



From Compliance Obligation to **Trusted Outcomes**

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**REGULATORY
SCRUTINY**

**CUSTOMER
TRUST**

THE COMPLIANCE PARADOX

Increasing
regulatory
expectations &
enforcement of
regulations.

**We have more rules, yet customers
still feel distrust.**

Decreasing
confidence, frustration,
not understood,
complexity &
transparency

Compliance alone does not guarantee good customers outcomes.

DIFFERENT DISCIPLINES, ONE REALITY

"Inside the organisation we split the disciplines. Outside, the customer feels the combined effect."

The alignment stack

Compliance

Regulation	Controls
Policies	Accountability
Breaches	Remediation

CX

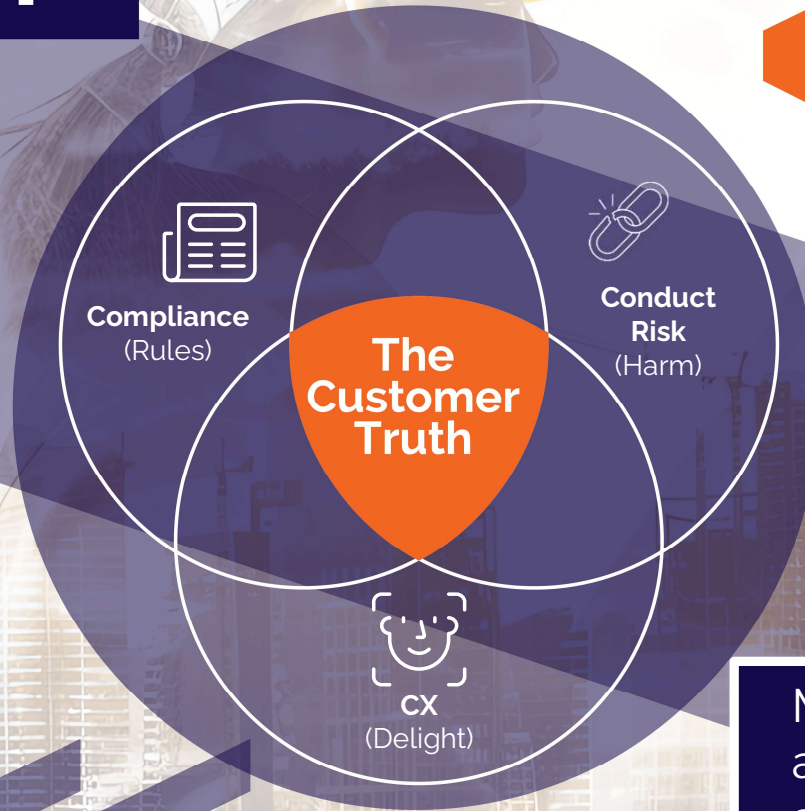
NPS	Friction
Journeys	Confusion
Moments	High efforts

Conduct

Harm
Unfair outcome
Vulnerable exposure

The customer doesn't see departments. **They experience one reality.**

THREE LENSES. SAME TRUTH



Moving from compliance as an obligation to conduct as a deliberate design choice that produces trusted outcomes.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ALIGNMENT



CX
provides real-time
insight into lived
customer experiences



Conduct risk
translates experience
into risk signals



Compliance
provides guardrails
and accountability

Together they answer three critical questions:

1

What customers are
experiencing?

2

Whether that experience
creates harm or unfair
outcomes?

3

What needs to change
before it becomes a
regulatory or reputational
issue?



Benefits of alignment:

- Earlier identification of conduct risks
- Reduced remediation and complaint costs
- Stronger regulatory confidence
- Improved customer trust and loyalty
- Better decision-making at frontline and leadership levels

The image is a composite graphic. It features a woman's profile in the foreground, wearing glasses, looking towards the right. The background is a dark blue field with a faint, glowing molecular or network structure. On the left side, there is a vertical strip showing a city skyline with a prominent skyscraper, overlaid on a white and orange geometric shape.

