Applied: Pyramid Principle / SCQA (Minto, 2009), Problem-Solution-Impact Narrative (Kawasaki, 2015; VC Primary Research, 2026), VC 5-Minute Evaluation Framework (VC Primary Research, 2026), Strategic Group Map (Porter, 2008), Tiebreaker Selling + JTBD (Bettencourt, 2010; Christensen et al., 2016), Bottom-Up TAM Methodology (Sagentix, 2026), Capacity-Anchored SOM (Sagentix, 2026), Bain Elements of Value (Almquist et al., 2016), Y-Combinator Pitch Deck Architecture (Hale & Seibel, 2024), Sequoia Business Plan Template (Sequoia Capital, 2024), Forward-Looking Information Safe Harbour (NI 51-102 Part 4A; OSC, 2024)

PART I — Deck Architecture & Narrative Strategy

Part I establishes the architecture of the Sagentix pitch deck. It opens with the governing thesis — that a problem-led narrative anchored to the Trust Gap, the \$297M bottom-up niche, and a founder-capacity-anchored SOM is the only structure that will survive sophisticated investor scrutiny — then defines the slide design system and lays out the 15-slide storyboard slide-by-slide. A reader who reads only Part I has the complete deck blueprint and can produce slides without reading Parts II–IV.

Executive Briefing: A Problem-Led Pitch That Names the Trust Gap, Quantifies a \$297M Bottom-Up Niche, and Anchors SOM to Founder Capacity Will Beat Every Productized Consulting Pitch in the Canadian Mid-Market

Executive Briefing (SCQA Structure)

The Executive Briefing follows the McKinsey SCQA structure (Situation → Complication → Question → Answer) below.



Situation

Sagentix Advisors Inc. enters the investor and partner conversation from an unusual position. Phase 01 established a bottom-up TAM of \$297M USD narrowing to a \$4.4M USD SAM and a capacity-anchored Y1 SOM of \$290K-\$380K USD, with a 5-year cumulative expected value of \$5.75M USD across four verticals (Sagentix, 2026). Phase 02 documented twelve differentiators (D1-D12) anchored to a credential stack — CMC + CISSP + P.Eng. + MBA — that no identified competitor among 13 profiled firms replicates (Sagentix, 2026). Phase 03 named the operating thesis — the Trust Gap created by AI-saturated content has destroyed buyer trust in unsourced consulting claims, and Sagentix's evidence discipline (APA 7th citations, source provenance, anti-hallucination gates) is the structural antidote (Sagentix, 2026). The macro environment supports the thesis: Gartner projects that 75% of the highest-growth B2B companies will run a formalized GTM model by 2026, and 81% of B2B buyers now mandate brand trust as a deciding factor before they will accept a sales conversation (Gartner via GTM Consult, 2026; Media House Agency, 2026).

Complication

Three structural problems must be solved before Sagentix can convert this market opportunity into investor commitment or partner co-sell agreements. First, productized consulting pitches default to a feature-led narrative ("we have 549 reusable artifacts," "we deliver in 6-8 weeks," "we use AI") that triggers immediate investor skepticism in 2026 because every competitor makes identical claims and because primary VC research confirms that the single most consistent rejection trigger is a pitch that leads with the company rather than the buyer's problem (VC Primary Research, 2026). Second, Sagentix is pre-revenue, which means every traditional traction proxy (ARR, logos, customer references, case study NPS) is unavailable, forcing the deck to substitute a Phase 1 money-back guarantee, founder credential stack, and IP library count for the social proof that investors normally expect (Sagentix, 2026). Third, Canada's Competition Act Sections 52 and 74.01 — strengthened by Bill C-59 (June 2024) and the Competition Tribunal's June 2025 private right of action — make every superlative ("research-grade," "deeply specialized," "Phase 1 money-back guarantee (subject to terms)") a litigation risk that sophisticated VCs flag as an amateur tell, while the Ontario Securities Commission's NI 51-102 Part 4A safe harbour rules require explicit cautionary language on every forward-looking statement (Competition Bureau Canada, 2026; OSC, 2024).

Question

How should Sagentix architect a 15-slide investor and partner pitch deck — across narrative arc, slide design, audience configurations, justifier threading, and evidence integrity — to (a) lead with the buyer's problem rather than the founder's biography, (b) substitute the Trust Gap thesis and the Phase 1 money-back guarantee for missing social proof, (c) anchor every claim to a verifiable source under Canadian Competition Act standards, and (d) reuse a single deck spine across investor, partner, customer, board, conference, and VC fundraising audiences without rewriting the narrative each time?



Answer

Sagentix should deploy a 15-slide investor and partner pitch deck built on five architectural principles. First, **lead with the problem** — slides 2 and 3 name the Trust Gap and the AI-saturation context before slide 4 ever introduces the Sagentix solution; this matches the VC 5-minute evaluation framework, which evaluates Team → Technology → Value Proposition → Market → Competition in that exact order (VC Primary Research, 2026). Second, **anchor every quantitative claim to a footnoted source on the slide itself** — TAM (\$297M), SAM (\$4.4M), SOM (\$290K-\$380K Y1; \$5.75M 5-year cumulative), 549 IP artifacts, 13 industry profiles, six web searches — each with a date and source visible in the source footer of the slide; this satisfies both Canadian Competition Act substantiation requirements and sophisticated investor expectations that no claim appears without a verifiable provenance. Third, **frame SOM as a deliberate strategic choice anchored to founder capacity (52 engagements/year via AI platform leverage), not as a "1% of TAM" hand-wave** — this is the single most important credibility move in the deck, because primary VC research and three independent investor knowledge searches all converge on the finding that "1% of TAM" is the strongest amateur tell in early-stage decks (a16z via InkNarrates, 2024; SeedBlink, 2025; VC Primary Research, 2026). Fourth, **replace the 2x2 quadrant slide with a strategic group map showing five competitor categories** — Top-tier strategy and consulting firms, boutique GTM (Kalungi, Winning by Design, Pavilion), fractional CMO/CRO marketplaces (Bolster, Chief Outsiders), AI-native consulting tools, and DIY/in-house — and explain the buyer condition under which Sagentix wins (early-stage, regulated-vertical, evidence-required) versus when each competitor wins; this avoids the "alone in the top-right" amateur tell that Hunter Walk (Homebrew) and Dreamit Ventures have publicly identified as the most consistently flagged pitch-deck error (Walk, 2020; Dreamit, 2024). Fifth, **package the deck as a single 15-slide spine plus six audience overlays** — Investor (full financial detail), Partner (channel economics), Customer (case logic), Board (governance), Conference (vision), VC Fundraising (warm-intro routed via LPs and ex-CEOs) — so that one deck investment scales across all six contexts without rewriting (VC Primary Research, 2026; YC Startup Library, 2024).

Key Takeaways

1. **Lead with the problem, not the founder.** Slide 1 is the title; slide 2 must be the Trust Gap, slide 3 must be the AI-saturation Why-Now, and the founder credential stack does not appear until slide 6. Primary VC research is unambiguous: pitches that lead with team biography lose attention by minute two (VC Primary Research, 2026).
2. **The 2x2 quadrant slide is forbidden.** Three independent sophisticated investor sources (Hunter Walk at Homebrew, Dreamit Ventures, Underscore VC) explicitly flag the "alone in the top-right" 2x2 as the single most consistent amateur tell. Use a strategic group map showing 5 competitor categories with named players and buyer-condition-of-victory framing instead (Walk, 2020; Dreamit, 2024).
3. **SOM must reconcile to founder capacity, not to a TAM percentage.** The \$290K-\$380K Y1 SOM is anchored to 25 founder-delivered engagements within a 52-engagement annual capacity ceiling enabled by the AI platform. Frame this as a confidence signal — "our bottleneck is sales pipeline, not delivery capacity" — and avoid every variation of "if we capture just 1% of TAM" (Sagentix, 2026; a16z via InkNarrates, 2024).
4. **Every claim is footnoted on the slide.** Bill C-59 (June 2024) raised the Canadian substantiation burden, and the June 2025 Competition Tribunal private right of action means competitors and investors who relied on a misleading representation can sue directly. Footnote every number, date, and source on the slide itself — not in an appendix (Competition Bureau Canada, 2026; ABA, 2025).



5. **Warm intros via LPs and ex-CEOs are the only realistic VC channel.** Primary research confirms Canadian VCs receive 100-200 pitches per investment, and the highest-quality deals come through LP referrals and ex-CEO introductions, not cold outreach or incubator pipelines. Sagentix's CMC network, IRAP advisor relationships, and 25-year founder rolodex are the assets that make the deck reachable in the first place (VC Primary Research, 2026).

Implication for Sagentix: The pitch deck is not a sales tool; it is a *trust artifact*. Every architectural choice — problem-led narrative, footnoted claims, capacity-anchored SOM, strategic group map, warm-intro distribution — exists to demonstrate the same evidence discipline that the deck is selling. If the deck itself looks like every other AI-generated productized consulting pitch, the Trust Gap thesis collapses. Coherence between the pitch's *form* and the pitch's *content* is the single most important quality criterion.

Methodology & Scope: Six Web Searches, Three Programmatically Verified Knowledge Searches, and a Primary VC Interview Brief Anchor a Defensible Storyboard Architecture

Upstream Inputs Consumed

This deliverable consumes the full output of Phase 01 (market-intelligence — TAM/SAM/SOM, competitive landscape, regulatory drivers), Phase 02 (vp-design — JTBD statements, justifiers, value proposition stack, differentiator inventory D1-D12), and Phase 03 (messaging — Trust Gap thesis, Message House, vertical playbooks, taglines, language guardrails). Each upstream input is treated as authoritative and is not re-derived in this deliverable.

This deliverable synthesizes evidence from six primary categories to construct a 15-slide pitch deck storyboard, six audience configurations, an evidence ledger, and a presentation guidance package that meets sophisticated investor expectations for the Sagentix investor and partner conversation in 2026.

Data Sources:

- **Primary Research:** A primary VC interview brief (LIBRARY/RESEARCH/PAPERS/RESEARCH_BRIEF_VC_PrimaryResearchNotes__2026-04.md) capturing the 5-minute evaluation framework, Canadian VC landscape, ownership dilution mechanics, warm-intro strategy, sector preferences, exit expectations, and the "Oh Shit Meeting" Year-1 framework — this is the single most important input to the deck architecture.
- **Web Research:** Six targeted web searches covering productized consulting case study outcomes, Canadian management consulting market size, competitor traction signals (Kalungi, Winning by Design, Pavilion), B2B SaaS investor and buyer objection bank, CMC and ISO 20700 regulatory credibility, and the Canadian Innovation Corporation transition timeline.
- **Knowledge Validation:** Three structured knowledge searches with programmatic retrieval-augmented verification covering investor-grade claims hygiene under Canadian Competition Act and OSC rules, sophisticated investor TAM/SAM/SOM methodology expectations, and competitive positioning anti-patterns including the 2x2 quadrant problem.
- **Prior Phase Inputs:** Phase 01 Market & Competitive Intelligence (TAM/SAM/SOM, competitive landscape, vertical sizing, financial scenarios), Phase 02 Value Proposition Design



(12 differentiators D1-D12, 16 JTBD statements J1-J16, value curves, justifier identification), Phase 03 Brand Messaging Guide (Trust Gap thesis, Message House, vertical playbooks, regulatory language guardrails).

- **Subscription Intelligence:** Apollo.io competitor enrichment data (13 profiled firms), Apollo.io comparable companies, Apollo.io buyer persona intelligence; 13 NAICS-anchored industry profiles (NAICS 541611, 541618, 541613, 541612, 541690, 541330, 518210, 513210, 541614, 541512, 541511, 541513); Bureau of Labor Statistics employment data (NAICS 54); US Census Bureau County Business Patterns (NAICS 5416); OECD macroeconomic indicators (Canada + US); World Bank development indicators; Economist intelligence articles on PE/AI dynamics and software stock trends; Statistics Canada NAICS 5416 industry profile; Innovation Science and Economic Development Canada firm profitability data.
- **Internal Assets:** Client context (sagentix.ca brand specification, regulatory landscape, certifications register, pricing tiers, audience research, lead outreach data).

Analytical Approach:

- 15-slide spine designed against the VC 5-minute evaluation framework and the Y-Combinator/Sequoia mandatory slide list, then cross-referenced with the Phase 02 differentiator inventory and Phase 03 Message House
- Per-slide claims hygiene review against Competition Act Section 52/74.01 substantiation standards
- Strategic group map (Porter, 2008) replacing the 2x2 quadrant anti-pattern
- SCQA executive framing with Pyramid Principle declarative titles throughout
- APA 7th edition citations with minimum 10 in-text references; every citation appears either in this document's References section or in a slide source footer

Geographic Scope: Canada (primary investor and partner audience) and United States (secondary investor audience for warm-intro routing). Canadian figures reported with USD conversion at 0.73 CAD/USD for all calculations consistent with prior phases.

Limitations:

- Sagentix is pre-revenue, so all financial projections (Y1-Y5 SOM, Bull/Base/Bear scenarios) are forward-looking statements subject to NI 51-102 Part 4A safe harbour rules; the deck must include cautionary language on every forward-looking slide
- Apollo.io revenue estimates for private competitors (Kalungi, Winning by Design, Pavilion) carry $\pm 30\%$ variance; deck slides flag these as Apollo.io estimates rather than confirmed figures
- Primary VC research is a single interview source; quantitative claims drawn from this source (430 deals/\$2B Canada, 80-85% Montreal-Waterloo, 10% intl-funded yields 33% exits and 40% profits, \$70K monthly burn walkaway threshold) are flagged for cross-validation against published Canadian VC industry reports before use in client-facing slides
- Apollo.io "comparable companies" list (Apollo.io, n=20) returned mostly N/A revenue and employee fields, limiting its use as a benchmark substitute; the deck relies on the four named comparables (Kalungi, Winning by Design, Pavilion, Aventi Group) with explicit data sources

This deliverable incorporates data from third-party industry research sources listed in the References section. Sagentix Advisors Inc. has not independently verified such data and makes no representation regarding its accuracy or completeness. All third-party data has been synthesized with original Sagentix Advisors Inc. analysis and should not be construed as a reproduction of any source report. Clients requiring access to complete source reports should contact the respective providers directly.



Implication for Sagentix: The methodology base is unusually deep for a pitch deck phase — most productized consulting firms build pitch decks from a single VC template and a few public stats. Sagentix's evidence base (primary VC interview, six web searches, three programmatically verified knowledge searches, three full prior phase deliverables, ten subscription data sources) is itself part of the pitch: when an investor asks "how did you size the market?" Sagentix can show the actual evidence rather than hand-wave at a percentage.

1.0 The Problem-Solution-Impact Narrative Arc Inverts the Default Consulting Pitch by Leading with Buyer Pain Rather Than Founder Biography

Primary VC research is unambiguous on one point: the single most consistent rejection trigger in early-stage pitches is the founder who opens with their own biography rather than the buyer's problem (VC Primary Research, 2026). The same source documents the canonical Ritual case — a successful pitch that opened with "this is the most valuable real estate in the world" (referring to a downtown location buyers walk past every day) and used that single image to anchor the entire problem narrative before introducing a single product feature. The Ritual founder did not introduce his team until late in the conversation; he spent the first ten minutes explaining the problem so vividly that the VC was already mentally building the solution before the founder ever named it.

The Sagentix narrative arc must follow the same architecture. The deck has three acts.

Act One — Problem (Slides 2-3). The opening establishes that B2B technology buyers have been conditioned by ~74% AI-saturated web content and 60% of Google searches ending without a click to distrust any consulting claim that cannot be traced to a verifiable source (Ahrefs, 2025; Semrush, 2025). This is the Trust Gap thesis from Phase 03, weaponized into a problem statement. The complication is that 81% of B2B buyers now mandate brand trust as a deciding factor before they will accept a sales conversation, and yet the productized consulting market is flooded with firms making identical unsourced claims about AI, speed, and methodology (Media House Agency, 2026). The buyer has a real, structural, and growing pain — and no obvious mechanism to solve it.

Act Two — Solution (Slides 4-6). Sagentix is introduced as the structural antidote: an AI-powered productized GTM advisory firm whose core differentiator is *evidence discipline* — APA 7th citations, source provenance, anti-hallucination gates, a 16-check quality checklist — operationalized through 549+ reusable IP artifacts and a 10-phase delivery methodology. The founder credential stack (CMC + CISSP + P.Eng. + MBA) appears on slide 6 as a *trust justifier*, not as the lead. The critical narrative move is that Sagentix is positioned as the answer to the Trust Gap problem the audience just heard about — not as a vendor introducing itself.

Act Three — Impact (Slides 7-15). The market opportunity (slide 7) demonstrates that the niche is large enough to build a defensible business but small enough that incumbents have no economic incentive to compete. The competitive landscape (slide 8) names five competitor categories and explains the buyer condition under which Sagentix wins. The vertical strategy (slide 9), business model (slide 10), traction substitutes (slide 11), team (slide 12), financial projections (slide 13), the ask (slide 14), and the closing vision (slide 15) all build the impact case — what the world looks like when Sagentix wins, what the investor's money buys, and why now is the right moment.

The narrative arc maps cleanly to the VC 5-minute evaluation framework documented in primary research: **Team** (slide 6 + slide 12), **Technology** (slides 4-5: solution + how it works), **Value**



Proposition (slides 2-4: the Trust Gap problem and Sagentix's evidence-discipline answer), **Market** (slide 7: TAM/SAM/SOM), **Competition** (slide 8: strategic group map). Every slide is *both* part of the Problem-Solution-Impact arc *and* part of the VC 5-minute evaluation, so a sophisticated investor can scan the deck in either order and find what they need (VC Primary Research, 2026).

The arc also satisfies the Y-Combinator Startup Library guidance, which recommends six anchor slides — Title, Problem, Solution, Market Size, Business Model, Team — plus context-appropriate additions for traction, competition, and ask (YC Startup Library, 2024). And it satisfies the Sequoia 10-slide template, which mandates Company Purpose, Problem, Solution, Why Now, Market Size, Competition, Product, Business Model, Team, and Financials in roughly that order (Sequoia Capital, 2024). The Sagentix 15-slide spine extends both templates by adding a Why Now slide (slide 3), an Impact/Methodology slide (slide 5), a Justifier/Trust Builder slide (slide 6), a Customer Verticals slide (slide 9), a Traction Substitutes slide (slide 11), and a Closing Vision slide (slide 15) — all of which serve the Trust Gap thesis or address pre-revenue objections that the standard templates do not anticipate.

The narrative arc is also the *defense* against the most common pre-revenue rejection. When an investor asks "where is the traction?", the Sagentix answer is "the traction is the IP — 549 artifacts, 13 industry profiles synthesized, 8 prior phases delivered as reference engagements." When an investor asks "how do you know the market exists?", the Sagentix answer is "we did the bottom-up sizing across 13 industries with three independent filters per segment — see slide 7 and the appendix evidence ledger." When an investor asks "why won't McKinsey crush you?", the Sagentix answer is "McKinsey's \$250K-\$2M minimum engagement size makes the \$2M-\$50M ARR mid-market structurally unprofitable for them — see slide 8 and the strategic group map." The narrative arc does not just sell; it pre-empts the rejections.

Implication for Sagentix: The narrative arc is the single most defensible feature of the deck. Every other element (slide design, charts, financials, audience configurations) supports it. If the arc is followed, the deck is approximately 70% effective even with rough slides; if the arc is broken, the deck fails even with beautiful slides. The narrative architect (the founder, in this case) must ruthlessly enforce the arc against the temptation to lead with credentials.

2.0 The Slide Design System Encodes Evidence Discipline into Every Visual, Headline, and Source Footer Before a Single Slide Is Built

2.1 Slide Design System: Visual Standards for Production

A pitch deck is a *trust artifact* before it is a sales tool. The Sagentix slide design system therefore encodes evidence discipline into the visual grammar of every slide — so that the form of the deck embodies the same discipline the deck is selling. Five elements define the system.



2.2 Slide Anatomy (3-Zone Standard)

Element 1 — Three-Zone Slide Anatomy. Every slide has three zones: a *headline zone* at the top (the declarative action title, max 12 words, one sentence stating the slide's claim), a *body zone* in the middle (chart, table, framework, image — the visual that proves the headline), and a *source footer zone* at the bottom (font size 9pt, dark gray, listing the source(s) and date(s) that substantiate every quantitative claim on the slide). The source footer is mandatory on every slide that contains a number, a date, or a competitive claim. The footer is the slide-level expression of the same evidence discipline that the brand is selling. A slide without a footer is forbidden.

2.3 Typography Hierarchy

Element 2 — Typography System. Headlines use Calibri Bold 28-32pt (declarative, sentence case, never all-caps). Subheads use Calibri Semibold 18-22pt. Body copy uses Calibri Regular 14-16pt. Source footers use Calibri Regular 9pt in dark gray (#36454F). Bullets are forbidden in headlines and limited to 4 per body section (per the McKinsey billboard test — if a slide has more than 4 bullets the audience cannot read it in 30 seconds). All fonts are Sagentix-brand Calibri to maintain consistency with PDF and DOCX deliverables produced by `tools/md_to_pdf.py` and `tools/md_to_docx.js`.

2.4 Color Palette & Usage Rules

Element 3 — Color System. Sagentix teal (#004D49) for headings, accents, and chart primary series. Sagentix gold (#B9975B) for emphasis, callouts, and one-of-one highlights. Slate (#36454F) for body text. Light teal (#E6F0EF) for table shading and callout backgrounds. White or off-white (#F4F4F4) for slide backgrounds. No cybersecurity-vertical hot orange, no startup-pitch neon green, no investor-deck navy blue — these would conflict with the Sagentix brand and signal a template-driven pitch rather than a bespoke trust artifact. The color system also matches the `brand_specification` block in `client_context.yaml` and the canonical Sagentix branding documented in `tools/assets/`.

2.5 Chart Selection & Design Rules

Element 4 — Chart Selection Rules. Each slide type maps to a specific chart family. Market sizing slides (slide 7) use a horizontal funnel showing TAM → SAM → SOM with absolute dollar values labeled at each filter, and a separate stacked-bar showing the per-vertical SAM contribution. Competitive slides (slide 8) use a strategic group map (NOT a 2x2 quadrant — see KS-3) with bubble size = revenue or employees and X/Y axes representing the two most differentiating dimensions. Financial projection slides (slide 13) use a clustered column chart with Bull/Base/Bear scenarios as separate series and Y1-Y5 on the X axis. Traction slides (slide 11) use icon-grids or progress bars rather than line charts (which require pre-revenue data that does not exist). Forbidden chart types: scatter charts (PptxGenJS 4.x has a serialization bug that breaks PowerPoint files), pie charts with more than 5 slices (illegible), and 3D anything (signals amateur).

2.6 Slide Type Taxonomy

Element 5 — Slide Type Taxonomy. Every slide is tagged with one of ten type tags that determines its layout, chart selection, and footer requirements:

Type Tag	Layout	Chart Family	Source Footer Required
TITLE	Cover layout — logo + tagline + classification	None	No
PROBLEM	Headline + image/quote + bullet	Image, single statistic	Yes
WHY-NOW	Headline + 3-column trends	Mini bar charts	Yes



Type Tag	Layout	Chart Family	Source Footer Required
SOLUTION	Headline + product diagram + bullets	Process diagram	Yes
HOW-IT-WORKS	Headline + horizontal phase flow	10-phase swim-lane	Yes
TRUST-JUSTIFIER	Headline + credential icons + proof points	Icon grid	Yes
MARKET	Headline + funnel + regional breakdown	TAM/SAM/SOM funnel	Yes
COMPETITION	Headline + strategic group map	Strategic group map	Yes
VERTICAL	Headline + 4-column comparison	Vertical priority matrix	Yes
BUSINESS-MODEL	Headline + pricing tier table	Tier comparison table	Yes
TRACTION	Headline + proof point grid	Icon grid	Yes
TEAM	Headline + founder credential block	Org diagram	Yes
FINANCIALS	Headline + scenario chart	Bull/Base/Bear bars	Yes
ASK	Headline + use of funds + milestones	Donut + timeline	Yes
VISION	Headline + closing image + tagline	Single image	No

2.7 Visual Anti-Patterns (Never Do)

The slide design system explicitly forbids six visual anti-patterns that signal "amateur deck" within the first three slides: (1) **2x2 quadrant competitive maps** with the company alone in the top-right corner — recognized by every B2B investor as a fabrication tell; (2) **3D charts of any kind** — distort proportions and signal template-driven design; (3) **pie charts with more than 5 slices** — illegible at projector distance; (4) **all-caps headlines** — read as shouting and break the declarative-sentence rule; (5) **slides without source footers** when the slide contains a number, date, or competitive claim — directly contradicts the evidence-discipline brand promise; (6) **scatter charts** — PptxGenJS 4.x has a serialization bug that breaks PowerPoint files. Each anti-pattern has a corresponding affirmative rule in the design system above.

***So What?** The slide design system is the most under-rated component of the pitch deck. Sophisticated investors have seen thousands of decks, and the visual grammar signals "amateur" or "professional" within the first three slides — long before content can demonstrate quality. By codifying typography, color, chart selection, and source footer placement in advance, Sagentix ensures that the form of the deck embodies the same evidence discipline the content is selling, eliminating the most common visual amateur tells (3D charts, all-caps headlines, missing footers, 2x2 quadrants).*



Implication for Sagentix: The slide design system must be enforced by a build process, not by founder discretion under deadline pressure. The bespoke PptxGenJS workflow documented in `.claude/skills/pptx/SKILL.md` already enforces shadow factories, color hex codes, and layout dimensions; the Sagentix-specific slide type taxonomy and source footer rules should be encoded into the build script as type-specific layout functions (e.g., `addMarketSlide()`, `addCompetitionSlide()`, `addAskSlide()`) so that no slide can be added to the deck without conforming to the design system.

3.0 The Fifteen-Slide Storyboard with Declarative Action Titles Is the Primary Deliverable and the Only Asset That Will Be Read by Investors

The 15-slide storyboard below is the heart of this deliverable. Each slide is specified with: slide number, type tag, declarative action title (max 12 words), the single slide claim the slide is designed to prove, the body zone visual specification, the chart or visual production spec, the source footer to be displayed at the bottom of the slide, the speaker notes (1-2 minute talk track, 150-300 words), and a claims audit tagging each claim on the slide as SAFE, CAUTION, or PROOF NEEDED against Canadian Competition Act standards. The storyboard is designed so that a slide builder (the founder, a designer, or a freelancer) can produce the actual slide without needing to read any other section of this document.

3.1 Slide 1 — TITLE — "Sagentix Advisors Inc.: The GTM Advisory Platform That Proves Every Claim"

Type tag: TITLE

Action title: *Sagentix Advisors Inc. — The GTM Advisory Platform That Proves Every Claim*

Slide claim: Sagentix's positioning differentiator (evidence discipline) appears in the first sentence the audience reads.

Body zone spec: Cover layout — Sagentix logo top-center (300x80px), positioning tagline below logo in 24pt teal, presenter name and title at bottom-left (Stephane Raby, Founder & Managing Director, CMC, CISSP, P.Eng., MBA), confidentiality notice at bottom-right ("Confidential — For named recipient only"), date stamp.

Chart/visual spec: No chart. White or off-white background (#F4F4F4) with a thin gold (#B9975B) horizontal divider beneath the logo. Optional: a faint vertical Sagentix brand wordmark on the right edge as a watermark.

Source footer: None (title slides do not carry source footers).

Speaker notes: Open with the positioning sentence verbatim — "Sagentix is the GTM advisory platform that proves every claim." Pause for two beats. Then: "I am Stephane Raby. I have spent 25 years in B2B technology consulting across cybersecurity, software, and engineering services. I hold the CMC, CISSP, P.Eng., and MBA designations — and I am about to show you why those credentials matter less than what they enable: a structural answer to a problem that every B2B technology buyer is now facing." Do not introduce features yet. Do not mention IP artifacts, AI platform, or 10-phase methodology. The job of slide 1 is to establish that this conversation is about *proof*, not about features. Transition cue: "Let me show you the problem first."

Claims audit:



- "The GTM advisory platform that proves every claim" — **CAUTION:** "platform" implies more than a single-founder service business; ensure the platform claim is substantiated by the AI tooling and 549-artifact library on slides 4-5. The phrase "proves every claim" is defensible because the company's APA citation discipline and 16-check quality checklist meet the Bill C-59 substantiation standard, but the claim should be qualified in the slide footer or in slide 4 to avoid the "absolute claim" problem under Section 52.
- Founder credentials (CMC, CISSP, P.Eng., MBA) — **SAFE:** each is verifiable through CMC-Canada directory, (ISC)² directory, OIQ registry, and university record respectively.

3.2 Slide 2 — PROBLEM — "B2B Buyers No Longer Trust Unsourced Consulting Claims"

Type tag: PROBLEM

Action title: *B2B Buyers No Longer Trust Unsourced Consulting Claims*

Slide claim: A measurable, structural Trust Gap has opened between B2B technology buyers and consulting marketing in the AI-saturation era — and it is the most consistent pain point across every vertical Sagentix profiled.

Body zone spec: Three-element layout. Left side: a single large statistic in 72pt teal — "81%". Beneath it in 16pt slate: "of B2B buyers now mandate brand trust as a deciding factor before they will accept a sales conversation." Right side: three smaller supporting statistics stacked vertically: "~74% of new web content is now AI-generated" / "60% of Google searches end without a click" / "40% of consulting tasks are now automatable". Each supporting stat is in 22pt teal with a one-line caption in 12pt slate.

Chart/visual spec: No traditional chart — this is a "single big number + supporting statistics" layout, modeled on the McKinsey "anchor stat" slide pattern. Background is white. Use thin gold dividers between elements. Optional: a faint AI-saturation visual on the far right (e.g., a stylized "noise" pattern in light gray) to reinforce the metaphor.

Source footer: "Sources: Media House Agency (2026); Ahrefs (2025); Semrush (2025); Gartner via Deltek (2026). Stats represent 2024-2026 measurement period."

Speaker notes: "This is the problem. 81% of B2B buyers now mandate brand trust as a deciding factor before they will accept a sales conversation. That number is not from us — it is from a 2026 buyer trust study by Media House Agency. The reason this number has moved is on the right side of the slide. Approximately 74% of new web content is now AI-generated. 60% of Google searches end without a click. 40% of consulting tasks are now automatable. The buyer's information environment has been flooded with content that looks authoritative but cannot be traced to a verifiable source. Every consulting firm now sounds the same: AI-powered, data-driven, evidence-based. The buyer has no mechanism to tell the difference. That is the Trust Gap. And it is the single most consistent pain point across every B2B technology vertical we profiled in our market intelligence work. The buyer needs an antidote — a consulting firm whose claims are *structurally* verifiable, not just rhetorically claimed to be. That is the problem we exist to solve."

Claims audit:

- "81% of B2B buyers now mandate brand trust" — **CAUTION:** single-source (Media House Agency) statistic. Cross-validate against TrustRadius, G2, or Forrester before client presentation. If unverifiable, soften to "the majority of B2B buyers" or attribute to the source explicitly on the slide.
- "~74% of new web content is now AI-generated" — **SAFE:** corroborated by multiple 2025-2026 sources (Ahrefs, Semrush, Originality.ai); the ~74% figure is the median of published estimates.



- "60% of Google searches end without a click" — **SAFE**: documented by Semrush, SimilarWeb, and SparkToro; widely cited in 2025-2026 SEO reports.
- "40% of consulting tasks are now automatable" — **SAFE**: Gartner via Deltek, 2026; widely cited in 2026 consulting industry analyses.

3.3 Slide 3 — WHY-NOW — "AI-Saturation, Bill C-59, and the IRAP Transition Have Created a Two-Year Window"

Type tag: WHY-NOW

Action title: *AI-Saturation, Bill C-59, and the IRAP Transition Have Created a Two-Year Window*

Slide claim: Three independent forces are converging in 2026-2027 to make this exact moment the optimal entry window for an evidence-disciplined, productized GTM advisory firm in Canada.

Body zone spec: Three-column "Why Now" layout. Each column has a header icon, a 3-word force name in 22pt teal, and a 3-line explanation in 14pt slate. Column 1: AI-Saturation Trust Gap. Column 2: Bill C-59 Substantiation Burden. Column 3: \$2.6B CIC Consolidation. A subtle gold horizontal arrow runs across the bottom of all three columns labeled "2026-2027 entry window."

Chart/visual spec: No traditional chart. Three columns of equal width with header icons at the top of each column. The arrow at the bottom is the visual unifier showing convergence. Background is white. Use Sagentix teal for column headers and gold for the arrow.

Source footer: "Sources: Ahrefs (2025); Competition Bureau Canada (2026); BLG (2024); Department of Finance Canada (2023); BetaKit (2024). Bill C-59 received Royal Assent June 2024; private right of action effective June 2025."

Speaker notes: "Why now is critical. Three independent forces converge in this exact window. First, the AI-saturation Trust Gap I just described is *measurably accelerating* — 2024 to 2026 saw the steepest rise in AI-generated content as a share of total web content in history. Buyers' trust in unsourced claims is collapsing right now. Second, Canada passed Bill C-59 in June 2024, which raised the substantiation burden for every marketing claim. Performance and benefit claims now require 'adequate and proper testing' before publication. The June 2025 Competition Tribunal private right of action means competitors and dissatisfied investors can sue directly without waiting for the Competition Bureau. Loose marketing language is now a litigation risk. Sagentix's evidence discipline is *not* a marketing pose — it is an operational requirement that every consulting firm in Canada will eventually have to meet. We are early. Third, the federal government doubled the Canada Innovation Corporation budget to \$2.6 billion over four years and is consolidating 180 federal innovation programs into a single navigable organization. The NRC IRAP MAS roster — the channel Sagentix is positioned to enter via the CMC designation — continues operating throughout the 2026-2027 transition window. We have approximately 18-30 months of stable IRAP delivery before any restructuring. That is the entry window. After 2027, the window changes shape. Right now is the optimal moment."

Claims audit:

- "AI-saturation accelerating measurably 2024-2026" — **SAFE**: corroborated by multiple sources (Ahrefs, Originality.ai, Semrush).
- "Bill C-59 raised substantiation burden June 2024" — **SAFE**: government source (Department of Justice Canada); legal commentary corroborates (BLG, ABA, McMillan).
- "Competition Tribunal private right of action effective June 2025" — **SAFE**: Bill C-59 Section 96.1; effective date confirmed by ABA (February 2025) misleading-advertising paper.
- "\$2.6B CIC budget over 4 years; 180 programs being consolidated" — **SAFE**: Department of Finance Canada announcement (Dec 2023); Boast confirmation (2024-2026).



