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1 List of Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Full form
AI	Artificial Intelligence
AMO	Ability–Motivation–Opportunity (framework)
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CFO	Chief Financial Officer
CIO	Chief Innovation Officer
CSAT	Customer Satisfaction Score
CTO	Chief Technology Officer
DEI	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
ExCo	Executive Committee
HR	Human Resources
HRD	Human Resource Development
HRIS	Human Resource Information System
JCM	Job Characteristics Model
JD	Job Description
JD-R	Job Demands–Resources (model)
JS	Job Specification
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
KR	Key Result
L&D	Learning and Development
NPS	Net Promoter Score
OB	Organizational Behavior
OKR	Objectives and Key Results
RACI	Responsible, Accountable, Consulted, Informed
R&D	Research and Development
ROI	Return on Investment
SaaS	Software as a Service
SMART	Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound

2 Executive Summary

The indicator of misalignment between strategy, work design, and performance governance is the case of flat growth, high turnover, and a decrease in customer satisfaction at Aether Innovations. Scaling firms usually fall as the priorities get unclear, performance feedback gets inconsistent and leadership turns into a firefighting mission instead of creating repeatable systems. The report suggests a unified human capital blueprint that reinvests innovation, engagement, and execution by using two interdependent systems (1) a modern performance management architecture (quarterly OKRs, continuous check-ins, evidence-based reviews, leadership behavior 360-degree feedback, cross-functional calibration) and (2) redesigned key leadership roles (rapid job analysis, skills-based role architecture, and Job Characteristics Model (JCM) principles (autonomy, feedback, skill variety, task identity, task significance). The blueprint assumptions are supported by the findings of empirical research: well-designed hybrid work can lower quit rates without negatively affecting performance (Bloom et al., 2024), continuous feedback responses are contingent on feedback sources and content (Giamos et al., 2024), and it is possible to measure performance management effectiveness by the performance metrics that are not related to ratings (de Araujo et al., 2024; Schleicher et al., 2019). Some of the implementation phases, risk controls (e.g., OKR metric theatre, feedback politics, bias), and KPI linkages between people outcomes and customer outcomes are proposed.

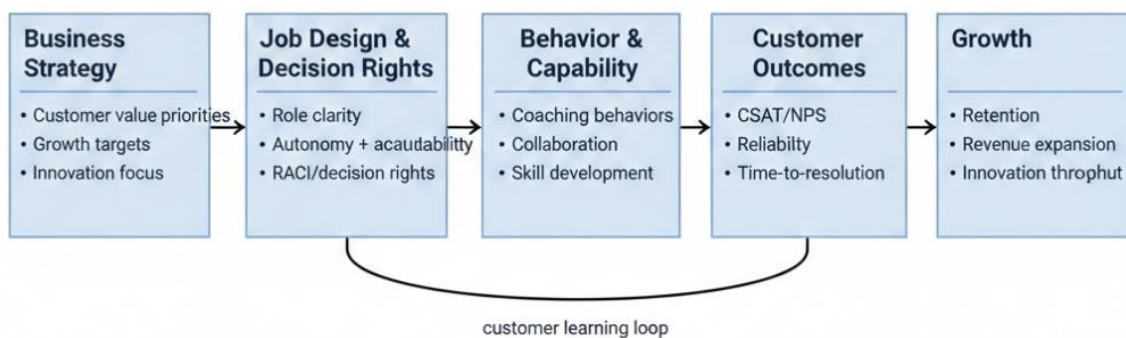


Figure 1: Logic of aether performance system(Giamos et al., 2024)

3 Introduction and Diagnostic Framing.

The symptoms of Aether can be explained by the failure of the system instead of the HR peculiarities. In a technology setting, development is linked to performance of impeccable execution (delivery, reliability, customer responsiveness) and the capability to innovate (learning speed, experimentation quality). In case of weak performance systems, the organization suffers: diffusions of goals, uneven evaluation, managerial variability, and low levels of psychological safety, and ultimately leads to disengagement and turnover. Simultaneously, ineffective role design at scale introduces the costs of coordination, points of failure and redundancy of effort- harmful to the customer experience in terms of longer response times and quality performance.

