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# Using Smart Building Verification to Drive Business Outcomes

Case Study with Microsoft - 2022





## UL SPIRE™ Case Study with Microsoft

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# Executive Summary

- Microsoft has world-class facilities equipped with smart technologies around the world
- These facilities are critical to drive the mission of Microsoft in serving its customers and enable innovation
- Several Microsoft facilities have undergone a comprehensive Smart Building Assessment by UL: there are a many observations of excellence and a few areas of improvements

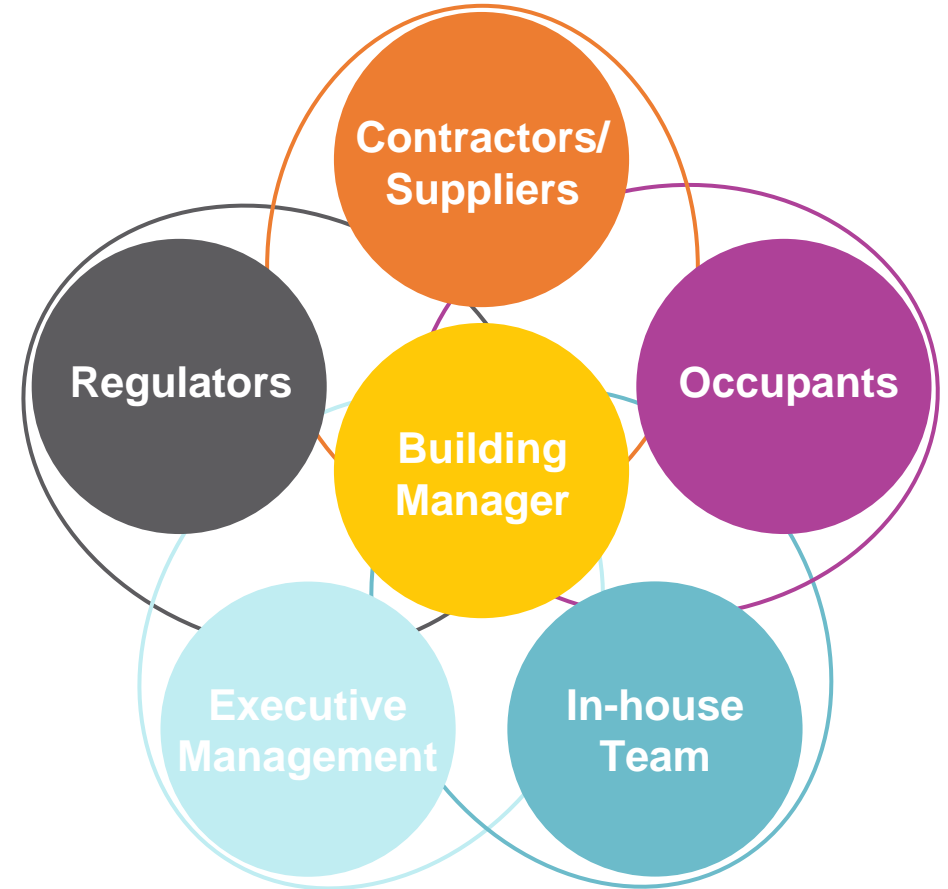
## AGENDA

- Why is there a need to define a “smart building”?
- What is a Smart Buildings Verification?
- What was done with Microsoft to understand the smart level of select buildings?
- How is Microsoft using these findings to drive business outcomes?
- Open discussion with Q&A

