

# Global Payroll Buyers Guide

2023 Vendor and Product Assessment



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The information contained in this Ventana Research Buyers Guide provides a baseline of knowledge that organizations can use to evaluate the sophistication of vendors and products in the area of global payroll. Our findings are drawn from thorough, research-based analysis of product and customer experience categories that best represent how an organization should evaluate technology vendors.

Nothing in this report and our research is intended to imply that one vendor or product is the right choice for any one particular organization. Rather, our goal is to provide an objective rating of vendors and products related to the topic of this Buyers Guide using our research methodology and blueprint for successful evaluation and selection. We performed this research independent of any external influence, charged no fees for any technology vendor to participate in the research and invited all relevant vendors that met our inclusion criteria. This report includes products generally available as of September 15, 2023.

The complete Buyers Guide report and research is available to be licensed for use across an organization or the Internet. We provide insights on the technology industry, software categories and vendors related to this Buyers Guide to organizations through our Ventana On-Demand research and advisory service. We also offer assessment services using this research to help discover and provide guidance on vendor selection.

We certify that Ventana Research performed this research to the best of our ability, that the analysis is a faithful representation of our knowledge of vendors and products, and that the ratings are our own.

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## Global Payroll

The payroll preparation process has long been an inefficient, labor-intensive set of administrative tasks designed to ensure that everyone is paid correctly and on time. Historically, it has been a transactional- and compliance-centered function involving manual adjustments, reconciliations and the answering of repeated routine questions. Now, advances in digital technologies and delivery models have rendered the payroll function considerably more efficient with the added bonus of delivering new value to the



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Nowhere is this more important than in the delivery of global payroll. Managing payroll on a global scale presents a multitude of complexities and challenges that demand meticulous attention to detail. The first and most apparent obstacle is the sheer diversity of local regulations, tax laws and labor practices across countries. Each jurisdiction has its own unique requirements for payroll calculations, deductions and compliance, making it a daunting task for organizations with a global workforce. Additionally, currency exchange rates, language barriers and varying payment methods add further layers of intricacy to the process.

To address these complexities, organizations have several approaches at their disposal. Some opt for a fully in-house model, where they build and maintain their own payroll infrastructure. Others choose to

outsource their payroll to global payroll providers who specialize in navigating global payroll, generally through a network of local, in-country providers. A third approach is the hybrid model, which combines in-house and outsourced components to strike a balance between control and expertise. The choice of approach often depends on factors like the organization's size, geographical spread and internal know-how.

Software vendors play a crucial role in simplifying global payroll processes. They are developing systems that can harmonize payroll calculations across multiple countries, ensuring compliance with local regulations. These systems often include features like



automated tax calculations, multi-currency support and built-in reporting and analysis tools. Moreover, many software vendors offer a hybrid approach themselves, managing payroll directly in some countries while partnering with local in-country providers in others.



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This hybrid approach can be a significant benefit as it leverages the vendor's expertise and user experience while maintaining flexibility and compliance on a global scale. In essence, software vendors are central to addressing the complexities of global payroll, offering organizations the tools they need to streamline and optimize this critical function.

In our view, this technology-mediated shift to a new style of payroll management is well worth the effort. We advise that organizations seeking improvement embrace an integrated approach that not only optimizes the payroll function but also connects payroll with other core HR, talent management and workforce management systems and their related

information and processes. With this integration in place, organizations can make better and often more strategic workforce-related decisions using payroll-related data such as overtime hours worked, PTO, types of bonuses paid, benefits participation rates or the ratio of regular to contingent worker costs.

According to the traditional understanding of payroll management, an organization either gets it right, completing payroll runs accurately and on-time, or does not. But modern payroll systems shake up this conventional wisdom through an array of approaches that deliver variable added value. While gross-to-net calculation engines may still deliver the same results, processing speeds can vary greatly, as can a particular software product's ability to detect and resolve errors without restarting the calculation cycle.

Several recent technological advances in particular have significantly reduced the time it takes to complete a payroll cycle. These advances not only include faster processing speeds but also robotic process automation, artificial intelligence and machine learning (AI/ML) that can instantly predict, detect and correct errors, and chatbots that can field workers' routine questions. And with the application of generative AI, these chatbots have become even more conversational, making responses personal to the specific employee rather than issuing a generic company-wide response that may still require a phone call or a help ticket with an HR service center.



