**RAJ KUMAR PATRA**

**Global IT & Digital Transformation Leader | Data Governance | AI-Driven Innovation | GCC Leadership**

Raj Kumar Patra is a **visionary IT and Digital Transformation leader with over 19 years** of success driving enterprise-wide transformations, implementing data governance frameworks, and leading global technology operations across the pharmaceutical, life sciences, consumer goods, and healthcare industries.

Renowned for **delivering multi-million-pound efficiencies**, Raj combines strategic vision with hands-on leadership to scale Global Capability Centers (GCCs), modernize legacy systems, and embed cutting-edge technologies. He has played a pivotal role in aligning digital strategies with enterprise goals—optimizing costs, enhancing business agility, and fostering innovation through AI/ML, data-driven insights, and automation.

In his current role as **ITSD Product Group Lead at Reckitt**, Raj leads digital transformation initiatives across Quality, EHS, Manufacturing, and Supply Chain functions. His efforts have resulted in significant cost savings (up to **£5 million**), driven by optimized product lifecycle management, enterprise data governance, and advanced analytics powered by AI and cloud-based data platforms.

Raj’s expertise spans IT strategy, program and product management, data governance, regulatory compliance, and AI/ML implementation. His reputation as a results-oriented change agent is further underscored by industry recognitions, including the **CIO500 Accelerator X Award (2024) and the Next100 CIO Honoree (2023)**.

A **frequent speaker and thought leader at global forums such as GPRAS, Bio-Asia, and CIO Roundtables,** Raj shares insights on digital innovation, governance, and leadership. His forward-looking approach continues to push the boundaries of enterprise transformation, with a relentless focus on improving operational efficiency, enabling data-driven decisions, and delivering sustained business value in an ever-evolving digital landscape.

**Key Expertise & Achievements**

**Enterprise Digital Transformation Leadership**  
Led large-scale digital transformation initiatives across Supply Chain, Regulatory Affairs, Safety, and Quality functions | Established and scaled Global Capability Centers (GCCs) - Centers of Excellence (CoEs) and Employee Resource Groups (ERGs)

**Data Governance & Regulatory Excellence**  
Spearheaded enterprise data governance and compliance strategies | Delivered enterprise-wide data models and compliance frameworks | Established golden data standards and scalable processes to improve operational integrity and decision-making.

**AI-Driven Innovation & Advanced Analytics**Pioneered the implementation of AI/ML-driven solutions | Supported real-time analytics | Enhanced business outcomes | Drove cost reductions across critical functions.

**Strategic IT & Product Management**  
Directed multi-million-pound transformation programs involving enterprise-wide IT systems across Quality, Manufacturing, and Regulatory domains |Enabled successful cloud migrations, system integrations and vendor ecosystems optimization

**Vendor & Financial Management**  
Managed global IT portfolios - budgets exceeding £45 million | Delivered sustained cost optimization and operational value |Maintained strategic vendor partnerships - contract management, performance governance, and service delivery improvements.

**People Leadership & Talent Development**  
Build large, cross-functional teams of up to 200 professionals | Championed Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives | Talent development | succession planning | performance management programs.

**MBA | B.Tech | Certified Scrum Product Owner (CSPO) | SAFe 6 Agile PoPM | Certified Product Manager**