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# Actionable Strategies for Building an Inclusive Talent Lifecycle



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# Solutions to Support Changing DEI and Talent Needs

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Supporting CDOs and Talent Leaders in Their Role as Corporate Change Agents



## **Diversity Best Practices**

Increasing the Capacity and Impact of DEI Teams

Three Pillars of Service to Help DEI and Talent Leaders Effect Change



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# The Benefits of an Inclusive Talent Strategy

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Overwhelmingly, diversity, equity, and inclusion offer a competitive advantage

#### **Higher Engagement**

Employees who feel included within their organizations are about **3x more** likely than other peers to feel excited by and committed to organization missions.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Better People Relations**

22% Less turnover achieved by companies that incorporate DEI into the workplace experience<sup>4</sup>

#### **Better Decisions**

Inclusive teams are **87%** more likely to make better decisions than non-inclusive ones<sup>2</sup>

#### **Increased Innovation**

Companies with diverse associates have up to **20%** higher rate of innovation and **19%** higher innovation revenues<sup>5</sup>

#### **Better Retention**

When leaders successfully create psychological safety at work, retention increases by more than **4x** for women and underrepresented employees by **5x** for people with disabilities; and by **6x** for LGBTQ+ employees

#### **Increased Financials**

Gender and Ethnically-Diverse companies are more likely to outperform their peers by **25%** and **36%**, respectively<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1.</sup> McKinsey 2. KelloggInsight, 3. Boston Consulting Group 4 Deloitte,

<sup>5.</sup> World Economic Forum, 6. McKinsey

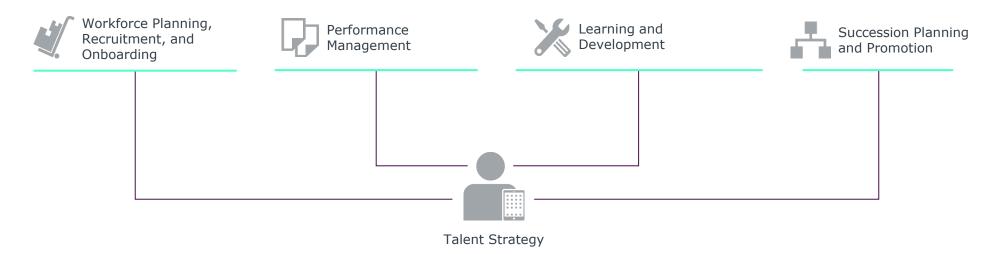


# The Talent Lifecycles

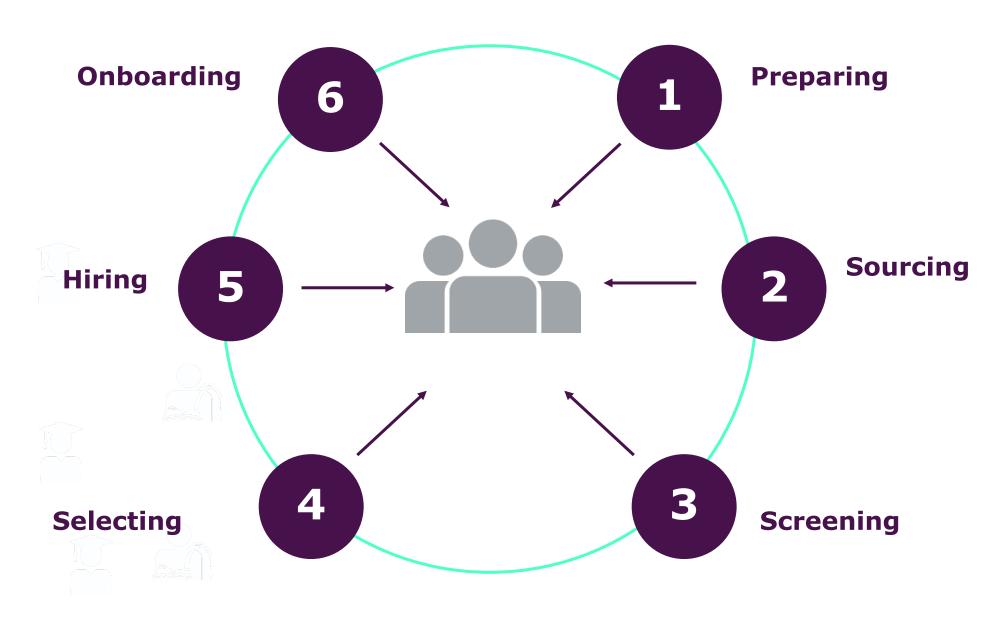
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## **Inclusive Talent Management**

