# Post-Quantum Crypto Transition for Global Financial Institutions

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### **Global Financial Institutions Are Highly Regulated**

- 60+ regulators engage with JPMC on Cybersecurity all with their own standards, frameworks and requirements.
- JPMC needs to support myriad of crypto and key management standards.



#### Considerations for Post-Quantum Cryptography Transition

- Replacing major components of cryptographic infrastructure is complicated and time-consuming, since these systems need to demonstrate the highest level of trustworthiness, reliability and interoperability.
- Considerations for financial institutions
  - 1) Data-centric and risk-based approach to PQC transition
  - 2) Uplift crypto policy for post-quantum cryptography
  - 3) Drive PQC transition through adoption of crypto agility require system to be certified for crypto agility before PQC
  - 4) Participate in security protocol standardization to reflect financial industry's interests and institution's priorities
- Organizations that choose the crypto agility path will realize there is a lack of authoritative related standard or guidance.

# **Reference PQC Transition Timeline**



## Challenges with Crypto Agility

Crypto Agility Requirements	
Crypto User (Application)	Crypto Provider (Solution)
<ol> <li>Cypto User ("Application") should be agnostic to the algorithm (e.g., AES) and configuration (e.g., key length) used in performing crypto operation.</li> <li>Application should perform cryptographic operation without having to access raw keying material (e.g. master key, data key).</li> <li>Application code refactoring is permitted for integration with another Solution or to take advantage of a new feature.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Cryptographic Solution Provider ("Solution") should provide crypto agnostic API to its client (or Application).</li> <li>Solution should not provide Application with direct access to raw key material (e.g., data key, master key).</li> <li>Solution should be committed to supporting future NIST crypto standards and guidelines, including the post-quantum cryptography standard.</li> </ol>
<ol> <li>Application Owner should ensure Solution in use is supported throughout the application and its data lifecycle/lifespan.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Solution should maintain backward compatibility, i.e., a newer Solution version should be able to process ciphertext generated from an older version.</li> <li>Interoperability with other Solutions is optional, but Solution should provide utilities or APIs to convert its ciphertext to another Solution's.</li> </ol>

# Thank you!

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