To varying degrees, vendors also differ in their software's ability to seamlessly maintain compliance and consolidate reporting and analytics across multiple regions: national, state, local and everything in between. Tax calculations, from federal to state to local school district, must be accurate and, importantly, regularly updated and maintained. This is no small task and requires considerable commitment and expertise on the part of the vendor. Similarly, the ability to manage the full complement of garnishment types, generate mandatory reporting for ACA and other federal programs, and perform calculations and audits for ever-changing minimum wage and overtime regulations should all be table-stakes capabilities of any domestic payroll software, but not all perform to the same standards.

Over the last three decades, payroll management was widely outsourced. As a result, most of payroll management operations were either partially or completely severed from other human capital management (HCM) processes. This isolation prevented organizations from using payroll information and planning in strategizing. Organizations were not readily able



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to utilize payroll data to manage important initiatives such as pay-for-performance strategies, optimizing worker schedules or pay equity analyses.

Now, however, technology can integrate the various aspects of HCM, connecting HR, payroll, talent and workforce management information and processes. Furthermore, analysts, managers and executives can apply powerful analytics tools to enable better-informed decisions. More recently, tools such as robotic process automation, natural-language chatbots, now often referred to as co-pilots or assistants, and AI-enabled predictive and personalization capabilities are contributing to easier and more effective workforce management. These

advances have also played a significant part in enabling organizations to work toward providing a superior employee experience, increasingly a requirement for attracting and retaining top talent. Workers expect an engaging user experience when entering hours worked or pulling up a current or past pay stub to confirm earnings, taxes and deductions. In new payroll systems, intelligent virtual assistants can provide conversational user experiences, answering questions such as, "How do I fix a timesheet error?" or, "When will I receive my first check?" These questions may not be critical from a business perspective, but they are typically urgent for the employee, and with these new tools they can be





addressed within seconds rather than requiring a game of phone or email tag that leads to frustration and disengagement.

Also in the realm of the employee experience, there have been significant advances in the flexibility of pay types, including the ability to pay via mobile-wallet, complemented by ancillary services such as targeted savings and financial wellness tools. Earned Wage access is another valuable tool that is becoming increasingly common, offering workers real-time access to a portion of the wages they've earned, providing a path away from predatory lenders and toward financial stability.



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Over the past decade, the payroll function has become firmly established in the cloud. For organizations, this means more frequent updates and new releases without requiring organizations to retrofit customizations. Consequently, cloud-based services generally mean less reliance on an IT department to manage implementations. Further, vendors are increasingly offering no-code or low-code configuration options, thus bypassing the need for IT intervention at all. Nevertheless, small and midsize organizations continue to gravitate toward less sophisticated systems that provide reliability at a moderate cost, as offerings laden with innovative features often require a dedicated HR team to

manage the deployment. Fortunately, vendors of all sizes are improving their offerings to include more sophisticated and valuable tools and functionality that are elevating the roll of payroll within organizations.

This research evaluates the following vendors that offer products that address key elements of global payroll as we define it: ADP, Ceridian, CloudPay, Gusto, Infor, Neeyamo, Oracle, Papaya Global, Paylocity, Rippling, SAP, UKG, and Workday.



## Buyers Guide Overview

For over two decades, Ventana Research has conducted market research in a spectrum of areas across business applications, tools and technologies. Ventana Research has designed the Buyers Guide to provide a balanced perspective of vendors and products that is rooted in an understanding of the business requirement in any organization. Utilization of our research methodology and decades of experience enables our Buyers Guide to be an effective method to assess and select technology vendors and products. The findings of this research undertaking contribute to our comprehensive approach to rating vendors in a manner that is based on the assessments completed by an organization.

This Ventana Research Buyers Guide: Global Payroll is the distillation of over a year of market and product research efforts. It is an assessment of how well vendors' offerings will address organizations requirements for global payroll software. The index is structured to support a request for information (RFI) that could be used in the RFP process by incorporating all criteria needed to evaluate, select, utilize and maintain relationships with technology vendors. An effective product and customer experience with a technology



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vendor can ensure the best long-term relationship and value achieved from a resource and financial investment.