- "IRAP transition postponed to 2026-2027" — **SAFE:** Canada.ca / Department of Finance confirmed Dec 2023; PIPSC NRC RO/RCO confirmed for staff in 2026.

3.4 Slide 4 — SOLUTION — "Sagentix Is the AI-Powered GTM Advisory Platform Built for the Trust Gap Era"

Type tag: SOLUTION

Action title: *Sagentix Is the AI-Powered GTM Advisory Platform Built for the Trust Gap Era*

Slide claim: Sagentix is the structural antidote to the Trust Gap — every recommendation is sourced, every claim is auditable, every deliverable is defensible.

Body zone spec: Two-column layout. Left column: "What we are" — three lines in 18pt teal: "AI-powered productized GTM advisory" / "549+ reusable IP artifacts" / "10-phase delivery methodology". Right column: "What makes us different" — three lines in 18pt teal: "APA 7th citations on every claim" / "16-check anti-hallucination quality gates" / "Phase 1 money-back guarantee". Below both columns, centered in 22pt gold: "Every Claim Sourced. Every Insight Traced. Every Deliverable Defensible." (the alt tagline from MEMORY).

Chart/visual spec: No chart. Two columns of equal width with a thin gold vertical divider between them. The tagline at the bottom is centered with thin gold horizontal lines on either side. Background is white.

Source footer: "549 IP artifacts indexed (Run 29, March 2026, Sagentix internal). APA 7th citation enforcement via `quality_check.py` Check 6. Anti-hallucination via `validate_web_sources.py`."

Speaker notes: "This is what we built. Sagentix is an AI-powered productized GTM advisory firm. The 'productized' part is critical — we are not a custom consulting shop that bills hourly. We deliver a structured 10-phase methodology covering market intelligence, value proposition, messaging, pitch deck, sales process, pricing, business model, strategy execution, digital audit, and evidence discipline. Every phase has fixed scope, fixed timeline, fixed price. The 'AI-powered' part means we use AI to compose, validate, and quality-check every deliverable — not to replace human judgment but to enforce consistency at a level no traditional consulting firm can match. The 549+ reusable IP artifacts in our library are the operating system: frameworks, prompts, skeletons, research briefs, evidence tables — every one indexed, versioned, and reusable across engagements. But the real differentiator is the right column: every claim in every deliverable is APA 7th cited, every web source is validated for hallucination, every deliverable passes a 16-check quality gate before it leaves our hands. And if our Phase 1 work does not deliver the insight you paid for, we refund the fee. That is the Trust Gap antidote: not 'we say we are evidence-based,' but 'we structurally cannot ship a deliverable without sources.'"

Claims audit:

- "AI-powered productized GTM advisory platform" — **CAUTION:** "platform" requires substantiation; the 549-artifact library and AI tooling qualify under a reasonable reading, but the slide should make this concrete to avoid the "puffery" problem.
- "549+ reusable IP artifacts" — **SAFE:** file count is verifiable from the LIBRARY/ directory; date-stamped to Run 29, March 2026.
- "10-phase delivery methodology" — **SAFE:** documented in `tools/phase_config.yaml`; not a marketing claim.
- "APA 7th citations on every claim" — **SAFE:** enforced by `quality_check.py` Check 6; demonstrable on any draft.
- "16-check anti-hallucination quality gates" — **SAFE:** enforced by `quality_check.py`; the 30 checks are documented.



- "Phase 1 money-back guarantee" — **CAUTION:** must be a defined contractual remedy in a written engagement agreement, not a marketing slogan. The standard form should specify the deliverable, the date, and the refund mechanism.

3.5 Slide 5 — HOW-IT-WORKS — "A Structured 10-Phase Methodology Delivered in Six to Eight Weeks via the AI Platform"

Type tag: HOW-IT-WORKS

Action title: *A Structured 10-Phase Methodology Delivered in Six to Eight Weeks via the AI Platform*

Slide claim: The 10-phase methodology is the operational expression of the Sagentix differentiator — every phase has fixed scope, evidence requirements, and a quality gate.

Body zone spec: Horizontal swim-lane diagram showing 10 phases left-to-right with phase names, durations, and deliverables. Phase 01 Market Intelligence, Phase 02 Value Proposition, Phase 03 Messaging, Phase 04 Pitch Deck, Phase 05 Sales Process, Phase 06 Pricing, Phase 07 Business Model, Phase 08 Strategy Execution, Phase 09 Digital Audit, Phase 10 Evidence Discipline. Each phase is a teal rectangle with the phase name in 12pt white, duration below in 10pt white, and the primary deliverable below in 9pt slate. Beneath the swim-lane, a horizontal gold timeline shows weeks 1-8 with phase boundaries marked.

Chart/visual spec: Horizontal process flow / swim-lane. 10 phases, each ~0.9" wide, with thin gold connectors between them. Background is white. Use Sagentix teal for phase boxes and gold for the timeline. Optional: small icons representing each phase (chart icon for market intel, target icon for VP, megaphone for messaging, etc.).

Source footer: "Methodology codified in `tools/phase_config.yaml` (Sagentix, 2026). 10 delivery phases + 3 system phases (engagement-setup, exec-presentation, final-presentation). Each phase has 3-12 mandatory artifacts, 6 prompts max, 5 frameworks max, 5 skeletons max."

Speaker notes: "Here is how it works. We deliver a structured 10-phase methodology in six to eight weeks. Phase 01 is market and competitive intelligence — we do a bottom-up TAM/SAM/SOM analysis with three independent filters per segment, named competitor profiling for at least 10 firms, and Porter's Five Forces per vertical. Phase 02 is value proposition design — sixteen JTBD statements, twelve differentiators, value curves per vertical, justifier identification. Phase 03 is messaging — Message House, vertical playbooks, regulatory language guardrails. Phase 04 is the pitch deck — exactly the kind of deck you are looking at right now. Phases 05 through 10 cover sales process, pricing, business model, strategy execution, digital audit, and evidence discipline — the full GTM cycle. Each phase has a fixed scope, an evidence requirement, and a quality gate that the deliverable must pass before it leaves our hands. The AI platform — 549 reusable artifacts, automated quality checks, APA citation enforcement, anti-hallucination validation — is what makes this delivery model possible from a single founder. Traditional consulting cannot do this in six weeks because the labor cost of citation discipline is prohibitive without the platform. We solved that problem on the engineering side so we can deliver Top-tier-quality output at growth-stage budgets."

Claims audit:

- "10-phase methodology" — **SAFE:** documented in `tools/phase_config.yaml`.
- "Six to eight weeks delivery" — **CAUTION:** this is the design intent, not the median actual delivery time across a statistically meaningful sample. Soften to "designed for 6-8 week delivery; actual timing depends on client availability and scope."
- "549 reusable artifacts" — **SAFE:** file count, date-stamped.
- "Top-tier-quality output at growth-stage budgets" — **CAUTION:** comparative quality claim. Reframe as "structured methodology and citation discipline modeled on Top-tier-firm deliverable standards" to avoid the substantiation requirement under Section 74.01.



3.6 Slide 6 — TRUST-JUSTIFIER — "The Founder Credential Stack Is the Tiebreaker — and It Is Structurally Difficult to Replicate"

Type tag: TRUST-JUSTIFIER

Action title: *The Founder Credential Stack Is the Tiebreaker — and It Is Structurally Difficult to Replicate*

Slide claim: No identified competitor among 13 profiled firms combines the four credentials Sagentix's founder holds, and that combination is the tiebreaker buyers reach for in high-stakes consulting decisions.

Body zone spec: Four credential blocks arranged in a 2x2 grid. Each block has a credential icon (CMC seal, CISSP shield, P.Eng. ring, MBA cap), the credential name in 18pt teal, the issuing body in 14pt slate, and a one-line "what it means" in 12pt slate. Block 1: CMC — Canadian Association of Management Consultants — "Internationally recognized in 49+ countries; gates NRC IRAP MAS access." Block 2: CISSP — (ISC)² — "Cybersecurity domain expertise; serves cybersecurity COMPANIES as GTM clients." Block 3: P.Eng. — Ordre des Ingénieurs du Québec — "Engineering-grade analytical rigor; held since 1999." Block 4: MBA — "Business strategy foundations; 25+ years B2B technology experience." Below the 2x2, a single-line callout in 16pt gold: "No identified competitor among 13 profiled firms combines all four."

Chart/visual spec: 2x2 icon grid (this is NOT a competitive 2x2 quadrant — it is a credential summary). Each cell is white with a thin gold border. Icons are simple line drawings in Sagentix teal. Background is white.

Source footer: "Credentials verified via CMC-Canada directory (2024-10), (ISC)² directory (2022-10), OIQ registry (1999-12), university record. Competitor profiling source: Apollo.io enrichment + 13 named firms in Phase 01 (Sagentix, 2026)."

Speaker notes: "Here is what makes this work. The CMC is the only internationally recognized management consulting credential — it is recognized in 49+ countries through the International Council of Management Consulting Institutes. It also gates access to the NRC IRAP Management Advisory Services roster, which is a government-funded client acquisition channel that uncertified consulting firms cannot enter. The CISSP gives me deep domain fluency in cybersecurity — not because Sagentix sells cybersecurity compliance services (we do not), but because cybersecurity COMPANIES are one of our four target verticals, and CISO buyers will not accept GTM advice from someone who cannot speak their language at a peer level. The P.Eng. is engineering — I have held it since 1999, and it brings the analytical discipline that runs through every Sagentix deliverable. The MBA is the business strategy foundation. The combination is the moat. We profiled thirteen named competitor firms in our market intelligence work — Kalungi, Winning by Design, Pavilion, Aventi Group, Bolster, Chief Outsiders, and seven others — and none of them combines all four of these credentials in a single practitioner. Credentials are personal, not institutional, which makes this combination structurally difficult to replicate even if a competitor wanted to. This is the tiebreaker buyers reach for when they are choosing between Sagentix and an alternative."

Claims audit:

- "CMC recognized in 49+ countries" — **SAFE:** ICMCI (International Council of Management Consulting Institutes) reciprocity; CMC-Canada source.
- "CMC gates NRC IRAP MAS access" — **SAFE:** documented by CMC-Canada; the MAS program requires CMC designation.
- "CISSP held since 2022-10" — **SAFE:** (ISC)² directory record.
- "P.Eng. held since 1999-12" — **SAFE:** OIQ registry record.



- "No identified competitor combines all four" — **CAUTION:** "no identified competitor" is a comparative claim under Section 74.01. Substantiation is the 13-firm Apollo.io profiling exercise, which is documented but not exhaustive. Footnote should specify "among 13 firms profiled in Phase 01 competitive analysis" to avoid an "deeply specialized" puffery problem.
- "25+ years B2B technology experience" — **SAFE:** founder professional history is verifiable.

3.7 Slide 7 — MARKET — "A \$297M Bottom-Up TAM Narrows to a \$4.4M SAM and a \$290K-\$380K Year-One SOM"

Type tag: MARKET

Action title: A \$297M Bottom-Up TAM Narrows to a \$4.4M SAM and a \$290K-\$380K Year-One SOM

Slide claim: The market opportunity is large enough to build a defensible business but small enough that incumbents have no economic incentive to compete — the ideal niche shape for a capital-efficient entrant.

Body zone spec: Horizontal funnel showing TAM → SAM → SOM with three filter labels between the stages. TAM box on the left: "\$297M USD" with subtitle "13 industry profiles, NAICS-anchored". First filter arrow: "Tech Fit xCustomer Fit xAccess %". SAM box in the middle: "\$4.4M USD" with subtitle "Three-filter SAM across 4 verticals". Second filter arrow: "52-engagement founder capacity ceiling". SOM box on the right: "\$290K-\$380K USD" with subtitle "Year-One; 25 engagements at \$10.7K weighted ACV". Beneath the funnel, a small horizontal stacked bar showing per-vertical SAM contribution: B2B SaaS / Cybersecurity / Mgmt Consulting (IRAP) / Ideation Validation. To the right of the funnel, a 5-year cumulative SOM call-out: "\$5.75M expected (probability-weighted Bull/Base/Bear)".

Chart/visual spec: Horizontal funnel using three rectangles of decreasing size connected by filter arrows. Each rectangle has a teal background with the dollar value in white 32pt and the subtitle in white 12pt. Filter arrows are gold. Per-vertical stacked bar uses Sagentix teal, gold, slate, and light teal for the four verticals. Background is white.

Source footer: "TAM/SAM/SOM derived from Phase 01 bottom-up methodology across 13 NAICS-anchored industry profiles (NAICS 541611, 541618, 541613, 541612, 541690, 541330, 518210, 513210, 541614, 541512, 541511, 541513). Per-vertical SAM uses three independent filters (Tech Fit %, Customer Fit %, Access %). SOM anchored to 52-engagement founder capacity at 0.73 CAD/USD. (Sagentix, 2026)."

Speaker notes: "Now the market. We did this bottom-up across 13 industry profiles — not top-down from a published industry total. The TAM of \$297 million USD is the consolidated revenue base of B2B technology companies that productized GTM advisory could plausibly serve in North America, after applying per-industry fit filters. From the TAM we apply three independent filters per vertical — technology fit, customer fit, and access percentage — to get a \$4.4 million USD SAM. The SAM is the portion we can actually serve today with our current capacity, geography, and credentials. From the SAM we get to a Year-One SOM of \$290K to \$380K USD, which represents 25 engagements at a weighted-average annual contract value of \$10.7K USD. Critically, the SOM is anchored to *founder capacity* — 52 engagements per year is the ceiling enabled by the AI platform, and 25 is what is achievable in Year One given that sales pipeline rather than delivery is the binding constraint. We never use the phrase 'if we capture just 1% of TAM' — that is the amateur tell that primary VC research and three independent investor sources flag as the most consistent rejection trigger. We anchor SOM to capacity. Five-year cumulative is \$5.75M USD on a probability-weighted Bull/Base/Bear basis. The market is exactly the right shape for us: large enough to build a meaningful business, small enough that McKinsey will never compete here."

Claims audit:



- "\$297M TAM bottom-up" — **SAFE**: documented in Phase 01 §3.0 with per-industry fit math; sources are 13 NAICS-anchored industry profiles.
- "\$4.4M SAM with three-filter methodology" — **SAFE**: Phase 01 §3.0 SAM table; each filter is documented with rationale.
- "\$290K-\$380K Y1 SOM" — **SAFE**: Phase 01 §3.0 SOM table; range reflects Bull (25 engagements + IRAP + 3 Full GTM) vs. Base (25 engagements + standard mix).
- "52-engagement founder capacity" — **CAUTION**: this is the design intent of the AI platform, not an empirically validated capacity. Soften to "52-engagement annual capacity ceiling enabled by the AI platform" and footnote that the actual capacity will be validated in Year 1.
- "\$5.75M 5-year cumulative SOM (probability-weighted)" — **SAFE**: Phase 01 §3.0 scenario analysis with Bull (25%) / Base (50%) / Bear (25%) weights; documented.

3.8 Slide 8 — COMPETITION — "Five Competitor Categories, One Buyer-Condition-of-Victory Matrix, Zero 2x2 Quadrants"

Type tag: COMPETITION

Action title: *Five Competitor Categories, One Buyer-Condition-of-Victory Matrix, Zero 2x2 Quadrants*

Slide claim: Sagentix wins under specific buyer conditions (early-stage, regulated-vertical, evidence-required, capital-constrained) — and every other competitor wins under different conditions. This is differentiation by buyer condition, not by superlative.

Body zone spec: Strategic group map (NOT a 2x2 quadrant). X-axis: "Engagement Cost (low → high)". Y-axis: "Evidence Discipline & Methodology Depth (low → high)". Five bubbles representing competitor categories, with bubble size = approximate annual revenue: (1) Top-tier strategy firms / Top-tier consulting firms — top right, very large bubble — McKinsey, BCG, Bain, Deloitte, PwC, EY, KPMG. (2) Boutique GTM Consulting — middle right, medium bubble — Kalungi (~\$50M), Winning by Design (~\$52.5M), Pavilion (~\$11M), Aventi Group. (3) Fractional CMO/CRO Marketplaces — middle, medium bubble — Bolster, Chief Outsiders, Continuum. (4) AI-Native Consulting Tools — bottom left, small bubble — AI pitch deck generators, AI sales platforms. (5) DIY / In-House / Founder-Led — bottom left, large bubble (this is the largest "competitor" by volume even though it is not a vendor). Sagentix is plotted at middle-right, slightly above the boutique GTM cluster, in Sagentix gold. To the right of the strategic group map, a small "buyer condition of victory" mini-table showing each competitor category and the buyer condition under which it wins.

Chart/visual spec: Strategic group map (bubble plot). Each bubble is a different shade of teal/slate for visual distinction. Sagentix is in gold to highlight position. Background is white. Use soft grid lines (light gray) on both axes.

Source footer: "Competitor revenue estimates from Apollo.io enrichment (Sagentix, 2026); Tracxn (Kalungi, 2026); GetLatka (Kalungi 2024 revenue \$7.6M / 71 staff). Competitor names and categories sourced from Phase 01 §7.0 competitive landscape analysis. Strategic group map methodology per Porter (2008)."

Speaker notes: "Now the competition. We did not use a 2x2 quadrant on this slide on purpose. Three independent investor sources — Hunter Walk at Homebrew, Dreamit Ventures, and Underscore VC — have explicitly flagged the 2x2 'alone in the top-right' quadrant as the single most consistent amateur tell in early-stage pitches. So we use a strategic group map with five competitor categories and named players in each category. Top-tier strategy firms and Top-tier consulting firms — McKinsey, BCG, Bain, Deloitte, PwC, EY, KPMG — they hold roughly 75% of Canada's \$5.2B addressable consulting segment, but their minimum engagement size is \$250K to \$2M+, which makes the \$2M-\$50M ARR mid-market structurally unprofitable for them. They will never compete with us on a \$25K engagement. Boutique GTM consulting — Kalungi, Winning by Design, Pavilion, Aventi Group — these are our

closest comparators. Kalungi runs at about \$7.6M revenue with 71 staff, which validates that productized GTM is a viable capital-efficient business model but also shows their labor-heavy structure. Fractional CMO/CRO marketplaces like Bolster and Chief Outsiders are an adjacent substitute — they sell talent, we sell methodology. AI-native consulting tools are commoditizing the bottom of the market, but they cannot replace human judgment for high-stakes decisions. And DIY/in-house is the largest 'competitor' for pre-Series A companies — most founders try to do it themselves before hiring help. We win when the buyer is early-stage, in a regulated vertical, requires evidence-grade defensibility, and is capital-constrained. They win in other buyer conditions. This is differentiation by buyer condition, not by superlative."

Claims audit:

- "Top-tier strategy and consulting firms \$250K-\$2M+ minimum engagement" — **SAFE:** industry-standard knowledge; corroborated by Phase 01 research.
- "Kalungi ~\$7.6M revenue with 71 staff" — **SAFE:** GetLatka 2024 source.
- "Top-tier consulting firms hold 75% of Canada's \$5.2B addressable consulting segment" — **SAFE:** Mordor Intelligence (2026); cited in Phase 01.
- "Hunter Walk and Dreamit have flagged 2x2 as amateur tell" — **SAFE:** Walk (2020); Dreamit (2024); KS-3 verified.
- "We win when the buyer is early-stage, regulated, evidence-required, capital-constrained" — **SAFE:** this is a buyer-condition framing, not a superiority claim, and is the recommended format from KS-3.

3.9 Slide 9 — VERTICAL — "Four Verticals, Three in Tier One, One Funded Government Channel"

Type tag: VERTICAL

Action title: *Four Verticals, Three in Tier One, One Funded Government Channel*

Slide claim: Sagentix's four verticals — B2B SaaS, Cybersecurity & Defense Tech, Management Consulting/IRAP, and Ideation Validation — concentrate firepower on three Tier 1 segments while one vertical (Mgmt Consulting/IRAP) provides a government-funded acquisition channel through the NRC IRAP MAS roster.

Body zone spec: Four-column comparison table with columns: Vertical | TAM | SAM | Tier | Entry Approach. Row 1: B2B Technology & SaaS — \$13.5M — \$1.4M — Tier 1 — Direct outbound + content marketing. Row 2: Cybersecurity & Defense Tech — \$36.6M — \$1.6M — Tier 1 — CISSP-led peer conversations. Row 3: Management Consulting / NRC IRAP — \$27.4M — \$0.8M — Tier 1 — IRAP MAS roster (CMC-gated). Row 4: Ideation Validation — \$13.7M — \$0.6M — Tier 2 — \$4-5K Phase 1 entry product. Beneath the table, a single callout in 16pt teal: "Tier 1 combined: \$19M SAM. Government-funded channel: \$7K per IRAP SOW x 12-20 SOWs/year." To the right of the table, a small icon for each vertical (database for SaaS, shield for cybersecurity, government building for IRAP, lightbulb for Ideation).

Chart/visual spec: Four-row comparison table with vertical icons in the leftmost column. Sagentix teal for headers; light teal (#E6F0EF) for alternating row shading. Background is white.

Source footer: "Per-vertical TAM/SAM derived from Phase 01 §2.0 industry fit analysis. NRC IRAP MAS pricing: CA\$7K per 40-hour SOW (CMC-Canada, 2026). Vertical prioritization per Phase 01 §10.0."

Speaker notes: "Four verticals. Three are Tier 1 — meaning we focus our Year-One sales effort there. B2B Technology and SaaS is the home market: \$13.5M TAM, \$1.4M SAM, direct outbound and content marketing as the entry approach. Cybersecurity and Defense Tech is the largest TAM at \$36.6M with



\$1.6M SAM, and the entry approach is CISSP-led peer conversations — I can talk to a CISO at their level because I hold the credential. Management Consulting and NRC IRAP is structurally distinct: it is the funded government channel. The CMC designation gates access to the IRAP MAS roster, where the federal government pays CA\$7K per 40-hour engagement. We expect 12 to 20 IRAP SOWs in Year One, which provides a low-friction entry to commercial conversion paths. Ideation Validation — the fourth vertical — is Tier 2 because the unit economics are smaller (\$4-5K Phase 1 entry), but the volume is high and it functions as a top-of-funnel mechanism for the GTM Foundation and Revenue Architecture tiers when ideation founders graduate to revenue stage. Tier 1 combined SAM is \$19M, which is the actual addressable market we are competing in this year."

Claims audit:

- Per-vertical TAM/SAM figures — **SAFE:** documented in Phase 01 §2.0 fit analysis and §3.0 SAM table.
- "IRAP MAS CA\$7K per 40-hour SOW" — **SAFE:** CMC-Canada documented; MEMORY confirms NRC IRAP MAS Fixed Pricing.
- "12 to 20 IRAP SOWs Year One" — **CAUTION:** forecast; flag as forward-looking statement subject to NI 51-102 safe harbour.
- "CISSP allows peer-level CISO conversations" — **SAFE:** domain expertise claim, not a comparative.

3.10 Slide 10 — BUSINESS-MODEL — "Four Productized Tiers Plus a CI Retainer Compound to a \$5.75M Five-Year Cumulative"

Type tag: BUSINESS-MODEL

Action title: *Four Productized Tiers Plus a CI Retainer Compound to a \$5.75M Five-Year Cumulative*

Slide claim: Sagentix's four productized pricing tiers (\$4-50K USD per engagement) plus a Continuous Intelligence retainer (\$3-5K/month) create a recurring + project hybrid that compounds to a 5-year cumulative SOM of \$5.75M.

Body zone spec: Four-tier pricing table with columns: Tier | Phases Included | Price (USD) | Delivery Window | Y1 Target Mix. Row 1: Phase 1 Ideation PoC — Phase 01 only — \$3-4K — 1-2 weeks — 4 engagements (Ideation vertical). Row 2: GTM Foundation — Phases 01-03 — \$9-11K — 2-3 weeks — 8 engagements. Row 3: Revenue Architecture — Phases 01-06 — \$18-22K — 4-5 weeks — 6 engagements. Row 4: Full GTM — Phases 01-10 — \$29-37K — 6-8 weeks — 5 engagements. Below the four tiers, a separate row for the recurring product: Continuous Intelligence — Monthly market and competitive monitoring — \$2-4K/month — Monthly recurring — 2 retainers in Year One growing to 12+ by Year Five. Beneath the table, a small kicker: "Y5 target: 105 engagements + 12 CI retainers = \$2.2M annual run-rate; 5-year cumulative \$5.75M expected (probability-weighted Bull/Base/Bear)."

Chart/visual spec: Four-row pricing table with the CI retainer as a fifth distinct row. Sagentix teal for headers; light teal alternating row shading. Background is white. Optional: small icons next to each tier name (rocket for PoC, foundation for Foundation, gear for Architecture, building for Full GTM, refresh arrow for CI).

Source footer: "Pricing tiers per `client_context.yaml` and `tools/.lead_outreach.yaml` (Sagentix, 2026). USD figures at 0.73 CAD/USD. Y1-Y5 SOM and Y5 target derived from Phase 01 §3.0 SOM growth model. CA\$ pricing on website: PoC CA\$4-5K; Foundation CA\$12-15K; Architecture CA\$25-30K; Full GTM CA\$40-50K; CI CA\$3-5K/month."

Speaker notes: "The business model. Four productized tiers plus a recurring CI retainer. The Phase 1 Ideation PoC is the entry tier — \$3-4K USD, one-to-two weeks, designed for pre-revenue founders who need market validation before investing. GTM Foundation is the second tier — \$9-11K, two-to-three weeks, covering market intelligence, value proposition, and messaging. Revenue Architecture is the



third tier — \$18-22K, four-to-five weeks, adding pitch deck, sales process, and pricing. Full GTM is the fourth tier — \$29-37K, six-to-eight weeks, the complete 10-phase methodology end to end. And the Continuous Intelligence retainer is the recurring product — \$2-4K/month for monthly market and competitive monitoring after the project engagement ends. The retainer is the compounding engine: every Full GTM client converts to a CI retainer at roughly 25% conversion in Year One, growing to 12+ retainers by Year Five. The Y5 target is 105 engagements plus 12 CI retainers, which delivers \$2.2M annual run-rate. Five-year cumulative is \$5.75M USD on a probability-weighted basis. Margins are healthy because the AI platform makes delivery efficient at solo-founder cost structure for the first 12 months and at first-hire cost structure beyond. The model is capital-efficient by design."

Claims audit:

- Pricing tiers — **SAFE:** documented in `client_context.yaml`; published on website.
- "Y5 target: 105 engagements + 12 CI retainers" — **CAUTION:** forecast; flag as forward-looking statement.
- "5-year cumulative \$5.75M expected" — **SAFE:** Phase 01 §3.0 scenario analysis; documented.

3.11 Slide 11 — TRACTION — "Phase One Money-Back Guarantee, IRAP Roster Application, and the IP Library Substitute for Pre-Revenue Logos"

Type tag: TRACTION

Action title: *Phase One Money-Back Guarantee, IRAP Roster Application, and the IP Library Substitute for Pre-Revenue Logos*

Slide claim: Pre-revenue does not mean pre-traction — Sagentix's traction is the IP library, the methodology codification, the regulatory channel positioning, and the structural risk-reversal mechanism that converts pre-revenue from a weakness into a strength.

Body zone spec: Six-tile grid showing six traction proof points: (1) "549+ IP Artifacts" — file count, indexed, versioned. (2) "10-Phase Methodology" — codified in `tools/phase_config.yaml`. (3) "13 Industry Profiles Synthesized" — NAICS-anchored coverage. (4) "Phase 1 Money-Back Guarantee" — defined contractual remedy. (5) "NRC IRAP MAS Application" — CMC-gated channel; in process. (6) "AI Platform Operating Daily" — Sagentix internal use as Engagement #1. Each tile has a header in 18pt teal, a one-line description in 12pt slate, and a date stamp in 9pt slate. To the right, a small "viral coefficient" callout: "Each satisfied client produces auditable APA-cited deliverables that travel to their board, investors, and partners — the 'consulting viral coefficient' (VC Primary Research, 2026)."

Chart/visual spec: 3x2 tile grid (6 tiles). Each tile is a white card with a thin gold border and an icon in Sagentix teal at the top. Background is light teal (#E6F0EF). The viral coefficient callout is a single rectangle in gold with white text on the right side of the slide.

Source footer: "IP library count from `LIBRARY/` directory (Run 29, March 2026). Methodology from `tools/phase_config.yaml`. Industry profiles from Phase 01 §2.0. Money-back guarantee from `client_context.yaml` engagement terms. IRAP application status: pre-application as of 2026-04-07."

Speaker notes: "Traction. We are pre-revenue, and we are not going to hide that. But pre-revenue does not mean pre-traction. Six proof points. First: 549 reusable IP artifacts indexed in our library, versioned, every one APA cited and quality-checked. Second: a 10-phase methodology codified in a configuration file that any engagement can execute against. Third: 13 industry profiles synthesized into a market intelligence base — that is more rigorous than most \$250K Top-tier consulting firms engagements would produce. Fourth: a Phase 1 money-back guarantee. If our Phase 1 work does not deliver insight you paid for, we refund the fee. That converts your pre-revenue objection into a risk-free trial. Fifth: the NRC IRAP MAS application is in process — the CMC designation makes us eligible, and the channel is government-funded, low-friction, and a multi-year stable channel through the 2026-2027 CIC transition. Sixth: the AI platform is operating daily — Sagentix is its own first reference



engagement, and the deck you are looking at right now was produced by that platform. There is also a less obvious form of traction: the viral coefficient. Every Sagentix engagement produces a defensible APA-cited deliverable that travels with the client — to their board, their investors, their partners, their customers. That deliverable is a billboard for Sagentix every time it is read. Primary VC research describes this as 'consulting viral coefficient' — and it is the structural reason productized consulting can scale faster than custom consulting once the first reference clients exist."

Claims audit:

- "549+ IP artifacts" — **SAFE:** file count.
- "Phase 1 money-back guarantee" — **CAUTION:** must be defined contractual remedy in writing, not marketing slogan.
- "NRC IRAP MAS application in process" — **CAUTION:** only if true at the date of presentation. Update before each presentation.
- "Viral coefficient" — **SAFE:** VC Primary Research (2026); framed as concept, not measured metric.

3.12 Slide 12 — TEAM — "Single Founder Today, Three Strategic Hires by Month 18, Twenty-Five C-Suite Advisors Standing Behind"

Type tag: TEAM

Action title: *Single Founder Today, Three Strategic Hires by Month 18, Twenty-Five C-Suite Advisors Standing Behind*

Slide claim: The Sagentix team scales deliberately from a single founder to a three-hire team by Month 18, supported by an advisor network drawn from 25+ years of CMO/CRO/CISO relationships across the four target verticals.

Body zone spec: Three-zone layout. Top zone: founder block with headshot, name (Stephane Raby), title (Founder & Managing Director), credentials (CMC, CISSP, P.Eng., MBA), and 25-word bio. Middle zone: hiring roadmap with three boxes — Month 6: Sales/BD Hire (\$75K + commission); Month 12: Senior Consultant (\$120K); Month 18: Platform Developer (\$110K). Bottom zone: Advisor network row showing 5-6 generic advisor "silhouette" tiles labeled with role categories — "Ex-CMO B2B SaaS" / "CISO Cybersecurity Vendor" / "Former IRAP Advisor" / "Top-tier consulting firms Partner (Retired)" / "VC LP" / "Engineering CTO". Beneath, a callout: "Each hire unlocks 15-20 additional engagements/year capacity. Advisor network provides warm intros, talent referrals, customer references."

Chart/visual spec: Three-zone layout with a large founder card at the top, three hiring milestone boxes in the middle, and a horizontal row of advisor silhouettes at the bottom. Sagentix teal for the founder card border; gold for the hiring boxes; slate for advisor silhouettes. Background is white.

Source footer: "Founder credentials verified via CMC-Canada, (ISC)², OIQ. Hiring roadmap per Phase 01 §3.0 Y1-Y5 team scaling model. Advisor network sourced from 25-year B2B technology rolodex (Sagentix internal)."

Speaker notes: "The team. Today it is one person — me. I have spent 25 years in B2B technology consulting across cybersecurity, software, and engineering services. The credentials I described earlier — CMC, CISSP, P.Eng., MBA — are the foundation. The hiring roadmap is deliberate. Month 6: a Sales/BD hire to convert pipeline that I cannot personally chase while delivering. Month 12: a senior consultant to expand delivery capacity beyond my 52-engagement ceiling. Month 18: a platform developer to extend the AI tooling and reduce founder dependency on the codebase. Each hire unlocks 15-20 additional engagements per year of capacity. By Year Five we are an 8-person firm: me, two senior consultants, two delivery hires, a sales lead, a developer, and a marketing lead. Behind the team is an advisor network — 25 plus C-level relationships built over 25 years across the four verticals we



target. These are not 'name brands on a slide' advisors. These are people who provide warm intros, talent referrals, customer references, and second-opinion judgment on hard strategic calls. Primary VC research is unambiguous on one point: 'show me who is behind you.' The advisor network is the answer to that question."

Claims audit:

- Founder credentials — **SAFE:** verifiable.
- "25 years B2B technology consulting" — **SAFE:** founder professional history.
- Hiring roadmap dates and salaries — **CAUTION:** forward-looking; flag as plan subject to Bull/Base/Bear scenarios.
- "25+ advisor relationships" — **CAUTION:** claim is true but unverifiable on a slide. Soften to "an advisor network drawn from 25 years of executive relationships" without specifying a count, OR provide a list of named advisors with their permission.

3.13 Slide 13 — FINANCIALS — "Bull/Base/Bear Scenarios Show \$5.75M Expected Five-Year Cumulative Across Three Independent Compounding Engines"

Type tag: FINANCIALS

Action title: *Bull/Base/Bear Scenarios Show \$5.75M Expected Five-Year Cumulative Across Three Independent Compounding Engines*

Slide claim: Three compounding engines — pipeline acceleration, ACV uplift, CI retainer compounding — produce a 5-year cumulative of \$5.75M USD on a probability-weighted basis, with downside scenarios still positive and upside scenarios reaching \$8.4M.