All the symptoms of Aether are reinforcing, not independent: high turnover will increase the loss of knowledge and coordination costs, and lower the reliability of delivery and customer experience, thus leading to further pressure, role overload, and further turnover. This forms a vicious circle common to scaling firms lacking developed performance and work design systems. It has been proven that retention can be enhanced without damaging performance in case work design and routines are deliberately organized (Bloom et al., 2024). Nevertheless, goal and feedback systems may also work against them in a situation where they are applied as surveillance or punishment, but not as learning mechanisms, depending on feedback origins and feedback content that determine motivation and engagement (Giamos et al., 2024). Thus, Aether needs a performance and job design blueprint that enhances alignment and learning without compromising psychological safety as one of the antecedents of innovative performance through communication behaviors (Jin et al., 2024).

4 Part 1: Re-Engineering Performance and Job Design (about 1500 words)

4.1 Tech Industry Practices: Job Design and Performance Appraisal

4.1.1 Tech trends of performance appraisal.

Tech companies have strongly migrated to ongoing performance management over annual reviews, OKRs, and multi-source feedback - in search of quicker learning cycles and more alignment. Nonetheless, it is the evidence base that warns against the assumption that modern tools are necessarily effective. Feedback can be used to enhance motivation and engagement, yet employee response is determined by credibility of the source of feedback and content of

feedback (Giamos et al., 2024). In the same way, the effectiveness of performance management is multi-dimensional and encompasses fairness, strategic alignment, and developmental value; measurement-optimizing systems may be seen as a threat to trust and psychological safety (Schleicher et al., 2019; de Araujo et al., 2024). This is one of the main concerns of Aether: the organization will have to reconstruct performance and innovation at once, which implies that accountability should be paired with learning-based assessment.

4.1.2 OKRs in action: advantages and system failures.

With the growing usage of the OKRs, strategy implementation and cross-functional alignment are the growing aspects of their use. The case-based evidence demonstrates that the implementation of integrative strategies can be improved by using the help of OKRs as they help to understand the priorities, allow transparency, and empower employees when the latter are built into routines and reinforced by the leadership practices (Wowerath, 2025). A contrasting viewpoint draws attention to the way the OKRs can assist middle managers in translating strategy into action in the operational context especially through laying trade-offs on the table (Wowerath, 2026). However, OKRs are prone to failure in case the organizations establish excessive goals, employ vanity metrics, or treat OKRs as the form of punishment instead of learning aids. The blueprint of Aether thus views OKRs as a governance system, which is rooted in customer value and organizational learning rather than compliance.

4.1.3 Trends in job design of tech scaling companies.

The positions in the fast growth conditions tend to be informal. With time, a model of heroes is ingrained: a small group of people possesses critical information, coordination is done informally, and there is a lack of separation of roles. According to job design studies, the job resources (e.g., autonomy, feedback, support, etc.) have a high relationship with the work engagement and results, whereas the lack of resources causes strain and withdrawal behaviors (Mazzetti et al., 2023). Also, job characteristics resulting in engagement depend on the situation, yet feedback and autonomy are always some of the significant elements (Cotič et al., 2025). In the case of Aether, customer satisfaction and high level of turnover may be related to role overload, ambiguity of decision making, and lack of feedback loop between the customers and internal priorities.

4.1.4 Why modern performance systems do not work in practice.

The problem with performance management reforms is that they tend to fail due to the adoption of tools (OKRs, continuous feedback) by the organization without the conditions of governance that are necessary to make them effective. The emphasis in integrative work on performance management is that effectiveness is to be evaluated based on various outcomes (alignment, fairness, motivation, development) as opposed to the evaluation based on the measurement outputs including rating and goal achievement (Schleicher et al., 2019; de Araaujo et al., 2024). Practically, there exist three failure modes. First, over-specification brings about so-called metric theatre where teams give misleading reports that they are making progress whilst they are not having to make hard trade-offs to create customer value; this traps is exacerbated in tech where outputs can be seen but customer value remains indirect (Wowerath, 2026). Second, manager variability generates discontinuous experiences: continuous feedback turns to be subject to an individual manager skill, and the perceptions of fairness become weak (Giamos et al., 2024). Third, when targets are applied in a punitive manner, they are eroded; it is proven that psychological safety is related to innovative performance in terms of communication behavior, and the fear will not share ideas and report risks early (Jin et al., 2024). Therefore, the design of Aether should not be biased controls, calibration, and coaching as system infrastructure but as an option.

Table 1. Aether symptoms and probable causes (evidence-founded) of the system.