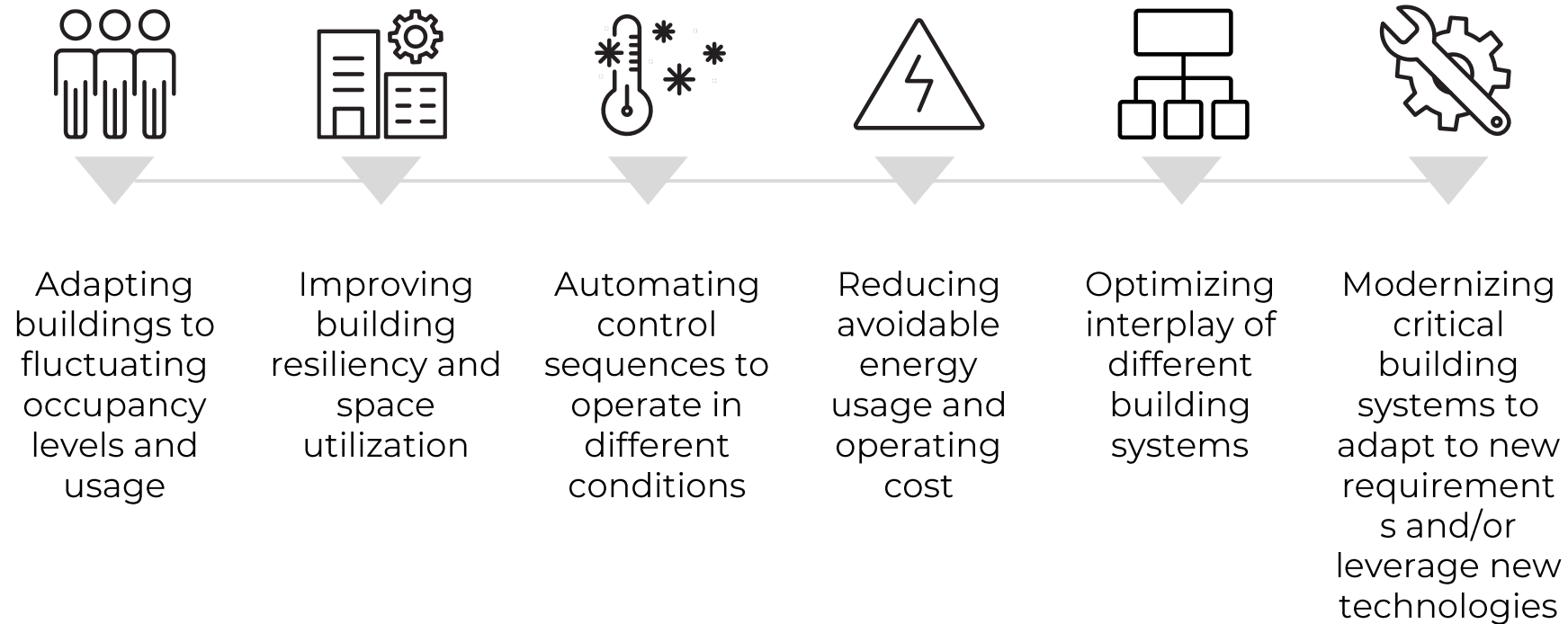
# Buildings are complex ecosystems to manage with often conflicting priorities

Major influences on smart buildings:

- Decarbonization of energy and mobility
- Aligning the business and building mission
- Occupant experiences and productivity
- Aging building stock
- Cybersecurity
- AI – ML, NLP, image perception, robotics
- 5G
- Autonomous systems

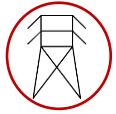


# Inefficiencies exist in how buildings are operated and maintained





# Smart Buildings™ — objective smart building assessment



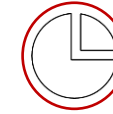
**Power and Energy:** Capability of a building to monitor and manage power and energy both within its own boundaries and with the local electric utility grid.

- Energy Use Management & Analysis
- Demand Response & Grid Interoperability
- Distributed Energy Resources



**Health and Well-being:** Capability to monitor and react to indoor environmental quality conditions.

- Indoor Air Quality
- Thermal Management
- Visual Comfort/Light and Noise Control
- Water Management
- Waste and Odor Management



**Life and Property Safety:** The extent to which smart building technologies may optimize the safety of buildings.

- Building Emergency Plan
- Integrated System Performance
- Situational Awareness
- Distributed Energy Resources



**Connectivity:** Capability to transmit internal and external data and adapt to the needs of future innovations within intelligent buildings.

- Media
- Coverage
- Security
- Expansion
- Building Resilience



**Cybersecurity:** Uses the NIST CSF 5, a voluntary framework consisting of standards, guidelines and best practices to manage risk, organized by sections

- Identify
- Protect
- Detect
- Respond
- Recover
- Best Practices



**Sustainability:** Assesses smart sustainable building concepts by evaluating

- Water/Waste Management
- Building Life cycle and Operations
- Smart Integrations and Tools
- Awareness & Engagement

# Smart Buildings Assessment of 3 Microsoft buildings

## Microsoft Buildings



**Torre Universal**  
*San Jose, Costa Rica*  
Remote Assessment



**Building 121**  
*Redmond, WA USA*  
On-site and Remote Assessment



**Building 122**  
*Redmond, WA USA*  
On-site and Remote Assessment

## General Experience



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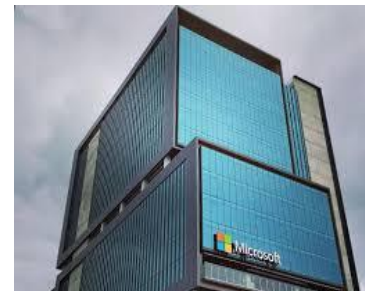


# Many observable smart building best practices

- Continuous cycle of technology innovations, e.g., Azure Digital Twin, occupancy solutions
- Physical security of critical network and building assets
- Flexible and rich reporting from connected building systems using Power BI
- Focus on building life cycle and operational management
- Ongoing maintenance, support, and awareness of IT network
- Enterprise cyber security practices and policies



- ✓ Mature preventive maintenance
- ✓ Occupant engagement in building technology and experience innovation
- ✓ Sustainability commitments
- ✓ Technology assessment



- ✓ Smart building network design and security
- ✓ Wi-Fi technologies
- ✓ Training of the building operations team

# Microsoft future state impact based on detailed results



## Existing Understanding

- Benchmark across existing building portfolio
- Independent review
- Nuances between different building vendors



## Impact Change

- Assess the impact of digital transformation programs
- Inform priority of technology investments



## Meet Enterprise Goals

- Staff retention
- Sustainability

THANK YOU!

