

Outlook for Third-Party Cyber Risk Management

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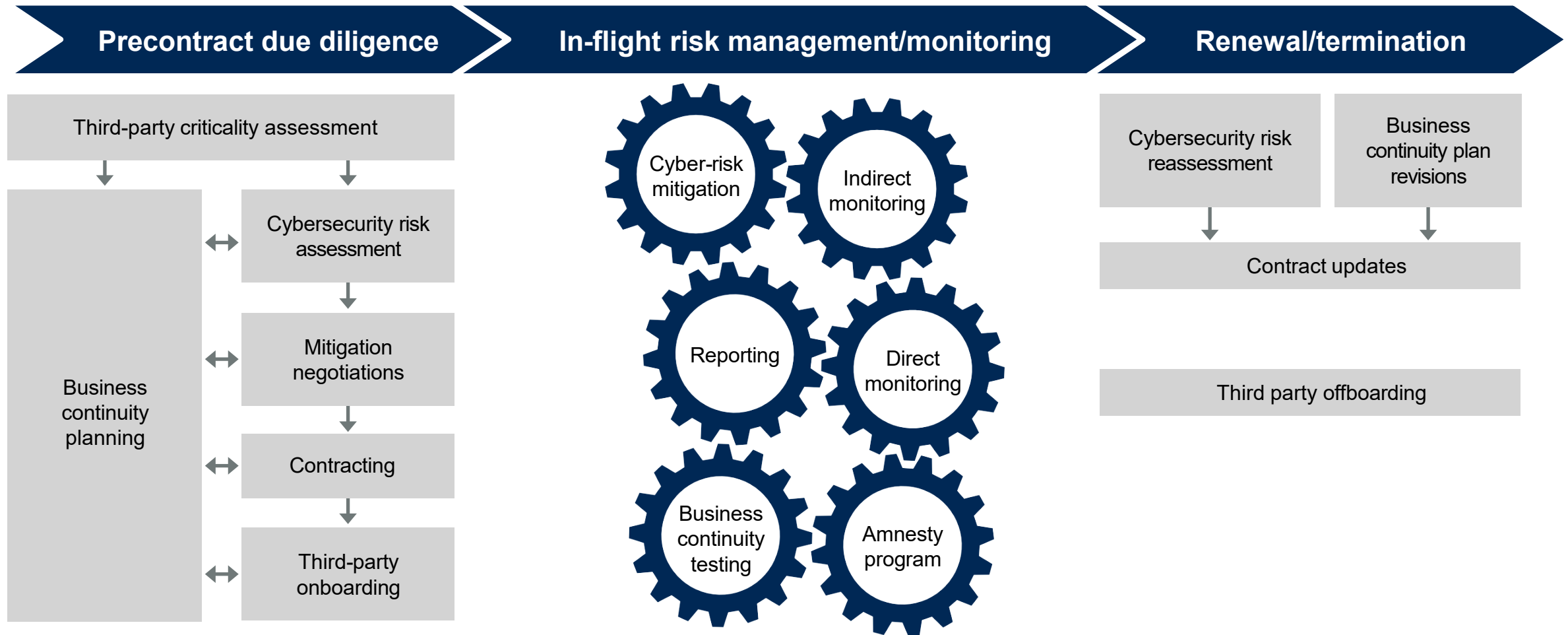
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Third-Party Cybersecurity Risk Management (TPCRM)

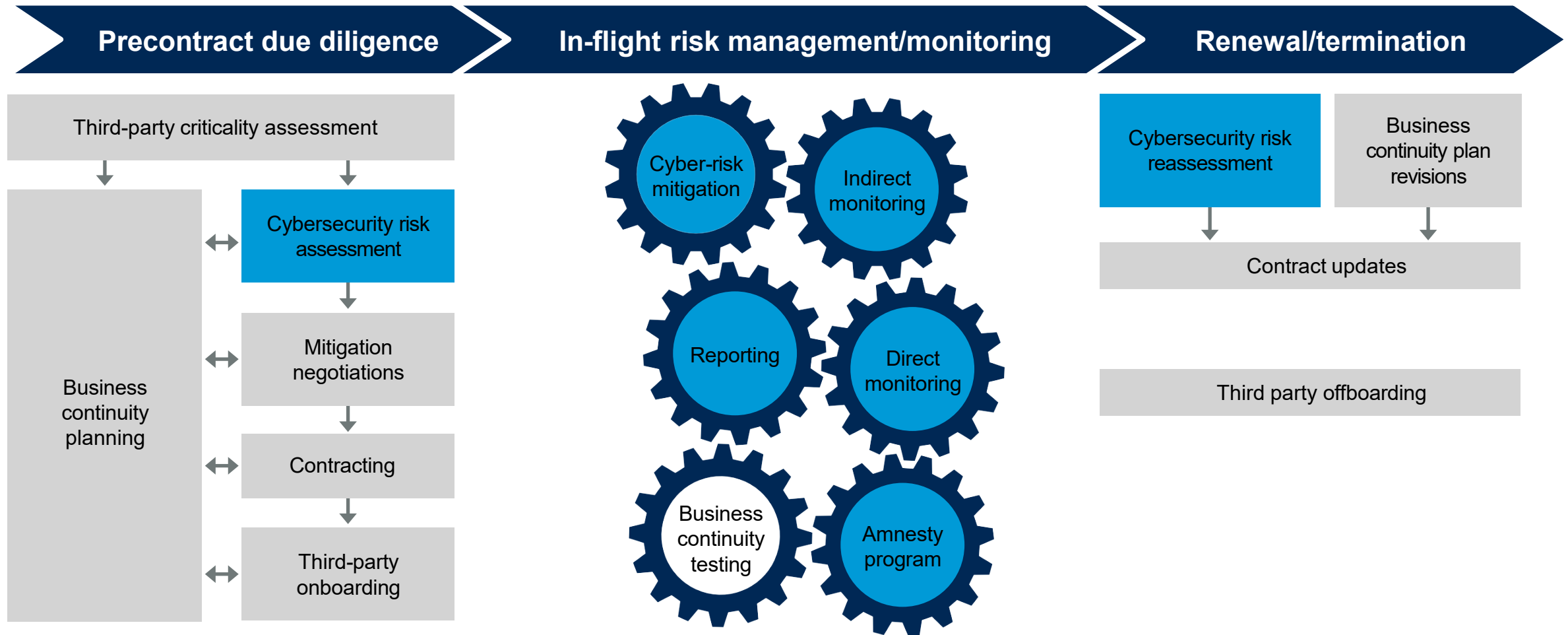
is the **identification and evaluation** of cybersecurity related risks in third-party relationships and the application of resources to **monitor and minimize the impact of unfortunate cyber events.**