Business symptom	Likely people-system cause	Evidence base
Flat growth	Priority diffusion; weak strategy execution routines; unclear ownership	Wowerath (2025, 2026); Schleicher et al. (2019)
High turnover	Resource deficits (autonomy, feedback); role overload; inconsistent management	Bloom et al. (2024); Mazzetti et al. (2023); Cotič et al. (2025)
Falling customer satisfaction	Poor cross-functional coordination; weak customer learning loops; quality/reliability issues	Bloom et al. (2024); Lauring & Jonasson (2025)

4.2 Proposed Performance Management System

4.2.1 Design principles

The suggested system is based on four principles in accordance with the existing peer-reviewed evidence:

1. Strategic line-of-sight: the performance objectives should be customer value-oriented and strategic priorities (Wowerath, 2025; Schleicher et al., 2019).

2. Constant learning: the feedback has to be relevant, believable, and practical (Giamos et al., 2024).
3. Fairness and transparency: system effectiveness is based on the perceived justice and well-defined evaluation criteria (de Araujo et al., 2024; Schleicher et al., 2019).
4. Innovation protection: psychological safety moderates the innovative performance by communication conduct; fear-grounded evaluation harms the learning (Jin et al., 2024).

4.2.2 System architecture: OKRs + check-ins + evidence reviews + 360 + calibration

4.2.2.1 Quarterly okrs (company 3 teams 3 individuals)

- **Structure:** 3 company objectives every quarter; three to four key results (KR).
- **KR design:** customer results (CSAT/NPS, reduction of incidents, reduction of churn), operational results (cycle time, reliability), and learning results of R&D and innovation.
- **Also, the governance:** The/the okrs are reviewed monthly during an executive customer and delivery forum.
- There is evidence that supports the idea of using OKRs as the tool of integrative strategy implementation when it is combined with leadership commitment and cross-functional routines (Wowerath, 2025, 2026). Towards preventing the metric theatre, Aether needs to clearly constrain goals and have a theory of value of each KR (e.g. what impact does it have on customer outcomes).

4.2.2.2 Continuous performance check-in (bi-weekly 1:1; monthly team)

Constant feedback is desirable yet delicate to carry out. The reaction of the employees to feedback varies depending on the sources of feedback (supervisors, peers, systems) and the content of the feedback (developmental or evaluative) (Giamos et al., 2024). Aether must thus as far as practically possible standardize templates of check-in and separate coaching discussions and compensation decisions.

4.2.2.3 Development + impact performance review (three times a year) based on evidence.

Aether must use three streams of evidence to measure performance:

- Impact: Customer value and visible impact of outcomes of the OKR.
- Collaboration, communication, psychological safety behaviors: ways of working.

- Capability: skill and learning transfer growth.

It is consistent with integrative approaches to performance management effectiveness which do not focus on individual ratings but on a variety of outcomes and mechanisms (Schleicher et al., 2019; de Araaujo et al., 2024).

4.2.2.4 360-degree feedback (leader and people managers)

Multi-source feedback may be used in the behavioral change of leadership roles in case it is integrated into development programs. A controlled study of 360-based leadership development indicated that 360 feedback is effective in developing new leadership knowledge and practices when it is both structured and supported (Emam et al., 2024). Aether ought to put in place 360-feedback on senior leaders and managers-of-managers every six months whereby the behaviour anchors are on innovation climate, coaching, and cross-functional collaboration. Consensus-based 360 evaluation strategy has also been employed to enhance reliability within the context of leadership performance assessment (Fan et al., 2024), supporting the necessity of systematized approaches as opposed to the informal opinion given by peers.

4.2.2.5 Cross-functional calibration (fairness governance)

Calibration minimizes the manager-to-manager variance and enhances the sense of fairness, which are key points of the performance management effectiveness (Schleicher et al., 2019; de Araaujo et al., 2024). Aether is to conduct promotion and reward decisions on a quarterly basis based on evidence packs (OKR outcomes, customer impact, behavioral evidence, learning contributions).