**PUTTING CLIENT
EXPERIENCE AT THE
HEART OF THE
BUSINESS FOR
SUSTAINABLE
GROWTH.**

Reframing conduct risk as a catalyst for stronger customer relationships, operational discipline, and long-term value creation

Policies don't deliver fair outcomes; **behaviours** do. Culture becomes a risk mitigator when it aligns incentives, performance metrics, and leadership expectations with customer fairness.

Intent & impact

Align your strategy, product and service to **intent and impact**.

Test products, processes, and decisions through the lens of:

- *Is it right?*
- *Is it fair?*
- *Does it work for the customer every time?*

Customer Outcomes as Enterprise-Wide Responsibility

Embed conduct by **design**. From strategy, product development to operations, distribution, digital, and even finance shapes customer outcomes.

Embedding Conduct into Culture

Insights from calls, complaints, process gaps, behavioural data, and customer feedback can now predict: emerging risks, vulnerable customers, systemic failures, and future misconduct exposures. This is how conduct risk becomes **proactive, not reactive**.

Data-Driven Conduct Risk Management

Balancing Growth, Innovation & Fair Outcomes

Digital and automated journeys create new risk exposures—biases, exclusions, complex decision engines. Organisations must innovate responsibly by putting **customer vulnerability, simplicity, and transparency** at the centre of design.



**Tools to use to strengthen
fairness, trust, and good
outcomes**

THE CUSTOMER OUTCOME HEATMAP

Value?

A tool for assessing fairness
across the end-to-end journey

Prioritize areas of concern
and identify systematic
issues early

Inclusive?

Easy?

Clear?

Suitable?

