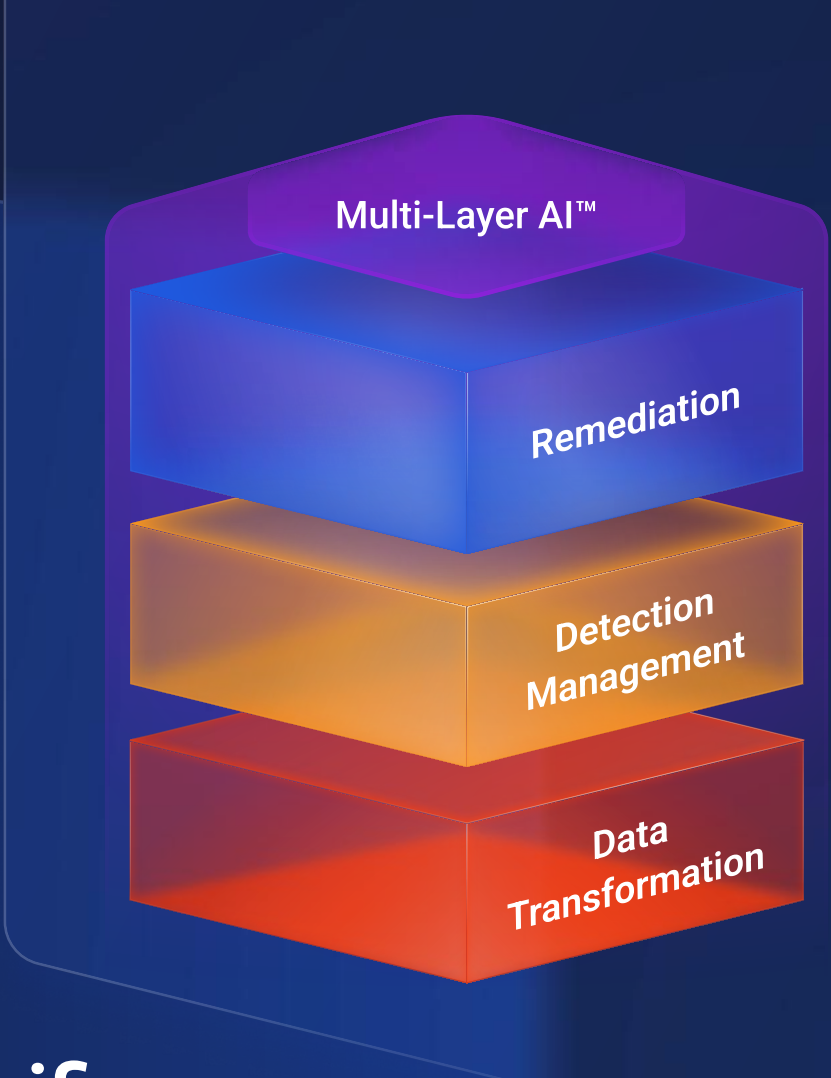




Case Study



# RSM Defense Unifies Global Threat Operations with Stellar Cyber

RSM is a leading provider of professional services to the middle market, serving clients that are the engine of global commerce and economic growth. Through RSM Defense and its Unit26 security team, the firm delivers managed cybersecurity services to a global client base operating across multi-cloud, third-party hosted, and remote environments.

As Threat Operations Leader at RSM US, Todd Willoughby is responsible for ensuring those global environments remain secure. With nearly two decades of experience, Willoughby saw firsthand how the cybersecurity industry continued to add tools without meaningfully improving outcomes.

## The Challenge: Tool Sprawl Without Clarity

Like many large security organizations, RSM Defense accumulated a wide range of point solutions over time –each focused on a specific control or data source and each with its own console. While these tools generated vast amounts of data, they failed to automatically correlate and normalize events across environments.

Analysts had to manually stitch together signals to understand today’s multi-vector attacks,

slowing investigations, increasing dependence on senior analysts, and driving up operational and licensing costs.

RSM Defense needed a platform that could unify telemetry across its clients’ environments, accelerate detection and response, and scale efficiently without forcing customers to replace tools they already trusted.

### Before



#### Fragmented Visibility

Security data lived in multiple point tools and consoles with little automatic correlation across sources.



#### Manual Correlation

Analysts manually pieced together events to understand complex, multi-vector attacks.



#### Tool Sprawl

An expanding stack of security tools increased complexity without improving outcomes.



#### Analyst Dependency

Detection and response relied heavily on scarce, senior security analysts.



#### Rising Costs

Licensing and staffing costs continued to grow as environments and client demands expanded.

### With Stellar Cyber



#### Unified Security View

A single operational view correlates telemetry across client environments, delivering clarity at scale.



#### Automatic Triage

Multi-Layer AI™ groups related alerts into prioritized, contextual incidents.



#### Faster Investigation & Response

Analysts investigate and respond using correlated timelines and enriched context.



#### Analyst Productivity

Junior analysts become productive faster, reducing reliance on hard-to-hire senior talent.



#### Cost Efficiency

Existing tool investments are preserved while operational overhead is reduced.

## A Platform Designed for MSSPs

Because RSM Defense operates as an MSSP for hundreds of clients, multi-tenancy was a core requirement. The platform enables RSM Defense to manage customers as distinct tenants and quickly apply service templates without additional licensing costs. This allows the team to scale services while maintaining consistent quality and control.

Just as importantly, the platform's open architecture allows RSM Defense to ingest telemetry from clients' existing EDRs and security tools. This preserves customer investments and accelerates time to value.

### Improving Outcomes and Controlling Costs

By automating detection and triage, the platform reduces the burden on senior analysts and helps newer team members contribute more quickly. Multi-Layer AI™ correlates weak signals into high-confidence incidents, allowing analysts to focus on investigation and response rather than manual correlation

This automation and efficiency have helped RSM Defense rein in costs while improving security outcomes for clients worldwide.

“There's a real gap between what vendors say they'll deliver and what they actually deliver. Stellar Cyber listens to customers and continually improves the platform based on real operational needs.”

## Results

With Stellar Cyber, RSM Defense has unified visibility across its global client base, accelerated investigation and response, and reduced dependence on scarce analyst resources. The platform has become a foundational component of RSM's managed security services, enabling the firm to scale confidently while delivering clearer, faster, and more consistent security outcomes.



Finding great senior cybersecurity analysts is tough – and even if you can find one, most organizations can't afford them at scale.



## About Stellar Cyber

**Stellar Cyber's open and unifying SecOps platform delivers comprehensive, unified security without complexity, empowering lean security teams of any skill to successfully secure their environments.**

With Stellar Cyber, organizations move from manual, alert-driven operations to a human-augmented autonomous SOC that identifies, validates, and responds to risk with speed and precision. Customers reduce false positives by more than 80%, improve analyst productivity, and lower operational costs –while retaining existing security investments and gaining measurable improvements in risk reduction and response consistency. The company is based in Silicon Valley.

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