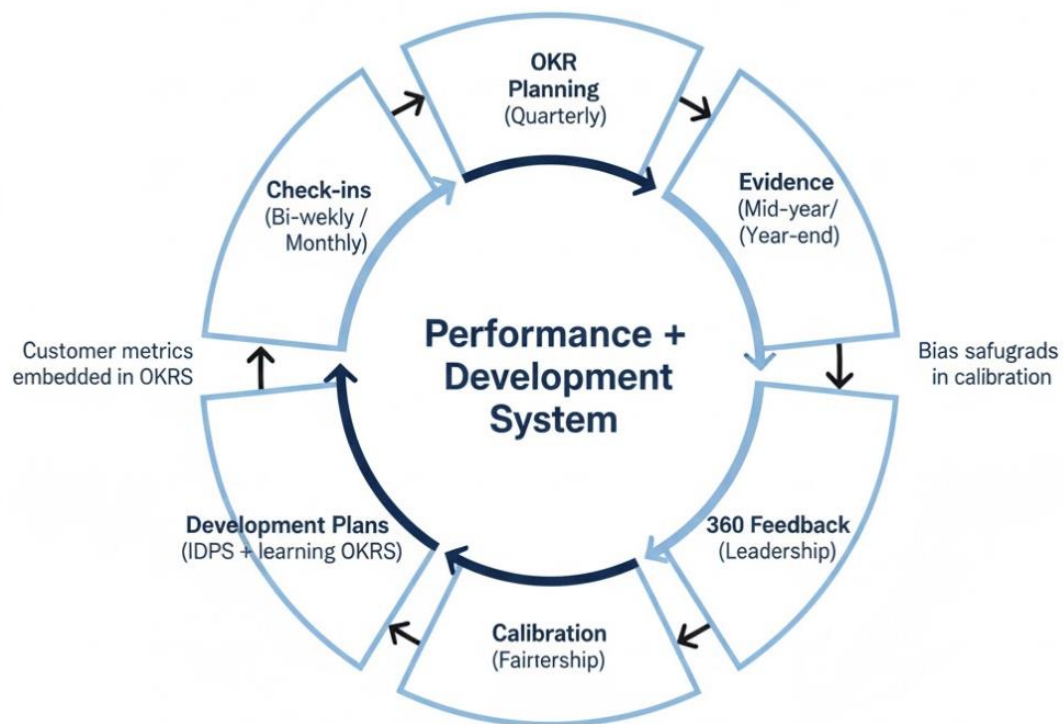


Figure 2: Performance operating rhythm (Schleicher et al., 2019; de Araújo et al., 2024).

Table 2. Evaluation weighting (leadership roles)

Dimension	Weight	Justification
OKR impact (customer & business outcomes)	45%	Aligns performance with strategy and customer value (Wowerath, 2026)
Leadership behaviors (360 + evidence)	35%	Psychological safety and communication shape innovative performance (Jin et al., 2024)
Capability & learning transfer	20%	Reflects integrative performance effectiveness criteria (de Araújo et al., 2024)

4.3 Job Analysis Method and Role Architecture.

4.3.1 Rapid job analysis (3–4 weeks)

Aether is required to undertake quick analysis of critical job using:

1. review of documents (strategy, product roadmap, customer complaints),
2. critical incident interviews (success/failure incidents),

3. decision-rights mapping (RACI) and.
4. validation workshop (executive alignment).

Role clarity plays a crucial role in the hybrid contexts due to the fact that the distributed work escalates the need of coordination and makes the implicit knowledge less available (Lauring and Jonasson, 2025). Through explicitly mapping the rights to decisions, Aether will be able to enhance autonomy without chaos, which is consistent with engagement findings that associate job resources with positive consequences (Mazzetti et al., 2023; Cotič et al., 2025).

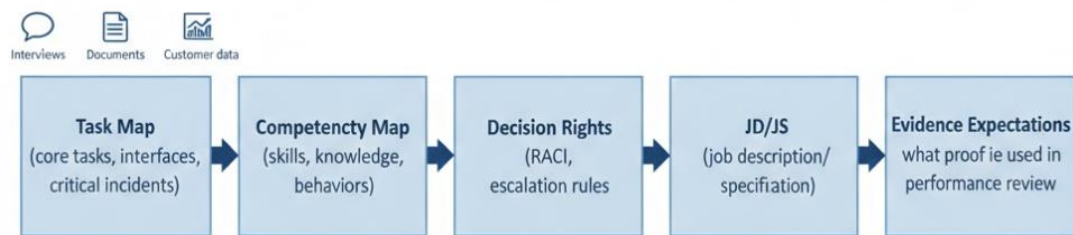


Figure 3: Job analysis outputs(Cotič et al., 2025)

4.4 Job Descriptions and Specifications (Six Key Positions)

All of the positions mentioned below are intended to enhance JCM dimensions (autonomy, feedback, skill variety, task identity, task significance) by explicitly delegating decision rights, establishing feedback loops, and learning.

