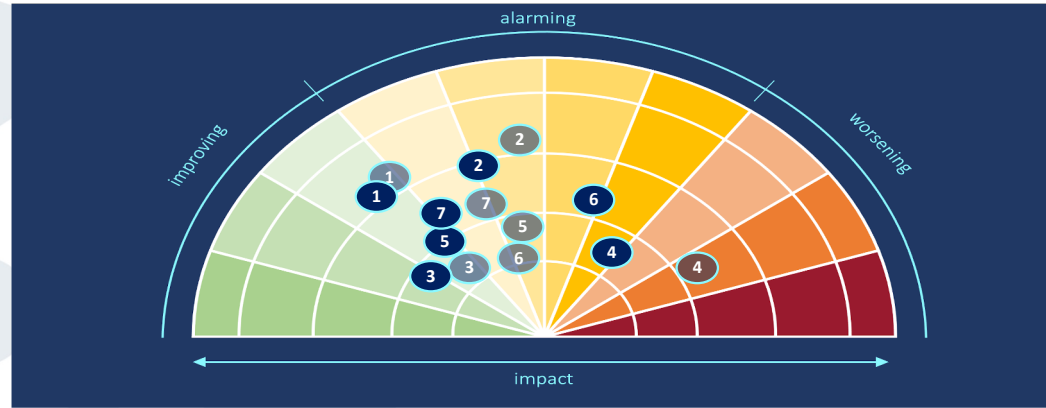




Owl Eye to Strategic Hotspots



Hot Spots	Now what?	Then what?	Then what?
Russia-NATO	1 Resilience	Likely de-escalation	Alarming
Ukraine-Russia	2 Attrition War – Resilience	Current trajectory,	Alarming
Syria	3 Promising but fragile	The future of PKK/YPG/SDF	De-escalatory
Yemen-Houthis	4 Prudence vs assertiveness	Connected to Gaza Ceasefire	De-escalatory
Israel-Palestine	5 Humanitarian disaster	Implementation of Ceasefire	De-escalatory
Israel-Lebanon	6 Ceasefire	Connected	De-escalatory
Israel-Iran	7 De-escalation	Subject to escalation,	De-escalatory



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Arctic: **alarming /escalatory**

- The Geopolitical Frontier – TRUMP 2.0 focus
- Northern Sea Route
- Expanding military infrastructure
- Rare-earth materials

Ukraine – **alarming/de-escalatory**

- NATO – resilience?
 - De-couple Russia and Ukraine
 - De-couple the US and Europe
- Russia – great power status?
 - From great power to regional power
 - Revert from 'far abroad' to 'near abroad' strategy

Indo-pacific: **alarming /escalatory**

- Pivot to Global Strategy – TRUMP 2.0 focus
- Rare-earth materials
- Tech-driven competition

Latin America: **alarming /escalatory**

- Migration and drug-trafficking
- Goeconomic competition – TRUMP 2.0 focus
- Rare-earth materials
- Offshore Balancing

Middle East – **de-escalatory**

- From **de-proxification** of Iran to **de-Iranification** of ME
 - Post-American vs post-Iranian ME
- ISR – Arab peace
 - Are Arab countries becoming more vulnerable to the US influence?
 - Narrowed space for China and Iran – loss of balancing/leveraging

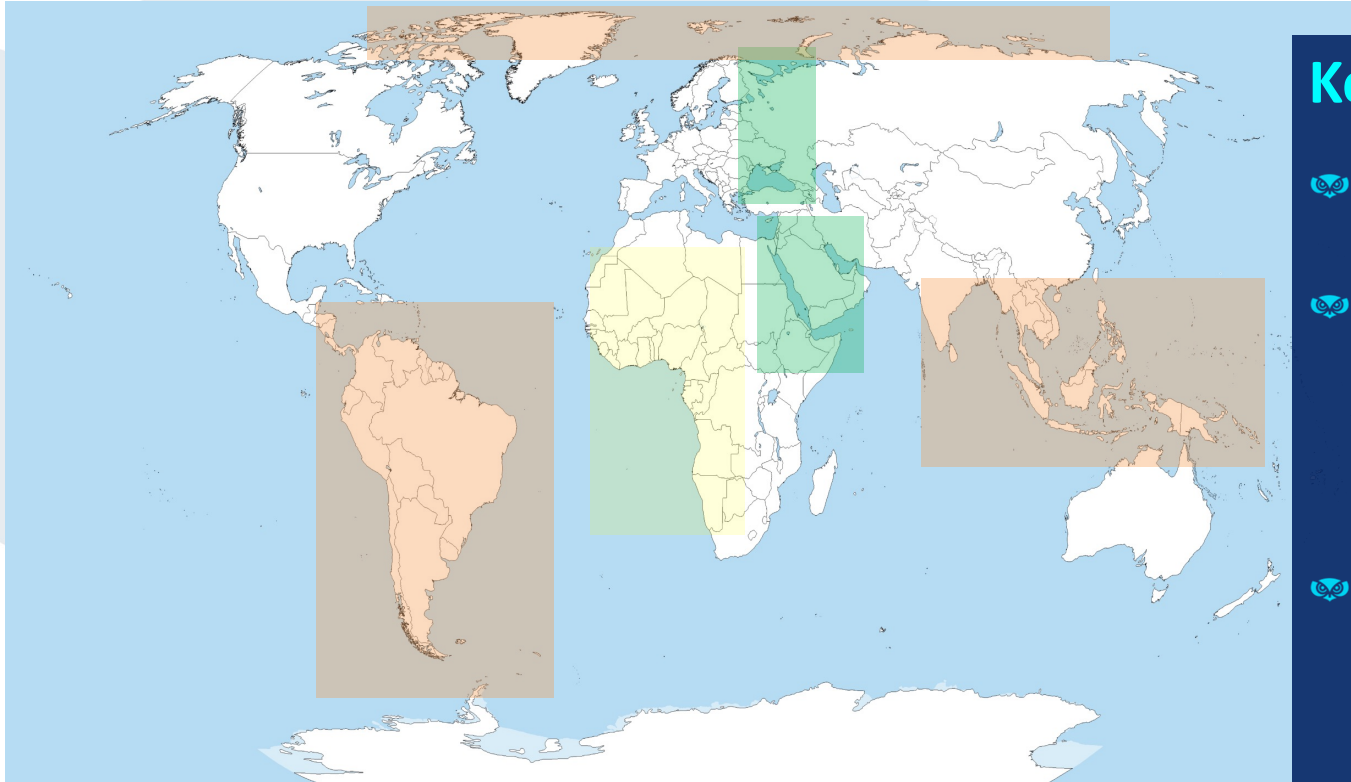
Africa: **alarming**

- Geopolitical competition
- Development – security nexus
- Terrorism & instability
- Natural resources



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Key Takeaways

- 🦉 Geostrategic shift
 - From the old-world to the new world
- 🦉 TRUMP 2.0
 - Changing the ground rules
 - New and novel theoretical perspectives
 - Reinterpreting strategy
 - Ends: New-new world order
 - Means: non-military
- 🦉 Strategic foresight (Owl Eye) is vital to
 - navigate uncertainty
 - calibrate strategy
 - extract competitive advantages