The Gartner TPCRM Life Cycle



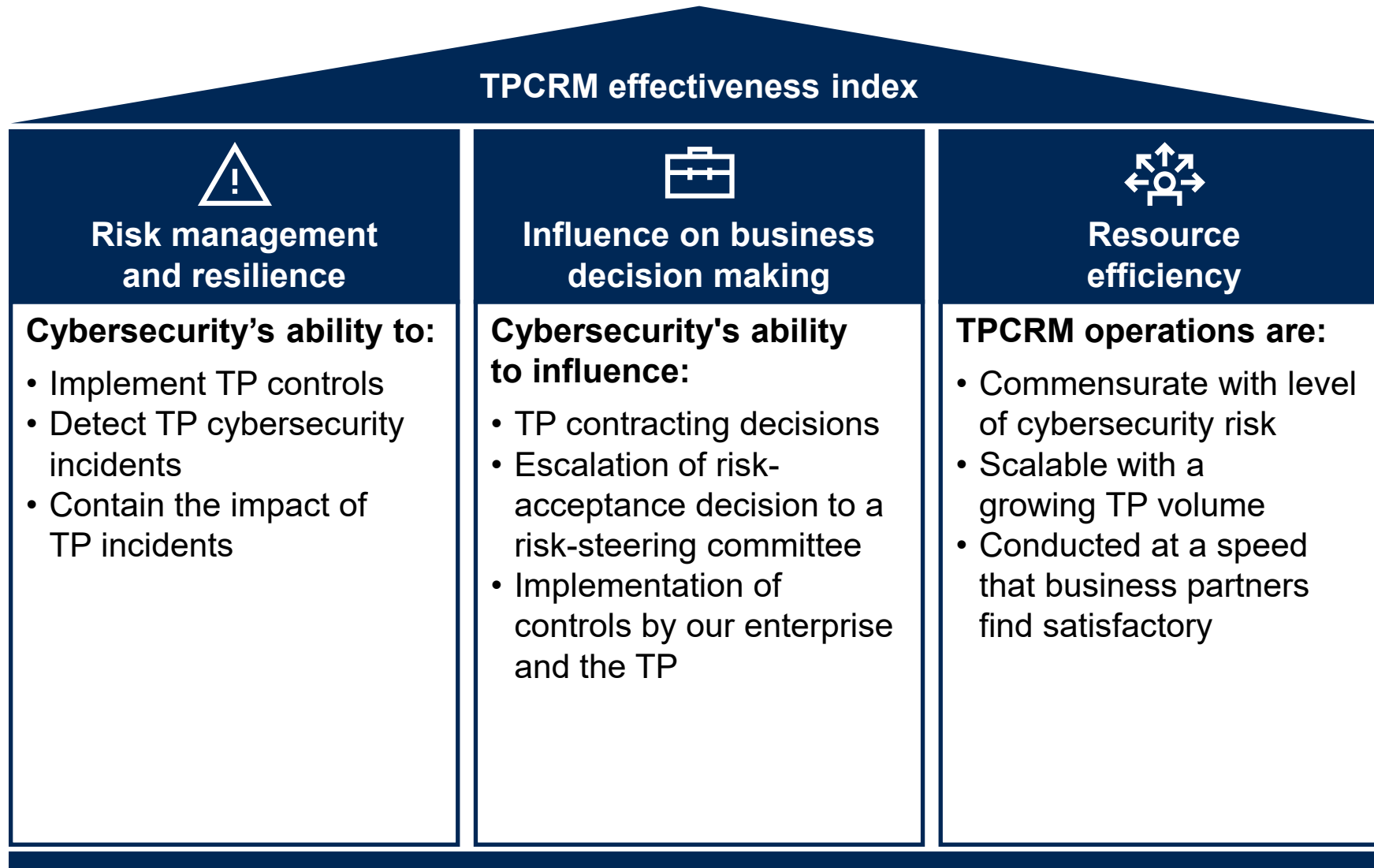
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What Effective TPCRM Looks Like



TP = third party

5 Imperatives for TPCRM Success

1

Make the most effective division of labor in TPCRM transparent

2

Focus first on enabling sponsors at the “bookend activities” in the TPCRM cycle – sort out accountability for the lifecycle activities.

3

Codify third-party cyber-risk management into policy

4

Install outcome-driven metrics that reinforce a risk-based approach to TPCRM

5

Prioritize your investments in TPCRM technology