In this Buyers Guide, Ventana Research evaluates the software in seven key categories that are weighted to reflect buyers' needs based on our expertise and research. Five are product-experience related: Adaptability, Capability, Manageability, Reliability, and Usability. In addition, we consider two customer-experience categories: Validation, and Total Cost of Ownership and Return on Investment (TCO/ROI). To assess functionality, one of the components of capability, we applied the Ventana Research Value Index methodology and blueprint, which links the personas and processes for global payroll to an organization's requirements.

The structure of the research reflects our understanding that the effective evaluation of vendors and products involves far more than just examining product features, potential revenue or customers generated from a vendor's marketing and sales efforts. We believe it is important to take a comprehensive research-based approach, since making the wrong



choice of a global payroll technology can raise the total cost of ownership, lower the return on investment and hamper an organization's ability to reach its potential performance. In addition, this approach can reduce the project's development and deployment time and eliminate the risk of relying on a short list of vendors that does not represent a best fit for your organization.

To ensure the accuracy of the information we collected, we asked participating vendors to provide product and company information across the seven product and customer experience categories that, taken together, reflect the concerns of a well-crafted RFI. Ventana Research then validated the information, first independently through our database of product information and extensive web-based research, and then in consultation with the vendors. Most selected vendors also participated in a one-on-one

session providing an overview and demonstration, after which we requested they provide additional documentation to support any new input.



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Ventana Research believes that an objective review of vendors and products is a critical business strategy for the adoption and implementation of global payroll software and applications. An organization's review should include a thorough analysis of both what is possible and what is relevant. We urge organizations to do a thorough job of evaluating global payroll systems and tools and offer this Buyers Guide as both the results of our in-depth analysis of these vendors and as an evaluation methodology.





# How To Use This Buyers Guide

## Evaluating Vendors: The Process

We recommend using the Buyers Guide to assess and evaluate new or existing technology vendors for your organization. The market research can be used as an evaluation framework to establish a formal request for information from technology vendors on their products and customer experience and will shorten the cycle time when creating an RFI. The steps listed below provide a process that can facilitate best possible outcomes.

1. Define the business case and goals.  
Define the mission and business case for investment and the expected outcomes from your organizational and technology efforts.
2. Specify the business needs.  
Defining the business requirements helps identify what specific capabilities are required with respect to people, processes, information and technology.
3. Assess the required roles and responsibilities.  
Identify the individuals required for success at every level of the organization from executives to front line workers and determine the needs of each.
4. Outline the project's critical path.  
What needs to be done, in what order and who will do it? This outline should make clear the prior dependencies at each step of the project plan.
5. Ascertain the technology approach.  
Determine the business and technology approach that most closely aligns to your organization's requirements.
6. Establish technology vendor evaluation criteria.  
Utilize the product experience: Adaptability, Capability, Manageability, Reliability and Usability, and the customer experience in TCO/ROI and Validation.
7. Evaluate and select the technology properly.  
Weight the categories in the technology evaluation criteria to reflect your organization's priorities to determine the short list of vendors and products.
8. Establish the business initiative team to start the project.  
Identify who will lead the project and the members of the team needed to plan and execute it with timelines, priorities and resources.



# The Findings

All of the products we evaluated are feature-rich, but not all the capabilities offered by a technology vendor are equally valuable to types of workers or support everything needed to manage products on a continuous basis. Moreover, the existence of too many capabilities may be a negative factor for an organization if it introduces unnecessary complexity. Nonetheless, you may decide that a larger number of features in the product is a plus, especially if some of them match your organization’s established practices or support an initiative that is driving the purchase of new software.

Factors beyond features and functions or vendor assessments may become a deciding factor. For example, an organization may face budget constraints such that the TCO evaluation can tip the balance to one vendor or another. This is where the Value Index methodology and the appropriate category weighting can be applied to determine the best fit of vendors and products to your specific needs.

## Overall Scoring of Vendors Across Categories

The research finds ADP atop the list, followed by Oracle and UKG. Companies that place in the top three of a category earn the designation of Leader. Oracle has done so in all of the seven categories; ADP in six; and SAP and UKG in four.