Body zone spec: Two-element layout. Left side (60% width): clustered column chart showing Y1-Y5 annual revenue under Bull / Base / Bear scenarios. X-axis: Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5. Y-axis: USD revenue. Three series: Bull (gold), Base (teal), Bear (slate). Right side (40% width): three "compounding engine" callouts stacked vertically. Engine 1: "Pipeline Acceleration" — sales hire Q3 Y1 unlocks 2x pipeline conversion. Engine 2: "ACV Uplift" — weighted ACV grows from \$10.7K Y1 to \$19K Y5 as tier mix shifts toward Full GTM. Engine 3: "CI Retainer Compounding" — recurring monthly revenue grows from \$53K Y1 to \$735K Y5. Beneath the chart, a probability-weighted summary: "Bull (25%): \$8.4M. Base (50%): \$5.9M. Bear (25%): \$2.5M. Expected: \$5.75M cumulative."

Chart/visual spec: Clustered column chart (Bull/Base/Bear) using Sagentix teal, gold, and slate. Three text callouts on the right side as light teal rectangles with teal headers. Background is white.

Source footer: "Bull/Base/Bear scenarios per Phase 01 §3.0 SOM Scenario Analysis. Probability weights: Bull 25%, Base 50%, Bear 25%. Expected value \$5.75M cumulative over 5 years (Sagentix, 2026). Forward-looking information subject to NI 51-102 Part 4A safe harbour; actual results may differ materially. Material assumptions and risk factors in Appendix."

Speaker notes: "Financials. Three scenarios: Bull, Base, Bear. The chart shows Y1-Y5 annual revenue under each. Base case: \$290K in Y1, growing to \$2.2M annual run-rate by Y5. Bull case: IRAP roster accepted in Q1, three Full GTM anchors, aggressive CI conversion, sales hire pulled forward to Q2 Y1 — \$380K in Y1 growing to \$3.2M by Y5. Bear case: IRAP delayed, slow brand traction, no sales hire until Y2 — \$200K in Y1 growing to \$1.0M by Y5. The probability weights reflect what we actually expect: Base is the most likely path at 50% weight, Bull at 25% requires a few specific things to break right, and Bear at 25% reflects realistic downside. The probability-weighted expected value is \$5.75M cumulative over five years. The growth is driven by three compounding engines, all independent.

Pipeline acceleration: the Q3 Y1 sales hire roughly doubles pipeline conversion, freeing me to focus on delivery. ACV uplift: weighted average contract value grows from \$10.7K in Y1 to \$19K in Y5 as the tier



mix shifts toward Full GTM and Revenue Architecture as we build references. And CI retainer compounding: recurring monthly revenue grows from \$53K annualized in Y1 to \$735K annualized in Y5 as Full GTM clients convert at 25% to ongoing CI. These are forward-looking statements. Material assumptions and risk factors are in the appendix. Actual results may differ materially — we are doing this honestly under NI 51-102 safe harbour."

Claims audit:

- Bull/Base/Bear scenarios — **SAFE:** Phase 01 §3.0 documented; probability weights stated.
- "Three compounding engines" — **SAFE:** documented in Phase 01 §3.0.
- "\$5.75M expected cumulative" — **SAFE:** probability-weighted calculation documented.
- "NI 51-102 Part 4A safe harbour" — **SAFE:** legal safe harbour applies provided cautionary language is included; KS-1 verified.

3.14 Slide 14 — ASK — "Strategic Capital and Warm Intros to Fund a 24-Month Bridge from Pre-Revenue to \$1.6M Annual Run-Rate"

Type tag: ASK

Action title: *Strategic Capital and Warm Intros to Fund a 24-Month Bridge from Pre-Revenue to \$1.6M Annual Run-Rate*

Slide claim: Sagentix is raising strategic capital and warm-intro distribution to bridge from pre-revenue to a \$1.6M annual run-rate in 24 months, with use of funds focused on sales hire, IP expansion, and IRAP roster activation.

Body zone spec: Three-zone layout. Top zone: the ask in 32pt teal — "Strategic capital + warm intros for a 24-month bridge." Middle zone: use of funds donut chart with 4 segments — Sales/BD Hire (40%), IP and Platform Development (25%), IRAP Roster Activation and Marketing (20%), Founder Compensation (15%). Bottom zone: 24-month milestone timeline with 4 milestones — Month 3: IRAP MAS Roster Confirmed. Month 6: First Sales Hire Onboarded. Month 12: 25 Engagements Delivered + First CI Retainers. Month 24: \$1.6M Annual Run-Rate + Senior Consultant Hire. To the right of the donut, a small dilution callout: "Founder retains controlling interest. Common equity only — no preferred shares, no SAFE w/ caps."

Chart/visual spec: Donut chart in Sagentix colors (teal, gold, slate, light teal). Horizontal milestone timeline using gold connectors. Background is white. The dilution callout is a small light teal rectangle.

Source footer: "Use of funds and milestone targets per Phase 01 §13.0 90-day roadmap and §12.0 strategic imperatives. Equity terms designed to satisfy VC primary research red flag list (no preferred shares, no SAFE notes with caps) per VC Primary Research (2026). Forward-looking information subject to NI 51-102 Part 4A safe harbour."

Speaker notes: "The ask. We are raising strategic capital and warm-intro distribution to fund a 24-month bridge from pre-revenue to a \$1.6M annual run-rate. The use of funds is straightforward: 40% to a Sales/BD hire because pipeline is the binding constraint, not delivery. 25% to IP and platform development because the AI platform is the moat. 20% to IRAP roster activation and Trust-Gap-anchored marketing. 15% to founder compensation, because the founder has been delivering pro bono engagements during the platform-build phase. The 24-month milestone path is concrete: IRAP MAS roster confirmed by Month 3, first sales hire onboarded by Month 6, 25 engagements delivered plus first CI retainers by Month 12, and \$1.6M annual run-rate plus senior consultant hire by Month 24. On equity terms — and this is important — common equity only. No preferred shares. No SAFE notes with caps. Primary VC research is unambiguous: those structures are dealbreakers for sophisticated investors. We are also being deliberate about ownership: founder retains controlling interest after this round, and the round is sized to attract the right investor without over-diluting. We want strategic capital, not maximum capital. The intent is to get to \$1.6M annual

run-rate and be capital-efficient enough that the next round is optional, not mandatory."

Claims audit:

- Use of funds breakdown — **CAUTION:** forecast; verify exact percentages match the engagement letter terms before client presentation.
- Milestone dates — **CAUTION:** forward-looking; cover with safe harbour language.
- "No preferred shares, no SAFE w/ caps" — **SAFE:** term sheet design choice, verifiable.
- "\$1.6M annual run-rate by Month 24" — **CAUTION:** this is the Y2 figure from Phase 01 SOM table; flag as forward-looking statement.

3.15 Slide 15 — VISION — "When Sagentix Wins, Every B2B Consulting Deliverable in Canada Carries Footnotes"

Type tag: VISION

Action title: *When Sagentix Wins, Every B2B Consulting Deliverable in Canada Carries Footnotes*

Slide claim: Sagentix's vision is not just to build a successful consulting firm — it is to raise the evidence bar across the entire Canadian consulting industry by demonstrating that productized, AI-leveraged, evidence-disciplined consulting is commercially viable.

Body zone spec: Closing slide layout. Centered Sagentix logo at the top (300x80px). Below the logo, the closing tagline in 28pt teal: "Every Claim Sourced. Every Insight Traced. Every Deliverable Defensible." Beneath the tagline in 18pt slate, a single sentence: "When Sagentix wins, every B2B consulting deliverable in Canada carries footnotes — and the Trust Gap closes." Bottom of slide: contact information block with email, phone, website, and LinkedIn URL. A thin gold horizontal divider runs across the bottom above the contact block.

Chart/visual spec: Closing slide layout. Dark teal background (#0D3533) with white text and gold accents. Logo is centered. The closing sentence is the single most important visual element. Optional: a faint Sagentix wordmark watermark on the right edge.

Source footer: None (closing slides do not carry source footers).

Speaker notes: "Here is what we are actually trying to build. The vision is not just to build a successful consulting firm. It is to raise the evidence bar across the entire Canadian consulting industry. Right now, every productized consulting firm in Canada — Kalungi, Winning by Design, dozens of boutiques — competes on speed, methodology, AI features, and price. None of them competes on evidence discipline. None of them ships APA-cited deliverables. None of them publishes their quality gates. We are going to change that. When Sagentix wins, every B2B consulting deliverable in Canada will eventually carry footnotes — because the buyers will demand it once they see what defensible looks like. The Trust Gap will close, not because AI content disappears, but because the consulting industry adapts to a higher standard. Sagentix is the wedge. The IRAP MAS roster is the entry channel. The AI platform is the leverage. The credential stack is the trust signal. And the 549-artifact IP library is the operating system. This is the firm we are building. Thank you for your time. I would like to make this real with your help."

Claims audit:

- Vision statement — **SAFE:** aspirational closing, not a substantiable claim.
- Closing tagline — **SAFE:** brand asset.



So What? The 15-slide storyboard is the core deliverable. It is designed so that a slide builder can produce the actual slides without reading any other section of this document. Every slide has a declarative action title (max 12 words), a single slide claim, a body zone spec, a chart/visual spec, a source footer, speaker notes, and a per-claim audit. The storyboard balances Problem-Solution-Impact narrative arc, VC 5-minute evaluation framework alignment, and Sagentix Trust Gap thesis embodiment. The defensive structure is also visible: every claim has a source, every chart has a source footer, every forward-looking statement has cautionary language, and the deck satisfies Bill C-59 substantiation standards while simultaneously satisfying the Y-Combinator and Sequoia mandatory slide lists.

Implication for Sagentix: Build the 15-slide spine *first*, before any audience configuration is attempted. The spine is the master asset; the audience overlays in §4.0 are reorderings and emphasis variations of the same underlying slides. Building the spine first ensures that every audience configuration inherits the same evidence discipline — and prevents the common failure mode where customizing for an audience introduces unsourced claims or breaks the narrative arc.

Implication for Sagentix: The 15-slide spine is the master deliverable from this phase. Every audience configuration in Part II is a reordering or depth variation of these same 15 slides. Build the spine first, lock the source footers, and only then attempt audience overlays.

Sample Deep-Dive Sections — the following sections are reproduced verbatim from the full phase deliverable. They show the depth of analysis applied to one or two key topics.

4.0 Six Audience Configurations Reuse a Single 15-Slide Spine While Varying Narrator Frame, Slide Order, and Depth of Financial Detail

4.1 Modularity Rules: Five Audience Configurations from One Master Deck

The deck is built once and deployed six times. The 15-slide spine remains constant; what changes for each audience is (a) which slides are dropped or hidden, (b) the order of remaining slides, (c) the depth of financial detail, and (d) the narrator frame ("we" for investor, "you" for customer, "the platform" for partner). This single-source modularity halves maintenance cost and guarantees that every audience hears a consistent story.

4.2 Swap Points by Audience

Three swap points exist in the master deck: **Slide 4 (Solution)** swaps the product framing per audience (investor sees platform architecture, customer sees vertical use case, partner sees co-sell motion); **Slide 9 (Vertical)** swaps the lead vertical per audience (B2B SaaS for investors, the buyer's actual vertical for customers, NRC IRAP for government partners); **Slides 13-14 (Financials + Ask)** are dropped entirely for customer and partner decks but expanded for investor and VC fundraising decks. No other slides change between configurations.



The Sagentix pitch deck is not six different decks — it is one 15-slide spine with six audience overlays. Each overlay specifies which slides to include, which to drop, which to expand, and which narrator frame to adopt. This approach is structurally important for two reasons. First, building six bespoke decks would compound maintenance burden and introduce drift between versions, which would weaken the evidence-discipline thesis. Second, sophisticated investors and partners can detect when a deck has been hastily customized — small inconsistencies in source footers, dates, or financial figures signal a sloppy operator. A single locked spine with audience overlays maintains the evidence integrity and signals operational discipline.

4.3 Configuration 1: Investor (full 15-slide deck, capital-efficient framing)

The investor configuration is the canonical 15-slide deck delivered in full sequence (slides 1-15). Narrator frame: "We are building a capital-efficient, evidence-disciplined GTM advisory firm in a structurally underserved Canadian mid-market niche, and we are raising strategic capital and warm-intro distribution to bridge to a \$1.6M annual run-rate." Emphasis: slides 7 (Market), 8 (Competition), 13 (Financials), 14 (Ask). Speaker notes for slides 13 and 14 are expanded by 20-30% to address NI 51-102 Part 4A safe harbour requirements and the founder's commitment to common-equity-only term sheets. Q&A preparation: focus on the objections in §11.0 Red Flag List and the §15.0 Oh Shit Meeting prep. Average delivery time: 25-30 minutes for slides plus 15-30 minutes Q&A.

4.4 Configuration 2: Partner (drop slides 13-14, expand slide 5 + slide 9)

The partner configuration is for prospective channel partners (HubSpot Solutions Partner program, NRC IRAP MAS administrators, CMC-Canada partner network, Microsoft for Startups, AWS Activate). Drop slides 13 (Financials) and 14 (Ask) — partners do not need to see internal financial projections or capital raise details. Expand slide 5 (How It Works) to add a "Partner Integration" sub-block showing how the 10-phase methodology plugs into partner platforms (HubSpot CRM integration, Microsoft 365 deliverable workflows, AWS-hosted client portals). Expand slide 9 (Vertical Strategy) to add per-vertical co-sell economics for the partner's customer base. Narrator frame: "We are building a productized advisory firm that complements your platform / talent / channel — here is the joint go-to-market motion." Add a partnership-specific slide between current slides 14 and 15 with co-marketing terms, lead-share economics, and quarterly business review cadence. Average delivery time: 20-25 minutes plus partnership terms discussion.

4.5 Configuration 3: Customer (drop slides 13-14, expand slide 4 + slide 11)

The customer configuration is for prospective Sagentix clients in any of the four verticals. Drop slides 13 (Financials) and 14 (Ask) — customers do not need to see internal financials or capital raise. Expand slide 4 (Solution) to include a vertical-specific use case mini-narrative ("Here is how this works for a B2B SaaS company at \$5M ARR" or "Here is how this works for a cybersecurity company entering defense procurement"). Expand slide 11 (Traction) to include the Phase 1 money-back guarantee terms in detail and reference specific case logic (which engagement deliverables exist, which can be shared as samples). Narrator frame: "We solve a specific problem for companies like yours — here is how we work, what it costs, and how the risk-reversal works." Add a customer-specific "next steps" slide between current slides 14 and 15 with engagement letter sketch, project timeline, and discovery call booking. Average delivery time: 20-25 minutes plus discovery questions.



4.6 Configuration 4: Board (drop slides 1, 4, 6, 12, 15; reorder around governance)

The board configuration is for prospective board advisor pitches or for an internal board meeting reviewing the Sagentix go-to-market strategy. Drop slides 1 (Title — board members already know who we are), 4 (Solution — board members already know what we do), 6 (Trust Justifier — credentials are already known), 12 (Team — board members are the team), and 15 (Closing Vision — board members do not need vision pitch). Lead with slide 7 (Market), then slide 9 (Vertical Strategy), slide 10 (Business Model), slide 13 (Financials), slide 8 (Competition), slide 11 (Traction), slide 14 (Ask reframed as "resource allocation request"), and slide 5 (How It Works as governance/quality framework). Narrator frame: "Here is the operating plan, the financial trajectory, the competitive position, and the resource allocation request — what governance support do you need to provide?" Average delivery time: 30-40 minutes plus governance Q&A.

4.7 Configuration 5: Conference (drop slides 13-14, expand slides 2-3 + slide 15)

The conference configuration is for thought leadership presentations at industry events (CMC-Canada conference, B2B SaaS summits, cybersecurity conferences, IRAP innovation events). Drop slides 13 (Financials) and 14 (Ask) — conference audiences expect insight, not pitches. Expand slides 2 (Problem) and 3 (Why Now) to ~4 minutes each — the Trust Gap thesis becomes the centerpiece of the talk, supported by the AI-saturation data and the regulatory/economic forces. Expand slide 15 (Closing Vision) to include a clear "what to do about it" call to action for the conference audience: visit the Sagentix CI portal, subscribe to the Trust Gap newsletter, attend a discovery call. Narrator frame: "Here is a structural insight about the consulting industry that you have not heard articulated this way before — and here is what it means for you whether or not you ever hire us." Average delivery time: 30-45 minutes for keynote slot.

4.8 Configuration 6: VC Fundraising (warm-intro routed; specialized narrator frame)

The VC fundraising configuration is the most distinct of the six because it is delivered in a specialized context — typically a 30-minute warm-intro meeting following an LP or ex-CEO referral, often with limited prior context on Sagentix and high information asymmetry. The configuration uses all 15 slides but reorders them aggressively around the VC 5-minute evaluation framework. Open with slides 6 (Team — VC evaluation criterion 1), then 4-5 (Solution + How It Works — VC evaluation criterion 2 Technology), then 2-3 (Problem + Why Now — VC evaluation criterion 3 Value Proposition), then 7 (Market — VC evaluation criterion 4), then 8 (Competition — VC evaluation criterion 5), then 9-14 in standard sequence, then 15. The first five slides are designed to pass the 5-minute filter; slides 7-15 are for the second half of the meeting. Narrator frame: "Here is the team, here is what we built, here is the problem we exist to solve, here is the market shape, here is how we are different from your other portfolio bets, and here is what we are asking for." Speaker notes for the first five slides are aggressively compressed to meet the 5-minute time pressure. Distribution channel is the most important element: VC fundraising decks are *only* delivered via warm intro from the CMC network, IRAP advisor network, university alumni network, ex-CEO advisor network, or the LP referral channel — *never* via cold outreach, *never* via incubator pipeline, and *never* via blind submission to a VC contact form. Primary VC research is unambiguous on this point (VC Primary Research, 2026).



So What? *The six audience configurations reuse one spine. Every overlay drops slides that the audience does not need, expands slides the audience cares most about, and adapts the narrator frame to the audience's decision context. The spine itself never changes. This is the structural reason a single Sagentix pitch deck investment scales to six contexts without rewriting — and it is the structural reason audience-specific drift cannot introduce inconsistencies into the source footers, financial figures, or competitive claims.*

Implication for Sagentix: The VC fundraising configuration is the most demanding and the most expensive in terms of opportunity cost. It should *only* be deployed when the warm-intro distribution channel is ready — when there is a named LP or ex-CEO advisor willing to make the introduction, when the deck has been stress-tested against the §11.0 Red Flag List, and when the founder has rehearsed the §15.0 Oh Shit Meeting prep. Premature VC outreach is the single most common pre-revenue failure mode.



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PART I — Strategic Context & Process Design

Part I establishes the commercial foundation: why Sagentix needs a structured sales engine now, the analytical methodology behind the playbook, the hybrid SPIN/MEDDPICC process architecture that converts evidence discipline into buyer confidence, and the ICP scoring model that determines which of 215,682 US consulting establishments and thousands of Canadian firms deserve outreach investment. A reader who absorbs only Part I understands the "what" and "who" of the Sagentix sales motion — and why a founder-led, evidence-backed advisory firm requires a fundamentally different sales methodology than either traditional consulting or SaaS.

Executive Briefing: A Hybrid SPIN/MEDDPICC Sales Engine Converts Sagentix's Evidence Discipline Advantage into a Repeatable Revenue Machine Across Four Verticals



Situation

Sagentix Advisors Inc. has completed four phases of GTM strategy development that collectively define the firm's competitive position. Phase 01 established a bottom-up TAM of \$297M narrowing to a \$4.4M SAM and a capacity-constrained Y1 SOM of \$290K-\$380K across four verticals: B2B Technology & SaaS, Cybersecurity & Defense Tech, Management Consulting / NRC IRAP, and Ideation Validation (Sagentix, 2026). Phase 02 confirmed 12 defensible differentiators (D1-D12) anchored in evidence discipline, a 549-artifact IP library, and AI-native delivery speed — with no identified competitor among 13 profiled firms replicating the CMC + CISSP + P.Eng. + MBA credential stack (Sagentix, 2026). Phase 03 deployed a Trust-Gap-anchored messaging architecture with five brand pillars (Evidence Discipline, Credential Stack, AI-Powered Speed, Productized Transparency, Risk Reversal) and four full vertical playbooks (Sagentix, 2026). Phase 04 packaged the growth narrative into an investor-ready pitch deck with capacity-anchored SOM projections of 20 engagements in Year 1, scaling to a 5-year cumulative SOM of \$8-9M with Continuous Intelligence retention (Sagentix, 2026).

Complication

Three structural problems now stand between this strategic foundation and actual revenue. First, Sagentix has no formalized sales process — every engagement to date has been founder-led, ad-hoc, and unrepeatable, which means the firm cannot onboard sales support, predict revenue, or identify pipeline bottlenecks. Second, the average B2B sales cycle is 84 days with a median win rate of approximately 21%, and professional services firms achieve conversion rates around only 15% (Prospeo, 2026; Salesmotion, 2026) — which means that even with strong positioning, unstructured selling will produce unpredictable revenue at below-market conversion rates. Third, each of Sagentix's four verticals has fundamentally different buyer psychology, procurement patterns, and decision timelines: B2B SaaS founders buy for speed-to-pipeline, cybersecurity CISOs buy for domain credibility, IRAP-funded SMEs buy within a 40-hour government budget constraint, and ideation founders buy to de-risk personal capital (Sagentix Phase 02, 2026). A single generic sales process cannot serve all four without either over-qualifying low-ticket ideation leads or under-qualifying high-complexity enterprise opportunities.

Question

How should Sagentix design, instrument, and scale a repeatable sales engine — spanning discovery through close, across four verticals with distinct buyer archetypes, and aligned with the evidence discipline positioning from Phases 01-04 — that converts the current founder-led ad-hoc process into a predictable revenue machine capable of delivering 20 engagements in Year 1 and scaling to 30+ by Year 2 with the first sales hire?



Answer

Sagentix should deploy a hybrid SPIN/MEDDPICC sales methodology organized into five deal stages (Identify & Qualify, Discover & Diagnose, Demonstrate Value, Validate & Justify, Propose & Close) with four vertical-specific execution playbooks, seven lead generation channels, a structured Mutual Action Plan (MAP) framework, a Paid Proof-of-Concept model, and a Win Room operating model for deals above \$25K. This playbook contains five interlocking elements: (1) a **dual-funnel architecture** separating direct outreach from partner-led referrals, with MEDDPICC qualification gates preventing wasted cycles on deals that cannot close; (2) **per-vertical SPIN conversation flows** that transform each vertical's unique pain points into discovery sequences anchored in Vertical IQ industry data and Phase 02 JTBD statements; (3) **13 competitive battle cards** profiling every named competitor with win themes, silver bullets, and landmines — plus a Competitive Response Playbook with 6 if-then scenarios; (4) a **Revenue Operations architecture** aligning sales, marketing, and customer success into a unified revenue team with AI-powered deal scoring; and (5) a **growth scaling plan** covering compensation design, territory planning, deal desk governance, and channel conflict resolution for the transition from solo founder to sales team.

Key Takeaways

1. **Compress the 84-day B2B median cycle to 45 days.** Opportunities closed within 50 days carry a 47% win rate versus approximately 20% for deals that drag beyond that threshold (Everstage, 2026). The MAP + Paid PoC framework creates time pressure and mutual accountability that prevents the decision drift responsible for most stalled deals.
2. **The Phase 1 money-back guarantee is the single most powerful sales accelerator.** Structured pilot programs achieve 40-60% conversion rates versus less than 10% for free trials (PartnerStack, 2026). Sagentix's Phase 1 guarantee functions as a structured pilot — predefined success criteria, defined timelines, executive sponsorship — while eliminating all buyer risk.
3. **Four verticals require four distinct sales motions.** B2B SaaS deals close in 30-45 days at \$8.8K-\$36.5K; Cybersecurity/Defense deals require 60-90 days due to security evaluations; IRAP-funded deals close in 14-30 days because the government subsidizes risk; Ideation deals close in 7-14 days at \$2.9K-\$3.7K. A single pipeline stage model cannot accommodate this range.
4. **Only 41% of sales representatives are prepared to respond to objections (Highspot, 2026).** The objection handling framework in this playbook pre-loads responses to the seven most common objections, each mapped to evidence-backed proof points from Phases 01-04 and Vertical IQ industry data.
5. **NRC IRAP is the highest-conversion channel with the lowest CAC.** The CMC credential gates access to the IRAP MAS consultant pool, the government subsidizes 50-75% of the engagement cost, and successful IRAP engagements convert to commercial relationships at approximately 50-60% — more than triple the industry-average close rate for cold outreach (Canada.ca, 2026).

Implication for Sagentix: The sales engine must be operational within 30 days. The first 5 engagements will validate the process; the next 15 will generate the case studies needed to replace the Phase 1 money-back guarantee with peer proof. Every week of delay is a week of pipeline that does not build, which compounds into a Year 1 revenue shortfall.

Methodology and Scope: Multi-Framework Sales Architecture Synthesized from 13 Industry Profiles,



10 Web Searches, and 3 Programmatic Knowledge Validations

This Phase 05 sales process deliverable synthesizes evidence from seven source categories to construct Sagentix's commercial engine.

Primary analytical frameworks: SPIN Selling (Rackham, 1988) for consultative discovery; MEDDPICC (Forrester/PTC, 2020) for enterprise qualification and deal progression; Tiebreaker Selling (Anderson et al., 2014) for justifier-anchored closing; Jobs-to-Be-Done (Christensen et al., 2016; Bettencourt, 2010) for buyer-centric conversation design; Value-Based Selling (Bertini et al., 2024) for price-to-value bridging; Pyramid Principle / SCQA (Minto, 2009) for declarative title architecture; Win Room Operating Model (McKinsey/PwC, 2025) for cross-functional deal management; Revenue Operations Architecture (Deloitte, 2025) for unified revenue team design; Commercial Excellence X-Ray (Bain, 2025) for maturity assessment; Bain Sales Play System (Bain, 2025) for vertical-specific plays with activation triggers and performance tracking; Challenger Sale (Dixon & Adamson, 2011) for teach-tailor-take-control engagement; and Simon-Kucher Commercial Strategy (Simon-Kucher, 2025) for pricing-to-sales execution bridging.

Methodology stack (4-layer): Layer 1 — Qualification (MEDDPICC): deal progression gates scored per criterion at each stage. Layer 2 — Discovery (SPIN): need identification and pain quantification through structured question flows. Layer 3 — Engagement (Challenger/Value-Based Selling): teach-tailor-take-control plus the 5-step Motivate-Educate-Quantify-Translate-Reward value articulation. Layer 4 — Closing (Tiebreaker Selling): justifier-anchored decision where evidence discipline is the tiebreaker. Organizations fully adopting formalized sales methodologies report 18% higher win rates and 24% larger deal sizes (Korn Ferry, 2025).

Industry evidence base: 13 Vertical IQ industry profiles (Sagentix, 2026, NAICS 541610-541690) providing call prep questions, industry challenges, current conditions, industry terms, profits and operations, and Canadian-specific risk factors. Apollo.io intelligence files providing real prospect data, buyer committee mapping, and competitor enrichment across 13 named competitors.

Web search augmentation: 10 targeted web searches covering sales cycle benchmarks and win rates (Search 1), channel partner landscape (Search 2), sales objection handling (Search 3), pilot/PoC best practices (Search 4), RFP evaluation criteria (Search 5), vendor qualification in Canada (Search 6), government procurement regulations (Search 7), compliance requirements in purchasing (Search 8), vendor certifications in Canada (Search 9), and non-compliance costs (Search 10).

Knowledge validation: 3 programmatically verified knowledge searches covering (1) procurement officer due diligence verification processes, (2) standard sales methodologies and cycle benchmarks for consulting/software, and (3) Canadian government procurement regulations for advisory services. All validated through the `ks_validator.py` pipeline with claim extraction, retrieval-augmented judgment, and verdict application.

Prior phase inputs (carried forward verbatim): Phase 01 Market & Competitive Intelligence provides TAM/SAM/SOM (\$297M/\$4.4M/\$290K-\$380K), 13 competitor profiles across four archetypes, and vertical prioritization. Phase 02 Value Proposition Design provides 16 JTBD statements (J1-J16), 12 differentiators (D1-D12), four per-vertical justifier matrices, and the VP stack. Phase 03 Brand Messaging Guide provides the Trust-Gap thesis, Message House with five brand pillars, four vertical playbooks with battlecards, discovery guides, and objection rebuttals, and the approved/prohibited language list.

Subscription intelligence: Apollo.io prospect data (14 scored leads across 5 verticals), buyer committee mapping (300 contacts analyzed), competitor differentiator analysis, competitor news feeds (92 articles), audience intelligence (28 Reddit threads), digital audit (30 pages crawled, 55/100 SEO



score), Google Trends validation, BLS employment data (NAICS 54), Census County Business Patterns (215,682 establishments), ISED financial performance benchmarks, StatsCan industry data, Economist articles, and Seeking Alpha watchlist coverage.

Scope: Four verticals — B2B Technology & SaaS, Cybersecurity & Defense Tech, Management Consulting / NRC IRAP, and Ideation Validation (pre-revenue). Geographic focus: Canada and US markets. Target company stage: \$2M-\$50M ARR for growth companies, pre-revenue for ideation. Currency: USD at 0.73 CAD/USD exchange rate.

Limitations: No CRM data exists for baseline pipeline metrics. No win/loss history is available for pattern analysis. IRAP MAS roster acceptance is pending. Competitor pricing is inferred from publicly available signals; exact rates for McKinsey, BCG, and Bain are not published. Sales cycle benchmarks are drawn from industry-wide data — Sagentix-specific cycle data will emerge after the first 10 closed deals.

This deliverable incorporates data from third-party industry research sources listed in the References section. Sagentix Advisors Inc. has not independently verified such data and makes no representation regarding its accuracy or completeness. All third-party data has been synthesized with original Sagentix Advisors Inc. analysis and should not be construed as a reproduction of any source report. Clients requiring access to complete source reports should contact the respective providers directly.

Implication for Sagentix: The methodology stack is deliberately over-engineered for a solo founder. The 4-layer framework is designed to scale — when the first AE joins at Month 8, the process, templates, and scoring rubrics are ready for immediate onboarding rather than requiring re-invention. The cost of building this infrastructure now is measured in hours; the cost of building it during a hiring sprint is measured in lost deals.

1.0 The Hybrid SPIN/MEDDPICC Process Architecture Compresses 84-Day Sales Cycles to 45 Days Through Structured Discovery and Rigorous Qualification

The management consulting industry presents a unique sales challenge: the buyer is purchasing an intangible outcome (strategic clarity) from a provider whose quality cannot be evaluated until after delivery. This is the classic "experience good" problem in economics, and it explains why the average B2B sales cycle stretches to 84 days with a median win rate of only 21% across the professional services sector (Prospeo, 2026; Salesmotion, 2026). Sagentix's sales architecture addresses this problem through a hybrid methodology that combines SPIN's consultative discovery with MEDDPICC's rigorous qualification — creating a structured process that converts the firm's evidence discipline into buyer decision confidence at every stage.

1.1 Dual Funnel Architecture

Sagentix operates two parallel acquisition funnels, each with distinct entry criteria, conversion expectations, and resource allocation.



Funnel	Entry Source	Qualification Tool	Typical Cycle	Expected Win Rate	Volume (Y1)
Direct Outreach	LinkedIn, website, events, content	MEDDPICC 12-point scorecard	30-60 days	20-25%	60-80 leads
Partner/IRAP Referral	NRC IRAP MAS, CMC network, tech partners	6-point quick qualification	14-30 days	40-60%	20-30 leads

***So What?** The dual-funnel model acknowledges a structural truth: partner-referred and IRAP-funded deals close faster and at higher rates because the referral source has pre-qualified intent and budget. The direct funnel requires more rigorous MEDDPICC qualification to compensate for lower baseline conversion.*

1.2 Five-Stage Deal Progression

Stage	Name	SPIN Elements	MEDDPICC Elements	Key Actions	Exit Criteria	Days
1	Identify & Qualify	—	M, E, Competition	ICP scoring, outreach, intent signal detection	Meeting booked with decision-maker	1-7
2	Discover & Diagnose	S, P, I	I, D (Criteria)	Per-vertical SPIN flow, pain quantification	Pain confirmed, quantified, and linked to JTBD	7-14
3	Demonstrate Value	N (Need -Payoff)	D (Decision Process), C (Champion)	Sample deliverable walkthrough, proof points	Positive evaluation, champion identified	14-21
4	Validate & Justify	—	P (Paper Process), C, Competition	MAP agreed, Paid PoC / Phase 1 proposal	MAP signed, PoC scope defined, budget confirmed	21-35
5	Propose & Close	—	P (Paper), Competition	Tiebreaker justifier presentation, contract	Signed engagement letter	35-45

The five-stage model is calibrated to achieve a 45-day median cycle — approximately 46% faster than the B2B industry median of 84 days (Prospero, 2026). This compression is possible because of three structural advantages: the Phase 1 money-back guarantee eliminates the extended evaluation stage that consumes 30-40% of typical enterprise cycles; the fixed-price tier structure removes the custom scoping and negotiation that extends professional services deals by 2-8 weeks; and the evidence-backed sample deliverable provides tangible proof of quality that accelerates the demonstrate-value stage from weeks to days.

Methodology Stack and Adherence Scoring

The four-layer methodology stack governs seller behavior at every stage:

Layer 1 — Qualification (MEDDPICC). Used throughout the funnel but heaviest at Stages 1 and 4. Each MEDDPICC criterion is scored 1-3 (1=unknown, 2=partially identified, 3=fully confirmed). A deal qualifies for Stage 3 with a minimum score of 18/36; it qualifies for proposal at 24/36. Deals scoring below 12/36 after Stage 2 are disqualified to prevent pipeline bloat.



Layer 2 — Discovery (SPIN). Deployed primarily in Stage 2 with vertical-specific question flows. Situation questions establish the buyer's current state. Problem questions surface pain points mapped to Phase 02 JTBD statements. Implication questions quantify the cost of inaction using Vertical IQ industry data and government statistics. Need-Payoff questions connect the solved state to Sagentix's tiebreaker justifiers.

Layer 3 — Engagement (Challenger/Value-Based). Deployed in Stages 3-4. The Challenger teach-tailor-take-control approach frames the conversation around an insight the buyer does not yet have — typically drawn from the Trust Gap thesis (Phase 03) or industry-specific data from Vertical IQ reports. Value-Based Selling's 5-step Motivate-Educate-Quantify-Translate-Reward bridges the gap between the buyer's perceived problem and the price of the solution (Bertini et al., 2024).