Evaluate
every
touchpoint

CUSTOMER JOURNEY MAPPING

EXPERIENCE

Empathy, speed,
and simplicity

ONBOARDING

ADVICE

SERVICE

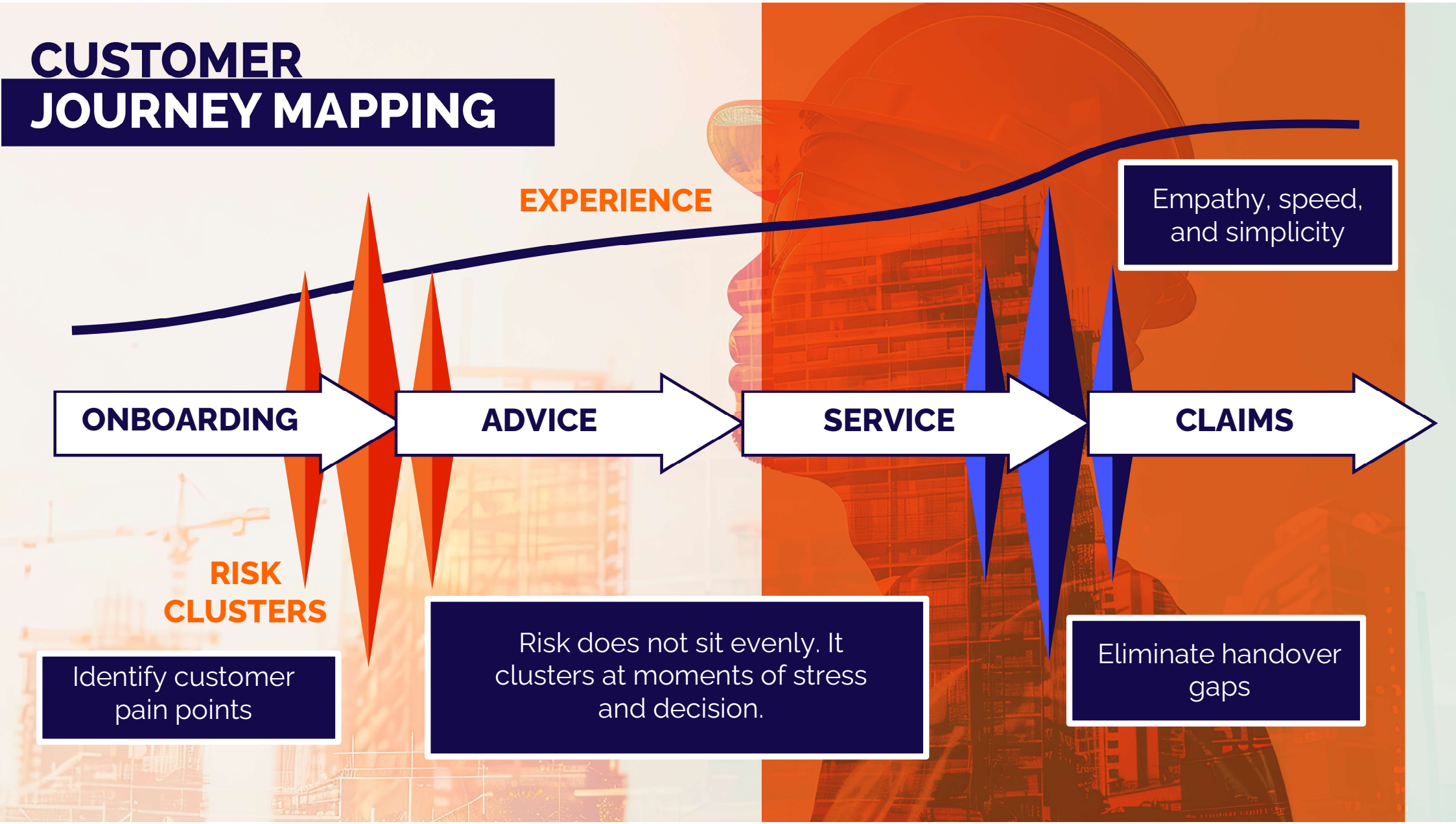
CLAIMS

RISK
CLUSTERS

Identify customer
pain points

Risk does not sit evenly. It
clusters at moments of stress
and decision.

Eliminate handover
gaps



USE CX AS RISK INTELLIGENCE



Mindset

Adopt a Customer Outcomes mindset

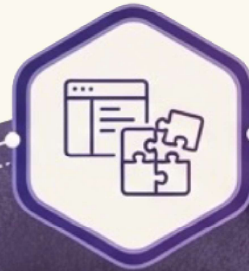
Move beyond processes to focus on the real impact on customers



Strategy

Use CX as a Strategic lens

Leverage customer experience insights to understand, monitor, and improve customer outcome



Frameworks

Embed CX into Conduct Risk frameworks

Align customer experience measures with conduct risk management



Indicators

Translate CX signals Into Conduct Risk Indicator

Convert complaints, feedback, and experience data into measurable risk indicators



Action

Enable proactive risk management

Use CX insights to identify and address conduct risks before they escalate

DECODING THE SIGNALS

CX Signal



High effort to cancel



Drop-offs



Complex digital flows



Long claim cycle

Risk Meaning

Unfair retention practice

Disengaged/uninformed choice

Customer frustration/exclusion
of vulnerable groups

Unfair outcome/Harm

IMPLEMENT CONDUCT BY DESIGN FRAMEWORK

STOP FIXING PROBLEMS, START DESIGNING OUTCOMES.



Repeat
Contact



Digital
Drop-offs

What outcome will this create for the customer?

Where to Apply it

Utilize this framework when
Designing or reviewing:



Products
Campaigns
Scripts
Digital Journeys
Claims

Who to Protect

Designing outcomes means non-negotiable inclusion. Never forget the specific needs and safeguards required for **vulnerable customers** throughout the design process

How to Measure It

Implement CX-Driven conduct indicators rather than just backend compliance metrics. Track signals like:

- Repeat contact rates
- Digital drop-offs

Don't forget vulnerable customers

DELIBERATELY DESIGNING TRUST

Compliance	→	Credibility
Risk	→	Predictive
Trust	→	Measurable

The future is not avoiding failure.
It is designing trust.

"If the customer is not the centre of everything you do, then you might just need to consider packing and closing shop" – Sindiswa Kahla-Makhubalo





Together we can 