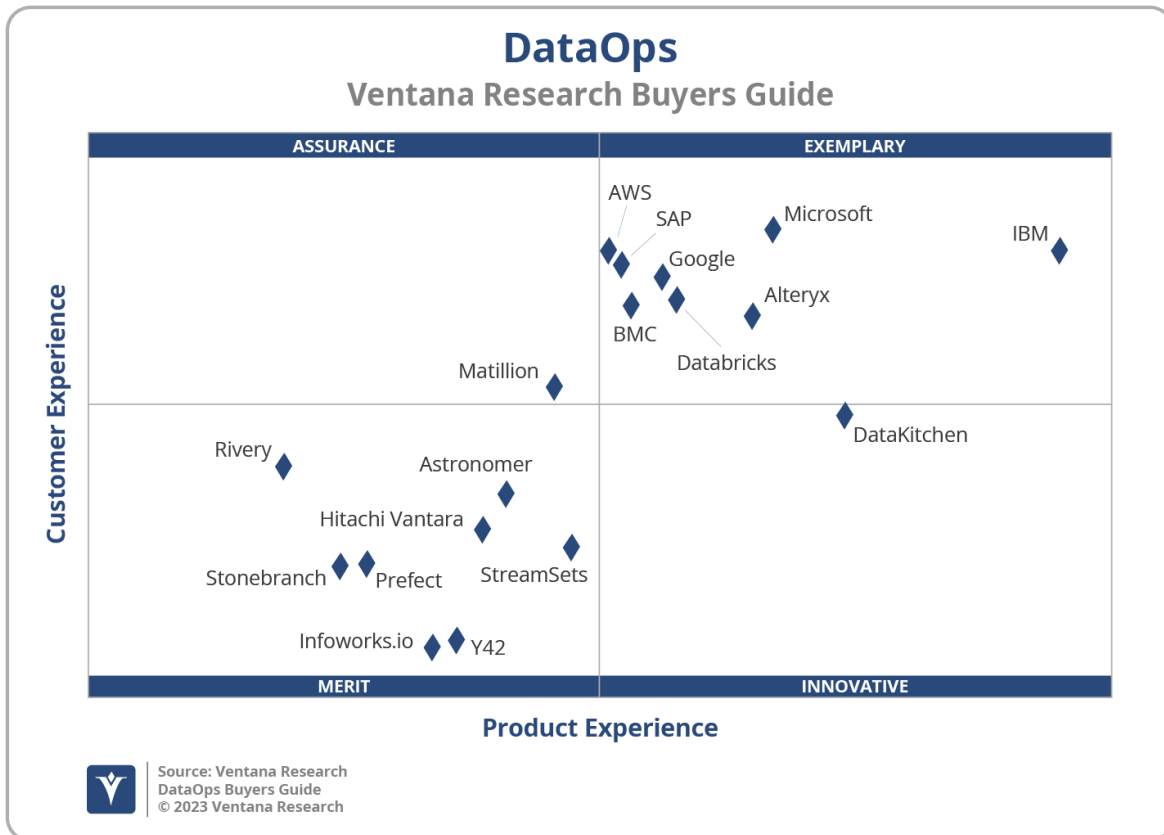
The overall representation of the research below places the rating of the Product Experience and Customer Experience on the x and y axes, respectively, to provide a visual representation and classification of the vendors. Those vendors whose Product Experience have a higher weighted performance to the axis in aggregate of the five product categories place farther to the right, while the performance and weighting for the two Customer Experience categories determines their placement on the vertical axis. In short, vendors that place closer to the upper-right on this chart performed better than those closer to the lower-left.

Global Payroll Overall			
Vendors	Grade	Performance	
ADP	A-	Leader	84.1%
Oracle	A-	Leader	83.8%
UKG	A-	Leader	82.5%
SAP	B++		80.6%
Workday	B+		74.4%
Ceridian	B+		74.2%
CloudPay	B+		69.4%
Infor	B+		69.1%
Paylocity	B		63.8%
Rippling	B-		60.2%
Papaya Global	B-		59.4%
Gusto	B-		59.4%
Neeyamo	B-		58.4%

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The research places vendors into one of four overall categories: Assurance, Exemplary, Merit or Innovative. This representation classifies vendors overall weighted performance.



**Exemplary:** The categorization and placement of vendors in Exemplary (upper right) represent those that performed the best in meeting the overall Product and Customer Experience requirements. The vendors awarded Exemplary are: ADP, Ceridian, Oracle, SAP, UKG and Workday.

**Innovative:** The categorization and placement of vendors in Innovative (lower right) represent those that performed the best in meeting the overall Product Experience requirements but did not achieve the highest levels of requirements in Customer Experience. The vendor awarded Innovative is: Infor

**Assurance:** The categorization and placement of vendors in Assurance (upper left) represent those that achieved the highest levels in the overall Customer Experience requirements but did not achieve the highest levels of Product Experience. The vendor awarded Assurance is: CloudPay.