Layer 4 — Closing (Tiebreaker). Deployed in Stage 5. When the buyer has narrowed to 2-3 finalists, the tiebreaker justifier — evidence discipline — becomes the decision factor. The closing presentation walks through three proof points: (1) a sample deliverable with APA citations visible, (2) the anti-hallucination gate results showing zero unverified claims, and (3) the Phase 1 money-back guarantee that eliminates residual risk (Anderson et al., 2014).

Adherence scoring: Every discovery call is scored against a 20-point rubric covering SPIN question coverage (8 points), MEDDPICC data capture (8 points), and next-step commitment (4 points). Target: 16/20 average across all calls by Month 3. This scoring feeds directly into the coaching system in Part IV.

Implication for Sagentix: The methodology stack is not optional overhead — it is the operational expression of the evidence discipline brand. A founder-led firm that claims "every claim sourced" cannot afford ad-hoc, unscored, undocumented sales conversations. The adherence scoring creates the same accountability in selling that the 16-check quality checklist creates in delivery.

2.0 ICP Definition and Qualification Scoring Prevent Wasted Cycles by Filtering 215,682 US Consulting Establishments to the 2,400 That Match Sagentix's Sweet Spot

The US Census Bureau's County Business Patterns data shows 215,682 establishments in NAICS 5416 (Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services) employing 1,625,072 workers with an average payroll of \$104,382 per employee (Census Bureau, 2022). In Canada, Statistics Canada reports a parallel consulting services market with similar density patterns (Statistics Canada, 2026). The ICP definition below filters this universe to the approximately 2,400 establishments that match Sagentix's product-market fit across four verticals.

2.1 Ideal Customer Profile by Vertical

Vertical 1: B2B Technology & SaaS



Attribute	Definition	Score Weight
Revenue range	\$2M-\$50M ARR	20%
Employee count	15-250 FTE	10%
Product maturity	Launched, post-PMF, pre-scale	15%
GTM pain signal	Founder-led sales plateau, missed quota, VP Sales hire planned	20%
Budget availability	\$12K-\$50K available for advisory services	15%
Technology readiness	CRM in place, basic data infrastructure	10%
Intent signals	Job postings for VP Sales/Marketing, G2 category research, content downloads	10%

Vertical Takeaway — B2B Technology & SaaS: The strongest ICP signal is a founder-led company that has hired its first 2-3 sales reps but has not yet formalized a sales process — this is the exact moment when evidence-backed GTM strategy delivers the highest marginal value.

Having established the B2B SaaS ICP, we now turn to Cybersecurity & Defense Tech, where the CMC + CISSP credential stack creates a unique qualification advantage.

Vertical 2: Cybersecurity & Defense Tech

Attribute	Definition	Score Weight
Revenue range	\$2M-\$50M ARR	15%
Product category	Cybersecurity products/services (endpoint, identity, GRC, SIEM, threat detection)	20%
Compliance exposure	Selling to regulated buyers (government, financial services, healthcare)	15%
GTM pain signal	Cannot articulate technical differentiation to non-technical buyers	20%
CPCSC relevance	Defence contracts requiring CPCSC certification from spring 2026 (Canada.ca, 2026)	10%
Budget availability	\$15K-\$50K available for advisory services	10%
Intent signals	Job postings for product marketing, RFP responses increasing, compliance deadline approaching	10%

Sagentix does NOT offer cybersecurity compliance services. The CISSP credential provides deep domain fluency to serve cybersecurity companies as GTM advisory clients — understanding their market, buyers, and competitive landscape makes the GTM strategy sharper than a generalist consultant could deliver (Sagentix, 2026).



Vertical Takeaway — Cybersecurity & Defense Tech: The decision to buy GTM advisory in this vertical is almost always triggered by a lost deal where the company could not explain its differentiation to a non-technical procurement committee. CISSP domain fluency lets Sagentix speak the buyer's language, which is the tiebreaker against generalist firms.

Having established the Cybersecurity ICP, we now turn to Management Consulting / NRC IRAP, where government funding creates a structurally different buying dynamic.

Vertical 3: Management Consulting / NRC IRAP

Attribute	Definition	Score Weight
Company type	Canadian SME eligible for NRC IRAP funding	20%
Innovation focus	Technology-based product or service with commercial potential	20%
IRAP eligibility	Active IRAP contribution agreement or eligible for application	15%
GTM pain signal	Has a technology product but no go-to-market strategy	20%
Budget source	IRAP MAS allocation (CA\$7K/40hr SOW) + potential commercial upsell	15%
CMC requirement	Engagement requires CMC-designated advisor	10%

Government procurement for consulting services under \$100K can proceed through the SELECT database or CPSS without public posting on CanadaBuys (Canada.ca, 2026). For IRAP specifically, the CMC designation receives scoring points in government RFP evaluations (Canada.ca, 2026), which gates access to the advisor pool.

Vertical Takeaway — Management Consulting / NRC IRAP: IRAP is not traditional procurement — it is a government subsidy program where the CMC credential is the primary qualification gate. The 40-hour budget constraint actually simplifies the sale: scope is pre-defined, price is pre-funded, and the only variable is whether the advisor demonstrates relevant expertise.

Having established the IRAP ICP, we now turn to Ideation Validation, where pre-revenue founders require the simplest qualification and fastest cycle.

Vertical 4: Ideation Validation (Pre-Revenue)

Attribute	Definition	Score Weight
Stage	Pre-revenue, idea stage or early prototype	25%
Founder commitment	Full-time or transitioning to full-time on the venture	20%
Market hypothesis	Has a specific market hypothesis that can be validated	20%
Budget availability	CA\$4K-\$5K available (personal capital or angel funding)	20%
Timeline urgency	Needs validation before committing further capital	15%



Vertical Takeaway — Ideation Validation: This is the simplest ICP to qualify — if the founder has a market hypothesis and CA\$4K-\$5K, the money-back guarantee eliminates the remaining objections. The primary disqualifier is a founder who wants execution (build my product) rather than validation (prove my market).

2.2 Quick Qualification Checklist (6-Point SDR Gate)

Every inbound or outbound lead is filtered through six binary criteria before investing discovery time. A lead qualifies if four or more are met.

#	Criterion	Yes/No	Source
1	Organization matches one of four verticals		LinkedIn/website
2	Revenue or stage matches ICP tier (\$2M-\$50M ARR or pre-revenue founder)		Apollo.io or conversation
3	Identifiable GTM pain signal present		Job posting, content download, or conversation
4	Budget authority accessible within two conversations		Title + org chart
5	Timeline exists (not "just exploring")		Conversation
6	No disqualifiers (competitor employee, student, non-ICP geography)		Basic research

2.3 Deep Qualification Scorecard (12-Point MEDDPICC)

After the discovery call, the Account Executive scores each MEDDPICC criterion on a 1-3 scale. A deal requires a minimum of 24/36 to progress to proposal.



Criterion	1 (Unknown)	2 (Partially Identified)	3 (Fully Confirmed)
Metrics	No success metrics discussed	Buyer mentions general goals	Specific KPIs and targets defined
Economic Buyer	Unknown who controls budget	Identified but not engaged	Engaged and supportive
Decision Criteria	Unknown evaluation criteria	General criteria mentioned	Scored evaluation matrix shared
Decision Process	Unknown approval process	General process described	Timeline with named approvers
Paper Process	Unknown contracting process	General procurement known	MSA terms and timeline confirmed
Identify Pain	Pain not articulated	Pain acknowledged generally	Pain quantified with cost of inaction
Champion	No internal advocate	Potential champion identified	Champion actively sponsoring
Competition	Unknown competitive situation	Competitors mentioned	Competitive evaluation criteria known
Intent Signal Strength	No behavioral signals	Some engagement (1-2 touches)	Strong engagement (3+ touches, content downloads)
JTBD Alignment	No job match identified	General job match	Specific JTBD from Phase 02 confirmed
Budget Confirmation	No budget discussion	Budget range acknowledged	Specific budget allocated
Timeline Confirmation	No timeline	General quarter/year	Specific date or trigger event

So What? *The 16-check scorecard prevents the most expensive mistake in founder-led selling: investing 10-15 hours of discovery and proposal work in a deal that was never going to close. A deal scoring below 18/36 after Stage 2 should be nurtured, not pursued.*

Implication for Sagentix: With 20 engagement capacity in Year 1 and a target win rate of 25-35%, the pipeline needs 60-80 qualified opportunities. At a 6-point qualification pass rate of roughly 30% from raw leads, this means generating 200-270 raw leads across all channels. The ICP scoring model ensures that the limited discovery hours are allocated to the 60-80 leads most likely to convert.



Key Takeaway — Part I: The hybrid SPIN/MEDDPICC architecture is calibrated for a specific market reality: B2B advisory buyers are more skeptical, procurement processes are longer, and the cost of unqualified pipeline is measured in founder hours that cannot be recovered. The dual funnel, five-stage progression, and 12-point qualification scorecard create the structure that converts Phases 01-04 strategic insights into a repeatable commercial motion. Part II now operationalizes this architecture with the scripts, sequences, and templates that make it executable on Day 1.

Sample Deep-Dive Sections — the following sections are reproduced verbatim from the full phase deliverable. They show the depth of analysis applied to one or two key topics.

3.0 Per-Vertical SPIN Conversation Flows Transform Technical Complexity into Buyer Decision Confidence

Each vertical below contains a complete discovery call flow designed to be executed in 30-45 minutes. The flows are structured to follow SPIN sequence (Situation-Problem-Implication-Need-Payoff) while simultaneously gathering MEDDPICC qualification data.

3.1 Vertical 1: B2B Technology & SaaS Discovery Flow

Opening (30 seconds — permission-based, JTBD-anchored):

"Thank you for taking the time. I noticed [specific trigger — job posting, content download, LinkedIn activity]. Many B2B tech companies in the \$2M-\$50M range tell us they hit a ceiling where founder-led sales stops scaling but the GTM strategy hasn't been formalized. I'd love to understand where you are in that journey. Is it okay if I ask a few questions to see whether we can help?"

Situation Questions (3-4 questions — establish current state):

1. "How are you currently generating pipeline? Is it primarily founder-led, or do you have dedicated sales resources?"
2. "What does your current sales cycle look like from first contact to signed contract?"
3. "How do you currently position your product against competitors in conversations?"
4. "What data or research informs your GTM decisions today?"

Problem Questions (3-4 questions — surface pain, mapped to JTBD J1-J4):

1. "Where do deals most often stall or die in your pipeline?" (*Maps to J1: Help me identify the right market segments*)
2. "When you lose a deal, what reason does the buyer give?" (*Maps to J2: Help me articulate why we're different*)
3. "How confident are you that your pricing reflects the value you deliver?" (*Maps to J3: Help me price for value*)
4. "What happens when a board member or investor asks for evidence behind your GTM strategy?" (*Maps to J4: Help me make decisions with confidence*)

Implication Questions (3-4 questions — quantify cost of inaction):

1. "If deals continue to stall at that stage, what does that mean for your revenue target this year?"
2. "Industry data shows that management consulting firms average only 15% close rates without a structured process (Salesmotion, 2026). If your pipeline conversion is in that range, how many



more leads would you need to hit target?"

3. "What's the opportunity cost of the founder spending 60% of their time on sales rather than product or strategy?"
4. "How does the lack of a documented sales process affect your ability to hire your first AE?"

Need-Payoff Questions (3-4 questions — envision solved state, connect to Justifier):

1. "If you had a complete, evidence-backed GTM strategy — with market sizing, competitive positioning, sales process, and pricing all documented — how would that change your next board conversation?"
2. "What would it be worth to compress your sales cycle from [current] to 30-45 days?"
3. "How would a Phase 1 market intelligence report — with a money-back guarantee if it reveals nothing new — help you de-risk the decision to invest in formalized GTM?"
4. "What if every claim in your pitch deck and sales materials could be traced to a verifiable source?"

Bridge to Next Step (30 seconds):

"Based on what you've shared, it sounds like the evidence gap in your GTM strategy is the core bottleneck. I'd like to show you a sample Phase 1 deliverable — with APA citations, market sizing, and competitive intelligence — so you can see exactly what the output looks like. Can we schedule 30 minutes next [day]?"

Vertical Takeaway — B2B Technology & SaaS: The key discovery insight for SaaS founders is the bridge between "we know our product is great" and "we can prove it to a buyer." The implication questions around close rates and pipeline conversion are the emotional wedge — founders who hear "15% average close rate" immediately want to know how to beat it.

Having established the B2B SaaS discovery approach, we now turn to Cybersecurity & Defense Tech, where domain credibility replaces product features as the primary buying criterion.

3.2 Vertical 2: Cybersecurity & Defense Tech Discovery Flow

Opening (30 seconds):

"Thanks for connecting. I noticed [trigger]. I work with cybersecurity companies on go-to-market strategy — I hold a CISSP alongside my CMC, so I speak the technical language as well as the business language. Many cyber companies tell us their biggest challenge isn't the product — it's explaining their differentiation to procurement committees that don't have a security background. Is that something you're running into?"

Situation Questions:

1. "How are you currently positioning your product in competitive evaluations? Do you lead with technical capabilities or business outcomes?"
2. "What compliance frameworks do your buyers require — SOC 2, ISO 27001, CPCSC?" (*The Canadian Program for Cyber Security Certification becomes mandatory for defence contracts from spring 2026 — Canada.ca, 2026*)
3. "How much of your sales cycle is consumed by security questionnaires and vendor qualification?"
4. "Who typically makes the buying decision — the CISO, the CTO, procurement, or a committee?"

Problem Questions (mapped to J5-J8):

1. "When you lose deals, is it because of product capability or because the buyer couldn't justify the decision internally?" (*J5: Help me communicate technical value to non-technical buyers*)



2. "How do you handle the objection that your company is too small or too new to trust with critical security infrastructure?" (*J7: Help me overcome the credibility gap*)
3. "89% of enterprise buyers now require security certifications before purchasing decisions (CloudEagle, 2026). How does that requirement affect your sales process?"
4. "What happens when a competitor with a bigger brand name enters your deals?" (*J8: Help me compete against established players*)

Implication Questions:

1. "If procurement committees keep defaulting to the bigger brand, what does that mean for your growth trajectory?"
2. "Non-compliance costs average \$14.82M per organization — 2.71 times the cost of maintaining compliance (Ponemon Institute via Colligo, 2026). When your buyers understand that math, how does it change the urgency of their purchase decision?"
3. "The Canadian CPCSC certification becomes mandatory for defence procurement in spring 2026 (Canada.ca, 2026). How many of your prospects will need to evaluate vendors against CPCSC requirements in the next 12 months?"

Need-Payoff Questions:

1. "If you could present a GTM strategy with every competitive claim traced to a verifiable source, how would that change procurement committee confidence?"
2. "What would it mean for your win rate if your sales team could demonstrate CISSP-level domain fluency in every buyer conversation?"
3. "How would a Phase 1 market intelligence report — with competitive battle cards and an evidence-backed positioning strategy — accelerate your next three enterprise deals?"

Vertical Takeaway — Cybersecurity & Defense Tech: The CISSP credential is the conversation opener, not a footnote. When a cybersecurity founder hears "I hold a CISSP and a CMC," the dynamic shifts from vendor-evaluating-consultant to peer-to-peer strategic discussion. This peer dynamic is the tiebreaker.

Having established the Cybersecurity discovery approach, we now turn to NRC IRAP, where the government-funded budget constraint reshapes the entire conversation.

3.3 Vertical 3: Management Consulting / NRC IRAP Discovery Flow

Opening (30 seconds):

"Thanks for connecting. Your IRAP Industrial Technology Advisor mentioned that you're looking for a management advisory services consultant to help with go-to-market strategy. As a CMC-designated advisor, I've worked with technology companies on exactly this kind of engagement. Can I ask a few questions to make sure we're a good fit for your 40-hour allocation?"

Situation Questions:

1. "Tell me about your technology product — what stage is it at, and what market are you targeting?"
2. "What has your IRAP ITA identified as the primary advisory need?"
3. "Have you worked with a management consultant through IRAP before?"
4. "What's your timeline for this engagement?"

Problem Questions (mapped to J9-J12):

1. "What's the biggest unknown in your commercialization plan right now?" (*J9: Help me validate my market before investing more*)



2. "Do you have a documented competitive landscape, or are you relying on founder intuition?" (J10: *Help me understand who I'm competing against*)
3. "How confident are you in your pricing? Many IRAP clients tell us they underpriced by 30-50% because they lacked market benchmarks." (J11: *Help me price correctly*)
4. "What happens if the commercialization investment doesn't work — how much runway do you have?" (J12: *Help me make evidence-based decisions*)

Implication Questions:

1. "If pricing is 30-50% below market, what does that mean for your unit economics over the next 12 months?"
2. "The 40-hour IRAP allocation is a fixed budget — if we don't use it efficiently, what alternative do you have for getting this work done?"
3. "Government procurement under \$100K can proceed without public posting through SELECT/CPSS (Canada.ca, 2026). Are you positioning your product for government buyers? If so, do you have the vendor qualification in place?"

Need-Payoff Questions:

1. "If you received a complete Phase 1 market intelligence report within 2 weeks — with TAM/SAM/SOM, competitive landscape, and pricing benchmarks — what decisions would that unlock?"
2. "How would evidence-backed competitive positioning help you in your next customer conversation?"
3. "The IRAP engagement is government-funded — essentially zero risk. If the Phase 1 reveals actionable insights, would you be open to a commercial Phase 2-3 engagement to implement the strategy?"

Vertical Takeaway — NRC IRAP: The IRAP discovery flow is deliberately shorter and more direct. The budget is pre-allocated, the need is pre-validated by the ITA, and the CMC credential is the mandatory qualification. The conversation is about fit, not justification.

Having established the IRAP discovery approach, we now turn to Ideation Validation, where the founder's personal capital is at stake and emotional risk dominates the decision.

3.4 Vertical 4: Ideation Validation Discovery Flow

Opening (30 seconds):

"Thanks for reaching out. I understand you have an idea you'd like to validate before investing further. That's exactly what our Ideation Validation service is designed for — we give you a 30-plus page evidence-backed market analysis with a full money-back guarantee if it reveals nothing you didn't already know. Can I ask a few questions to understand your situation?"

Situation Questions:

1. "Tell me about your idea — what problem does it solve and for whom?"
2. "What research have you done so far to validate the market?"
3. "Have you built anything yet — a prototype, an MVP, a landing page?"
4. "What's your timeline for making a go/no-go decision?"

Problem Questions (mapped to J13-J16):

1. "What's your biggest concern about investing more time and money before you have market validation?" (J13: *Help me know if this is worth pursuing*)



2. "How would you feel if you invested \$50K-\$100K in development only to discover the market was smaller than you assumed?" (*J14: Help me de-risk my personal capital*)
3. "Have you tried to estimate the total addressable market? What did you find?" (*J15: Help me size my opportunity*)
4. "What would a 'no' answer look like — what would make you walk away from this idea?" (*J16: Help me make an objective decision*)

Need-Payoff Questions:

1. "If you had a research-backed report showing the exact market size, competitive landscape, and pricing benchmarks for your idea — all with verifiable sources — how would that change your next investment decision?"
2. "The money-back guarantee means you pay CA\$4K-\$5K only if the analysis reveals something new. If it doesn't, you get your money back and you've avoided a much larger mistake. Does that feel like a reasonable risk?"

Vertical Takeaway — Ideation Validation: The money-back guarantee is the entire close in this vertical. The conversation should reach the guarantee within the first 10 minutes. If the founder has an idea, CA\$4K-\$5K, and a desire for objective evidence, the discovery call is essentially the closing call.

Implication for Sagentix: The four conversation flows are not scripts to be memorized — they are structured frameworks that ensure every critical question is asked and every MEDDPIC data point is captured. The founder should practice each flow 3-5 times with a colleague before using it live. Recording and reviewing the first 10 discovery calls against the adherence scorecard will accelerate proficiency faster than any other training investment.



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PART I — Strategic Context & Pricing Foundation

Part I establishes why Sagentix needs a formalized pricing strategy now, the analytical methodology and evidence base underpinning every pricing recommendation, a diagnostic of the current tier structure against market reality, and a willingness-to-pay analysis confirming that the \$12K-\$50K range sits in the most underserved segment of the consulting market. A reader who absorbs only Part I understands the pricing thesis: value-based pricing anchored to quantified buyer outcomes, not cost-plus arithmetic or competitor matching.

Executive Briefing: Value-Based Pricing Architecture Transforms Sagentix's AI-Powered Delivery Advantage into a Four-Tier Revenue Engine That Captures 8-12% of Value Delivered



Situation

Sagentix Advisors Inc. has completed five phases of GTM strategy development that collectively define the firm's competitive position and commercial architecture. Phase 01 established a bottom-up TAM of \$297M narrowing to a \$4.4M SAM and a capacity-constrained Y1 SOM of \$156K at the base case with 15 engagements, scaling to \$290K-\$380K at 20-25 engagements (Sagentix, 2026). Phase 02 confirmed 12 defensible differentiators (D1-D12) anchored in evidence discipline, a 549-artifact IP library, and AI-native delivery speed — with no identified competitor among 13 profiled firms replicating the CMC + CISSP + P.Eng. + MBA credential stack (Sagentix, 2026). Phase 03 deployed a Trust-Gap-anchored messaging architecture with five brand pillars. Phase 04 packaged the growth narrative into an investor-ready pitch deck. Phase 05 designed a hybrid SPIN/MEDDPICC sales engine with four vertical-specific playbooks, 13 competitive battle cards, and a target of compressing the 84-day B2B median sales cycle to 45 days (Sagentix, 2026). The current tier structure — Ideation Validation (CA\$4K-\$5K), GTM Foundation (\$12K-\$15K), Revenue Architecture (\$25K-\$30K), Full GTM (\$40K-\$50K), and Continuous Intelligence (\$3K-\$5K/month) — has been defined in `client_context.yaml` but lacks formalized value metrics, anchoring strategy, discount governance, and per-vertical pricing guidance.

Complication

Three pricing challenges now stand between Sagentix's strategic foundation and predictable revenue. First, the consulting industry is undergoing a pricing model transformation: 61% of B2B service companies now use hybrid pricing models combining fixed fees with usage or outcome components (Maxio, 2026), and 44% of consultants offer productized services with fixed-price packaging — up from 30% in prior years (ConsultingSuccess, 2026). Sagentix's current tier structure is directionally correct but lacks the value quantification, anchoring mechanics, and discount governance required to defend prices against objections in competitive deals. Second, Sagentix operates in a "pricing desert" — the gap between Top-tier consulting-firm minimum engagements (\$250K-\$2M+) and DIY tool costs (\$1K-\$15K/year) — where no dominant player has established pricing norms, leaving buyers without reference points and sellers without anchor prices (Sagentix Phase 01, 2026). This absence of market benchmarks is both an opportunity (price leadership) and a risk (buyer sticker shock without proper framing). Third, each of Sagentix's four verticals has fundamentally different price sensitivity: B2B SaaS founders budget \$10K-\$50K for advisory services; cybersecurity CISOs face procurement scrutiny requiring ROI documentation; IRAP-funded SMEs operate within a fixed CA\$7K government allocation; and ideation founders are spending personal capital with high loss aversion (Sagentix Phase 02, 2026). A single pricing narrative cannot serve all four without either under-pricing for enterprise buyers or over-pricing for pre-revenue founders.

Question

How should Sagentix design, validate, and govern a pricing architecture — spanning value metrics, tier packaging, competitive positioning, discount rules, and per-vertical playbooks — that captures 8-12% of quantified value delivered while maintaining the accessibility that makes mid-market buyers choose Sagentix over both Top-tier consulting firms alternatives and DIY approaches?



Answer

Sagentix should deploy a value-based pricing architecture organized around five interlocking components: (1) a **value quantification model** that anchors each tier's price to the buyer's measurable outcomes — time-to-strategy compression (12-16 weeks to 2-8 weeks), cost avoidance versus Top-tier consulting firms alternatives (60-80% savings), and revenue acceleration from faster market entry — rather than cost-plus arithmetic or competitor matching; (2) a **four-tier packaging model** with clear upgrade incentives: Ideation Validation (\$2.9K-\$3.7K USD) as the risk-free entry point, GTM Foundation (\$8.8K-\$11K) as the discovery-to-close accelerator, Revenue Architecture (\$18.3K-\$21.9K) as the primary commercial offering, and Full GTM (\$29.2K-\$36.5K) as the comprehensive transformation; (3) a **subscription revenue layer** through Continuous Intelligence (\$2.2K-\$3.7K/month) that transforms one-time engagements into recurring relationships with 70%+ gross margin; (4) **per-vertical pricing playbooks** with vertical-specific anchoring strategies, discount rules, and objection responses; and (5) a **pricing governance framework** with quarterly review cadence, approved discount tiers (5%/10%/15% maximum by authority level), and competitive response protocols.

Key Takeaways

1. **Sagentix's pricing captures just 8-12% of the value it delivers.** A Full GTM engagement at \$29.2K-\$36.5K USD produces strategy worth \$300K-\$2M+ if purchased from Top-tier consulting firms, compresses 12-16 weeks to 6-8 weeks (saving \$50K-\$150K in opportunity cost), and includes 549+ evidence-backed artifacts with APA citations — value that buyers cannot replicate at any price through DIY approaches (ConsultingSuccess, 2026; Sagentix Phase 01, 2026).
2. **The "pricing desert" between \$15K and \$250K is Sagentix's blue ocean.** No identified competitor among 13 profiled firms offers productized, evidence-backed GTM advisory in this range. Top-tier consulting firms start at \$250K+ for comparable scope; boutique firms charge \$50K-\$150K with variable quality; and productized competitors (Kalungi, Winning by Design) either operate at much higher monthly retainers (\$6.5K-\$45K/month) or deliver training, not strategy deliverables (Sagentix Phase 01, 2026; MADX, 2026).
3. **AI-assisted pricing drives 2-4x more revenue impact than acquisition or retention improvements.** Companies using AI-assisted pricing see 8-15% ACV improvement within two quarters (McKinsey via HireSteve.ai, 2026). Sagentix's AI platform enables dynamic value quantification per engagement — the same platform that produces the strategy also produces the pricing justification, creating a self-reinforcing loop.
4. **The Phase 1 money-back guarantee is the single most powerful pricing instrument.** It functions as a structured pilot — predefined success criteria, defined timelines, executive sponsorship — achieving 40-60% conversion rates versus less than 10% for free trials (PartnerStack, 2026). The guarantee eliminates price objections at the entry tier by converting the discussion from "How much does it cost?" to "What do I risk?"
5. **NRC IRAP MAS at CA\$7K is not a commercial tier — it is a subsidized customer acquisition channel.** The government covers 50-75% of the engagement cost, the CMC credential gates access to the consultant pool, and successful IRAP engagements convert to commercial relationships at approximately 50-60% (Canada.ca, 2026). The pricing strategy must treat IRAP as marketing spend with positive unit economics, not as a revenue tier competing with commercial offerings.



Implication for Sagentix: The pricing architecture must be operational within 30 days. The first 5 commercial engagements will validate willingness-to-pay assumptions; the first 3 IRAP engagements will confirm the government-to-commercial conversion rate. Every week of unstructured pricing conversations is a week of margin erosion and competitive vulnerability.

Methodology and Scope: Multi-Framework Pricing Synthesis Across 13 Industry Profiles, 8 Web Searches, and 3 Programmatic Knowledge Validations

This Phase 06 pricing strategy deliverable synthesizes evidence from seven source categories to construct Sagentix's pricing architecture.

Primary analytical frameworks: Value-Based Pricing (Nagle & Muller, 2018) for price-to-value alignment and anchoring strategy; Monetizing Innovation (Ramanujam & Tacke, 2016) for willingness-to-pay methodology and packaging design; Business Case & ROI Model (Sagentix IP) for TCO comparison and buyer ROI quantification; PLG Free Trial & Subscription Optimization (Sagentix IP) for the Continuous Intelligence recurring revenue model; Pyramid Principle / SCQA (Minto, 2009) for declarative title architecture; Simon-Kucher Commercial Strategy (Simon-Kucher, 2025) for pricing-to-sales execution bridging; Tiebreaker Selling + JTBD (Bettencourt, 2010; Christensen et al., 2016) for per-vertical value metric identification; and Value Proposition Canvas (Osterwalder et al., 2014) for buyer willingness-to-pay mapping.

Industry evidence base: 13 Vertical IQ industry profiles (Sagentix, 2026, NAICS 541610-541690) providing financial benchmarks, profitability ratios, cash management data, capital financing patterns, and industry-specific call prep intelligence. Apollo.io intelligence files providing competitor tech stack, employee counts, and revenue estimates across 13 named competitors.

Web search augmentation: 8 targeted web searches covering competitor pricing plans (Kalungi, Winning by Design, Pavilion), SaaS/consulting pricing benchmarks 2026, GTM advisory value-based pricing strategies, buyer budget allocation and willingness-to-pay signals, pricing model comparisons (per-unit, subscription, retainer), competitor published pricing (6sense, ZoomInfo), compliance cost budget allocation in Canada, and cost of non-compliance/inaction as pricing ceiling reference.

Knowledge validation: 3 programmatically verified knowledge searches covering (1) how regulatory certifications affect pricing power in consulting, (2) standard pricing structures for GTM advisory solutions, and (3) total cost of ownership comparison between advisory solutions and traditional alternatives. All validated through the `ks_validator.py` pipeline with claim extraction, retrieval-augmented judgment, and verdict application.

Prior phase inputs (carried forward verbatim): Phase 01 provides TAM/SAM/SOM (\$297M/\$4.4M/\$156K-\$380K), 13 competitor profiles, and vertical prioritization. Phase 02 provides 16 JTBD statements, 12 differentiators, and the VP stack. Phase 03 provides the Trust-Gap messaging architecture and five brand pillars. Phase 04 provides the investor narrative and capacity-anchored projections. Phase 05 provides the hybrid SPIN/MEDDPICC sales engine with per-vertical playbooks and competitive battle cards.

Subscription intelligence: Apollo.io competitor landscape (13 firms enriched with tech stack and size data), buyer committee mapping (300 contacts analyzed), audience intelligence (28 Reddit threads),



digital audit report (30 pages crawled, 55/100 SEO score), BLS employment data (NAICS 54, 22.4M workers, -0.7% YoY), Census County Business Patterns (215,682 US establishments, \$104K avg payroll/employee), ISED Financial Performance Data (NAICS 54161, profitability and cost structure benchmarks), Statistics Canada industry data (NAICS 5416, ~\$120B GDP sector), OECD macro indicators (CAN GDP growth 0.72%, USA 2.33%), World Bank indicators (CAN \$54.3K GDP per capita, USA \$84.5K), Economist articles on software/PE/AI market dynamics, O'Reilly book briefs (Nagle & Muller pricing strategy, Ramanujam monetizing innovation), Seeking Alpha watchlist (ZI, HUBS public company earnings data), Google Trends validation (GTM advisory keyword rising), competitor changes log (Pavilion pricing changes detected), and client research papers on consulting industry dynamics.

Scope: Four verticals — B2B Technology & SaaS, Cybersecurity & Defense Tech, Management Consulting / NRC IRAP, and Ideation Validation (pre-revenue). Geographic focus: Canada and US markets. Currency: USD at 0.73 CAD/USD exchange rate. All dollar calculations in USD unless explicitly labeled CAD.

Limitations: No historical win/loss data exists for price sensitivity analysis — Sagentix-specific pricing elasticity will emerge after the first 10-15 closed deals. Competitor pricing for Top-tier consulting and strategy firms is inferred from industry benchmarks and public sources; exact rates are not published. IRAP MAS roster acceptance is pending, which affects the government-subsidized channel economics. Willingness-to-pay signals are drawn from industry-wide data and buyer persona research rather than direct Sagentix customer interviews.

This deliverable incorporates data from third-party industry research sources listed in the References section. Sagentix Advisors Inc. has not independently verified such data and makes no representation regarding its accuracy or completeness. All third-party data has been synthesized with original Sagentix Advisors Inc. analysis and should not be construed as a reproduction of any source report. Clients requiring access to complete source reports should contact the respective providers directly.

Implication for Sagentix: The methodology is deliberately rigorous for a solo founder because pricing decisions made in the first 6 months establish anchor points that are difficult to change later. Setting prices too low creates a ceiling effect — raising prices 20%+ after initial sales signals desperation. Setting prices too high creates a conversion problem in a market with no established reference points. The value-based approach resolves this by making price a derivative of demonstrated value, not a standalone number.

1.0 Current Pricing Architecture Review Reveals a Sound Tier Structure That Requires Formalized Value Metrics and Anchoring Strategy

Sagentix's current pricing architecture, defined in `client_context.yaml`, establishes five service tiers designed to serve four buyer segments across a revenue range of CA\$4K to CA\$50K per engagement. The architecture is directionally sound — it provides multiple entry points, clear upgrade paths, and a recurring revenue option — but lacks the formalized value quantification and anchoring mechanics required to consistently defend prices in competitive deals.

1.1 Current Tier Assessment

Tier	Price (CAD)	Price (USD)	Phases	Duration	Target Buyer	Current Status
Ideation Validation	\$4K-\$5K	\$2.9K-\$3.7K	Phase 1	~1 week	Pre-revenue founders	Well-positioned; money-back guarantee is strong
GTM Foundation	\$12K-\$15K	\$8.8K-\$11K	Phases 1-3	2-3 weeks	Growth companies (entry)	Needs value anchoring vs. DIY alternatives
Revenue Architecture	\$25K-\$30K	\$18.3K-\$21.9K	Phases 1-6	4-5 weeks	B2B SaaS / Cyber (primary)	Core commercial offering — requires ROI calculator
Full GTM	\$40K-\$50K	\$29.2K-\$36.5K	Phases 1-10	6-8 weeks	Enterprise buyers	Aspirational tier — needs Top-tier consulting firms TCO anchor
Continuous Intelligence	\$3K-\$5K /mo	\$2.2K-\$3.7K/mo	Ongoing	Monthly	All engaged clients	Recurring revenue engine — needs attach rate targets
NRC IRAP MAS	\$7K (fixed)	\$5.1K	Phase 1 (40hr)	~1 week	IRAP-funded SMEs	Government-subsidized; not a commercial tier

So What? The tier structure is correctly calibrated to the market's willingness-to-pay range — project-based GTM work runs \$10K-\$25K+ (SyncGTM, 2026) and retainer-based services span \$3K-\$8K/month (ConsultingSuccess, 2026). The gap is not in the price points themselves but in the value communication infrastructure: no ROI calculator, no TCO comparison tool, no formalized anchoring script, and no discount governance. This means every pricing conversation relies on the founder's ad-hoc persuasion rather than a repeatable value-based framework.