4.4.1 Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Mission: Guide strategic resurgence, revive growth and reestablish customer trust by being disciplined in execution and governance of innovation.

Key responsibilities: Strategic OKRs; customer governance; executive capability; culture and psychological safety; stakeholder governance.

Specifications: scaling leadership; systems thinking; change leadership; customer-centricity; ethical judgment.

Autonomy design and feedback design: autonomy is ensured by defined decision rights; feedback is ensured by customer outcomes and executive 360 (Emam et al., 2024).

4.4.2 Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

Purpose: Sustainable growth, achieved by financial stewardship and resource allocation to the strategy.

More important functions: unit economics; HR workforce planning; investment governance; risk and compliance.

Specifications: SaaS finance leadership; analytics; business partnering; influencing.

Feedback design: boards between investments and customer measures and delivery performance.

4.4.3 Chief Technology Officer (CTO)

Purpose: Provide customer value-aligned scalable, secure, reliable technology.

Important duties: architecture; reliability; engineering talent system; quality gates; incident learning.

Specifications: scaling the platform: technical leadership; coaching; alignment of stakeholders.

Feedback architecture: customer experience, reliability cues; loop of learning after the incident.

4.4.4 Chief Innovation Officer (CIO)

Purpose: Create a scalable innovation process that delivers ideas into proven customer value.

Major areas of work: innovation sprints; portfolio governance; experiment design; intrapreneurship systems; cross-functional alignment.

Specifications: expertise in experimentation; expertise in managing ambiguity; expertise in facilitating; expertise in discovering based on data.

Innovation safeguard: innovation results are facilitated by psychological safety and communication (Jin et al., 2024).

4.4.5 HR Director

Purpose: Build and govern integrated people systems that generate engagement, retention and performance.

Major areas of responsibility: performance system implementation; manager training; talent management; diversity and equity governance; human resources planning.

Specifications: strategic HR; evidence-based Hr; change management; analytics literacy.

Feedback design: organization wide people and customer KPI dash boards.

4.4.6 Head of R&D

procedural fairness (Schleicher et al., 2019; de Araaujo et al., 2024). OKRs at Aether are transformed strategy into results, whereas redone roles and decision rights make autonomy not ambiguity. On-the-job feedback and 360 insights make work transform into learning, and calibration makes manager variability structural injustice. It is hoped that this integrated architecture will lower turnover as it will enhance autonomy and fairness, better customer satisfaction through enhanced feedback loops and execution reliability, and enhance growth by enhancing strategic focus and innovation throughput.

4.6 Implementation Roadmap, risks and metrics.

4.6.1 90-day rollout plan

Table	3.	90-Day	Rollout	Plan
Weeks	Phase	Key actions	Deliverables	
1–3	Diagnose & design	Rapid job analysis (6 roles); decision-rights maps; performance rubric; OKR templates	Updated JD/JS (6 roles); RACI maps; rubric; OKR toolkit	
4–7	Pilot & capability build	OKR pilot (2–3 units); manager training on check-ins; leadership 360 pilot + coaching	Pilot OKRs + review rhythm; trained managers; 360 themes + development actions	
8–12	Scale & calibrate	Org-wide OKR rollout; first calibration cycle; publish evaluation principles + evidence expectations	Company OKR dashboard; calibration records; published principles/rubric	

4.6.2 Risk controls (critical governance).

Table 4. Key risks and mitigation

Risk	Impact	Mitigation
OKRs become “metric theatre”	gaming; overload; reduced trust	cap objectives; require value logic; use learning KRs (Wowerath, 2026)
Continuous feedback becomes inconsistent	perceived unfairness	standard templates; manager training; evidence-based reviews (Giamos et al., 2024; de Araújo et al., 2024)
360 feedback becomes political	reduced candor	anonymization; rater guidance; coached debriefs (Emam et al., 2024)
Innovation punished by targets	risk aversion; fewer ideas	psychological safety behaviors tracked; learning KRs (Jin et al., 2024)

4.6.3 KPI dashboard

Aether should monitor:

- People: turnover at will; lost talent; participation; internal mobility; management performance.
- Quality of delivery: cycle time; incidences; rework; escaped defects.
- Customer: CSAT/NPS; churn risk; response time; support reliability.
- Innovation: tests are conducted; learned validity; time to validate; translation into manufacturing.