**Merit:** The categorization for vendors in Merit (lower left) represent those that did not exceed the median of performance in Customer or Product Experience or surpass the threshold for the other three categories. The vendors awarded Merit are: Gusto, Neeyamo, Papaya Global, Paylocity and Rippling.



We warn that close vendor placement proximity should not be taken to imply that the packages evaluated are functionally identical or equally well suited for use by every organization or for a specific process. Although there is a high degree of commonality in how organizations handle global payroll, there are many idiosyncrasies and differences in how they do these functions that can make one vendor's offering a better fit than another's for a particular organization's needs.

We advise organizations to assess and evaluate vendors based on their requirements and use this research as a reference to their own evaluation of a vendor and products.



## Product Experience

The process of researching products to address an organization’s needs should be comprehensive. Our Value Index methodology examines Product Experience and how it aligns with an organization’s life cycle of onboarding, configuration, operations, usage and maintenance. Too often, vendors are not evaluated for the entirety of the products; instead, they are evaluated on market execution and vision of the future, which are flawed since they do not represent an organization’s requirements but how the vendor operates. As more vendors orient to a complete product experience, the more robust of an evaluation can be conducted.

The research based on the methodology of expertise identified the weighting of Product Experience to 80% or four-fifths of the overall rating. Importance was placed on the categories as follows: Usability (15%), Capability (25%), Reliability (15%), Adaptability (10%) and Manageability (15%). This weighting impacted the resulting overall ratings in this research. ADP, Oracle and UKG were designated Product Experience Leaders as a result of their top-ranked weighted performance. While not Leaders, SAP, Workday and Ceridian were found to meet a broad range of enterprise global payroll requirements that are essential to the evaluation of global payroll providers.

Vendors	Grade	Performance
ADP	A-	<b>Leader</b> 67.0%
Oracle	A-	<b>Leader</b> 66.9%
UKG	A-	<b>Leader</b> 66.8%
SAP	A-	65.3%
Workday	B++	60.6%
Ceridian	B+	59.7%
Infor	B+	57.7%
CloudPay	B+	56.0%
Paylocity	B	51.9%
Rippling	B	51.1%
Neeyamo	B-	49.9%
Gusto	B-	49.6%
Papaya Global	B-	48.8%

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Many organizations will only evaluate capabilities for those in IT or administration, but the research identified the criticality of Usability (15% weighting) across a broader set of usage personas that should participate in global payroll.



### Adaptability of the Product

This category assesses the degree to which products and technology can be adapted to an organization’s specifications via configurability and customization while still maintaining integrity of integration across the worker, device, business, processes, application and data. Adaptability is also related to the ability to readily integrate with other internal and external systems — for example, integrate data and information securely across processes and systems — and support bidirectional data flows to support synchronization and migration. It also examines the investment by the vendor in resources and improvements.

The research weights Adaptability at 10% of the overall rating. Oracle, ADP and SAP are the Leaders in this category. Each has invested in supporting Adaptability and exploited the varying facets in providing the integration needed.


Adaptability is an essential evaluation metric as it determines the flexibility and interconnectivity of the technology vendor’s product related to the enterprise requirements. It also enables organizations to operate enterprise software across the variety of platforms and cloud computing environments that exist today and in the future.

Several vendors evaluated quite well in providing depth for the Adaptability category and are competitive in their performance.

Enabling the processing of data across business processes, workflows and

applications as they operate is critical to preparing and using information to optimize business execution. Vendors that performed well have ensured they meet the specific customization and integration support requirements of organizations.