1.2 Diagnostic Findings

Strength 1: Multi-entry architecture. The four commercial tiers plus IRAP create five distinct entry points, reducing the "no decision" risk that causes 86% of B2B purchases to stall (INFUSE, 2026). A buyer who cannot afford Revenue Architecture can enter at Foundation or Ideation; a buyer who qualifies for IRAP enters at zero effective cost.

Strength 2: Clear phase packaging. Each tier maps to a specific set of phases (1, 1-3, 1-6, 1-10), making the deliverable scope unambiguous and the upgrade logic intuitive. Buyers understand what they get and what they would get at the next tier.

Strength 3: Recurring revenue option. The CI retainer at \$2.2K-\$3.7K/month is strategically important for predictable revenue. At 40% attach rate with 15 Year 1 engagements, CI could generate \$13.2K-\$22.2K/month in recurring revenue by Month 12.

Weakness 1: No value metric linkage. Prices are not explicitly anchored to buyer outcomes. The Foundation tier at \$8.8K-\$11K sounds expensive until it is framed as "2.5% of what McKinsey charges for Phases 1-3" or "the cost of 4 days of a junior marketing hire who would take 16 weeks to produce inferior work."

Weakness 2: No discount governance. Without approved discount tiers and escalation paths, every deal becomes a custom negotiation — eroding margin and creating precedent effects where early



discounts become expected by subsequent buyers who compare notes.

Weakness 3: IRAP pricing is disconnected from commercial tiers. The CA\$7K IRAP allocation funds approximately 40 hours of advisory time, but there is no explicit Phase 1+ conversion pricing that bridges IRAP to the commercial Foundation or Revenue Architecture tiers.

The average payroll per employee in the US consulting services sector (NAICS 5416) is \$104,382 (Census Bureau, 2022), suggesting that even a mid-level professional's annual compensation exceeds Sagentix's Full GTM engagement price by 2-3x — a powerful anchoring data point for enterprise sales conversations.

Implication for Sagentix: The current pricing is correctly positioned but under-weaponized. The fix is not to change price points but to build the value communication infrastructure (ROI calculator, TCO comparison, anchoring scripts, discount governance) that converts the current tier structure into a defensible pricing architecture. Estimated effort: 2-3 weeks for the founder plus one sales enablement sprint.

2.0 Buyer Budget Signals and Willingness-to-Pay Analysis

Confirm a \$12K-\$50K Sweet Spot in the Underserved Mid-Market

Willingness-to-pay (WTP) analysis for Sagentix's target buyers draws on five convergent data sources: industry budget allocation patterns, competitor reference pricing, government funding benchmarks, buyer community sentiment, and macro purchasing power indicators.

2.1 Budget Allocation Patterns

Eighty-three percent of B2B marketing decision-makers expect marketing investments to grow in 2026, with budget allocation splitting 42% to programs, 35% to personnel, and 23% to technology (Bruce Clay, 2026). The 42% programs allocation is the budget line that GTM advisory competes for. For a \$5M ARR company spending 15-25% of revenue on sales and marketing, the programs budget ranges from \$315K to \$525K — meaning Sagentix's Revenue Architecture tier (\$18.3K-\$21.9K) represents just 3.5-7% of the programs budget, well within discretionary approval authority for a VP Marketing or CRO.

The consulting services market is expanding rapidly: from \$313.5B in 2025 to a projected \$1,036.2B by 2035, representing a 12.7% CAGR (Market.us, 2025). This expansion validates that buyer budgets for advisory services are growing, not contracting. Simultaneously, 46% of companies now use a hybrid model combining in-house teams with external agencies — up from 36% in prior years (Bruce Clay, 2026). This hybrid trend directly benefits Sagentix because productized advisory fills the "strategy gap" that in-house teams cannot cover without months of internal effort.

Canadian GDP per capita stands at \$54,340 USD (World Bank, 2024) compared to \$84,534 USD in the United States (World Bank, 2024), with Canadian GDP growth at 0.72% (OECD, 2025-Q4) and US growth at 2.33% (OECD, 2025-Q3). The purchasing power gap suggests that US-based buyers have approximately 55% more spending capacity per capita than Canadian buyers, supporting Sagentix's decision to price in CAD but increasingly pursue US-based clients at the Revenue Architecture and Full GTM tiers.



Buyer Segment	Typical Budget Range	Sagentix Tier Match	Price as % of Budget
B2B SaaS (\$5-20M ARR)	\$315K-\$1.25M S&M programs	Revenue Architecture (\$18.3K-\$21.9K)	1.5-7%
B2B SaaS (\$2-5M ARR)	\$120K-\$375K S&M programs	GTM Foundation (\$8.8K-\$11K)	2.3-9.2%
Cybersecurity (\$10-50M ARR)	\$750K-\$6.25M S&M programs	Full GTM (\$29.2K-\$36.5K)	0.5-4.9%
IRAP-funded SME	CA\$7K (government allocation)	NRC IRAP MAS (\$5.1K)	100% (subsidized)
Pre-revenue founder	\$10K-\$50K personal capital	Ideation Validation (\$2.9K-\$3.7K)	5.8-37%

***So What?** For growth-stage companies (\$5M+ ARR), Sagentix's commercial tiers represent less than 7% of the annual programs budget — a level that typically requires only VP-level approval, not C-suite or board authorization. For pre-revenue founders, the Ideation tier at \$2.9K-\$3.7K sits at the low end of personal investment capacity, reinforced by the money-back guarantee. The only segment where price sensitivity is structurally high is the \$2-5M ARR range, where Foundation pricing (\$8.8K-\$11K) can approach 10% of the programs budget — justifying the Phase 1 money-back guarantee as risk mitigation.*

2.2 Competitive Reference Pricing

Competitor pricing establishes the reference frame within which Sagentix's value proposition must be communicated. The consulting fee spectrum spans four orders of magnitude:



Category	Provider	Price Range	Delivery Model	Sagentix Advantage
Top-tier consulting and strategy firms	McKinsey, BCG, Bain, Deloitte, EY	\$250K-\$2M+ per engagement	4-8 consultants, 3-6 months	60-80% lower cost; weeks not months
Boutique Strategy	Regional firms	\$50K-\$150K per engagement	2-3 consultants, 2-4 months	40-60% lower; founder-led not junior team
Productized GTM	Kalungi, WbD	\$6.5K-\$45K/m onth retainer	Fractional CMO or training	Strategy + deliverables, not retainer or courses
GTM Membership	Pavilion	\$115-\$225/month membership	Community + courses	Customized strategy vs. generic content
GTM Tech Platform	ZoomInfo, 6sense	\$15K-\$250K/year	Data access only	Strategy + data + deliverables vs. data alone
DIY/Founder-led	Self-serve	\$0 + opportunity cost	Founder time + tools	2-8 weeks vs. never completed

The CMC Industry Report (Nanos Research, 2022) found that 42% of consulting fees had increased compared to pre-pandemic levels, with participating firms reporting a mean increase of 17.6% and a median of 15.0%. The average revenue for participating CMCs was \$200,000 with a median of \$140,000. This data confirms that the consulting market supports price increases driven by demand, and that solo CMC practitioners routinely generate \$140K-\$200K in annual revenue — consistent with Sagentix's base-case SOM of \$156K-\$380K (CMC-Canada/Nanos Research, 2022).

Boutique consulting firms charge 30% higher hourly rates than larger firms but deliver 35% lower total project costs due to faster execution (DataEngineeringCompanies, 2026). The minimum credible consulting rate in North America is \$150/hour (ConsultingSuccess, 2026), while CISSP-certified consultants command \$200-\$350/hour (Simply.Coach/SigmaSolve, 2026). At Sagentix's Revenue Architecture tier (\$18.3K-\$21.9K for 4-5 weeks), the implied rate is approximately \$91-\$110/hour at 40hr/week — which appears below market until the value delivered (10+ deliverables, 549 artifacts, APA citations) is factored in. This "below-market hourly but above-market value" positioning is deliberate: it makes price objections difficult because the output far exceeds what any consultant could produce at \$200-\$350/hour in the same timeframe.

Implication for Sagentix: The competitive pricing landscape validates that Sagentix's tier structure sits precisely in the gap between inaccessible Top-tier consulting firms pricing and inadequate DIY alternatives. The key sales enablement action is to create a one-page "Pricing Desert" visualization that shows buyers exactly where Sagentix sits in the market — below Top-tier consulting firms cost, above DIY quality, with neither alternative delivering what Sagentix delivers.



Key Takeaway: The willingness-to-pay analysis confirms that Sagentix's pricing is correctly positioned within buyer budget capacity across all four verticals, with the largest opportunity in B2B SaaS (\$5-20M ARR) where the Revenue Architecture tier represents less than 7% of the programs budget. The critical gap is not in pricing but in value communication — buyers need to see the ROI before they see the price.

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3.0 TCO Comparison Demonstrates That Sagentix Delivers at 4-25% of Top-tier consulting firms Cost with Faster Time-to-Strategy

The Total Cost of Ownership comparison is the primary sales enablement tool for pricing conversations. It frames Sagentix's value not as a cost to be minimized but as an investment that is structurally superior to every alternative on cost, time, and quality dimensions simultaneously.

3.1 Three-Alternative TCO Model

Cost Component	Top-tier consulting and strategy firms	DIY/Internal	Sagentix (Rev. Architecture)
Direct engagement fee	\$250K-\$2M+	\$0	\$18.3K-\$21.9K
Duration	3-6 months	3-6 months (if ever completed)	4-5 weeks
Internal staff time	40-80 hours (interviews, reviews)	500-1,000 hours (full production)	15-25 hours (reviews, input)
Research data costs	Included	\$30K-\$100K/year (ZoomInfo, 6sense)	Included (13 Vertical IQ profiles + web)
Implementation support	Separate engagement (\$100K+)	Self-serve (uncertain quality)	Strategy execution roadmap included in Full GTM
Opportunity cost	\$50K-\$150K (3-6 month delay)	\$50K-\$150K (3-6 month delay, if completed)	\$8K-\$25K (4-5 week delay only)
Quality assurance	Top-tier strategy firms methodology (strong)	None (no external validation)	16-check quality checklist + APA citations
Year 1 TCO	\$350K-\$2.35M	\$230K-\$400K	\$18.3K-\$21.9K
TCO Ratio vs. Sagentix	16-107x	10.5-18.3x	1x



So What? Sagentix delivers at 4-25% of Top-tier consulting firms cost and 5-10% of DIY cost, with faster time-to-strategy and higher evidence quality. The TCO table should be printed on a single page and left behind in every sales conversation. Business valuation multiples for consulting firms in NAICS 54161 typically range from 0.5-1.5x revenue (Vertical IQ, 2026), further confirming that advisory services are valued on outcome delivery rather than input cost.

The CMC Industry Report found that the top-ranked factor when setting consulting fees is "expertise of consultants involved" (85% rated 7-10 out of 10), followed by "reputation of firm" (83%) and "importance and value of work to client" (81%). Competitor pricing ranked lowest at 47%, confirming that buyers weight value over price in consulting procurement decisions (CMC-Canada/Nanos Research, 2022). This evidence supports the value-based pricing approach: when the conversation focuses on expertise and value, price becomes secondary.

Implication for Sagentix: The TCO comparison is not a background analysis — it is the opening move in every pricing conversation. The sales process (Phase 05 SPIN methodology) should surface the buyer's current cost of inaction (time, money, opportunity cost) before presenting Sagentix pricing. When the buyer learns that their current approach costs \$230K-\$400K before they have seen Sagentix's \$18K-\$22K price point, the anchoring effect makes the purchase decision nearly self-evident.



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PART I — Strategic Context & Business Model Landscape

Part I establishes why an AI-powered productized consulting business model is structurally advantaged in the current market. It opens with the governing thesis — that Sagentix's hybrid project-plus-subscription model occupies a pricing desert between Top-tier consulting-firm minimums and DIY tool costs — then maps the platform economics that enable solo-founder delivery at 52 engagements per year, and identifies the four value chain leverage points that create disproportionate value capture. A reader who absorbs only Part I understands the structural economics that make this business model viable and defensible.

Executive Briefing: A Hybrid Productized-Advisory-plus-Subscription Business Model Captures the Structural Gap Between Top-tier consulting-firm minimums and DIY Tool Costs



Situation

The global management consulting market generates \$358-492B annually (Mordor Intelligence, 2026; Fortune Business Insights, 2026), with the software consulting segment alone projected to grow from \$328B in 2025 to \$801B by 2031 at a 16.1% CAGR (Mordor Intelligence, 2025). Sagentix Advisors Inc. has completed six phases of GTM strategy development that collectively define the firm's competitive positioning, value proposition architecture, messaging framework, sales process, and pricing strategy. Phase 01 established a bottom-up TAM of \$297M narrowing to a \$4.4M SAM and a capacity-constrained Y1 SOM of \$156K at the base case with 15 engagements (Sagentix, Phase 01, 2026). Phase 06 deployed a value-based pricing architecture across four commercial tiers — Ideation Validation (\$2.9K-\$3.7K USD), GTM Foundation (\$8.8K-\$11K), Revenue Architecture (\$18.3K-\$21.9K), and Full GTM (\$29.2K-\$36.5K) — plus a Continuous Intelligence subscription at \$2.2K-\$3.7K per month (Sagentix, Phase 06, 2026). The AI-powered delivery platform, built on a library of 549+ reusable consulting IP artifacts, enables solo-founder delivery at scale with consulting-grade output quality.

Complication

Three business model design challenges stand between Sagentix's strategic foundation and sustainable revenue generation. First, the firm operates at the intersection of two business model paradigms — project-based consulting (high ACV, lumpy revenue) and subscription SaaS (recurring, predictable) — and must design a model that captures the advantages of both while mitigating their respective weaknesses. Solo practitioners in consulting achieve 70-85% profit margins but face revenue ceilings constrained by billable hours (Mosaic, 2026); SaaS platforms achieve 75-85% gross margins at scale but require \$5K-\$35K in customer acquisition costs per enterprise customer (GrowthSpree, 2026). Second, the four target verticals — B2B Technology & SaaS, Cybersecurity & Defense Tech, Management Consulting / NRC IRAP, and Ideation Validation — have fundamentally different buying cycles, budget structures, and expansion patterns that require vertical-specific business model adaptations. Third, the solo founder constraint means the business model must generate sufficient revenue from 15-20 engagements per year while building toward a scalable team model — the delivery capacity is 52 engagements per year, but the sales pipeline is the binding constraint (Sagentix, Phase 01, 2026).

Question

What business model architecture — spanning revenue streams, cost structure, unit economics, channel design, and vertical adaptations — will enable Sagentix to capture the structural gap between Top-tier consulting-firm minimums and DIY tool costs while building toward predictable, recurring revenue?



Answer

Sagentix should deploy a **dual-engine business model** combining productized project revenue (high ACV, immediate cash flow) with Continuous Intelligence subscription revenue (recurring, compounding). The model operates through five interlocking mechanisms: (1) a **four-tier pricing architecture** that serves buyer segments from pre-revenue founders (\$2.9K) to growth-stage enterprises (\$36.5K), creating multiple entry points that reduce the "no decision" risk; (2) a **CI subscription layer** (\$2.2K-\$3.7K/month) that transforms 30-40% of project clients into recurring revenue relationships, targeting \$475K in annual recurring revenue by Year 5; (3) an **AI-native cost structure** with 78-85% gross margins that approach software economics rather than consulting norms, enabling the solo founder to deliver at margins that incumbents cannot match without cannibalizing their pyramid staffing model; (4) **vertical-specific channel strategies** that leverage the CMC credential for IRAP-subsidized acquisition, the CISSP credential for cybersecurity domain credibility, and evidence-discipline positioning for B2B SaaS trust; and (5) a **compound credential moat** (CMC + CISSP + P.Eng. + MBA) that creates a trust barrier no identified competitor replicates across 13 profiled firms (Sagentix, Phase 01, 2026).

Key Takeaways

1. **The dual-engine model generates three compounding revenue streams.** Project fees (\$156K-\$380K Y1) provide immediate cash flow; CI subscriptions (\$26K-\$44K Y1, scaling to \$475K by Y5) create predictable recurring revenue; and tier upgrades (20-30% of clients expanding from Foundation to Revenue Architecture) generate expansion revenue. The combined effect targets a 130%+ net revenue retention rate comparable to research-grade SaaS companies (Maxio, 2026).
2. **Unit economics are exceptionally strong.** With a weighted ACV of \$10.7K, estimated CAC of \$2K-\$5K (founder-led sales plus IRAP-subsidized channel), and 3-year average customer lifespan including CI, the LTV:CAC ratio ranges from 20:1 to 76:1 — far exceeding the 3:1 minimum threshold and the 4:1-6:1 top quartile for B2B SaaS (GrowthSpree, 2026; Optifai, 2026).
3. **AI-native delivery inverts the consulting cost equation.** Traditional consulting firms operate on 20-40% margins with leveraged staffing pyramids (ConsultingSuccess, 2026). Sagentix's AI platform enables 78-85% gross margins by eliminating junior analyst labor costs and automating 40% of delivery tasks (Gartner via Deltek, 2026). The marginal cost of each additional engagement approaches zero, creating software-like economics within a consulting wrapper.
4. **The IRAP channel provides negative-cost customer acquisition.** NRC IRAP MAS engagements at CA\$7K (\$5.1K USD) are fully government-funded, making the effective CAC negative — the government pays Sagentix to acquire customers. With 50-60% conversion from IRAP to commercial engagements, this channel alone could generate 3-5 commercial clients per year (Sagentix, Phase 06, 2026).
5. **The business model is capacity-constrained by pipeline, not delivery.** The AI platform enables 52 engagements per year for a solo founder. At 15-20 Year 1 engagements, the utilization rate is just 29-38% of platform capacity — the constraint is sales pipeline, not delivery capacity. This inverts the traditional consulting bottleneck and means that every incremental sales hire unlocks significant latent capacity (Sagentix, Phase 01, 2026).



Implication for Sagentix: The business model is structurally sound and economically superior to both traditional consulting and pure SaaS models at Sagentix's current scale. The critical execution priority is not delivery optimization (the AI platform handles that) but sales pipeline development — every dollar invested in pipeline generation has a 20:1-76:1 return through the LTV:CAC flywheel.

Methodology and Scope: Multi-Framework Business Model Synthesis Across 13 Industry Profiles, 6 Web Searches, and 5 Programmatic Knowledge Validations

This Phase 07 deliverable synthesizes evidence from seven source categories to construct Sagentix's business model architecture.

Primary analytical frameworks: Business Model Canvas (Osterwalder & Pigneur, 2010) as the 9-block base structure; Enhanced BMC with Modular Overlay System (Sagentix IP) for JTBD-Justifier bridges, unit economics layers, and ecosystem assessment; Revenue Architecture (Winning by Design, 2024) for recurring revenue model design; Monetizing Innovation (Ramanujam & Tacke, 2016) for value-based pricing integration; Testing Business Ideas (Bland & Osterwalder, 2020) for assumption mapping and validation experiment design; Platform Revolution (Parker et al., 2016) for ecosystem assessment; Business Model Navigator (Gassmann et al., 2014) for pattern analysis; Triple Layered BMC (Joyce & Paquin, 2016) for sustainability assessment; Pyramid Principle / SCQA (Minto, 2009) for declarative title architecture.

Industry evidence base: 13 Vertical IQ industry profiles (NAICS 541610-541690, 513210, 518210) providing financial benchmarks, profitability ratios, cash management data, capital financing patterns, and industry-specific competitive dynamics. Apollo.io intelligence files providing competitor tech stack, employee counts, revenue estimates, and hiring signals across 13 named competitors.

Web search augmentation: 6 targeted web searches covering SaaS/consulting business model revenue streams, unit economics benchmarks (CAC, LTV, payback), competitor business models (Kalungi, Winning by Design, Pavilion), cost structure and margin benchmarks, DaaS/subscription/Continuous Intelligence models, and regulatory barriers to entry in Canada.

Knowledge validation: 5 programmatically verified knowledge searches covering business model patterns for consulting/software companies, unit economics benchmarks for GTM advisory platforms, cash conversion cycles and working capital for consulting firms, durability of regulatory barriers in consulting, and net revenue retention and expansion models for SaaS/consulting.

Prior phase inputs (carried forward): Phase 01 provides TAM/SAM/SOM (\$297M/\$4.4M/\$156K), 13 competitor profiles, and vertical prioritization. Phase 02 provides 16 JTBD statements, 12 differentiators (D1-D12), and the VP stack. Phase 03 provides the Trust-Gap messaging architecture and five brand pillars. Phase 04 provides the investor narrative and capacity-anchored projections. Phase 05 provides the hybrid SPIN/MEDDPICC sales engine with per-vertical playbooks. Phase 06 provides the four-tier pricing architecture, CI subscription model, and competitive pricing benchmarks.

Subscription intelligence: Apollo.io competitor landscape (13 firms enriched), buyer committee mapping (300 contacts), audience intelligence (28 Reddit threads), digital audit report (30 pages, 55/100 SEO), BLS employment data (NAICS 54, 22.4M workers, -0.7% YoY), Census County Business



Patterns (215,682 US establishments, \$104K avg payroll/employee), ISED Financial Performance Data (NAICS 54161 profitability benchmarks), Statistics Canada industry data (NAICS 5416, ~\$120B GDP sector), OECD macro indicators (CAN GDP growth 0.72%, USA 2.33%), World Bank indicators (CAN \$54.3K GDP per capita, USA \$84.5K), Economist intelligence articles on software/PE/AI dynamics, O'Reilly book briefs (Business Model Generation, Value Proposition Design, Testing Business Ideas), Seeking Alpha watchlist (ZoomInfo, HubSpot public company earnings), competitor changes log, and Google Trends validation.

Scope: Four verticals. Geographic focus: Canada (primary) and United States (secondary). Currency: USD at 0.73 CAD/USD. All dollar calculations in USD.

Limitations: No historical financial data exists for Sagentix (pre-revenue). Unit economics projections are derived from industry benchmarks and prior-phase analysis, not actuals. Competitor financials for private firms rely on Apollo.io estimates ($\pm 30\%$). CI subscription economics are projected from SaaS benchmarks, not validated through actual customer behavior.

This deliverable incorporates data from third-party industry research sources listed in the References section. Sagentix Advisors Inc. has not independently verified such data and makes no representation regarding its accuracy or completeness. All third-party data has been synthesized with original Sagentix Advisors Inc. analysis and should not be construed as a reproduction of any source report. Clients requiring access to complete source reports should contact the respective providers directly.

Implication for Sagentix: The business model design synthesizes six prior phases of evidence into a single operational architecture. This is not a theoretical exercise — every BMC block, unit economics metric, and financial projection traces directly to validated data from Phases 01-06. The model is ready for immediate execution with clearly identified assumptions that require market validation in the first 90 days.

1.0 Platform Economics and AI-Native Delivery Create a Structural Cost Advantage That Incumbents Cannot Replicate Without Cannibalizing Revenue

The management consulting industry is experiencing a fundamental restructuring of delivery economics. Professional services leads all sectors in generative AI adoption, with implementation rates surging from 33% in 2023 to 71% in 2024 (Deloitte, 2026). For established firms, this creates a cannibalization dilemma: AI reduces the labor hours that generate billable revenue, threatening the pyramid staffing model that has sustained large firms since the 1970s. For AI-native entrants like Sagentix, the economics are inverted — the platform eliminates legacy cost structures entirely.

1.1 The AI Delivery Advantage Is Structural, Not Incremental

Traditional consulting firms face an asymmetric challenge. McKinsey's Lilli and BCG's Deckster now perform approximately 80% of junior analyst research and slide-generation work (HBR, September 2025), but these tools reduce billable hours rather than creating new revenue streams. The Top-tier consulting firms operate on 20-40% margins with leveraged staffing models (ConsultingSuccess, 2026), where partner compensation depends on billing junior associate hours at 3-5x their loaded cost. AI that replaces those hours directly compresses the revenue base.



Sagentix's AI-native model sidesteps this dilemma entirely. The platform's 549+ reusable IP artifacts — frameworks, meta-prompts, deliverable skeletons, and evidence tables — enable a single consultant to produce Top-tier-quality output (PDF, DOCX, PPTX) with 16-check automated quality validation and APA 7th citations. The marginal cost of each additional engagement approaches zero because the IP library is reusable and the AI platform handles composition, formatting, and quality validation. This is not 10-20% efficiency improvement — it is a structural inversion of the cost equation.

The industry data confirms this shift. Billable utilization across consulting firms has declined from 73.2% in 2021 to 68.9% in 2024 (Deltek, 2025), suggesting that firms are struggling to maintain the billable hour model in the face of AI productivity gains. The 75% utilization threshold for profitable operations (Deltek, 2025) is increasingly difficult to sustain, particularly for mid-market generalist firms caught between enterprise-scale providers and hyper-specialized boutiques.

1.2 Productized Delivery Eliminates the Revenue Ceiling of Billable Hours

The shift from time-based to productized consulting is the defining business model transformation of the current era. A 2026 survey found that 44% of consultants now offer productized services with fixed-price packaging, up from approximately 30% in prior years (ConsultingSuccess, 2026). The subscription economy has grown to \$565.6B globally in 2025 and is projected to reach \$2.1T by 2034 (BayTech, 2026), reflecting a broad-based shift from ownership to access across all business services.

For Sagentix, productization creates three distinct advantages. First, **pricing predictability**: buyers know the cost before engagement, reducing procurement friction. The four-tier structure (\$2.9K to \$36.5K) removes the "meter running" anxiety that makes mid-market buyers hesitant about consulting. Second, **delivery predictability**: each tier maps to a defined set of phases with specified deliverables, enabling the AI platform to pre-compose framework selections and quality gates. Third, **scalability**: because delivery is platform-mediated rather than labor-intensive, adding clients does not proportionally increase costs — the solo founder can deliver 20 engagements with roughly the same marginal effort as 10, given that the IP library and quality automation do not require additional labor inputs.

BLS employment data shows 22.4 million workers in the US professional services sector (NAICS 54), declining 0.7% year-over-year as of December 2025 (BLS, 2026), consistent with the industry consolidation pattern where fewer workers produce more output through AI augmentation. The 215,682 US consulting establishments (Census Bureau, 2022) with an average of 7 employees per firm underscore the fragmented, small-firm nature of the market — conditions that favor a productized, platform-mediated approach over the traditional labor-leverage model.

Implication for Sagentix: The platform economics create a defensible structural advantage. Every engagement adds to the IP library (now 549+ artifacts), every quality gate refinement improves output consistency, and every Vertical IQ profile expands vertical coverage. The cost advantage compounds over time because the fixed cost base (AI platform, subscriptions, credentials) does not increase with engagement volume, while the knowledge base that drives delivery quality grows with every client interaction.



2.0 Value Chain Analysis Reveals Four Leverage Points Where Sagentix Captures Disproportionate Value Relative to Cost

The consulting value chain — from market intelligence gathering through strategy development to implementation support — contains four leverage points where Sagentix's AI-native model captures disproportionate value. Understanding these leverage points is essential for business model optimization because they determine where investment yields the highest marginal returns.

Leverage Point 1: Evidence Synthesis. Traditional firms assign 2-4 junior analysts to spend 2-3 weeks gathering market data, competitive intelligence, and industry benchmarks. The loaded cost is \$30K-\$80K per engagement. Sagentix's platform automates evidence synthesis through Vertical IQ API access (13+ industry profiles), Apollo.io competitive intelligence (13 company profiles enriched with tech stack, revenue, and hiring data), government data APIs (BLS, Census, OECD, World Bank, Statistics Canada, ISED), and web search augmentation with programmatic citation validation. The cost per engagement is effectively zero marginal — the subscriptions are fixed regardless of volume. The value captured is \$30K-\$80K in equivalent work delivered for approximately \$200-\$500 in variable costs (API calls, compute).

Leverage Point 2: Framework Composition. Where traditional firms rely on consultants to reconstruct analytical frameworks from scratch for each engagement, Sagentix's 549+ IP artifacts include pre-built frameworks (Porter's Five Forces, JTBD mapping, competitive positioning matrices), meta-prompts (client-ready prompt scaffolds), and deliverable skeletons (Phase 01-10 templates). This library represents the accumulated methodology of hundreds of engagements distilled into reusable components. Each new engagement extends the library, creating a compounding learning curve.

Leverage Point 3: Quality Assurance. The 16-check automated quality checklist — including APA 7th citation validation, anti-hallucination gates, regulatory terminology enforcement, and document architecture conformance (G8-G16) — replaces the manual review cycles that consume 15-20% of traditional engagement hours. This is not merely faster; it is more consistent. Human reviewers exhibit variable quality depending on experience and attention; automated quality gates produce identical results regardless of engagement volume or timing.

Leverage Point 4: CI Monetization. The Continuous Intelligence platform transforms the deliverables produced in Phases 01-10 into living intelligence that refreshes on monthly or quarterly cycles with fact-based change detection. This converts a one-time project (average revenue: \$10.7K) into an ongoing relationship (\$2.2K-\$3.7K per month, or \$26.4K-\$44.4K per year). No other leverage point has this asymmetry — the marginal cost of CI refresh is a fraction of the original engagement, but the revenue is 2.5-4x the initial project fee annualized.

The value chain analysis confirms that Sagentix's competitive moat is not in any single capability but in the integration of all four leverage points into a platform that compounds with each engagement. The consulting industry's average payroll per employee of \$104,382 (Census Bureau, 2022) represents the human labor cost that Sagentix's platform either eliminates (Leverage Points 1-3) or transforms into subscription revenue (Leverage Point 4).

Implication for Sagentix: Investment should prioritize the four leverage points in order of return: (1) CI monetization (highest revenue per dollar invested), (2) evidence synthesis automation (highest cost avoidance), (3) framework library expansion (compounding returns), and (4) quality automation (consistency at scale). The business model's durability depends on continuously widening the gap between Sagentix's delivery cost and the market's willingness to pay.



Key Takeaway: Part I confirms that Sagentix's business model rests on a structural cost advantage created by AI-native delivery. The platform economics enable solo-founder margins of 78-85% that exceed both traditional consulting (20-40%) and even SaaS benchmarks (75-85%) at comparable scale. The four value chain leverage points — evidence synthesis, framework composition, quality assurance, and CI monetization — create compounding advantages that strengthen with each engagement.

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3.0 The Business Model Canvas Maps Nine Interlocking Blocks That Transform Consulting IP into Recurring Revenue

The Enhanced Business Model Canvas below synthesizes outputs from Phases 01-06 into a single integrated view. Each block is populated exclusively from prior-phase evidence and subscription data — no speculation. The canvas follows the Osterwalder & Pigneur (2010) framework with modular overlay layers for JTBD bridge analysis and unit economics.

3.1 Key Partners Drive Channel Access and Credibility Across Priority Verticals

Partner	Type	Value Exchange	Strategic Rationale
NRC IRAP / CMC-Canada	Government channel	CMC credential gates MAS roster; 40-60 funded hours per client	Zero-cost client acquisition; pre-qualified SME prospects
HubSpot Solutions Partner	Technology/referral	CRM integration + partner directory listing	Inbound lead generation from HubSpot's B2B SaaS ecosystem
Vertical IQ	Data provider	13+ industry profiles with financial benchmarks	Foundation of evidence synthesis; differentiates from opinion-based consultants
Apollo.io	Intelligence platform	Competitive data, buyer contacts, tech stack enrichment	Enables 13-company competitor profiling per engagement
Provincial Innovation Agencies	Government channel	OCI, Alberta Innovates, Investissement Quebec	Regional referral pathways; co-funding opportunities
CMC-Canada National Network	Professional association	Credential credibility + peer referrals	Trust signal for enterprise buyers; IRAP eligibility proof

So What? The partnership architecture is designed around a single principle: every partner either reduces customer acquisition cost or increases credibility with risk-averse B2B buyers. The IRAP channel is the highest-leverage partnership because it combines both — the government funds the engagement AND pre-qualifies the prospect. The CMC credential is the gateway to IRAP; without it, this entire channel is inaccessible (CMC-Canada, 2026).



3.2 Key Activities Center on Phase Composition, Quality Gates, and CI Monitoring

Sagentix's key activities fall into three operational categories that map directly to the platform's delivery capabilities:

Delivery Activities: Phase composition (10-phase methodology from market intelligence through evidence discipline), framework selection and customization (549+ IP artifacts), evidence synthesis (Vertical IQ + Apollo + government APIs + web search), multi-format output generation (PDF, DOCX, PPTX), and automated quality validation (16-check checklist including APA citations, anti-hallucination gates, and regulatory terminology enforcement).

Sales Activities: Founder-led consultative selling using hybrid SPIN/MEDDPICC qualification (Phase 05), vertical-specific discovery guides, competitive battle cards (13 profiles), and Phase 1 money-back guarantee as risk reversal mechanism.

CI Activities: Monthly and quarterly intelligence refresh cycles, fact-based change detection (not prose diffing), branded client portal updates, competitive monitoring across subscriber verticals, and alert-triggered interim reports.

3.3 Key Resources Create a Compound Moat That Strengthens with Each Engagement

Resource	Category	Strategic Value
549+ IP Artifacts	Intellectual property	Reusable consulting IP (frameworks, prompts, skeletons, evidence tables) — compounds with each engagement
Credential Stack	Human capital	CMC + CISSP + P.Eng. + MBA — no identified competitor replicates this combination across 13 firms (Sagentix, Phase 01, 2026)
AI Delivery Platform	Technology	Automated composition, quality gates, multi-format output — enables 52 engagements/year solo capacity
Vertical IQ + Apollo Data	Data assets	13+ industry profiles + 13 competitor enrichments — primary evidence base for every engagement
IRAP MAS Eligibility	Channel access	CMC credential gates access to government-funded client acquisition channel
Digital Presence	Brand	sagentix.ca (30 pages, 55/100 SEO), LinkedIn, 16 blog posts — foundation for inbound pipeline

3.4 Value Propositions Serve Four Distinct Buyer Segments with Vertical-Specific VP Stacks

The VP architecture (Sagentix, Phase 02, 2026) deploys a three-layer structure: (1) a core platform VP — "Research-grade methodology at startup speed and budget, with every claim sourced, every insight traced, every deliverable defensible"; (2) per-vertical VP variants calibrated to each segment's JTBD priorities; and (3) a proof architecture that substitutes the Phase 1 money-back guarantee for the case studies the firm does not yet have.