5 Part 2 Reflection and Future Relevance

5.1 Reflective learning experience based on the Gibbs Reflective Cycle

5.1.1 Description

This module redefined my concept of human capital management not as a single HR tools but as an integrated operating system that connects the strategy, behavior, and results. The symptoms of the business seem to be operational in the Aether scenario, as we have flat growth and declining customer satisfaction, but the underlying causes are systemic: there is a vague set of priorities, lack of consistency in feedback, role overload, and ineffective learning routines. The frameworks in the module enabled me to realize that there is no distinction between performance management and job design as two interventions. They act like an architecture that removes or removes innovation and implementation.

5.1.2 Feelings

At the beginning of my career, I only linked performance appraisal to judgment and anxiety instead of development. I also alleged objectives frameworks like OKRs pose a risk to creativity. After some time the literature moved me towards a more critical position: it is not structure which is the problem, but its misuse. The application of OKRs may enhance the strategy execution and cross-functional alignment as learning and coordination tools instead of compliance indicators (Wowerath, 2025, 2026). This changed my mindset of not targeting people to targeting ethically and intelligently, making sure that they are based on value and learning.

5.1.3 Evaluation

My best learning outcome is that I gained a better understanding on how to relate evidence with real-life design choices. Indicatively, the debate around hybrid work can be ideological, though through experiments it has been proposed that hybrid work can lower quit rates and not negatively affect performance (Bloom et al., 2024). This transforms HR strategy into a design question, and not a preference question: what routines, feedback loops, and role boundaries can achieve flexibility to performance? I also acquired the knowledge that constant feedback is not necessarily a good thing; the response of employees is contingent on both the sources and the content of the feedback (Giamos et al., 2024). This shows the significance of capability of manager and standardization to safeguard equity.

5.1.4 Analysis

The Gibbs cycle assisted me to get beyond describing tools and analyzing mechanisms. The roadmap of Aether relies on two, namely alignment (clarity of priorities and ownership) and learning (feedback quality and psychological safety). It is indicated that psychological safety enhances innovative performance when associated with communication behaviors, i.e., the leaders have to ensure that the issues are brought up at the earliest stage, and the ideas are discussed without fear (Jin et al., 2024). It is especially applicable to the processes of scaling tech companies where error and incidences with customers are bound to happen; the only thing that must be evaluated is whether the organization will use them to learn.

Moreover, the effectiveness of performance management reading expanded my understanding of the good performance management definition. Integrative frameworks also focus on the idea that effectiveness encompasses strategic congruency, equity, developmental results, and behavioral consequences, rather than measurement accuracy (Schleicher et al., 2019; de Araujo et al., 2024). This informed my proposal that coaching should be separated with compensation where feasible, it should be governed by calibration, and evidence packs should be required to minimize bias and inconsistency.

5.1.5 Conclusion

My overarching finding is that system integration, which encompasses role clarity, decision rights, evidence-based performance governance and learning routines that defend innovation, produces high performance in complex environments. Credibility of the HR strategy is achieved when it is clearly connected to the customer results and implementation governance exist; not only policy statements.

5.1.6 Action plan (personal L&D baseline).

In order to implement the learning module and develop a personal growth attitude:

- Establish quarterly learning objectives (mini-OKRs) based on analytics, coaching discussions, and system design.
- Practice Reflect on key assignments critically with Gibbs.
- Request multiple sources to provide feedback on the quality of my communication and analysis in order to eliminate blind spots.
- Develop evidence-based HR fluency through a regular reading of peer-reviewed research studies in HRM and organizational behavior and translating it into practical templates.