Vendors	Grade	Performance
Oracle	A-	<b>Leader</b> 86.7%
ADP	A-	<b>Leader</b> 86.5%
SAP	A-	<b>Leader</b> 86.2%
UKG	A-	85.8%
Ceridian	B+	73.5%
Workday	B+	72.1%
CloudPay	B	68.5%
Infor	B	66.4%
Neeeyamo	B-	60.6%
Gusto	B-	58.8%
Rippling	B-	57.9%
Papaya Global	B-	57.1%
Paylocity	B-	56.7%

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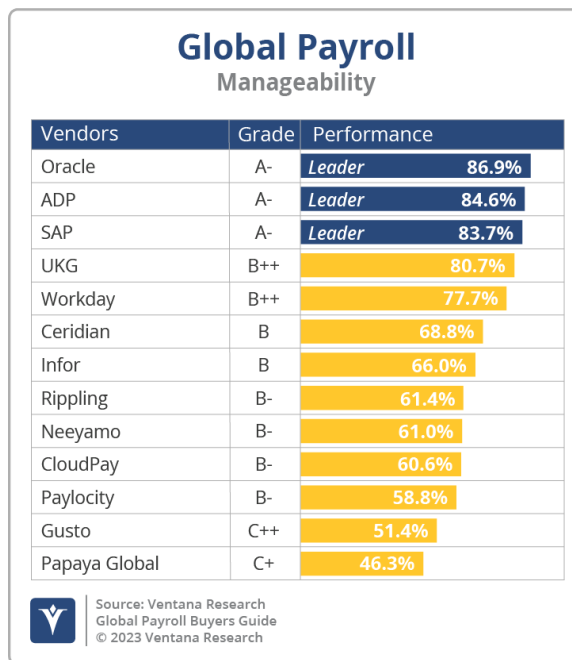
### Manageability of the Product

Manageability is evaluated by how well the products can be managed technologically and by business, and governed, secured, licensed and supported in a service level agreement (SLA). Also important is the flexibility of the privacy and security provisions built into the technology with respect to user identity, role and access, how effective that security is, to what extent it supports auditing and compliance, and what licensing or subscription is available from the vendor. It also examines the investment by the vendor in resources and improvements.

The research weights Manageability at 15% of the overall rating. Oracle, ADP and SAP are the top three Leaders in this category.

Manageability is an essential evaluation metric to indicate whether the technology vendor’s product can be administrated and supported throughout its lifecycle in the enterprise. It also ensures the overall efficiency, compliance and security of the enterprise software.

The vendors’ performance in the evaluation criteria when examining business and technology administration. In addition, many of the vendors had challenges providing the depth of privacy and security now required for products. The significance of information security cannot be overstated as the insights and knowledge of an organization are present in the data. The growing importance of simplifying Manageability is critical and should be a priority for all organizations’ vendor evaluations.





### Reliability of the Product

For global payroll processes to operate efficiently and for workers to engage the applications, the software on which they run must reliably deliver the necessary performance and scalability using the existing architecture operating across the enterprise and cloud computing environments. The criteria include depth in the performance and scalability of a vendor’s products and architecture, including the metrics to ensure operations and configurability across data, users, instances, activities and tasks. It also examines the investment by the vendor in resources and improvements.

The research weights Reliability at 15% of the overall rating. Oracle, SAP and UKG are the Leaders in this category, providing the highest level of confidence that they can operate at any level of reliability 24 hours a day.

Reliability is an essential evaluation metric as it indicates the product’s ability to perform and scale to the defined enterprise requirements and how well it supports the continuous processing required for business continuity and operational resilience today and into the future.

Evaluating the performance and scalability readiness of global payroll software is not always easy, however, as it depends on the type of pay and the volume at which the data is being used by processes and systems. Some of the vendors we evaluated lack the readiness to provide this level of information at any depth, though it is necessary to establish the confidence required for a vendor selection.

Global Payroll Reliability		
Vendors	Grade	Performance
Oracle	A	<b>Leader</b> 88.1%
SAP	A-	<b>Leader</b> 86.6%
UKG	A-	<b>Leader</b> 86.4%
ADP	B++	78.2%
Infor	B+	74.2%
Ceridian	B+	73.8%
Workday	B+	70.3%
CloudPay	B	65.3%
Rippling	B-	60.2%
Paylocity	B-	59.0%
Neeeyamo	B-	57.8%
Papaya Global	C++	54.0%
Gusto	C++	52.8%

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### Usability of the Product

Usability is necessary for meeting the varying business needs of executives, management, workers and analysts, along with IT and others involved in the global payroll processes. Products are evaluated on the intelligence in the Usability across user experience, the use of AI and ML and adapting to the diverse competencies of an organization’s workers. Usability criteria also include the sophistication of the product’s support of mobile and web technologies, and the extent to which the product design enables its use by workers of varied skill levels, including conversational experiences using chat and voice. It also examines the investment by the vendor in resources and improvements.