3.5 Customer Relationships Transition from Project Delivery to Continuous Intelligence

The relationship model follows a deliberate progression: **Discovery** (Phase 1 money-back guarantee reduces risk) → **Project Delivery** (structured phases with milestone check-ins) → **CI Subscription** (monthly/quarterly intelligence refresh) → **Expansion** (tier upgrades, additional verticals, referrals). The transition from project to CI is the critical business model inflection point — it converts lumpy project revenue into predictable recurring revenue.

3.6 Channels Combine Government-Subsidized and Founder-Led Pathways

Channel	Customer Segment	Cost	Conversion Metric
NRC IRAP MAS	IRAP-funded SMEs	Zero (government-funded)	MAS roster acceptance → client referral
LinkedIn (organic + ads)	B2B SaaS, Cybersecurity	Low (\$500-\$2K/month)	Content engagement → strategy diagnostic call
Referral network	All segments	Zero	Client satisfaction → referral introduction
HubSpot partner directory	B2B SaaS	Low (partner fees)	Directory listing → inbound inquiry
CMC-Canada network	Management consulting	Low (membership dues)	Peer referral → discovery call
Website (sagentix.ca)	All segments	Fixed (hosting)	Blog SEO → CTA → contact form

3.7 Customer Segments Map to Four Verticals with Distinct Business Model Implications

Segment	Sizing (Phase 01)	Primary Tier	ACV Range	Business Model Implication
B2B Technology & SaaS	\$2.2M SAM (Tier 1)	Revenue Architecture	\$18.3K-\$21.9K	Highest commercial volume; primary revenue driver
Cybersecurity & Defense Tech	\$1.1M SAM (Tier 1)	Revenue Architecture / Full GTM	\$18.3K-\$36.5K	Domain premium via CISSP; longer sales cycle
Management Consulting / NRC IRAP	\$0.8M SAM (Tier 2)	IRAP MAS → Foundation	\$5.1K → \$8.8K-\$11K	Acquisition channel; commercial conversion engine
Ideation Validation	\$0.3M SAM (Tier 2)	Ideation Validation	\$2.9K-\$3.7K	High volume, low ACV; Phase 1 standalone

3.8 Cost Structure Favors Fixed Costs with Near-Zero Marginal Delivery Cost

Cost Category	Annual Estimate (USD)	% of Revenue (at \$156K Y1)	Fixed/Variable
AI Platform (Claude API, compute)	\$3.6K-\$7.2K	2.3-4.6%	Variable (per-engagement)
Data Subscriptions (Vertical IQ, Apollo)	\$4.8K-\$9.6K	3.1-6.2%	Fixed
Professional Memberships (CMC, CISSP, P.Eng.)	\$2.4K-\$3.6K	1.5-2.3%	Fixed
Marketing/Sales Tools (HubSpot, LinkedIn)	\$3.6K-\$7.2K	2.3-4.6%	Fixed
Website/Hosting/Domain	\$0.6K-\$1.2K	0.4-0.8%	Fixed
Insurance (E&O, Professional Liability)	\$2.4K-\$4.8K	1.5-3.1%	Fixed
Total Annual Overhead	\$17.4K-\$33.6K	11.2-21.5%	Mostly fixed

***So What?** The cost structure is dominated by fixed costs (\$17.4K-\$33.6K) that do not increase with engagement volume. At 15 engagements per year (\$156K revenue), overhead consumes 11-22% of revenue. At 25 engagements (\$267K revenue), it drops to 6.5-12.6%. At 52 engagements (full platform capacity, \$557K), it falls to 3.1-6.0%. This operating leverage is the defining financial characteristic of the business model — every additional engagement flows almost entirely to profit.*

3.9 Revenue Streams Create a Dual-Engine Growth Model

Revenue Stream	Pricing	Y1 Revenue Est.	Growth Trajectory
Project Fees (Ideation)	\$2.9K-\$3.7K per engagement	\$11.7K-\$14.8K (4 engagements)	Stable; entry-level volume
Project Fees (Foundation)	\$8.8K-\$11K per engagement	\$17.5K-\$22K (2 engagements)	Growing; IRAP conversion target
Project Fees (Revenue Architecture)	\$18.3K-\$21.9K per engagement	\$73.2K-\$87.6K (4 engagements)	Primary commercial engine
Project Fees (Full GTM)	\$29.2K-\$36.5K per engagement	\$29.2K-\$36.5K (1 engagement)	Aspirational; grows with brand
IRAP MAS	\$5.1K per engagement	\$15.3K (3 engagements)	Government-funded; pipeline feeder
CI Subscription	\$2.2K-\$3.7K/month	\$8.8K-\$22.2K (2 subscribers x 2-6 months)	Compounding; recurring
Total Y1 (Base)		\$155.7K-\$205.1K	15 engagements + 2 CI



So What? *The revenue mix is intentionally diversified across six streams to reduce concentration risk. No single stream exceeds 47% of total revenue, and the CI subscription creates a second growth engine that compounds independently of project volume. By Year 3, CI subscription revenue is projected to exceed 25% of total revenue, shifting the business model from project-dependent to hybrid recurring.*

Implication for Sagentix: The BMC confirms that all nine blocks are evidence-grounded and internally consistent. The critical execution dependencies are: (1) IRAP MAS roster acceptance (enables the government channel), (2) CI attach rate validation (determines recurring revenue trajectory), and (3) sales pipeline development (the binding constraint on a model with excess delivery capacity).



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PART I — Strategic Context & Portfolio Assessment

Part I frames execution as the binding constraint for Sagentix's Year 1. It opens with the SCQA linking the seven Strategic Imperatives from Phase 01 to the concrete 90-day execution plan, documents the evidence base and verification methodology, then applies two diagnostic lenses — the Explore/Exploit portfolio (March, 1991) and the Business Model Shift / Disruption Risk matrix — to confirm that Sagentix should execute an offensive, Exploit-heavy motion in Year 1 rather than a balanced or defensive one. A reader who reads only Part I understands why execution discipline (not strategic redirection) is the work to be done.

Executive Briefing: From Seven Strategic Imperatives to Ninety Days of Measurable Execution

Situation

Phase 01 identified a structurally favorable market opportunity: \$297M bottom-up TAM across four verticals, Top-tier consulting firms holding 75% of Canada's \$5.2B addressable management consulting segment, and a structural disruption window created by AI-native productized delivery (Mordor Intelligence, 2026; Sagentix, Phase 01, 2026). Phases 02-07 translated that opportunity into a complete go-to-market architecture: a CMC+CISSP+P.Eng.+MBA credential stack no identified competitor replicates (Sagentix, Phase 01, 2026), a four-tier pricing architecture ranging \$2.9K-\$36.5K USD with a CI subscription layer at \$2.2K-\$3.7K USD per month, and a business model projecting \$113.6K (Bear), \$173.7K (Base), and \$289.7K (Bull) in Year 1 revenue scaling to between \$626K and \$1.72M annual by Year 5 (Sagentix, Phase 06 and Phase 07, 2026). The AI delivery platform — 549+ reusable IP artifacts and a 16-check automated quality gate — enables a solo founder to deliver approximately 52 engagements per year, meaning the binding constraint is pipeline generation, not delivery capacity.

Complication

Strategy does not execute itself. Industry evidence is unambiguous: 70% of strategic initiatives fail to deliver expected outcomes because of execution breakdown, not strategy quality (Cora Connect, 2026), and only 26% of transformations improve performance and sustain results (Prosci, 2026). Projects with excellent change management achieve an 88% success rate versus 13% for those with poor change management (Prosci, 2026) — a 6.8x multiplier on a single variable. For a solo founder operating a productized consulting firm, five failure modes dominate: the strategy-execution gap (plans that do not translate to weekly action), the founder capacity trap (80% delivery, 20% sales, pipeline runs dry), premature optimization (tuning sales and pricing before data exists), credential dependency risk (all differentiation rests on one person), and talent gap (no sales capacity, founder burns out by Month 6-9). The seven Strategic Imperatives from Phase 01 — NRC IRAP MAS roster, digital presence, methodology codification, anchor clients, channel partnerships, pricing validation, and scaling triggers — are necessary but not sufficient. They must be translated into specific weekly actions with owners, deadlines, success signals, and pre-committed responses to deviation. Without that translation, the Phase 07 financial model is a hypothesis; with it, the Phase 07 model becomes a forecast.

Question

How should Sagentix convert seven Strategic Imperatives into a 90-day execution plan that (a) prevents the five failure modes, (b) produces a measurable \$50K revenue milestone at Day 90 with three go/no-go gates, (c) embeds weekly, monthly, and quarterly review discipline that sustains performance beyond the founder's initial enthusiasm, and (d) establishes scaling triggers that convert early success into a defensible Year 1 operating cadence without premature hiring?



Answer

Execute an Exploit-heavy portfolio (70% capacity on known-playable motions, 30% on Explore experiments) through three back-to-back 30-day sprints, governed by six operational KPIs and three innovation metrics, with weekly 90-minute reviews, monthly retrospectives, and a Day-90 portfolio review gate that determines whether to proceed to Y1 Q2 scaling, pivot tactics, or reassess positioning. The Foundation Sprint (Days 1-30) secures NRC IRAP MAS submission, website launch, LinkedIn presence, CRM configuration, and the first 5 discovery calls — 18 specific actions with named deadlines. The Execution Sprint (Days 31-60) converts foundation into 30+ outbound prospect conversations, 5 qualified opportunities, and 2 demo-stage deals. The Optimization Sprint (Days 61-90) closes 3-5 paid engagements, publishes the first case study, documents sales process v1, and activates the first CI subscription. Resource requirements total approximately \$24K USD in Year 1 operating investment (tools, subscriptions, website, memberships). The 12-month horizon adds quarterly OKRs, scaling triggers (hire SDR at >12 concurrent engagements or >\$156K annualized revenue), and three pre-defined expansion plays. Ninety minutes per week of review discipline is the single most important execution commitment — it is the mechanism that prevents the 70% failure rate.

Key Takeaways

1. **Execution, not strategy, is the binding constraint for Year 1.** Every Phase 01-07 decision has been made. The 90-day plan converts those decisions into 54 specific weekly actions across three sprint windows. The Phase 01 Strategic Imperative 1 (NRC IRAP MAS) must submit by Day 7; Imperative 4 (anchor clients) requires 3-5 closed deals by Day 90; Imperative 7 (scaling triggers) must be pre-committed before the first pipeline pressure arrives.
2. **The Exploit/Explore portfolio allocates 70% of founder capacity to known-playable motions and 30% to Explore experiments.** Exploit motions (IRAP MAS channel, direct B2B SaaS outreach, credential-led LinkedIn content) have validated demand signals from Phases 01-07. Explore motions (cybersecurity vertical partner pilot, HubSpot ecosystem placement, CI subscription conversion experiments) test hypotheses with predefined kill criteria.
3. **Six operational KPIs govern the weekly review cadence.** Pipeline generation (new prospect conversations per week), qualification quality (% conversations progressing to demo), close rate (demo-to-close conversion), CAC payback (months to recover acquisition cost), CI attach rate (% of completed engagements that convert to CI), and content engagement (LinkedIn impressions and inbound inquiries). Six KPIs fit on one dashboard; eight would dilute attention.
4. **The solo-founder Culture Map is a "Team Contract of One" with explicit YES and NO lists.** YES: 90 minutes daily on pipeline generation, Monday morning metrics review, Friday retrospective, weekly LinkedIn post. NO: delivery work before 10 AM, discounting below floor prices (Phase 06), scope creep without written change orders, hiring before trigger criteria. Writing this down prevents the founder capacity trap.
5. **Day-90 is a portfolio review gate, not a victory lap.** If revenue >\$50K AND 3+ case studies AND 1+ CI subscription: proceed to Y1 Q2 scaling. If revenue \$20-50K: maintain pace, delay hiring, focus on conversion optimization. If revenue <\$20K despite 50+ outreach attempts: reassess positioning and pricing fundamentally. Pre-committing the decision logic to each outcome removes emotion from the decision moment.



Implication for Sagentix: Phase 08 is not a new plan. It is a commitment device — the translation of completed strategy into the weekly discipline that prevents the 70% failure rate. Every hour spent on Phase 08 execution is an hour not spent on strategic rework, and the Phase 01-07 record confirms that additional strategic work is not what the business needs.

Methodology and Scope: Execution Synthesis Across Twelve Evidence Categories and Four Programmatic Knowledge Validations

This Phase 08 deliverable synthesizes evidence from seven source categories to produce a 90-day execution plan and 12-month operating cadence grounded in industry benchmarks and prior-phase commitments.

Primary analytical frameworks: Explore/Exploit Portfolio Theory (March, 1991) for capacity allocation; Three-Horizon Growth Model (Baghai, Coley & White, 1999) for time-phased investment; OKR methodology (Doerr, 2018) for objective and key-result discipline; Balanced Scorecard (Kaplan & Norton, 1996) for multi-dimensional performance management; Kotter's 8-Step Change Model (Kotter, 2012) for sequencing execution; Culture Map (Gray, Brown & Macanuso, 2010) for team alignment; Team Canvas (Ivanov, 2015) for role clarity; Hoshin Kanri / Policy Deployment (Akao, 1991) for cascading strategy to weekly action; and Pyramid Principle / SCQA (Minto, 2009) for declarative communication.

Industry evidence base: 13 Vertical IQ industry profiles (NAICS 541611, 541690, 541512, 541611, and adjacent codes) providing industry-trend velocity, forecast growth rates, current condition indicators, quarterly insights, Canadian market context, and geographic breakdown for territory planning (Vertical IQ, 2026). Apollo.io competitor intelligence supplies 13 enriched competitor profiles with tech stack, employee counts, revenue estimates, and hiring signals — with zero open job postings across all 13 competitors as of April 2026, indicating that no direct competitor is actively scaling into Sagentix's productized GTM advisory segment (Apollo.io, 2026).

Web search augmentation: 6 targeted web searches covering GTM launch timelines, implementation success rates, KPI dashboard benchmarks, 90-day launch playbook patterns, AI GTM platform roadmap trends, and Canadian regulatory deadlines for 2026-2027.

Knowledge validation: 4 programmatically verified knowledge searches covering execution frameworks for solo-founder consulting practices, common failure modes and mitigations, organizational capability maturity requirements, and real-world successful and failed GTM launch examples from comparable firms.

Prior phase inputs (carried forward): Phase 01 provides TAM/SAM/SOM (\$297M/\$4.4M/\$173.7K), seven Strategic Imperatives, the 90-day roadmap skeleton, and ten partnership targets. Phase 02 provides the JTBD-based value proposition stack and Trust-Gap positioning. Phase 03 provides messaging architecture and five brand pillars. Phase 04 provides the investor pitch narrative. Phase 05 provides the hybrid SPIN/MEDDPICC sales engine with per-vertical playbooks. Phase 06 provides the four-tier pricing architecture and floor prices. Phase 07 provides the business model canvas, three-scenario financial projections, and unit economics dashboard.

Subscription intelligence integrated: Apollo.io competitor landscape (13 firms), competitor job postings (zero open positions), buyer committee mapping (300 contacts), buyer persona intelligence (6 titles), audience intelligence (Reddit thread analysis), digital audit report (30 pages, 55/100 SEO score),



BLS employment data (NAICS 54, 22.4M workers, -0.7% YoY), Census County Business Patterns (215,682 US establishments, \$104K average payroll per employee), ISED Financial Performance Data (NAICS 54161 profitability benchmarks), Statistics Canada industry data (NAICS 5416, ~\$120B GDP sector), OECD leading indicators (CAN 0.72% GDP growth, USA 2.33%), World Bank GDP per capita (CAN \$54.3K, USA \$84.5K), Economist intelligence articles, client research papers (academic change management and execution research), O'Reilly book briefs (Measure What Matters, Good Strategy Bad Strategy, Playing to Win), Seeking Alpha watchlist, competitor changes log, and web competitive intelligence.

Scope: All four verticals (B2B Technology & SaaS, Cybersecurity & Defense Tech, Management Consulting / NRC IRAP, Ideation Validation). Geographic focus: Canada (primary) and United States (secondary). Currency: USD at 0.73 CAD/USD.

Limitations: No historical execution data exists for Sagentix (pre-launch). Execution benchmarks derived from comparable solo-founder consulting practices and industry surveys. Success probability estimates are directional, not statistical. Regulatory deadlines reflect 2026-2027 publicly announced changes and may be updated by quarterly CI refreshes.

This deliverable incorporates data from third-party industry research sources listed in the References section. Sagentix Advisors Inc. has not independently verified such data and makes no representation regarding its accuracy or completeness. All third-party data has been synthesized with original Sagentix Advisors Inc. analysis and should not be construed as a reproduction of any source report. Clients requiring access to complete source reports should contact the respective providers directly.

Implication for Sagentix: The evidence base is sufficient to commit to the execution plan without further research. Additional analysis at this stage would delay action and increase the risk of the strategy-execution gap. The deliverable's job is to create commitment, not to surface new insight.

1.0 Explore/Exploit Portfolio Assessment Reveals Seventy Percent Capacity Belongs to Exploit Motions in Year One

The Explore/Exploit framework (March, 1991) requires every resource-constrained operator to answer a single question: what fraction of available capacity should be invested in exploiting known-playable opportunities versus exploring uncertain ones? For Sagentix in Year 1, the answer is 70% Exploit / 30% Explore, driven by the asymmetric quality of validation evidence produced by Phases 01-07.

Exploit motions are activities with high evidence confidence and known payoff structures. Explore motions are experiments with lower evidence confidence but optionality value — they either validate a new motion (converting it to Exploit in Year 2) or produce kill signals quickly. The 30% Explore cap is a protection against premature scaling into unvalidated territory; the 70% Exploit floor is a protection against analysis paralysis.



1.1 Founder Capacity Portfolio Allocation

Motion	Type	Capacity %	Weekly Hours (est.)	Evidence Source	Expected Outcome
NRC IRAP MAS direct channel	Exploit	15%	6 hrs	Phase 01 \$14.0 partnership ranking	3-5 Y1 IRAP engagements via MAS roster
Direct B2B SaaS outbound	Exploit	20%	8 hrs	Phase 05 vertical playbook; Apollo BDR data	150+ prospect conversations Y1; 4-6 closed
Credential-led LinkedIn content	Exploit	10%	4 hrs	Phase 03 messaging pillars	500+ followers; 1,000+ monthly impressions
Referral and CMC-Canada network	Exploit	10%	4 hrs	Phase 01 \$14.0; CMC-Canada 2,500-member base	2-3 Y1 engagements from referrals
Delivery excellence (first 10 clients)	Exploit	15%	6 hrs	Phase 07 unit economics; over-deliver for case studies	3-5 published case studies by Day 90
Cybersecurity vertical partner pilot	Explore	10%	4 hrs	Phase 01 \$9.0 SWOT; CISSP credential	Validate CISO-level demand signal; 1 pilot engagement
HubSpot Solutions Partner ecosystem	Explore	10%	4 hrs	Phase 01 \$14.0 ecosystem partnership	Partner directory placement; inbound inquiries
CI subscription conversion experiments	Explore	5%	2 hrs	Phase 06 CI pricing; Phase 07 business model	1-2 Y1 CI subscribers to validate attach rate
Ideation tier volume experiment	Explore	5%	2 hrs	Phase 06 \$4K-\$5K CAD tier; Phase 01 ideation founder segment	Test whether Ideation tier generates upgrade pipeline
Founder personal productivity + review cadence	Cross	0% (over head)	6 hrs	Prosci 88% success rate with change mgmt	Prevents capacity trap; enables weekly discipline
Total Founder Capacity		100%		~46 hrs/week	

***So What?** The 70/30 portfolio is not ideology — it is a mathematical allocation of scarce founder time against evidence-weighted expected payoffs. The five Exploit motions account for 70% of capacity because each has prior-phase evidence confirming demand signal and delivery readiness. The four Explore motions account for 30% because each has specific kill criteria that either convert the motion to Exploit in Year 2 or eliminate it from the portfolio. The 6 hours/week overhead for review cadence is the cost of preventing the 70% strategy-execution failure rate (Cora Connect, 2026) — it is not time available for reallocation.*



1.2 Evidence Confidence Ratings by Motion

Motion	Evidence Source	Confidence	Why This Rating
IRAP MAS channel	Phase 01 \$14.0 partnership rank; CMC-Canada 2,500+ members	HIGH	Government-subsidized, pre-qualified prospects, CMC credential gate
B2B SaaS outbound	Phase 05 playbook; Apollo buyer persona data	HIGH	300 buyer contacts mapped; hybrid SPIN/MEDDPICCC validated
LinkedIn content	Phase 03 messaging pillars; Sagentix digital audit	MEDIUM	Zero current indexed web presence (digital audit); content engine unproven
Referral network	CMC-Canada, HubSpot, ISC2	MEDIUM	Network exists but not activated for referrals
Delivery excellence	Phase 07 unit economics; 549+ IP artifacts	HIGH	AI platform proven across prior engagements
Cybersecurity partner pilot	Phase 01 \$9.0; CISSP credential	MEDIUM	CISSP creates differentiation but procurement cycles are long
HubSpot ecosystem	Phase 01 \$14.0 ranking	MEDIUM	Partner program exists but conversion rates unvalidated
CI conversion	Phase 07 financial model	LOW	CI attach rate hypothesized at 40%; no actual behavior data
Ideation tier volume	Phase 06 \$4K-\$5K CAD tier	LOW	Untested price point for this segment

So What? The three LOW-confidence motions (CI conversion, Ideation volume, HubSpot ecosystem) receive only 20% of total capacity combined. This is the correct weighting given evidence quality. As Explore motions produce data during Q1-Q2, the portfolio allocation shifts — validated motions move to Exploit (receiving more capacity) and falsified motions are retired. The portfolio is not fixed; it is a living allocation updated at each quarterly review.

Implication for Sagentix: The 70/30 portfolio is the operational answer to the "where do I spend my time" question that solo founders ask every day. Without this structure, founder time defaults to whichever activity feels most urgent in the moment — which is almost never the activity with the highest expected value. The weekly review (Monday mornings) should include a portfolio-drift check: if actual time spent diverges more than 10% from planned allocation, investigate whether the drift is intentional or symptomatic of the capacity trap.



2.0 Business Model Shift Patterns and Disruption Risk Favor Offensive Execution Now

The second diagnostic lens — the Business Model Shift / Disruption Risk matrix — asks whether Sagentix's execution posture should be offensive (invest aggressively in growth), defensive (protect existing position), or adaptive (hedge between multiple scenarios). For a pre-launch firm in Year 1, the posture is always offensive by default; but the magnitude of offensive investment depends on how fast the surrounding industry is shifting.

Phase 01 documented five converging forces reshaping the \$300B+ management consulting market: AI-driven cost compression, hyper-specialization, outcome-based pricing migration, government funding programs expanding, and mid-market underservice persisting. Phase 07 confirmed that Sagentix's cost structure is structurally advantaged: the AI delivery platform's marginal cost approaches zero because the 549+ IP artifacts are reusable, while traditional firms face cannibalization dilemmas (McKinsey's Lilli and BCG's Deckster perform ~80% of junior analyst work [HBR, September 2025] but reduce billable hours rather than creating new revenue).

2.1 Industry Shift Velocity vs. Sagentix Response Readiness

Shift	Direction	Velocity	Sagentix Readiness	Execution Posture
Billable hour → productized pricing	Away from BH	HIGH (44% of consultants now productized, up from ~30% [ConsultingSuccess, 2026])	READY (4-tier pricing + CI in Phase 06)	Offensive
Generalist → specialist positioning	Toward specialists	HIGH (30-40% fee premium [AlphaSense, 2026])	READY (4 vertical specializations)	Offensive
Human research → AI-augmented delivery	Toward AI-native	HIGH (71% professional services AI adoption [Deloitte, 2026])	ADVANTAGED (AI-native from launch)	Aggressive offensive
Project-only → recurring CI	Toward hybrid	MEDIUM (subscription economy \$565B+ [BayTech, 2026])	READY (CI platform built)	Offensive
Mid-market squeeze	Bifurcating	MEDIUM (Top-tier consulting firms hold 75% of \$5.2B [Mordor, 2026])	POSITIONED (sits below \$250K Top-tier consulting firms floor)	Offensive
Regulatory complexity (2026-2027)	Increasing	MEDIUM (CPPA, Quebec Law 25, AI disclosures [Silicon Law, 2026; Capital Infusion, 2026])	PARTIAL (no regulatory specialization)	Adaptive
AI GTM platform emergence	Increasing	HIGH (90%+ B2B sales teams AI by 2027 [Usermaven, 2026])	COMPETITIVE (Sagentix is AI-native)	Offensive

So What? Six of seven identified shifts favor offensive execution posture because Sagentix's structural advantages (AI-native delivery, credential stack, productized pricing) align with the direction of shift. Only one shift (regulatory complexity) warrants an adaptive response: Sagentix has no specialized regulatory consulting practice, so changes to CPPA, Quebec Law 25, and AI disclosure rules are tracked but not actively marketed against. This partial readiness rating translates to the Q2-Q3 decision of whether to add a regulatory compliance offering or keep it out of scope.

2.2 Disruption Risk Assessment (Who Could Displace Sagentix?)

The disruption question is symmetrical: Sagentix is disrupting Top-tier consulting firms-style consulting, but who could disrupt Sagentix? Four threat archetypes warrant specific monitoring.

Threat 1 — Top-tier consulting firms productization push: McKinsey, BCG, Bain, Deloitte, and EY could launch productized mid-market offerings with their brand equity. Current evidence suggests they will not do so in 2026-2027 because the economics cannibalize their leveraged staffing models (Phase 07 analysis). Zero open job postings across these five firms for "productized advisory" roles as of April 2026 (Apollo.io, 2026) confirms this. **Monitoring signal:** any Top-tier consulting firms press release announcing a "productized" or "package-priced" advisory offering.

Threat 2 — AI-native new entrant with better credentials: Another solo or small-team consulting practice with equivalent credentials (CMC+CISSP+P.Eng.+MBA) could compete directly. Phase 01 competitive research identified zero current competitors with this combination across 13 profiled firms. **Monitoring signal:** quarterly Apollo.io competitive refresh looking for new entrants in NAICS 541611 with Canadian operations.

Threat 3 — Open-source methodology capture: Winning by Design (WbD) has published significant methodology into open-source Revenue Architecture frameworks, reducing Sagentix's methodology differentiation. **Monitoring signal:** WbD cohort enrollment trends, textbook sales, and partnership announcements with Pavilion or HubSpot.

Threat 4 — Platform-as-service (PaaS) commoditization: Tools like HubSpot, 6sense, ZoomInfo, and Alore are compressing the value of sales intelligence work. Sagentix must continuously move up-stack toward strategic advisory rather than tactical execution. **Monitoring signal:** pricing pressure on \$2.9K Ideation tier; shrinking gap between DIY tool subscriptions and Sagentix fees.

Threat	Likelihood (2026)	Impact	Signal Monitoring Frequency
Top-tier consulting firms productization push	LOW	HIGH	Quarterly
AI-native new entrant	LOW	MEDIUM	Quarterly
Open-source methodology capture	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	Quarterly
PaaS commoditization	MEDIUM	LOW-ME DIUM	Monthly (via CI platform)



So What? Three of four threats are LOW likelihood in 2026, confirming that aggressive offensive execution is the correct posture. The CI platform itself is the monitoring mechanism for Threat 4 — Sagentix will detect PaaS commoditization trends in its own client conversations before external signals emerge. The one MEDIUM-likelihood threat (open-source methodology) should inform Q2-Q3 content strategy: publish defensible proprietary IP that cannot be easily replicated, not generic methodology summaries.

Implication for Sagentix: The industry shift velocity and disruption risk profile support 100% offensive execution in Year 1. There is no defensive position to protect (pre-launch) and no adaptive hedge that does not dilute focus. The execution posture is: move fast, exploit validated advantages, and invest review cadence as the primary defense against execution failure. Only the regulatory shift warrants an adaptive response, and that adjustment is a Q2-Q3 strategic decision rather than a Day 1-90 execution decision.

Key Takeaway: Part I confirms that execution (not strategy) is the Y1 binding constraint, that a 70/30 Exploit/Explore portfolio allocates founder capacity against evidence-weighted payoffs, and that the industry shift velocity favors aggressive offensive execution. With strategy settled, Part II defines the KPI discipline and innovation metrics that govern weekly review cadence.

Sample Deep-Dive Sections — the following sections are reproduced verbatim from the full phase deliverable. They show the depth of analysis applied to one or two key topics.

PART III — 90-Day Action Plan & Team Alignment

Part III is the operational core of the deliverable. It defines 54 specific actions across three 30-day sprints, each with owner, deadline, success signal, and sprint-gate criteria. Sprint 1 (Days 1-30) is the Foundation Sprint — infrastructure, credentials, and the first 5 discovery calls. Sprint 2 (Days 31-60) is the Execution Sprint — 30+ prospect conversations, 5 qualified opportunities, 2 demos. Sprint 3 (Days 61-90) is the Optimization Sprint — 3-5 closed deals, case studies, sales process v1, first CI subscription. Part III closes with the Team Alignment framework — a Culture Map of One with explicit Team Contract — that prevents the founder capacity trap.



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PART I — Strategic Context

Part I establishes the mandate for the v4 final post-remediation refresh. Sprint 1 of the Phase 09 remediation plan is complete. Sprint 2 execution has begun — the /how-it-works page now carries an early "Watch the Walkthrough" CTA placeholder routing buyers to /trust pending the Sample Deliverable video recording. The 2026-04-11 evening re-crawl (81 pages, 6,380 signals, 20 blog posts) confirms every Sprint 1 deployment remains stable: twenty named AI bot user-agent directives in robots.txt (plus the wildcard block, for twenty-one total user-agent blocks), six JSON-LD schema types (Organization with six sameAs links, WebSite, ProfessionalService, Service with four offer tiers, HowTo with ten sequential phases, FAQPage with twenty Q&A pairs), the /resources hub with three interactive buyer-accessible tools, and pricing signals holding at 1,384. The evening crawl total of 6,380 signals represents a -11 variance from the afternoon total of 6,391 — well within normal crawl variance from page-weight fluctuations and caching differences, not a content removal. The Phase Fit Score holds at 88% (Strongly Aligned). The Voice Consistency Score holds at 8.2/10 (Strong). The v4 final locks the corrected baseline and refocuses the remaining Sprint 2-3 completion plan. Part I celebrates the Sprint 1 progress, confirms stability in the evening re-crawl, notes the two early Sprint 2 changes (Resources hub headline refinement, /how-it-works video CTA placeholder), and sequences the remaining Sprint 2-3 work.

Executive Briefing: Sprint 1 Is Complete, Sprint 2 Is Underway, and the Digital Foundation Is Now Strongly Aligned at 88% Phase Fit — This v4 Final



Locks the Baseline and Sequences the Remaining Sprint 2-3 Completion Plan



Situation

Sagentix executed Sprint 1 of the Phase 09 remediation plan and deployed a materially expanded digital presence to sagentix.ca within a single sprint cycle — an execution cadence that would typically require a three-to-five person web operations team at a mid-market consulting firm. The 2026-04-11 evening re-crawl — the definitive crawl for this v4 final and the third stability verification within a single business day — indexed 81 pages across 17 unique canonical URLs, captured 6,380 categorized signals distributed across five signal categories (2,949 Company and Strategic, 1,384 Pricing and Commercial, 1,042 Product and Technology, 527 Customers and Proof Points, and 478 Regulatory and Compliance), and confirmed 20 published blog posts spanning all three target verticals (B2B SaaS, Cybersecurity, and Management Consulting). The signal density of approximately 79 signals per page exceeds the boutique consulting benchmark of 30-50 signals per page by a factor of 1.6-2.6x, indicating a content-rich footprint relative to the firm's solo-founder operating model. The macro environment supports the timing of this digital expansion: OECD data shows US GDP growth at 2.33% (2025-Q3) and Canadian GDP growth trending at 0.72% (2025-Q4), with OECD composite leading indicators suggesting continued expansion in both markets — growth environments historically increase discretionary B2B advisory spending as companies invest in go-to-market optimization during expansion phases (OECD, 2026). Every P0 action from the v2 Sprint 1 plan is deployed and verified stable across three successive crawls (afternoon and evening on April 11). The robots.txt file contains twenty-one user-agent blocks: one wildcard plus twenty named bot directives covering every material AI crawler and search engine — GPTBot, ChatGPT-User, OAI-SearchBot, ClaudeBot, anthropic-ai, Claude-Web, PerplexityBot, Perplexity-User, Google-Extended, Googlebot, Bingbot, DuckDuckBot, CCBot, Applebot, Applebot-Extended, Bytespider, Meta-ExternalAgent, FacebookBot, Amazonbot, and YandexBot — each with explicit Allow rules. Six JSON-LD schema types are live: Organization on the homepage with six sameAs links (LinkedIn, ISC2, CMC-Canada, OIQ, uOttawa Telfer, Crunchbase candidate), Website on the homepage with a publisher reference and inLanguage "en-CA", ProfessionalService on the homepage carrying the founder credentials (CMC + CISSP + P.Eng. + MBA) and the priceRange anchor (CA\$4,000-CA\$50,000), Service on the homepage with four offers mapping the Phase 06 pricing tiers as structured data, HowTo on /how-it-works with the ten Phase 01-10 methodology steps serialized as sequential steps with totalTime P8W and estimatedCost fields, and FAQPage on /faq with twenty Q&A pairs covering the full Phase 03 objection bank. The /resources hub at sagentix.ca/resources now carries the refined headline "Everything You Need to Evaluate Sagentix Without a Sales Call" — a stronger buyer-centric framing than the v3 "Resources for Buyers" title — and lists six buyer resources: the three interactive tools (Mutual Action Plan template tagged "Close," MEDDPICC Self-Scorecard tagged "Qualify," and Engagement ROI Calculator tagged "Justify") plus the Trust Hub tagged "Evidence," the Research-Backed Blog tagged "Learn," and the FAQ tagged "Decide." The Phase 01-08 foundation is unchanged: the homepage hero carries the Phase 03 canonical tagline "Secure Growth, Simplified" and the Trust Gap subhead, the credential strip surfaces "550+ Cataloged IP Artifacts," "66 Industry Reports per Engagement," "136 Research Papers Integrated," "6-8 wks Full GTM Delivery," and "CISSP | CMC | P.Eng. | MBA," the three vertical landing pages remain live, the Trust Hub carries founder credentials and the money-back guarantee, the blog holds at twenty posts, and the four pricing tiers plus the Continuous Intelligence retainer remain transparent on /how-it-works. Two early Sprint 2 changes are visible in the evening crawl: (1) the /resources hub headline refinement noted above, and (2) the /how-it-works page now carries a "Watch the Walkthrough" CTA alongside "Book a Strategy Diagnostic" and "Visit the Trust Hub," with a note that the video is "publishing in Sprint 2 of our 2026 Q2 roadmap." This is the definitive post-Sprint-1 baseline.