Table 5. Action plan

Action area	Specific action	How I will do it (method)	Success measures (KPIs)	Timeline / frequency	Evidence / outputs
Quarterly learning goals (mini-OKRs)	Set quarterly learning goals focused on analytics, coaching conversations, and system design	Create 1–2 learning objectives per quarter with 3 measurable key results (e.g., complete an analytics mini-project; run coaching practice sessions; produce one system design template) aligned to real study/work tasks (Wowerath, 2026; de Araújo et al., 2024)	≥80% completion of learning KRs; 1 applied deliverable per objective; improved self-rating on capability rubric	Quarterly planning + monthly review	Written mini-OKRs; completed mini-projects; capability rubric scores
Structured reflection (Gibbs)	Practice reflection after major tasks using Gibbs' cycle	After each major assignment/task, write a 700–900 word reflection covering description, feelings, evaluation, analysis, conclusion, action plan; identify 1 improvement experiment for next task (Schleicher et al., 2019)	Minimum 1 reflection per major task; clear “next actions” logged; improved quality of critique over time	After each major task (monthly/bi-monthly)	Reflection log; improvement actions checklist
Multi-source feedback	Seek feedback on communication and analysis quality to reduce blind spots	Request structured feedback from tutor/peer/mentor using 5 criteria: clarity, argument quality, evidence use, structure, professionalism; summarize themes and convert into an improvement plan (Giamos et al., 2024; Emam et al., 2024)	≥3 feedback sources/term; recurring themes reduced by next cycle; improved rubric scores	Monthly (light) + end of term (full)	Feedback forms; theme summary; revised writing samples
Evidence-based HR fluency	Build fluency by reading peer-reviewed HRM/OB research and converting into templates	Read 2 peer-reviewed articles/month , produce a 1-page evidence brief : key findings, limitations, practical implications, template/tool created (e.g., check-in guide, calibration rubric) (Schleicher et al., 2019; Cotič et al., 2025)	24 articles/year; 12 evidence briefs/6 months; ≥6 usable templates per year	Monthly	Evidence briefs folder; toolkit of templates; annotated bibliography

5.2 Staying relevant as AI transforms HR and professional work

AI has the ability to now write documents, summarize evidence, create templates, support analytics, so normal knowledge work will remain automated. Nonetheless, the peer-reviewed HRM literature points out that AI in HR brings both value and threat: it has the potential to enhance efficiency and predictive power, as well as introduce bias and introduce fairness and governance problems (Naoum et al., 2026; Úbeda-García et al., 2025). The practical

implication is that the sustainable human advantage switches to judgment, ethics, influence of stake holders and decision making that is dependent on context.

I intend to apply AI in three limited ways as an assistant:

- Enhance research and writing: hasty structure and synthesis and ensure yourself that you are dealing with high-quality evidence and strategic arguments.
- Support, not replacement: apply AI to reveal trends (e.g., turnover hotspots) but not make decisions through a system that involves governance by humans, since performance and careers are high-stakes.
- Ethics management and trust: enhance competencies of fairness, transparency, change leadership areas that can not be substituted by AI communication as they need legitimacy, accountability, and relational skills.

The artificial intelligence will be useful in performance management, summarizing the themes of feedback and proposing coaching prompts, but it must not automatically evaluate employees and provide promotions. The limit is that AI can be more speedy or consistent, yet the human being should possess the responsibility to be fair and cultural, particularly when innovation demands psychological protection and open dialogue.

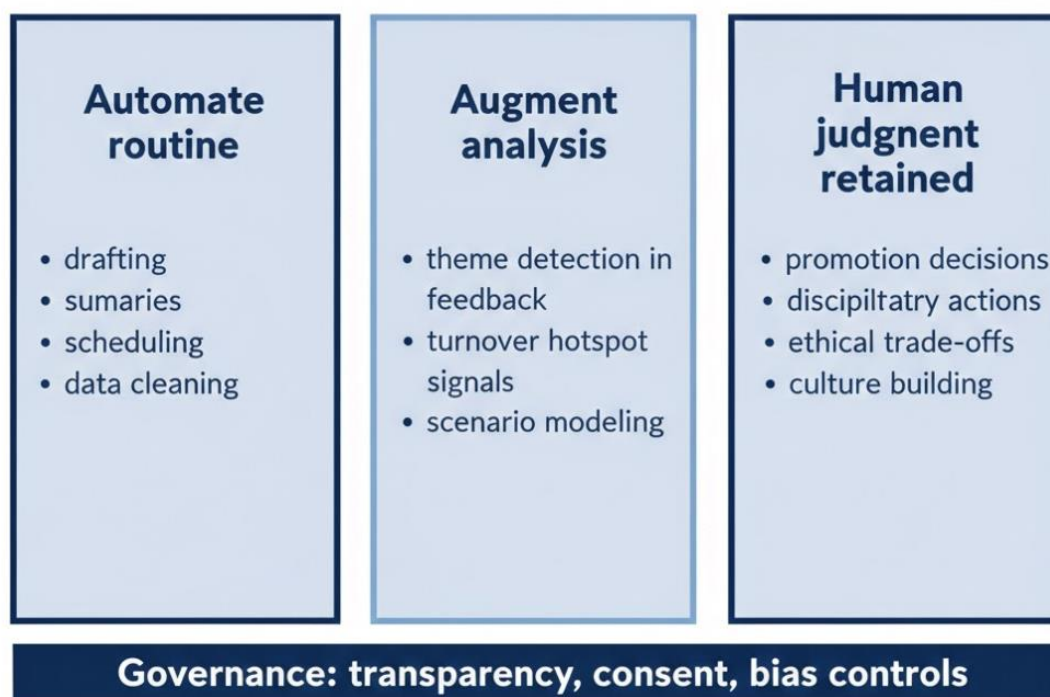


Figure 5: Human–AI boundary in HR(Jin et al., 2024)