The research weights Usability at 15% of the overall rating. Oracle, UKG and ADP are Leaders in this category.

Usability is an essential evaluation metric as it provides indicators as to whether the product can be utilized by designated workers within the enterprise. The demonstrated commitment of the technology vendor to the digital experience of its products is also key.

The importance of Usability and the digital experience in software utilization has been increasing and is evident in our market research over the last decade. The requirements to meet the needs of a broad set of roles and responsibilities across an organization’s cohorts and personas should be a priority for all vendors. Many technological advancements in applying ML and natural language processing (NLP) are available to provide a universal, intuitive experience of being able to hear, read and talk to systems. Some vendors have not fully embraced the value of Usability as a critical element in product experience, and as a result, they did not perform as well in our assessment. Several of the vendors we evaluated have not addressed Usability for all roles and have not invested in areas that address user skills and challenges.

Global Payroll Usability			
Vendors	Grade	Performance	
Oracle	A	Leader	89.2%
UKG	A	Leader	89.0%
ADP	A-	Leader	83.8%
SAP	B++		81.2%
Ceridian	B++		78.6%
Workday	B++		76.4%
Infor	B+		72.2%
Rippling	B+		70.0%
CloudPay	B		65.3%
Paylocity	B		64.7%
Papaya Global	B		63.9%
Neeiamo	B-		58.7%
Gusto	B-		57.3%

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### Customer Experience

The importance of a customer relationship with a vendor is essential to the actual success of the products and technology. The advancement of the Customer Experience and the entire life cycle an organization has with its vendor is critical for ensuring satisfaction in working with that vendor. Technology providers that have Chief Customer Officers are more likely to have greater investments in the customer relationship and focus more on their success. These leaders also need to take responsibility for ensuring the marketing of their commitment is made abundantly clear on website and in the buying process and customer journey.

Our Value Index methodology weights Customer Experience at 20% of the overall rating, or one-fifth, as it relates to the framework of commitment and value to the vendor-customer relationship. The two evaluation categories are Validation (10%) and TCO/ROI (10%), which are weighted to represent their importance to the overall research.

The vendors that evaluated the highest overall in the aggregated and weighted Customer Experience categories and were deemed to be Leaders are ADP, Oracle and UKG. These category leaders in Customer Experience best communicate their commitment and dedication to customer needs.

Many vendors we evaluated did not have sufficient information available through their website and presentations. While several have customer case studies to promote their success, others lack depth on their commitment to an organization's global payroll journey. This makes it difficult for organizations to evaluate vendors on the merits of their commitment to customer success. As a result, many of the vendors' performances evaluated below 15.0% of the weighted categories. As the commitment to a vendor is a continuous investment, the importance of supporting customer experience in a holistic evaluation should be included and not underestimated.

**Global Payroll**  
Customer Experience

Vendors	Grade	Performance
ADP	A-	<b>Leader</b> 17.1%
Oracle	A-	<b>Leader</b> 16.9%
UKG	B++	<b>Leader</b> 15.6%
SAP	B++	15.1%
Ceridian	B+	14.5%
Workday	B	13.5%
CloudPay	B	13.3%
Paylocity	B-	11.7%
Infor	C++	10.8%
Papaya Global	C++	10.3%
Gusto	C+	9.3%
Rippling	C	8.4%
Neeyamo	C	7.9%

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## Vendors Evaluated

Vendors that were included in this research are highlighted in this section. For each, we provide a product description taken from the vendor's own website. Our assessment, which follows, details individual vendor's ratings compared to others and then looks at levels of overall and category-specific performance. Organizations can utilize this information to determine which vendors best meet their organizational needs.



## Oracle

### Company and Product Profile

Oracle Fusion Cloud HCM Payroll, Version 23C, released September 2023

*“Oracle Payroll, an integral part of Oracle Fusion Cloud Human Capital Management, is a fully unified solution that enables you to maintain compliance and configure your payroll across the globe, regardless of your industry, company size, or worker types.” – Oracle*

### Summary

Our analysis classified Oracle as Exemplary, receiving an overall grade of A- with an 83.8% performance. Oracle’s best grouped results came in Product Experience at 83.6% performance and an A- grade due in part to its A in both Reliability and Usability. In Customer Experience, Oracle received an A- grade with a 84.7% performance due to its 86.6% performance in Validation. Oracle was designated a Leader in all ten of the categories.