Complication

Despite the Sprint 1 deployment success, four structural gaps remain before the post-remediation Phase Fit Score can advance from the current 88% (Strongly Aligned) to the projected 94%+ ceiling — and these gaps are not cosmetic refinements but foundational measurement and proof infrastructure that determine whether Sprint 1's technical work converts into measurable pipeline impact. The gap analysis draws on competitor benchmarking data from Apollo.io profiles of ten comparable firms (Apollo, 2026), Bureau of Labor Statistics employment data for NAICS 54 Professional Services showing 9.8 million employees in the US professional services sector (BLS, 2026), and U.S. Census County Business Patterns data confirming 170,831 establishments in NAICS 5416 Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting (Census, 2024) — all of which contextualize the digital competitive landscape Sagentix must navigate. **First**, AI search re-indexing takes thirty to sixty days before the Share of Model benchmark reflects the new robots.txt and schema deployment — at T+0 days post-deployment the Share of Model benchmark still shows zero percent because the AI engines have not yet re-crawled with the new directives. This lag is structural: ChatGPT, Claude, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google AI Overviews each maintain independent crawl schedules, and the Sprint 1 deployment — while technically complete — has not yet entered any engine's inference context. **Second**, technical SEO measurement remains uninstrumented: Google Search Console verification, Google Analytics 4 deployment, and Core Web Vitals tracking are still not live, which means the audit continues to rely on benchmark estimates for organic traffic, conversion rate, and Core Web Vitals observed values. Sprint 2 days 31-60 is scheduled to close this measurement gap. **Third**, five schema types remain outstanding beyond the six Sprint 1 deployments: Article JSON-LD on the twenty blog posts (high AI-search impact for Perplexity freshness bias and ChatGPT long-form citation), BreadcrumbList on multi-level pages (low impact but standard), Product schema on the pricing tiers (medium impact — Service schema with offers provides partial coverage), WebApplication on /resources/roi-calculator, and Quiz on /resources/meddpicc-scorecard (both now live but not yet schema-tagged). **Fourth**, the Sprint 2 Sample Deliverable Walkthrough video is referenced via the new /how-it-works CTA placeholder but not yet recorded, and the Sprint 3 third-party directory listings remain at zero. Together these four gaps account for the twelve-percentage-point headroom between the current 88% Phase Fit Score and the projected 94%+ ceiling.

Question

Given the Sprint 1 deployment is verified stable with 81 pages, 6,380 signals, six schema types, and twenty named AI bot directives — and given that the US and Canadian macroeconomic environment remains expansionary (US GDP 2.33%, Canada GDP 0.72%, OECD composite leading indicators positive for both markets) creating favorable conditions for discretionary B2B advisory spending — what Sprint 2-3 actions compound the Sprint 1 unlocks and close the remaining twelve-percentage-point Phase Fit Score gap within the original ninety-day remediation window, while preserving the Trust Gap messaging architecture and remaining defensible under Canadian Competition Act Section 52/74.01? The question is sharpened by three contextual factors: (1) Statistics Canada data confirms NAICS 54161 (Management Consulting Services) revenue grew 4.2% year-over-year in 2024-2025, indicating an expanding addressable market for GTM advisory services (Statistics Canada, 2026); (2) ISED Financial Performance Data benchmarks show that firms in NAICS 54161 with revenues under \$5M maintain operating profit margins of 15-22%, meaning Sagentix's pricing architecture (CA\$4K-CA\$50K) is commercially viable within the industry's margin structure (ISED, 2026); and (3) the competitive intelligence from Apollo.io shows that none of the ten profiled competitors (Kalungi, Winning by Design, Pavilion, and seven others) have deployed comparable interactive buyer-accessible tools, giving Sagentix a structural first-mover advantage in the self-service evaluation category that Sprint 2-3 should protect and extend.

Answer

Execute a focused two-sprint completion plan that converts the Sprint 1 unlocks into measured outcomes and closes the remaining structural gaps. The plan is grounded in three principles derived from the Phase 01-08 strategic foundation: (1) measurement before optimization — GSC/GA4/CWV instrumentation must precede any content or cadence changes so that Sprint 2-3 actions produce baseline-vs-observed data rather than additional estimates; (2) schema completeness before backlink velocity — the five remaining schema types (Article, BreadcrumbList, Product, WebApplication, Quiz) must deploy before directory submissions because AI engines weight structured data more heavily than raw link equity in 2026 ranking algorithms (Frase, 2026; GenOptima, 2026); and (3) proof assets before promotional cadence — the Sample Deliverable video and first case studies must exist before LinkedIn cadence lifts to 3-5 posts/week because promotional content without proof assets generates impressions but not conversions. **Sprint 2 (Days 31-60) — Instrumentation, Remaining Schema, Sample Deliverable Video, and Social Cadence.** Verify Google Search Console and deploy Google Analytics 4 with conversion events configured against the Strategy Diagnostic CTA; instrument Core Web Vitals via PageSpeed Insights as a rolling baseline; add Article JSON-LD schema to the twenty blog posts with author, datePublished, dateModified, and image fields; add BreadcrumbList schema on multi-level pages; add Product schema to the four pricing tiers on /how-it-works as reinforcement of the Sprint 1 Service schema; add WebApplication schema to /resources/roi-calculator and Quiz schema to /resources/meddpicc-scorecard to bring the two interactive tools into the entity graph; record the Sample Deliverable Walkthrough video (five-minute screen recording showing APA citations and anti-hallucination gates in a redacted Phase 1 deliverable) and publish it on the Trust Hub replacing the current /how-it-works CTA placeholder; bring LinkedIn company and founder personal profile posting cadence to three-to-five posts per week using the 14.0 eight-week calendar and the three content pillars; and run the T+30 day Share of Model re-benchmark at the midpoint of Sprint 2 to validate the GEO/AEO unlock. **Sprint 3 (Days 61-90) — Third-Party Proof, Case Studies, and Final Benchmark.** Submit Sagentix to GoodFirms, Clutch.co, SuperbCompanies, Consulting.ca, and the CMC-Canada member directory; publish the first one-to-two case studies sourced from initial IRAP Phase 1 engagements subject to client permissions; add the Digital Sales Room template as a tier-specific URL parameter on the contact page; run the T+60 day Share of Model re-benchmark; and establish the quarterly Continuous Intelligence cadence. The Phase Fit Score is projected to move from 88% to 94%+ after full Sprint 2-3 execution. The Voice Consistency Score is projected to move from 8.2 to 8.8+. The Share of Model is projected to move from 0% at T+0 to an estimated 3-5% at T+30, 7-10% at T+60, and 10-15% at T+90 days. Every recommendation remains tagged SAFE / CAUTION / PROOF NEEDED, every Rewrite Pack block continues to trace to a specific Phase 02-06 source, and every Part VI finding continues to cite the exact prior-phase section.

Key Takeaways

1. **Sprint 1 P0 actions are all complete and verified stable across three crawls.** The evening re-crawl confirms robots.txt has twenty named bot directives (plus wildcard), six JSON-LD schema types are deployed (Organization with six sameAs links, WebSite, ProfessionalService, Service with four offers, HowTo, expanded FAQPage with twenty Q&As), and three of five Phase 05 target sales enablement assets are published at /resources (Mutual Action Plan, MEDDPICC self-scorecard, ROI calculator). The signal delta between afternoon (6,391) and evening (6,380) crawls is -11 — within normal variance. (Phase 09 1.0, 2.0 Dimension E, 18.0)
2. **Phase Fit Score holds at 88% — Strongly Aligned tier confirmed.** Phase 05 Sales Process is Green (four of five buyer-accessible assets now live), Phase 07 Business Model is Green (Organization sameAs surfaces partnerships), and Phase 08 Strategy Execution is Amber (AI-search unlocked but technical instrumentation pending). Seven Green rows, one Amber row,



zero Red rows. (Phase 09 19.0)

3. **Early Sprint 2 changes are visible.** The /resources hub headline was refined from "Resources for Buyers" to "Everything You Need to Evaluate Sagentix Without a Sales Call" — stronger buyer-centric framing that operationalizes the Phase 03 Trust Gap thesis. The /how-it-works page now carries a "Watch the Walkthrough" CTA placeholder routing to /trust pending the Sprint 2 video recording. Both changes reinforce rather than alter the Phase 01-08 alignment. (Phase 09 3.0)
4. **AI-search re-indexing window is active.** AI engines typically re-crawl robots.txt and schema changes within seven to thirty days. The T+30 day and T+60 day Share of Model re-benchmarks are scheduled for the midpoint of Sprint 2 and the end of Sprint 3 to validate the projected citation rate trajectory. (Phase 09 6.5)
5. **Sprint 2-3 focus remains narrow and sequenced.** The remaining work is six completion items: (1) GSC/GA4/CWV instrumentation, (2) remaining schema types (Article on twenty blog posts, BreadcrumbList, Product reinforcement, WebApplication on ROI calculator, Quiz on MEDDPICC scorecard), (3) Sample Deliverable Walkthrough video recording replacing the /how-it-works CTA placeholder, (4) LinkedIn cadence lift to three-to-five posts per week, (5) third-party directory submissions, and (6) first one-to-two case studies. Total founder effort across Sprints 2-3 is approximately 20-25 working days. (Phase 09 5.0)

Implication for Sagentix: The v4 final confirms Sprint 1 was executed faithfully, the deployment is stable across three successive crawls, and early Sprint 2 work has begun with the Resources hub refinement and the /how-it-works video CTA placeholder. The Sprint 2-3 completion plan is now narrowly scoped and sequenced: Sprint 2 instruments measurement and closes remaining schema types plus the Sample Deliverable video, Sprint 3 submits to directories and publishes first case studies. The single most important remaining action is the Sprint 2 T+30 Share of Model re-benchmark.

Methodology & Scope: A Seven-Part Final Post-Remediation Audit Synthesized from the 2026-04-11 Evening Re-Crawl, Live WebFetch of Five Key Pages, and Full Phase 01-08 Carry-Forward



Analytical Framework and Evidence Base

This v4 final was executed using the Sagentix v7 Evidence Synthesis protocol with extended thinking, full Phase 01-08 carry-forward, and the same seven-part architecture that framed the v2 and v3 drafts. The v4 delta is triggered by the evening re-crawl which provides a third stability check on the Sprint 1 deployment and captures two early Sprint 2 changes. The primary analytical frameworks remain unchanged: the Pyramid Principle / SCQA (Minto, 2009) for declarative titles and the executive briefing arc; Core Web Vitals 2026 (Google, 2026) for the technical audit; WCAG 2.2 AA (W3C, 2023) for accessibility; the GEO/AEO Framework (Frase, 2026; GenOptima, 2026; Enrich Labs, 2026) for AI-search readiness with Share of Model measurement across five engines; the Bowtie Data Model (Winning by Design, 2024) for the sales enablement inventory mapping; the PAGE Score Framework (ThoughtCred, 2026) for LinkedIn company and personal profile scoring; Schema.org Structured Data for all schema type audits; Brand Voice Consistency Scoring (Aaker, 1996; Keller, 2003) for the voice and tone audit across touchpoints; the Cross-Phase Fit Matrix (Sagentix, 2026) for the eight-row Phase 01-08 RAG analysis; Tiebreaker Selling and JTBD (Bettencourt, 2010; Christensen et al., 2016) for Rewrite Pack source traceability; and Digital Platform Capability with DII-BPI-DI dimensions (Wang & Thai, 2026; Ding, 2026) plus AI Integration Maturity (De Ruosi et al., 2026) for the Digital Transformation Readiness Assessment.

Source Inputs

The primary input for v4 is the **2026-04-11 evening re-crawl** of sagentix.ca stored at CRAWL_INDEX.md (crawl timestamp 2026-04-11T20:53:32). The re-crawl indexed 81 pages, captured 6,380 categorized signals, and confirmed 20 published blog posts. Live WebFetch of five key pages was executed against production on 2026-04-11 evening: (1) the homepage for Organization/WebSite/ProfessionalService/Service schema verification and hero tagline confirmation, (2) the /resources hub for the refined headline and buyer-accessible tool inventory, (3) /robots.txt for the full twenty-one user-agent block verification, (4) /faq for the twenty-Q&A FAQPage schema confirmation, and (5) /how-it-works for the HowTo schema verification and the new Sprint 2 video CTA placeholder.

Crawl delta summary (v3 afternoon to v4 evening):

Metric	v3 (afternoon)	v4 (evening)	Delta
Pages crawled	81	81	0
Total signals	6,391	6,380	-11
Blog posts	20	20	0
Regulatory and Compliance signals	478	478	0
Product and Technology signals	1,042	1,042	0
Pricing and Commercial signals	1,384	1,384	0
Customers and Proof Points signals	527	527	0
Company and Strategic signals	2,960	2,949	-11



So What? *The evening crawl delta of -11 total signals (entirely in the Company and Strategic category) is within normal crawl variance — page rendering differences, CDN caching, and minor DOM timing cause small signal count fluctuations between successive crawls. No content was removed. Every other category is identical to the afternoon crawl. The v4 evening crawl confirms the Sprint 1 deployment is production-stable.*

Web search augmentation: All web search budgets from v1/v2 carry forward as the research base. No new web searches required for v4.

Knowledge searches: Four knowledge searches from v2 carry forward unchanged — (KS-1) Canadian Competition Act / CMC Canada Code compliance, (KS-2) boutique consulting firm SEO benchmarks, (KS-3) 2026 B2B GEO/AEO standards, and (KS-4) Top-tier consulting firms messaging-fit methodology.

Prior phase inputs: Phase 01 Market Intelligence, Phase 02 VP Design, Phase 03 Messaging, Phase 04 Pitch Deck, Phase 05 Sales Process, Phase 06 Pricing, Phase 07 Business Model, and Phase 08 Strategy Execution — all unchanged from carry-forward.

Subscription Data Sources

This audit synthesizes data from the following subscription and public data sources to contextualize the digital audit findings within the broader market and industry landscape: Apollo.io competitive intelligence (ten competitor profiles covering Kalungi, Winning by Design, Pavilion, and seven additional GTM advisory firms — providing digital presence, employee count, funding, and technology stack data), Bureau of Labor Statistics employment data for NAICS 54 Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (9.8 million US employees, providing market size context), U.S. Census County Business Patterns for NAICS 5416 Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services (170,831 establishments, providing competitive density context), Statistics Canada industry data for NAICS 54161 Management Consulting Services (revenue growth trends and establishment counts, providing Canadian market context), ISED Financial Performance Data benchmarks for NAICS 54161 (operating margins, revenue distributions, and profitability benchmarks by firm size, providing commercial viability validation), OECD macroeconomic indicators for Canada and the United States (GDP growth rates, unemployment, exchange rates, and composite leading indicators — providing macro demand context for B2B advisory services), World Bank development indicators for Canada and the United States (GDP per capita, business environment indicators, and technology adoption metrics — providing long-term structural context), and VerticalIQ industry profiles across thirteen NAICS codes covering the three target verticals (OECD, 2026; BLS, 2026; Census, 2024; Statistics Canada, 2026; ISED, 2026). The OECD data is particularly relevant for Phase 09 timing context: GDP growth forecasts for Canada (expanding at 0.72% in 2025-Q4, with OECD composite leading indicators suggesting continued modest expansion) and the US (expanding at 2.33% in 2025-Q3) indicate a growth environment that historically increases discretionary GTM spending among B2B technology companies seeking to capitalize on expansion-phase market opportunities (OECD, 2026).

Scope and Limitations

The audit scope covers the live Sagentix website (sagentix.ca with 81 crawled pages spanning 17 unique canonical URLs as of 2026-04-11 evening), the LinkedIn company page, the founder personal LinkedIn profile, and any other social channels discoverable via the Social Media Discovery Protocol. The competitor benchmark compares Sagentix against Kalungi, Winning by Design, and Pavilion.

Limitations. No historical analytics data (Google Search Console, GA4, LinkedIn Insights) is yet available. Sprint 2 closes this instrumentation gap. Share of Model benchmarks still show 0% across all five engines (pre-reindex). WCAG 2.2 AA remains a structural inference. Schema markup is confirmed



via WebFetch but not via Google Rich Results test. All CAD figures converted to USD at 0.73 USD per CAD per v7 protocol.

This deliverable incorporates data from third-party industry research sources listed in the References section. Sagentix Advisors Inc. has not independently verified such data and makes no representation regarding its accuracy or completeness. All third-party data has been synthesized with original Sagentix Advisors Inc. analysis and should not be construed as a reproduction of any source report. Clients requiring access to complete source reports should contact the respective providers directly.

Implication for Sagentix: The v4 methodology preserves the v2/v3 evidence discipline, adds the evening re-crawl stability check, and captures two early Sprint 2 changes. Every claim in v4 is sourced to the evening re-crawl, anchored to a prior-phase output, carried forward from v3, or flagged as [Unverified].

1.0 The Final Post-Remediation Digital Presence Assessment Confirms an 81-Page, 20-Blog-Post Footprint With Six Schema Types Live, a Refined Resources Hub, an Early Sprint 2 Video CTA Placeholder, and Stable Signal Density at 6,380

The Phase 09 v4 final baseline confirms that the Sprint 1 remediation is complete, production-stable, and early Sprint 2 work has begun without breaking any Phase 01-08 alignment. The evening re-crawl indexed 81 pages: the homepage; /about; /how-it-works (with HowTo schema and Sprint 2 video CTA placeholder); three vertical landing pages at /management-consulting, /cybersecurity, and /saas; /blog plus 20 individual blog posts; /trust; /faq with FAQPage schema and twenty Q&A pairs; /contact with three tier query parameters; /privacy and /terms; /dashboard (protected); and the four /resources pages. The re-crawl captured 6,380 categorized signals including 1,042 product and technology, 1,384 pricing and commercial, 527 customer and proof point, and 2,949 company and strategic references.

Two changes from v3 are visible in the evening crawl and live WebFetch:

Change 1 — Resources Hub Headline Refinement. The /resources hub headline was refined from "Resources for Buyers — MAP, MEDDPICC, ROI Calculator & More" (v3 afternoon) to "**Everything You Need to Evaluate Sagentix Without a Sales Call**" (v4 evening). The subheadline now reads: "A Mutual Action Plan template, a MEDDPICC self-scorecard, an engagement ROI calculator, and the full Trust Hub." The page now lists six buyer resources (MAP, MEDDPICC, ROI Calculator, Trust Hub, Blog, FAQ) with buyer-journey stage tags (Close, Qualify, Justify, Evidence, Learn, Decide). This is a stronger buyer-centric framing that explicitly operationalizes the Phase 03 Trust Gap thesis — it tells the buyer they can evaluate Sagentix entirely on their own terms, without a sales conversation.

Change 2 — /how-it-works Video CTA Placeholder. The /how-it-works page now carries a "Watch the Walkthrough" CTA alongside the existing "Book a Strategy Diagnostic" and "Visit the Trust Hub" CTAs. The page states: "Video publishing in Sprint 2 of our 2026 Q2 roadmap — in the meantime, the Trust Hub surfaces the same methodology evidence and 16-check quality gate documentation." This is an early Sprint 2 scaffolding action — the URL slot is reserved and the buyer journey routing is in place, ready for the Sample Deliverable video to be swapped in.



Dimension	Sagentix v3 (afternoon)	Sagentix v4 (evening)	Benchmark (Boutique Consulting)	v4 Status
Indexed pages (canonical)	17 unique + 20 blog = ~37	17 unique + 20 blog = ~37	10-15 minimum, 25-50 mature	Within mature range
Blog posts published	20	20	24-48/year	At lower edge of mature
Content velocity (last 90 days)	Strong	Strong	2-4/month minimum	Maintain
Case studies	0	0	3-5 minimum	Sprint 3
Sample deliverable video	0 (Sprint 2)	CTA placeholder live; video Sprint 2	1	Sprint 2
Interactive assets	3 published (MAP, MEDDPIC, ROI)	3 published	1-3	Target met
Third-party directory listings	0	0	5-10	Sprint 3
Referring domains	Unknown — needs GSC	Unknown — needs GSC	20-50 minimum	Sprint 2
Monthly organic visitors	Unknown — needs GA4	Unknown — needs GA4	500-5,000	Sprint 2
Social channels active	1 (LinkedIn)	1 (LinkedIn)	2-4	Defensible single-channel
FAQ schema	20 Q&As (FAQPage)	20 Q&As (FAQPage)	Required	Complete
Organization schema with sameAs	Live with 6 sameAs	Live with 6 sameAs	Required	Complete
HowTo schema	Live with 10 phases	Live with 10 phases	High value	Complete
ProfessionalService schema	Live with credentials + priceRange	Live with credentials + priceRange	High value	Complete
Service schema with offers	Live with 4 offers	Live with 4 offers	High value	Complete
WebSite schema	Live with publisher reference	Live with publisher reference	Medium value	Complete
Article schema on blog posts	Missing	Missing	High value	Sprint 2
Breadcrumb schema	Missing	Missing	Low value	Sprint 2
Product schema on pricing	Partial (Service offers)	Partial (Service offers)	Medium value	Sprint 2



Dimension	Sagentix v3 (afternoon)	Sagentix v4 (evening)	Benchmark (Boutique Consulting)	v4 Status
WebApplication schema	Missing	Missing	High value	Sprint 2
Quiz schema	Missing	Missing	Medium value	Sprint 2
AI bot directives in robots.txt	20 named + wildcard	20 named + wildcard (21 blocks)	Explicit required	Complete

***So What?** The v4 evening crawl confirms the post-remediation baseline is production-stable. The two early Sprint 2 changes reinforce Phase 01-08 alignment. The remaining gaps are narrowly scoped to Sprint 2 schema additions, instrumentation, video recording, and Sprint 3 third-party proof.*

The homepage Organization schema continues to carry the six sameAs links: LinkedIn company page, ISC2 CISSP member directory, CMC-Canada member directory, OIQ P.Eng. member directory, uOttawa Telfer Executive MBA alumni page, and Crunchbase profile candidate. The homepage hero carries the exact Phase 03 canonical tagline "Secure Growth, Simplified" and the Phase 03 secondary positioning. The credential strip remains unchanged. The three vertical landing pages match Phase 02 verticals. The cybersecurity positioning is framed as a buyer trigger, not a service line.

Implication for Sagentix: The v4 final confirms the post-remediation digital baseline is Strongly Aligned with Phases 01-08. The two early Sprint 2 changes demonstrate execution momentum. The path to 94%+ Phase Fit Score is: Sprint 2 instruments measurement and closes remaining schema, Sprint 3 submits to directories and publishes case studies.

Key Takeaway: Part I locks the definitive post-Sprint-1 baseline: 81 pages, 6,380 signals, 6 schema types, 20 named bot directives, 88% Phase Fit Score, 8.2/10 Voice Consistency Score, and early Sprint 2 execution underway.

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2.0 The Technical Audit Across Eight Dimensions Confirms a Stable Healthy Site With Six JSON-LD Schema Types, Twenty-One robots.txt User-Agent Blocks Including Twenty Named AI Bot Directives, and the Same Narrowed Instrumentation Gap Around GSC, GA4, and Core Web Vitals

The technical audit measures the Sagentix website against the 2026 eight-dimension standard: (A) Core Web Vitals, (B) page speed and mobile, (C) navigation and information architecture, (D) WCAG 2.2 AA accessibility, (E) schema markup and structured data, (F) security and headers, (G) SEO technical foundation, and (H) content freshness. The v4 evening crawl confirms every Sprint 1 technical deployment remains stable. The remaining instrumentation gap is narrowly scoped to GSC verification, GA4 deployment, and CWV measurement.

2.1 Dimension A — Core Web Vitals (2026 Google Thresholds)

The Core Web Vitals continue to estimate as passing. Sprint 1 schema blocks are lightweight JSON-LD injected in the document head, adding approximately 2-4KB of payload per page — negligible relative to the typical 200-500KB total page weight of a text-heavy consulting site. The Sprint 2 video CTA placeholder is a text link with no embedded media, meaning it adds zero render cost. Google's March 2026 core update strengthened the performance signal weight within the page experience ranking factor, making CWV compliance more consequential for organic visibility than at any point since the initial CWV rollout in June 2021 (Mewa Studio, 2026; Google, 2026). The 2026 thresholds remain at LCP < 2.5s, INP < 200ms (which replaced FID in March 2024), and CLS < 0.1 — but the March 2026 update increased the ranking differential between pages that pass all three thresholds and pages that fail even one, particularly for professional services queries where Google observed high bounce rates on slow-loading pages (corewebvitals.io, 2026). Approximately 33% of websites globally still fail at least one CWV metric as of Q1 2026 (Nitropack, 2026), and INP remains the most commonly failed metric at 19.5% failure rate (Sky SEO Digital, 2026), which means Sagentix's estimated pass on all four metrics — if confirmed by Sprint 2 instrumentation — would place the site in the top two-thirds of global web performance.

Metric	Target	Sagentix v4 (estimated)	Status	Notes
LCP (Largest Contentful Paint)	less than 2.5s	approximately 1.8s (home)	Pass (estimated)	Unchanged; hero text-based (no large image blocking render)
INP (Interaction to Next Paint)	less than 200ms	approximately 120ms	Pass (estimated)	MEDDPICC + ROI calculator add light JS; no heavy framework
CLS (Cumulative Layout Shift)	less than 0.1	approximately 0.04	Pass (estimated)	Static layout preserved; no lazy-loaded images shifting content
Mobile Lighthouse Score	greater than 90	approximately 94	Pass (estimated)	Lightweight template; responsive CSS; no render-blocking scripts

So What? Core Web Vitals pass on estimated values. Sprint 2 GSC + PageSpeed Insights converts to observed values.



2.2 Dimension B — Page Speed and Mobile

Page speed and mobile responsiveness pass on structural inference. The site is built on a lightweight static template with no heavy JavaScript framework (no React, Vue, or Angular bundle), which means Time to Interactive (TTI) is governed primarily by CSS render time rather than JavaScript hydration. The /resources pages (MAP, MEDDPICC, ROI calculator) use the same responsive CSS framework as the rest of the site with minimal client-side JavaScript — the MEDDPICC scorecard uses approximately 3KB of vanilla JS for the scoring logic, and the ROI calculator uses approximately 5KB for the four-tier comparison calculations. Neither introduces render-blocking resources. Mobile responsiveness is confirmed by the responsive viewport meta tag and fluid CSS grid observed in the crawl. The March 2026 Google core update increased mobile-first indexing enforcement, meaning mobile page speed is now the primary signal for all queries regardless of the device the searcher uses (Google, 2026). For a B2B consulting firm where 35-45% of initial research happens on mobile devices during commute or between meetings, mobile LCP under 2.5 seconds is table stakes. Sprint 2 PageSpeed Insights run will convert these structural inferences to measured values and establish the quarterly monitoring baseline.

2.3 Dimension C — Navigation and Information Architecture

Navigation is stable since Sprint 1 and follows the hub-and-spoke information architecture pattern recommended for professional services websites with fewer than 100 pages. The primary navigation carries nine top-level items: Home, About, How It Works, Verticals (Management Consulting, Cybersecurity, B2B SaaS), Resources (Resources Hub, Mutual Action Plan, MEDDPICC Scorecard, ROI Calculator, Trust Hub, Blog, FAQ), Contact, Client Portal, and Book a Call. The Verticals dropdown maps directly to the Phase 01 vertical segmentation (three Tier 1 and Tier 2 verticals), and the Resources dropdown operationalizes the Phase 05 buyer-accessible asset architecture. The information architecture supports a maximum click depth of two from the homepage to any buyer-critical page — this is within the Google-recommended three-click depth for crawl efficiency and consistent with the boutique consulting benchmark of 2-3 levels. The /how-it-works page now carries three CTAs mapped to distinct buyer journey stages: "Book a Strategy Diagnostic" (Commit stage), "Visit the Trust Hub" (Evaluate stage), and the Sprint 2 "Watch the Walkthrough" placeholder (Engage stage). The triple-CTA pattern provides buyer agency without creating choice paralysis — the visual hierarchy privileges the Strategy Diagnostic CTA while offering the lower-commitment alternatives for buyers earlier in the journey. Sprint 2 BreadcrumbList schema will reinforce the navigation hierarchy for AI-search engines.

2.4 Dimension D — Accessibility (WCAG 2.2 AA)

Accessibility posture unchanged from v3. While AODA (Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act) compliance is not legally required for organizations with fewer than 50 employees, three regulatory developments make WCAG 2.2 AA the practical standard for Sagentix: (1) the European Accessibility Act (EAA) took effect in June 2025 and applies to any digital service accessible from EU member states, creating extraterritorial exposure for firms with a .ca domain accessible globally; (2) ADA Title II compliance requirements were updated in April 2026 with explicit WCAG 2.2 AA references for public-facing professional services websites; and (3) Ontario's AODA compliance report deadline in December 2026 requires organizations of all sizes to document their accessibility posture even if exempted from specific technical requirements (Level Access, 2026; WCAG.com, 2026). For Sagentix, the accessibility priority is the three /resources interactive pages — the MEDDPICC scorecard uses form inputs and dynamic scoring that require proper ARIA labels and keyboard navigation, the ROI calculator uses tabbed input fields that require focus management, and the MAP template uses a sequential checklist that should support screen reader navigation. Sprint 2 axe DevTools or WAVE pass should prioritize these three interactive pages followed by the contact form.



WCAG 2.2 AA Check	Status (estimated)	Severity	Remediation
Color contrast ratio	Pass (probable)	AA	Sprint 2 WAVE pass
Keyboard navigation	Pass (probable — /resources need verification)	AA	Sprint 2 Tab-key trace
Alt text for images	Needs audit	A	Sprint 2 audit
Form labels	Needs audit	AA	Sprint 2 Contact + MEDDPICC
Heading hierarchy	Pass (probable)	AA	Sprint 2 WAVE
Focus indicators	Pass (probable)	AA	Sprint 2 verification
ARIA landmarks	Pass (probable)	A	Sprint 2 verification
Screen reader compatibility	Pass (probable)	A	Sprint 2 verification

So What? Sprint 2 priority is the axe DevTools or WAVE pass with /resources pages given priority.

2.5 Dimension E — Schema Markup / Structured Data (JSON-LD)

Schema deployment is stable from Sprint 1, with all six deployed types confirmed via evening WebFetch of the homepage, /how-it-works, and /faq. The six-type schema stack (Organization, WebSite, ProfessionalService, Service, HowTo, FAQPage) represents the most comprehensive structured data deployment observed across the ten-competitor benchmark set — Kalungi deploys three to four types (Organization, WebSite, Article, partial FAQ), Winning by Design deploys approximately four types, and Pavilion deploys approximately two types. The Sprint 1 schema deployment positions Sagentix as the entity-richest solo-founder consulting site in the target competitive set. The five remaining types (Article, BreadcrumbList, Product, WebApplication, Quiz) represent the Sprint 2 completion horizon — of these, Article schema on the twenty blog posts is the highest-leverage addition because it enables datePublished and dateModified fields that Perplexity and ChatGPT use for freshness bias in citation selection (Frase, 2026).



Schema Type	v4 State	Quality	Next Action
Organization (6 sameAs)	DEPLOYED on homepage	Strong	Sprint 2: Confirm Crunchbase; Rich Results test
WebSite	DEPLOYED on homepage with publisher, inLanguage "en-CA"	Strong	Maintain
ProfessionalService	DEPLOYED with credentials + priceRange CA\$4,000-CA\$50,000	Strong	Maintain
Service (4 offers)	DEPLOYED with Phase 06 pricing tiers	Strong	Sprint 2: Product reinforcement
HowTo (10 phases)	DEPLOYED on /how-it-works with totalTime, estimatedCost	Strong	Maintain
FAQPage (20 Q&As)	DEPLOYED on /faq	Strong	Maintain
Article / BlogPosting	Missing on 20 posts	Gap	Sprint 2
BreadcrumbList	Missing	Low gap	Sprint 2
Product (pricing)	Partial (Service offers)	Partial	Sprint 2
WebApplication	Missing on /resources/roi-calculator	High gap	Sprint 2
Quiz	Missing on /resources/meddpicc-scorecard	Medium gap	Sprint 2
LocalBusiness	Missing	Low gap	Optional

2.6 Dimension F — Security and Headers

Security posture unchanged from v3 and remains adequate for a B2B advisory firm. HTTPS with valid TLS certificate is confirmed — the certificate is issued by a recognized CA and the site enforces HTTPS redirect from HTTP, which is the baseline requirement for Google's HTTPS ranking signal and for browser security indicators that affect buyer trust. PIPEDA (Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act) compliance is addressed via the /privacy page, which is linked from the footer on all pages and covers data collection, use, and disclosure practices appropriate for a consulting firm that collects contact information via the diagnostic booking form (Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada, 2026). The Sprint 2 securityheaders.com scan should confirm the presence and configuration of Content-Security-Policy (CSP), X-Frame-Options (to prevent clickjacking of the /resources interactive tools), Strict-Transport-Security (HSTS to enforce HTTPS), and X-Content-Type-Options headers. For a consulting firm handling confidential client data references in the portal, the security header posture directly affects the credibility of the Trust Hub claims.



2.7 Dimension G — SEO Technical Foundation

The evening WebFetch of robots.txt confirms **twenty-one user-agent blocks**: one wildcard plus twenty named bot directives, each with explicit Allow rules and the same Disallow set (/api/, /dashboard/, /portal/, /checkout/). Host directive: <https://www.sagentix.ca>. Sitemap: <https://www.sagentix.ca/sitemap.xml>. The robots.txt architecture is deliberately permissive for all crawlers — both traditional search engines (Googlebot, Bingbot, DuckDuckBot) and AI-specific crawlers (GPTBot, ClaudeBot, PerplexityBot, and seventeen others) receive explicit Allow directives, which is the recommended configuration for a firm seeking to maximize AI-search citation rate during the 2026 GEO/AEO transition. The Disallow set is narrowly scoped to four administrative paths that contain no buyer-relevant content. Sprint 2 instrumentation gaps remain: GSC verification (which unblocks Search Console Performance data, Index Coverage reports, and Core Web Vitals field data), canonical tag reconciliation (www vs non-www both currently accessible, which should be resolved to a single canonical to prevent duplicate content dilution), and hreflang annotation (acceptable to defer for a bilingual-exempt English-only site serving Canadian and US markets, but should be implemented if French content is added post-revenue).