6 Conclusion

The recovery of Aether will entail reconstruction of people-performance-customer chain. This report will suggest a combined roadmap that modernizes performance governance (OKRs, continuous feedback, 360, calibration) and redesigns leadership positions based on job analysis and job characteristics that promote motivation. It has been proven that structured hybrid work can enhance retention without any loss of performance (Bloom et al., 2024), performance management effectiveness is an interdisciplinary phenomenon and is determined by fairness and developmental results (Schleicher et al., 2019; de Araujo et al., 2024), feedback design influences employee responses (Giamos et al., 2024), and psychological safety can facilitate innovative performance with the help of communication (Jin et al., 2024). The suggested roadmap turns theory into actionable measures and quantifiable KPIs, which would help Aether reconstruct engagement and improve the quality of delivery, customer satisfaction, and sustainable growth again.

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8 Appendices

8.1 Appendix A: Full Job Descriptions & Specifications + decision-rights matrices (RACI)

Decision area	CEO	CFO	CTO	CIO	HR Director	Head of R&D
Company strategy & quarterly OKRs	A	C	C	C	C	C
Executive hiring / succession	A	C	C	C	R	C
Budget allocation & investment governance	A	R	C	C	C	C
Customer satisfaction governance	A	C	R	C	C	C
Culture & leadership expectations	A	C	C	C	R	C

Legend: R=Responsible, A=Accountable, C=Consulted, I=Informed.

8.2 Appendix B: OKR templates

B1. Company OKR Template (Quartely)

Objective (O:

Why it matters (customer/business value:

Key Results (KRs)

- KR1 (Outcome metric + target)
- KR2 (Outcome metric + target)

Owner:

Risks & assumptions:

Dependencies:

Customer metric link: (CSAT/NPS/Churn/Reliability)

B2. Bi-weekly Check-In Template (Manager-Employee)

- Progress since last check-in (evidence)
- Current blockers (what support is needed?)
- Learning this fortnight (what of your approach?)
- Wellbeing and workload (what changed of risk of overload?)
- Next commitments (1–3 actions, realistic)

B3. Evidence-Based Growth Review Rubric (Mid-year/Year-end)

A. Impact (OKR outcomes) – 45%

Evidence: OKR outcomes, customer metrics, delivery reliability, quantified results

B. Ways of working (behaviors) - 35%

Evidence: 360 themes, collaboration examples, psychological safety behaviors

C. Capability growth – 20%

Evidence: skills gained, learning applied, mentoring, knowledge sharing

8.3 Appendix C: 360 feedback behavior

C1. 360 Behavior Anchors (Leadership)

Rate each 1–5 with examples:

- **Coaching & development** (*gives actionable feedback, supports growth*)
- **Psychological safety** (*encourages voice, handles handles failure as learning*)
- **colaboration**
- **Cross-functional colaboration** (*aligns teams*)
- **Customer orientation** (*decisions reflect customer impact*)
- **Execution discipline** (*prioritizes, prioritizes, delivers, reduces rework*)

C2. Confidentiality Protocol

- Minimum 6 raters to preserve anonymity
- Results shown as aggregated themes, not individual comments tied on to names
- No retaliation policy + escalation channel
- Debrief must paired with coach/HR trained facilitator

8.4 Appendix D: KPI dashboard template

Domain	KPI	Definition	Target / Direction	Data source
People	Voluntary turnover	% leaving voluntarily	↓	HRIS
People	Regretted loss	% of high performers leaving	↓	HR + managers
People	Engagement	survey index	↑	pulse survey
Delivery	Cycle time	idea-to-release time	↓	engineering tools
Delivery	Incident rate	major incidents/month	↓	incident logs
Customer	CSAT/NPS	customer satisfaction	↑	customer surveys
Customer	Resolution time	support time-to-close	↓	support system
Innovation	Experiments run	# experiments/month	↑	innovation logs
Innovation	Learning velocity	time to validate	↓	experiment reports
Innovation	Prototype conversion	% prototypes → product	↑	product roadmap