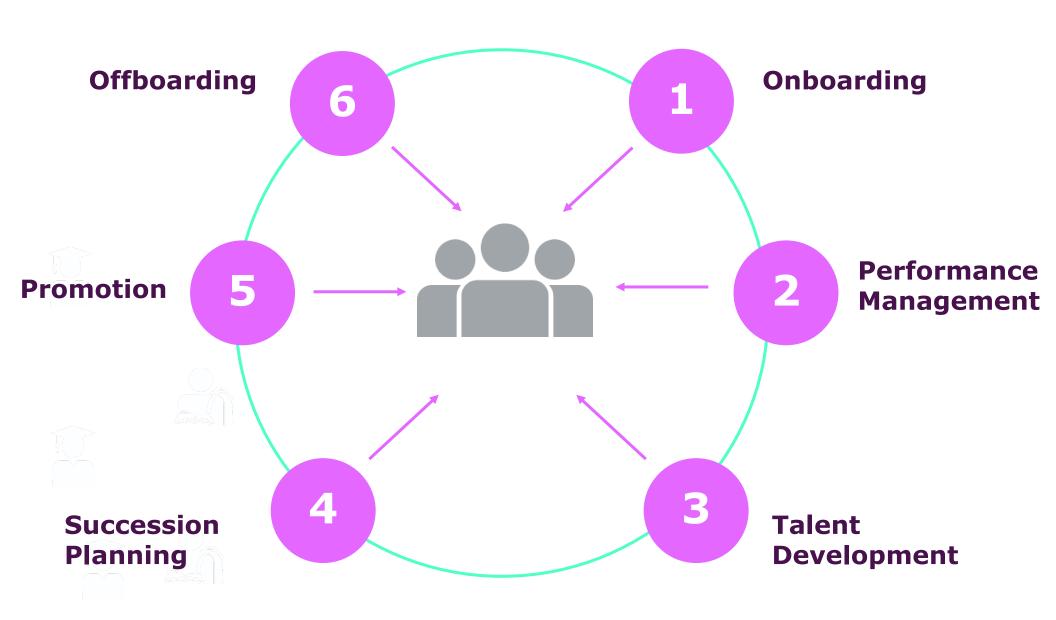
#### **Key Components of Talent Management**



Talent management is the strategy that drives each stage of the lifecycle. It is the ongoing process of recruiting, engaging, developing, and retaining employees.



# The Talent Lifecycle





Infusing Inclusion Into the Talent Lifecycle

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# Onboarding

Employees who have a positive onboarding experience are almost three times as likely to feel prepared and supported in their role.<sup>1</sup>



# **Share Your Commitment to DEI**

Introduce employees to your DEI initiatives and culture



# **Extend Support to New Employees**

Provide the time and support needed to develop relationships and get acclimated to the job



# **Get ERGs Involved**

Connect ERG members with new hires to build community



# **Incorporate Feedback**

Strategic surveying, entry interviews, and key metrics help determine what is and isn't working



## Engage Middle Managers

Ensure
managers are
equipped to
offer
professional
support to new
employees



# Performance Management

Performance Management processes should be thorough, data-driven and ongoing



Audit your performance management process for bias, fairness, and equity



Establish transparent and consistent criteria and processes for evaluating employees



Conduct stay interviews to track the needs of high-performing employees

## Talent Development

## **Key Elements of Talent Development for People Managers**

# Phase 1

# Phase 2

## **Onboarding**

First 90 days of employment

- Immediately address career pathing with new hires
- Encourage involvement with ERGs
- Participate in entry interviews
- Discuss professional development benefits (i.e. education, internal L&D offerings, etc.)