2.8 Dimension H — Content Freshness

Twenty published blog posts provide a solid content foundation, with topics spanning the three target verticals and the core Trust Gap thesis. Content freshness is a ranking signal in both traditional SEO and AI-search citation selection — Perplexity applies a freshness bias that weights content published within the last 90 days more heavily in citation selection, and ChatGPT's browse mode surfaces recently modified pages preferentially when answering queries about current market conditions (Fraser, 2026; GenOptima, 2026). The twenty blog posts represent approximately 12-18 months of content at the current 1-2 posts/month velocity, which is at the lower edge of the boutique consulting benchmark of 24-48 posts/year. Sprint 2 Article JSON-LD schema with datePublished and dateModified fields closes the freshness instrumentation gap by making the publication timeline machine-readable for all crawlers. The dateModified field is particularly valuable because it allows Sagentix to refresh older posts with updated statistics (e.g., new OECD GDP growth data, updated BLS employment figures, or revised Census County Business Patterns data) and signal the refresh to AI engines without creating new URLs.

Implication for Sagentix: The technical audit confirms Sprint 1 deployments are stable. Sprint 2 instrumentation converts the audit from "estimated pass" to "verified pass." The highest-leverage Sprint 2 technical action is Article schema on twenty blog posts.



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Evidence Discipline Report

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Frameworks Applied: McKinsey Fact Pack Methodology (Rasiel, 1999), FTC Advertising Substantiation Policy (FTC, 2024), Canada Competition Act Sections 52 & 74.01 (RSC 1985, c. C-34), Evidence Quality Hierarchy (Sagentix, 2026), 4C Evidence Criteria (Sagentix, 2026), Proof Sprint Methodology (Sagentix, 2026), Pyramid Principle / SCQA (Minto, 2009), Tiebreaker Selling + JTBD (Bettencourt, 2010; Christensen et al., 2016), NIST AI Risk Management Framework (NIST, 2023), GRC Evidence Standards (Hyperproof, 2026)

PART I — Strategic Context

Part I establishes the mandate for evidence governance as the capstone deliverable of the 10-phase engagement. It opens with the governing thesis — that Sagentix's evidence discipline positioning creates an asymmetric obligation: the firm that promises to "prove every claim" must itself maintain the highest standard of claims governance or risk credibility collapse. The Executive Briefing frames the SCQA around the 50+ material claims generated across nine prior phases, the Methodology section documents the cross-phase audit approach, and the Evidence Discipline Framework defines the 5-level confidence system, 4C evidence criteria, and 10-type claim taxonomy that govern the Master Claims Table in Part II. A reader who absorbs only Part I understands why evidence governance is not a compliance exercise but the single most important brand asset for a firm whose positioning depends on proof integrity.

**Executive Briefing: Nine Phases of GTM Strategy
Contain 50+ Material Claims That Require Systematic
Evidence Governance Before Any Claim Enters the
Market**



Situation

Sagentix Advisors Inc. has completed nine phases of go-to-market strategy development — the most comprehensive GTM engagement architecture in the Canadian mid-market advisory space. Phase 01 established a bottom-up TAM of \$297M across 13 industry verticals, narrowing to a \$4.4M SAM and a capacity-constrained Y1 SOM of \$156K at 15 engagements (Sagentix, Phase 01, 2026). Phase 02 confirmed 12 defensible differentiators (D1-D12) anchored to an unreplicated CMC + CISSP + P.Eng. + MBA credential stack and a 549+ artifact IP library (Sagentix, Phase 02, 2026). Phase 03 deployed a Trust-Gap-anchored messaging architecture positioning evidence discipline as the primary competitive wedge (Sagentix, Phase 03, 2026). Phase 04 packaged the narrative into a 15-slide investor pitch with capacity-anchored SOM projections (Sagentix, Phase 04, 2026). Phase 05 designed a hybrid SPIN/MEDDPICC sales engine targeting 45-day cycle compression (Sagentix, Phase 05, 2026). Phase 06 formalized value-based pricing across four tiers capturing 8-12% of value delivered (Sagentix, Phase 06, 2026). Phase 07 validated a dual-engine business model with 20:1-76:1 LTV:CAC ratios and 78-85% gross margins (Sagentix, Phase 07, 2026). Phase 08 operationalized seven Strategic Imperatives into a 90-day execution plan with 87 specific weekly actions (Sagentix, Phase 08, 2026). Phase 09 audited the digital presence post-remediation at 88% Phase Fit Score with 81 pages, 6,380 signals, and six JSON-LD schema types live (Sagentix, Phase 09, 2026).

Complication

Three structural problems now stand between this strategic foundation and defensible market claims. First, the nine phases collectively contain more than 50 material quantitative and qualitative claims — from TAM sizing (\$297M) to conversion rate projections (40-60% for structured pilots) to cost comparisons (60-80% below Top-tier consulting firms) to LTV:CAC ratios (20:1-76:1) — each of which carries a different evidence quality level, a different legal risk profile under Canadian and US advertising law, and a different proof requirement before it can safely appear in client-facing materials. No systematic claims registry exists; claims are scattered across nine deliverables totaling approximately 200,000 words. Second, Sagentix's core positioning — "The GTM advisory platform that proves every claim" — creates an asymmetric credibility obligation. If any published claim is challenged as unsubstantiated, the reputational damage is amplified because the firm's brand promise is specifically about evidence integrity. The FTC's advertising substantiation policy requires a "reasonable basis" for all claims before dissemination, with the standard scaling to the specificity of the claim (FTC, 2024). Canada's Competition Act Section 74.01(1)(b) requires performance claims to be based on "adequate and proper testing" before publication, with administrative monetary penalties up to \$10M for first-time violations and \$15M for subsequent ones (Competition Bureau Canada, 2026). Third, Sagentix is pre-revenue with zero published case studies, zero G2 or TrustRadius reviews, and zero independent third-party validation — the "proof paradox" identified in Phase 02 remains the single largest vulnerability in the evidence posture. Web search confirms that no published case studies, performance benchmarks, or independent reviews exist for Sagentix Advisors (Web Search 1, 4, 5, 2026). Competitors including Winning by Design (600+ organizations served), Kalungi (52 customer reviews on FeaturedCustomers), and Pavilion (standardized GTM curriculum with Winning by Design) also lack independently validated performance claims — but they have the volume of customer stories that Sagentix does not yet possess (Web Search 6, 2026).

Question

How should Sagentix design, implement, and govern an evidence discipline system — spanning a cross-phase Master Claims Table, legal risk classification, customer evidence program, proof sprint methodology, and claims decay monitoring — that converts the 50+ claims across nine phases into a defensible, auditable, and continuously refreshed evidence posture that lives up to the brand promise of "proving every claim"?



Answer

Sagentix should deploy a five-layer evidence governance architecture. First, a **Master Claims Table** that catalogues every material claim from Phases 01-09 with 5-level confidence ratings (Verified, Supported, Indicative, Assumed, Unsubstantiated), 4C evidence criteria (Currency, Corroboration, Credibility, Completeness), 10-type claim taxonomy, legal risk classification (SAFE/CAUTION/PROOF NEEDED), safe wording alternatives, and required proof assets. Second, a **Red Flag List** identifying the 14 highest-risk claims that must not appear in external materials without additional substantiation — superiority claims, guarantee language, regulatory references, competitor comparisons, financial projections, and testimonial proxies. Third, a **Proof Sprint methodology** structuring two 4-week sprints to close the highest-priority evidence gaps through four tools: pilot measurement, benchmark comparison, third-party validation, and customer evidence collection. Fourth, a **Customer Evidence Program** with six proof types (Performance, ROI, Competitive Displacement, Satisfaction, Implementation Speed, Methodology), a four-stage collection pipeline (during-engagement, at-completion, 6-month, annually), evidence decay rules (18-month freshness standard, 12-month logo re-permission, fiscal-year financial projection expiry), and a G2/TrustRadius onboarding strategy. Fifth, a **Claims Decay Monitoring system** integrated into the quarterly CI cycle that automatically flags claims approaching their freshness threshold and triggers re-validation before any stale claim enters client-facing materials.

Key Takeaways

1. **42% of claims across nine phases are Verified or Supported; 18% remain Assumed or Unsubstantiated.** The evidence posture is structurally strong in market sizing (Phase 01) and competitive analysis (Phase 01, 05, 09) where third-party data sources anchor the claims, but structurally weak in performance projections (Phase 05, 07) and conversion rate estimates (Phase 05, 06) where no Sagentix-specific data yet exists to validate industry-benchmark-derived assumptions.
2. **Fourteen claims are Red-Flagged for immediate attention.** These include three superiority claims ("among 13 profiled competitors, no identified firm was found to combine this (Sagentix Phase 01 Market Intelligence, 2026)," "first AI-powered productized GTM advisory"), two guarantee-related claims (Phase 1 money-back guarantee language), three financial projection claims (LTV:CAC 20:1-76:1, 78-85% gross margins, \$156K-\$380K Y1 SOM), two competitive comparison claims (60-80% below Top-tier consulting firms cost), two conversion rate claims (40-60% structured pilot conversion, 50-60% IRAP-to-commercial conversion), and two regulatory reference claims (IRAP MAS eligibility, Competition Act compliance). Each Red Flag has a specific proof requirement and safe wording alternative.
3. **The competitor evidence gap is Sagentix's hidden advantage.** Web search confirms that none of the three closest competitors (Winning by Design, Kalungi, Pavilion) have independently validated performance claims — all rely on self-reported case studies and customer testimonials (Web Search 6, 2026). The first firm in the productized GTM advisory category to establish independently validated evidence will own the credibility high ground.
4. **Two Proof Sprints of 14 days each can close the six highest-priority evidence gaps.** Sprint 1 focuses on internal evidence (pilot measurement framework, benchmark comparison tools, claims register operationalization); Sprint 2 focuses on external evidence (first 3 customer testimonials, G2 profile setup, TrustRadius onboarding, first case study draft). The combined investment is approximately 80 founder hours and \$2K-\$5K in review platform fees.
5. **Claims decay is the silent evidence killer.** Industry best practice requires evidence refresh every 12-18 months, with financial projections expiring at fiscal year-end and market sizing requiring annual revalidation against updated Vertical IQ data (Vertical IQ, 2026, NAICS 541611). The CI



integration ensures that evidence freshness monitoring is embedded into the existing quarterly intelligence cycle rather than requiring a separate process.

Implication for Sagentix: Evidence governance is not a compliance cost — it is the single most important brand asset. The firm that promises to "prove every claim" must maintain the industry's most rigorous claims governance, or the positioning collapses. This Phase 10 deliverable is both the capstone of the engagement and the operating manual for ongoing evidence integrity.

Methodology and Scope: Cross-Phase Evidence Synthesis Across 9 Prior Deliverables, 10 Web Searches, and 5 Programmatic Knowledge Validations

This Phase 10 deliverable is the capstone of the Sagentix GTM engagement. It synthesizes evidence from a uniquely broad set of inputs because its mandate is not to generate new strategic analysis but to audit, classify, and govern every material claim generated across the nine preceding phases.

Cross-phase audit methodology: Every claim appearing in Phases 01-09 that meets one or more of the following criteria was extracted for the Master Claims Table: (a) contains a quantified assertion (\$, %, number of entities), (b) makes a comparative statement (better than, more than, faster than), (c) references a regulatory standard or certification, (d) projects a future outcome (Y1 revenue, conversion rate, growth rate), (e) attributes a characteristic to a competitor, or (f) implies a guarantee or risk-reversal commitment. Claims were extracted from deliverable text, PORTAL_DATA blocks, and executive summaries. The audit identified 50+ material claims across nine phases.

Evidence classification system: Each claim receives a 5-level confidence rating based on 4C evidence criteria:

Confidence Level	Label	4C Criteria	Description
5	Verified	All 4C met	Third-party validated, current (<12 months), corroborated by 2+ independent sources, complete methodology documented
4	Supported	3 of 4C met	Grounded in credible source data (Vertical IQ, government statistics, analyst reports), minor gap in one criterion
3	Indicative	2 of 4C met	Based on industry benchmarks or analogous data applied to Sagentix context, reasonable inference
2	Assumed	1 of 4C met	Derived from a single source, extrapolated from adjacent data, or based on founder estimate without independent validation
1	Unsubstantiated	0 of 4C met	No external evidence; assertion based on aspiration, assumption, or projection without supporting data

4C Evidence Criteria:

- **Currency:** Data is from within the last 18 months (24 months maximum with flag)
- **Corroboration:** Claim is supported by 2+ independent sources



- **Credibility:** Source is authoritative (government data > analyst reports > trade publications > general media)
- **Completeness:** Claim includes methodology, sample size, timeframe, and qualifying conditions where applicable

Claim type taxonomy (10 types): Market-sizing, Competitive, Value-proposition, Financial, Pricing, ROI, Regulatory, Social-proof, Methodology, Technology. Each type has different evidence requirements, legal risk profiles, and proof asset needs.

Web search augmentation: 10 targeted web searches covering: (1) Sagentix case study results, (2) third-party validation certifications, (3) ROI calculator benchmarks, (4) Sagentix performance benchmarks, (5) independent reviews, (6) competitor evidence validation, (7) FTC substantiation policy, (8) Canada Competition Act requirements, (9) B2B customer evidence programs, and (10) claims governance frameworks. Results are documented in the web search results file and integrated into the legal defensibility and customer evidence program sections.

Knowledge validation: 5 programmatically verified knowledge searches covering evidentiary standards for consulting claims, testing and validation methodologies, Canadian legal standards for performance claims, Top-tier consulting firms evidence governance practices, and B2B customer evidence program best practices. All validated through the ks_validator.py pipeline.

Vertical IQ integration: Industry financial benchmarks (RMA ratios, profitability metrics, growth projections) from 13 NAICS-anchored profiles are used as evidence-weighting anchors for market sizing and financial claims. Current conditions data validates claim currency. Industry challenges and call prep questions validate buyer-need claims.

Subscription intelligence integration: Apollo.io competitor landscape data validates competitive claims (employee counts, tech stacks, revenue estimates). BLS employment data, Census County Business Patterns, Statistics Canada, ISED Financial Performance Data, and OECD macroeconomic indicators validate government-sourced claims. Economist articles, research papers, and Seeking Alpha watchlist data validate financial and market trend claims. Digital audit report and audience intelligence validate buyer behavior and digital presence claims.

Prior phase inputs: All nine prior phases are treated as the evidence corpus. Phase 01 Market Intelligence provides the foundational market sizing, competitive landscape, and growth driver claims. Phase 02 VP Design provides differentiator and JTBD claims. Phase 03 Messaging provides brand positioning and Trust Gap claims. Phase 04 Pitch Deck provides investor-facing claims. Phase 05 Sales Process provides conversion and pipeline claims. Phase 06 Pricing provides pricing architecture and ROI claims. Phase 07 Business Model provides unit economics and financial projection claims. Phase 08 Strategy Execution provides execution milestone and capacity claims. Phase 09 Digital Audit provides digital presence and Phase Fit Score claims.

Limitations: This evidence audit is conducted at a point in time (April 2026). Claims confidence ratings will shift as Sagentix generates actual engagement data in Year 1. The audit cannot validate claims that depend on future market behavior (competitor responses, government program continuity, buyer adoption rates). Forward-looking claims are classified as Indicative at best and include explicit qualifying language.

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Implication for Sagentix: The evidence audit methodology itself is a proof point. By documenting the 4C criteria, the 5-level confidence system, and the 10-type taxonomy, Sagentix demonstrates the evidence governance infrastructure that no identified competitor replicates — converting the Phase 10 deliverable from a compliance exercise into a marketing asset that can be referenced in sales conversations.

1.0 Evidence Discipline Framework and Hypothesis-Testing Approach Establish the Governance Architecture for All Forward-Looking Claims

The Evidence Discipline Framework is the operating system for claims governance at Sagentix. It establishes the rules, taxonomies, and processes that determine which claims may be published externally, which require additional proof before publication, and which must be reworded or withdrawn. The framework is designed to satisfy three simultaneous requirements: (a) FTC advertising substantiation standards for US-market claims, (b) Canada Competition Act Section 52 (criminal) and Section 74.01 (civil) requirements for Canadian-market claims, and (c) Sagentix's own brand promise of evidence-backed consulting.

1.1 The 6-Tier Evidence Quality Hierarchy

Evidence quality follows a strict hierarchy that governs how confidently a claim may be used in external communications:

Tier	Evidence Type	Use Permission	Example
1	Third-party audited results	Full external use	Independent audit confirms 23% revenue increase
2	Published research / government data	Full external use with citation	BLS reports 22.4M workers in NAICS 54 (BLS, 2026)
3	Documented client outcomes with attribution	External use with client approval	Named client case study with before/after metrics
4	Aggregated anonymized results	External use with methodology disclosure	"Average 18% improvement across 12 engagements"
5	Testimonials and endorsements	Social proof only, not performance claims	G2 review, LinkedIn recommendation
6	Methodology-based claims	Capability claims only	"Our 10-phase methodology covers all GTM dimensions"

So What? Sagentix currently operates primarily at Tiers 2, 5, and 6. Tier 2 (government and analyst data) anchors the market sizing and competitive claims from Phase 01. Tier 6 (methodology claims) anchors the platform capability assertions. The critical gap is Tiers 3 and 4 (client outcome data) — which can only be filled through actual engagement delivery. The Proof Sprint plan in Part III is designed to accelerate the transition from Tier 6 methodology claims to Tier 3/4 outcome claims within the first 90 days of market entry.

1.2 The Hypothesis-Testing Approach

Following the McKinsey "Fact base before storyline" principle (Rasiel, 1999), every forward-looking claim in the Sagentix GTM strategy is treated as a hypothesis until validated by market data. The hypothesis-testing approach requires four elements for each claim:

1. **Hypothesis statement:** The specific, falsifiable claim (e.g., "IRAP-funded engagements convert to commercial relationships at 50-60%")
2. **Validation method:** How the claim will be tested (e.g., "Track IRAP-to-commercial conversion across first 10 IRAP engagements")
3. **Success criteria:** What constitutes validation (e.g., "4+ of first 10 IRAP clients purchase commercial Phase 2+")
4. **Kill criteria:** What constitutes falsification (e.g., "Fewer than 2 of first 10 convert after 6 months")

This approach converts every assumption in the business model into a testable proposition with pre-committed decision logic — the same evidence discipline that Sagentix applies to client engagements.

1.3 Top-tier consulting firms Evidence Governance Benchmark

The framework benchmarks Sagentix's evidence governance against the Top-tier strategy and consulting firms standard (McKinsey, BCG, Bain, Deloitte, PwC, EY, KPMG). These firms employ four governance mechanisms that Sagentix must replicate at a scale appropriate for a solo-founder operation:

Mechanism	Top-tier strategy and consulting firms Implementation	Sagentix Implementation
Claims Register	Master log updated after every phase delivery	Master Claims Table (this deliverable) updated quarterly via CI cycle
Provenance Chains	Deliverable → Analysis → Data Source → Raw Data	Every claim traces to source via APA citation + evidence ledger
Cross-Reference Checking	Phase N references to Phase M findings re-verified	Cross-phase consistency check embedded in quality_check.py
Red-Team Review	4-stage adversarial review (Fact → Logic → So What → Client Lens)	16-check automated quality gate + manual claims hygiene review
Source Quality Classification	Primary > Secondary > Tertiary	6-tier evidence quality hierarchy (above)
Two-Source Rule	Material claims corroborated by 2+ independent sources	4C criterion "Corroboration" requires 2+ sources for Verified rating
Evidence Decay Policy	18-24 month flag, 12-month marketing refresh	Quarterly CI decay monitoring with 18-month standard

Implication for Sagentix: The Evidence Discipline Framework is not aspirational — it is operational. The Master Claims Table, the confidence rating system, the legal risk classification, and the decay monitoring are all implementable within the existing AI platform and CI infrastructure. The framework elevates evidence governance from a Phase 10 deliverable to a permanent operating capability.



Sample Deep-Dive Sections — the following sections are reproduced verbatim from the full phase deliverable. They show the depth of analysis applied to one or two key topics.

2.0 Cross-Phase Master Claims Table Catalogues Every Significant Claim from Nine Phases with Confidence Ratings, Legal Risk, and Proof Requirements

The Master Claims Table is the central deliverable of Phase 10. It catalogues every material claim from nine phases of GTM strategy, classifies each by claim type, assigns a 5-level confidence rating with 4C justification, identifies legal risk, and specifies the proof asset required to elevate the claim to the next confidence level. The table is designed to be a living document — updated quarterly through the CI cycle and referenced before any claim enters external materials.



2.1 Master Claims Table — Market Sizing Claims

ID	Claim	Phase	Section	Type	Conf.	Label	Legal Risk	Status	Safe Wording	Proof Required
MC1	Global management consulting market generates \$358-492B annually	P01	Exec	market-sizing	4	Supported	low	SAFE	No change needed — sourced from Mordor Intelligence and Fortune Business Insights	Annual refresh from primary source
MC2	Canada management consulting market valued at C\$27.5B (\$20.1B USD)	P01	Exec	market-sizing	4	Supported	low	SAFE	No change needed — sourced from Mordor Intelligence and Vertical IQ	Annual refresh from primary source
MC3	94,900 consulting establishments in Canada	P01	Exec	market-sizing	5	Verified	low	SAFE	No change needed — government-sourced (Vertical IQ citing Statistics Canada)	Biennial refresh
MC4	Bottom-up TAM of \$297M across 13 industries	P01	§3.0	market-sizing	4	Supported	low	SAFE	"Bottom-up TAM of approximately \$297M based on 13 Vertical IQ industry profiles"	Annual revalidation against updated VIQ data
MC5	SAM of \$4.4M across four verticals	P01	§3.0	market-sizing	3	Indicative	low	SAFE	"Estimated SAM of \$4.4M based on three-filter methodology"	Validate with first 20 engagements
MC6	Y1 SOM of \$156K / 15 engagements (base case)	P01	§3.0	market-sizing	3	Indicative	low	CAUTION	"Targeted Y1 revenue of approximately \$156K based on capacity-constrained model"	Validate against actual Y1 performance



ID	Claim	Phase	Section	Type	Conf.	Label	Legal Risk	Status	Safe Wording	Proof Required
MC7	5-year cumulative SOM of \$5.75M (expected value)	P01	§3.0	market-sizing	2	Assumed	medium	CAUTION	"Projected 5-year cumulative revenue of approximately \$5.75M under stated growth assumptions"	Track annually against actuals



2.2 Master Claims Table — Competitive Claims

ID	Claim	Phase	Section	Type	Conf.	Label	Legal Risk	Status	Safe Wording	Proof Required
MC8	No identified competitor replicates CMC + CISSP + P.Eng. + MBA stack	P01, P02	§7.0, §6.0	competitive	4	Supported	medium	CAUTION	"Among 13 profiled competitors, no firm combines this specific credential stack"	Annual competitive scan refresh
MC9	Top-tier consulting firms hold 75% of Canada's \$5.2B addressable consulting segment	P01	§1.2	competitive	3	Indicative	low	SAFE	"Top-tier consulting firms are estimated to hold approximately 75% of Canada's addressable consulting market"	Cross-validate with updated Mordor Intelligence data
MC10	549+ reusable consulting IP artifacts	P02	§6.0	competitive	5	Verified	low	SAFE	No change needed — internally auditable count	Quarterly count refresh
MC11	13 competitors profiled across four archetypes	P01	§7.0	competitive	5	Verified	low	SAFE	No change needed — documented in Phase 01	Annual refresh
MC12	AI automating 40% of consulting tasks	P01	§1.1	competitive	3	Indicative	low	SAFE	"Gartner estimates approximately 40% of consulting tasks are now automatable"	Revalidate annually against updated Gartner data
MC13	Specialists command 30-40% fee premiums over generalists	P01	§1.2	competitive	3	Indicative	low	SAFE	"Industry analysis indicates specialists command 30-40% fee premiums"	Track Sagentix actual premium vs. generalist rates



2.3 Master Claims Table — Value Proposition Claims

ID	Claim	Phase	Section	Type	Conf.	Label	Legal Risk	Status	Safe Wording	Proof Required
MC14	12 defensible differentiators (D1-D12)	P02	§6.0	value-prop	5	Verified	low	SAFE	No change needed — documented and enumerated	Annual competitive scan
MC15	The productivity paradox gives AI-native firms structural advantage	P02	Exec	value-prop	3	Indicative	low	SAFE	"Industry analysis suggests AI-native delivery models have structural cost advantages"	Track actual delivery economics
MC16	Phase 1 money-back guarantee	P02, P04	Exec, §15.0	value-prop	5	Verified	medium	CAUTION	"If Phase 1 market intelligence reveals nothing you did not already know, you pay nothing" — must include terms and conditions	Ensure contractual language matches marketing language
MC17	Evidence discipline is the tiebreaker in an AI-skeptic market	P02, P03	§8.0, §1.0	value-prop	3	Indicative	low	SAFE	"Evidence discipline may serve as a differentiation tiebreaker for buyers skeptical of AI content"	Validate through win/loss analysis
MC18	86% of B2B purchases stall during buying process	P02	Exec	value-prop	4	Supported	low	SAFE	No change needed — sourced from INFUSE, 2026	Annual refresh from primary source



2.4 Master Claims Table — Financial Claims

ID	Claim	Phase	Section	Type	Conf	Label	Legal Risk	Status	Safe Wording	Proof Required
MC19	LTV:CAC ratio of 20:1 to 76:1	P07	§5.0	financial	2	Assumed	high	PROOF NEEDED	"Projected LTV:CAC ratios of 20:1-76:1 based on industry benchmarks; actual ratios pending validation"	Track after first 10 engagements
MC20	78-85% gross margins	P07	§6.0	financial	2	Assumed	high	PROOF NEEDED	"Projected gross margins of 78-85% based on AI-native cost structure; actual margins pending validation"	Calculate from first 5 engagements
MC21	Y1 operating investment of \$24K	P08	§12.0	financial	4	Supported	low	SAFE	"Estimated Y1 operating investment of approximately \$24K"	Track against actual spend
MC22	Weighted ACV of \$10.7K USD	P01	§3.0	financial	3	Indicative	low	CAUTION	"Estimated weighted-average ACV of approximately \$10.7K based on tier mix assumptions"	Validate after first 10 engagements



2.5 Master Claims Table — Pricing Claims

ID	Claim	Phase	Section	Type	Conf.	Label	Legal Risk	Status	Safe Wording	Proof Required
MC2 3	60-80% below Top-tier consulting firms cost for comparable scope	P06	§10.0	pricing	3	Indicative	medium	CAUTION	"Estimated 60-80% lower cost than Top-tier consulting firms alternatives based on published engagement minimums"	Document specific Top-tier consulting firms price points with sources
MC2 4	Pricing captures 8-12% of value delivered	P06	Exec	pricing	2	Assumed	medium	CAUTION	"Pricing is designed to capture approximately 8-12% of estimated value delivered"	Validate through client ROI measurement
MC2 5	Pricing desert between \$15K and \$250K	P06	§4.0	pricing	3	Indicative	low	SAFE	"Market analysis indicates limited competitive presence in the \$15K-\$250K productized GTM advisory range"	Annual competitive pricing refresh
MC2 6	CI retainer provides 70%+ gross margin	P07	§5.0	pricing	2	Assumed	medium	PROOF NEEDED	"Projected CI retainer gross margin of 70%+ based on estimated delivery costs"	Calculate from first 3 CI retainers



2.6 Master Claims Table — ROI Claims

ID	Claim	Phase	Section	Type	Conf.	Label	Legal Risk	Status	Safe Wording	Proof Required
MC2 7	Full GTM produces strategy worth \$300K-\$2M+ if purchased from Top-tier consulting firms	P06	Exec	roi	3	Indicative	medium	CAUTION	"Comparable Top-tier consulting firms engagements typically range from \$300K to \$2M+ based on published minimums"	Document 3+ specific Top-tier consulting firms price references
MC2 8	Time compression: 12-16 weeks to 6-8 weeks	P06	\$6.0	roi	3	Indicative	low	SAFE	"AI-powered delivery is designed to compress traditional 12-16 week timelines to 6-8 weeks"	Validate against actual engagement durations
MC2 9	Opportunity cost savings of \$50K-\$150K from faster delivery	P06	\$6.0	roi	2	Assumed	medium	PROOF NEEDED	"Estimated opportunity cost savings from time compression; actual savings depend on client context"	Build ROI calculator with documented assumptions



2.7 Master Claims Table — Conversion & Sales Claims

ID	Claim	Phase	Section	Type	Conf.	Label	Legal Risk	Status	Safe Wording	Proof Required
MC30	Structured pilots achieve 40-60% conversion vs <10% free trials	P05	Exec	social-proof	3	Indicative	medium	CAUTION	"Industry data indicates structured pilots achieve 40-60% conversion rates (PartnerStack, 2026)"	Track Sagentix-specific pilot conversion
MC31	IRAP-to-commercial conversion at 50-60%	P06	Exec	social-proof	2	Assumed	medium	PROOF NEEDED	"Estimated IRAP-to-commercial conversion rate of 50-60% based on program design; actual rate pending validation"	Track first 10 IRAP engagements
MC32	84-day B2B cycle compressed to 45 days	P05	§1.0	methodology	3	Indicative	medium	CAUTION	"The playbook targets cycle compression from the 84-day industry median to 45 days"	Validate after first 10 closed deals
MC33	25-35% target win rate	P05	Exec	methodology	3	Indicative	low	SAFE	"Target win rate of 25-35% based on industry benchmarks for consultative sales"	Track actual win rate



2.8 Master Claims Table — Regulatory & Credential Claims

ID	Claim	Phase	Section	Type	Conf.	Label	Legal Risk	Status	Safe Wording	Proof Required
MC3 4	CMC designation gates access to IRAP MAS roster	P01	§1.4	regulatory	5	Verified	low	SAFE	No change needed — verified against CMC-Canada program requirements	Annual verification
MC3 5	NRC IRAP MAS provides 40-60 funded consulting hours	P01	§1.4	regulatory	4	Supported	low	SAFE	"NRC IRAP MAS program provides approximately 40-60 hours of funded consulting"	Verify against current program documentation
MC3 6	Canada Competition Act requires adequate and proper testing	P03, P04	§4.0, §10.0	regulatory	5	Verified	low	SAFE	No change needed — statutory reference	Monitor for legislative amendments
MC3 7	Bill C-59 (June 2024) strengthened substantiation burden	P04	§10.0	regulatory	5	Verified	low	SAFE	No change needed — legislative fact	None needed



2.9 Master Claims Table — Technology & Methodology Claims

ID	Claim	Phase	Section	Type	Conf	Label	Legal Risk	Status	Safe Wording	Proof Required
MC38	52 engagements/year AI platform capacity	P01	§12.0	technology	3	Indicative	medium	CAUTION	"The AI platform is designed to support approximately 52 engagements per year per consultant"	Validate through utilization tracking
MC39	16-check automated quality checklist	P02, P03	§6.0, §4.0	technology	5	Verified	low	SAFE	No change needed — internally verifiable	Quarterly verification
MC40	APA 7th citations on every deliverable	P02, P03	§6.0, §1.0	methodology	5	Verified	low	SAFE	No change needed — demonstrable	Ongoing quality check
MC41	10-phase methodology covers all GTM dimensions	P02	§6.0	methodology	4	Supported	low	SAFE	"The 10-phase methodology addresses market intelligence through evidence governance"	Periodic methodology review

2.10 Master Claims Table — Digital Presence Claims

ID	Claim	Phase	Section	Type	Conf	Label	Legal Risk	Status	Safe Wording	Proof Required
MC42	Phase Fit Score of 88% (Strongly Aligned)	P09	§19.0	technology	5	Verified	low	SAFE	No change needed — measurement methodology documented	Re-crawl quarterly
MC43	81 pages, 6,380 signals, 20 blog posts	P09	§1.0	technology	5	Verified	low	SAFE	No change needed — crawl-verified	Re-crawl quarterly
MC44	Voice Consistency Score of 8.2/10	P09	§17.0	methodology	4	Supported	low	SAFE	No change needed — scoring methodology documented	Re-score quarterly

2.11 Master Claims Table — Buyer Behavior Claims

ID	Claim	Phase	Section	Type	Conf.	Label	Legal Risk	Status	Safe Wording	Proof Required
MC45	79% of B2B buyers rely on peer reviews as most trusted source	P02, P03	Exec	social-proof	4	Supported	low	SAFE	No change needed — sourced from TrustRadius, 2025	Annual refresh from primary source
MC46	Buying committees expanded to 13+ stakeholders	P02	Exec	social-proof	4	Supported	low	SAFE	No change needed — sourced from Corporate Visions, 2026	Annual refresh
MC47	73% of organizations experience methodology decay within 90 days	P02	Exec	social-proof	3	Indicative	low	SAFE	"Research indicates approximately 73% of organizations experience methodology decay"	Refresh source citation
MC48	71% professional services AI adoption in 2024 (up from 33% in 2023)	P01	§1.1	social-proof	4	Supported	low	SAFE	No change needed — sourced from Deloitte, 2026	Annual refresh
MC49	81% of B2B buyers mandate brand trust before accepting sales conversation	P04	Exec	social-proof	3	Indicative	low	SAFE	No change needed — sourced from Media House Agency, 2026	Annual refresh
MC50	70% of strategic initiatives fail on execution	P08	Exec	social-proof	4	Supported	low	SAFE	No change needed — sourced from Cora Connect, 2026	Annual refresh



So What? *The Master Claims Table reveals a telling pattern: market sizing and competitive claims are predominantly Verified or Supported (Levels 4-5), reflecting the strong third-party data foundation from Phase 01's 13 Vertical IQ profiles, government statistics, and 13 competitor Apollo.io profiles. Financial projection and conversion rate claims are predominantly Assumed or Indicative (Levels 2-3), reflecting the unavoidable reality that Sagentix is pre-revenue and these claims can only be validated through actual market performance. The asymmetry is not a weakness — it is a precise map of where proof investment should be directed.*

Implication for Sagentix: The Master Claims Table should be treated as a living operational document, not a one-time audit artifact. Every claim that enters website copy, pitch deck slides, sales collateral, or social media posts must be traced back to this table and confirmed at the appropriate confidence level. Claims rated Assumed or Unsubstantiated must not appear in external materials without the qualifying language specified in the Safe Wording column.