Oracle fully participated in the RFI process.

### Challenges

Oracle’s A- grade in Product Experience was slightly impacted by its B++ in Capability where it could add more features to its worker pay capabilities such as other types of wage distribution options and paystub self-service. Customer Experience was slightly impacted by its A- grade in TCO/ROI where it could continue to improve on its business cases through documentation and other examples.

### Strengths

Oracle performed best in Product Experience with an A- grade, notably in Usability where it received an A due to its exceptional user experience that is fast and continual investment in. In Reliability, Oracle’s strong technology architecture that supports high availability and business continuity led to its 88.1% performance.

Global Payroll			
Oracle			
Category	Performance		Grade
Overall	Leader	83.8%	A-
Product	Leader	83.6%	A-
Adaptability	Leader	86.7%	A-
Capability	Leader	80.8%	B++
Manageability	Leader	86.9%	A-
Reliability	Leader	88.1%	A
Usability	Leader	89.2%	A
Customer	Leader	84.7%	A-
TCO/ROI	Leader	82.9%	A-
Validation	Leader	86.6%	A-

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## Appendix: Vendor Inclusion

For inclusion in the Ventana Research Global Payroll Buyers Guide for 2023, a vendor must be in good standing financially and ethically, have at least \$50 million in annual or projected revenue verified using independent sources, sell products and provide support across at least 50 countries and 3 continents, and have a product that provides payroll processing management across administration, support for payroll managers, operations, analysts, integration, analytics and communication to employees. The principal source of the relevant business unit's revenue must be software-related and there must have been at least one major software release in the last 18 months.

The research is designed to be independent of the specifics of vendor packaging and pricing. To represent the real-world environment in which businesses operate, we include vendors that offer suites or packages of products that may include relevant individual modules or applications. If a vendor is actively marketing, selling and developing a product for the general market and it is reflected on the vendor's website that the product is within the scope of the research, that vendor is automatically evaluated for inclusion.

All vendors that offer relevant global payroll products and meet the inclusion requirements were invited to participate in the research evaluation process at no cost to them.

We categorize participation as follows:

**Complete participation:** The following vendors actively participated and provided completed questionnaires and demonstrations to help in our evaluation of their product: ADP, CloudPay, Oracle and UKG.

**Partial participation:** The following vendor provided limited information to help in our evaluation: SAP

**No participation:** The following vendors provided no information or did not respond to our request: Ceridian, Gusto, Infor, Neeyamo, Papaya Global, Paylocity, Rippling and Workday.

Vendors that meet our inclusion criteria but did not completely participate in our Buyers Guide were assessed solely on publicly available information. As this could have a significant impact on their classification and rating, we recommend additional scrutiny when evaluating those vendors.



## Products Evaluated

Vendor	Product Names	Version	Release Month/Year	Participation Status
ADP	ADP Workforce Now, ADP GlobalView & ADP Celergo	September	September 2023	Complete
Ceridian	Dayforce	September	September 2023	None
CloudPay	Global Payroll	March	March 2023	Complete
Gusto	Gusto Global	v2023-09-01	September 2023	None
Infor	Infor Global Human Resources Payroll	January	January 2023	None
Neeiamo	Neeiamo Global Payroll	3	May 2023	None
Oracle	Oracle Fusion Cloud HCM Payroll	23C	September 2023	Complete
Papaya Global	Global Workforce Platform	September	September 2023	None
Paylocity	Blue Marble	September	September 2023	None
Rippling	Rippling	September	September 2023	None
SAP	SAP SuccessFactors Employee Central Payroll	1H	May 2023	Partial
UKG	UKG One View Connect & Immedis	September	September 2023	Complete
Workday	Workday Payroll	Workday 2023 Release 2	September 2023	None



## Vendors of Note

We did not include vendors that, as a result of our research and analysis, did not satisfy the criteria for inclusion in the Buyers Guide. These are listed below as “Vendors of Note.”

Vendor	Product	Countries	Revenue	Customers	Scope
Alight	Alight Payroll	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Deel	Deel Global Payroll	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Multiplier	Multiplier Global Payroll	Yes	No	Yes	No
Oyster	Oyster Global Payroll	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Payslip	Payslip Global Payroll	Yes	No	Yes	No
Ramco	Ramco Global Payroll	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Zalaris	Payroll Software	Yes	Yes	Yes	No



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