# **75%**

Of Seramount Inclusion Index companies hold managers accountable for developing high potential women, and underrepresented employees

### **Ongoing Development**

Integration into company culture

- Offer development opportunities and programs to all employees
- Encourage mentorship and sponsorship, especially of underrepresented employees
- Develop and communicate clear reskilling/upskilling strategies
- Recognize contributions of ERG leaders

45%

Of corporate executives from Seramount Inclusion Index companies serve as formal sponsors for underrepresented employees

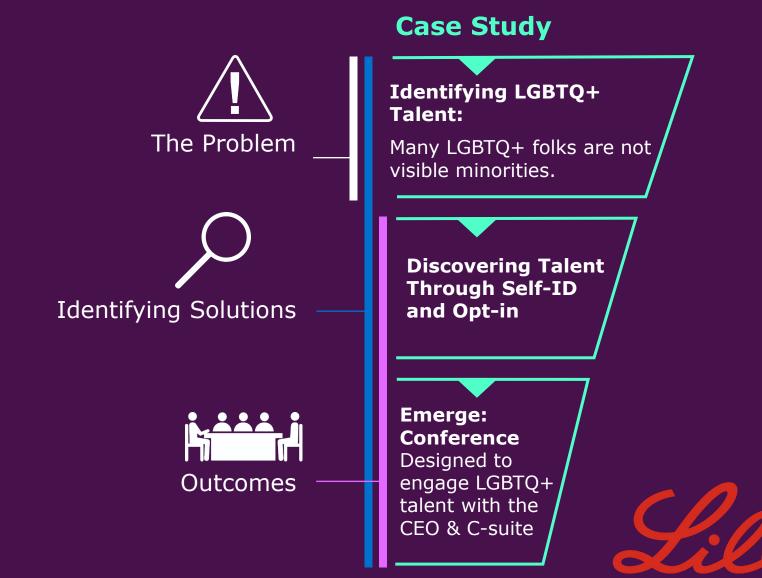
# Manager Accountability for DEI Results

### 2023 Inclusion Index

Of Companies That Hold Managers Accountable for DEI Goals, These Are Considered as Part of the Performance Review Process	Index Companies
Employee satisfaction (as measured in employee surveys)	69%
Feedback obtained from a 360-degree type process (a.k.a. multi-rater or multi-source feedback, etc.)	56%
Succession planning for and advancement of Women, Black, Latine, Asian, or other underrepresented employees, such as LGBTQ+, people with disabilities, or veterans	47%
Participation in internal or external activities, such as ERGs, DEI events, and education	86%
Participation in initiatives within the community, organized either internally or externally	53%
Participation on diverse interview panels	33%
Developing high-potential Women, Black, Latine, Asian, or other underrepresented employees	69%
Attaining/maintaining specific hiring and retention rates for Women, Black, Latine, Asian, or other underrepresented employees	50%
Other	19%

<sup>1)</sup>Percentages are the share of Index Companies that said "yes" to each question.

# Eli Lilly: Using Data Driven Initiatives to Advance LGBTQ+ Talent



## Succession Planning

## **Top 3 Strategies When Building out Succession Planning**



#### **Use diverse slates**

84% of Seramount Inclusion Index Companies require or highly recommend diverse succession planning slates.



### **Identify current or impending talent gaps**

Based on strategic opportunities identified, determine what skills are necessary for specific roles and if new positions need to be created.



# **Balance data-driven and people-centric approaches**

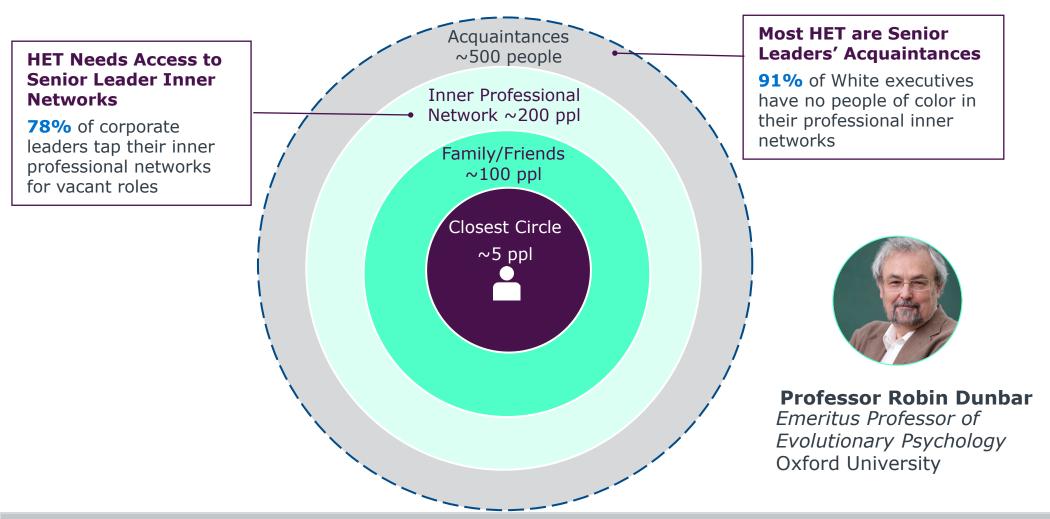
Be sure HR leadership is involved and make sure your succession plan includes specific metrics, timelines, and initiatives to support employee growth.



## Why it Matters:

Diverse teams are built through a well-formulated and actionable succession planning process that continually identifies high potential talent, and then sets them on a deliberate course toward leadership roles.

# Succession Planning: (Re)shaping Social Groups



**Expanding Corporate Networks Isn't Easy, But Proves Possible** 

~30 hrs

positive interaction moves someone from acquaintances to inner professional networks



Psychologically safe environments ensure meaningful, lasting connections

Source: Dunbar, R., "Friends: Understanding the Power of Our Most Important Relationships", 2021; Seramount interviews and analysis.

## Promotion



When employees believe promotions are managed effectively, they are more than twice as likely to give extra effort at work and to plan a long-term future with their company<sup>1</sup>.

#### **PROMOTION POLICIES**



## The Why:

- Promotion policies define how, when, and why an employee is eligible for a promotion
- They add clarity to pay adjustments, titles, and responsibilities
- Structures path to internal mobility



### The How:

- Be transparent about eligibility criteria
- Define career paths with HR and senior leaders
- Communicate the policy with employees and managers

#### **PEOPLE MANAGEMENT**



# **Effective People Management is Key**

- Define team members' short and long term aspirations
- Managers should encourage employees to apply for roles
- Continue investing in the professional development of those who did not get the job

Source: <u>The Harvard Business</u> Review



# Critical Steps of Inclusive Offboarding Exit Interviews



Exit interviews provide simple, actionable data and insights that clearly pinpoint areas you can work on to reduce unwanted employee attrition. They also give employers a chance to show gratitude to the employee and interface with them on a human level.

75% Of companies use exit interviews during offboarding<sup>2</sup>

#### **Alumni Networks**



Engaged alumni can be some of your strongest brand advocates. Engaging with alumni can help solve talent shortages, close knowledge gaps, provide insight into corporate strengths and weaknesses, and even further business development.

93%

Of those planning to change jobs within the next 3 years cite a lack of professional growth opportunities<sup>3</sup>

> 1)Source: People Elementmount.com 2)Source: Seramount Consulting



# **Key Considerations**

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# **Guiding Questions**

# Talent Management

## **Onboarding**

### Performance Management

# Talent Development

- Is there parity in sponsors, mentors and exposure opportunities?
- Are appropriate evaluation criteria consistently used?
- What points in the pipeline are "notch points" for underrepresented talent?

- Do you consider extended support to all new employees?
- What content should be included in onboarding programs— Career path? Relationship capital?
- Do you utilize ERGs/BRGs to share career opportunities?
- Do you survey the onboarding experience with data analyzed by demographic?

- Are the performance criteria clear?
- Do you audit performance ratings for equity and trends?
- What is the distribution of ratings by talent group?
- Do you include contributions to DEI in your rating process?

- Are underrepresented candidates being sponsored?
- How do underrepresented talent fare in top job assignments?
- Is there parity in providing support networks during stretch roles?
- Are development assignments aligned to critical decision criteria during succession discussions?

Ensuring inclusion across the talent lifecycle is not only important for driving an inclusive culture - it also supports and **retains** talent. Other key levers to consider are mentorship programs, sponsorship programs, and talent rotations to help identify and engage high potential candidates.

# **Guiding Questions**

# **Succession Planning**

#### **Promotion**

## **Offboarding**

- How inclusive is the lens on who is being identified?
- Do you have goals and metrics for diverse succession slates for key roles?
- Have you considered underrepresented talent pipeline slates?
- Do you require gender and racially/ethnically diverse succession planning slates in your process?

- How diverse are the decision-makers?
- How diverse are the pool of candidates?
- Are certain demographics faring better in promotion processes than others?

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- Are stay interviews considered as a retention tool?
- Is information being gathered via exit interviews to address trends?
- Is there an alumni program for potential boomerang candidates?



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