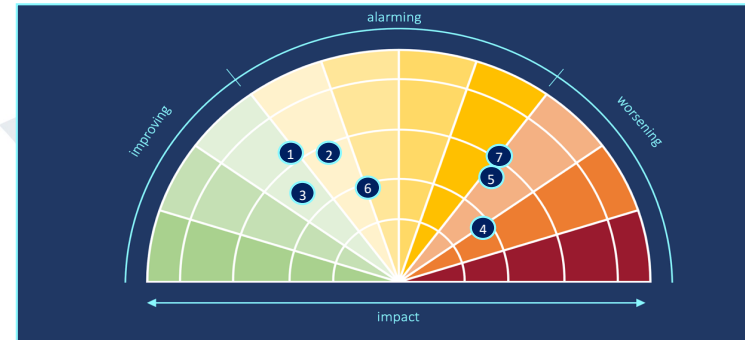
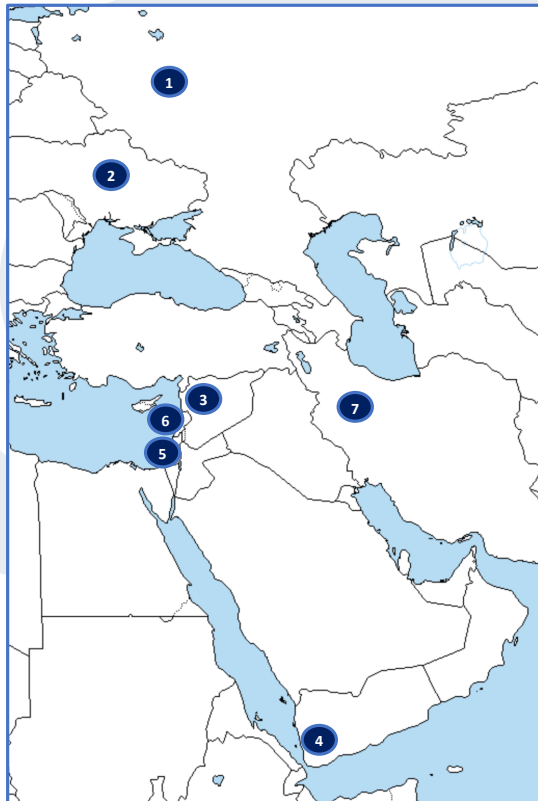




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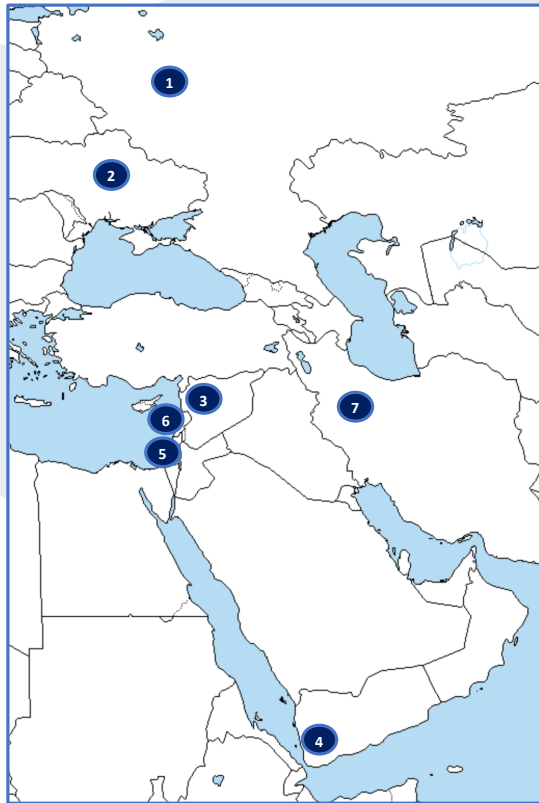


Hot Spots		Now what?	Then what?	Now what?	Then what? (90)
Russia-NATO	1	Resilience	Likely de-escalation	De-escalatory	Alarming
Ukraine-Russia	2	Attrition War – Resilience Peace efforts	The US commitment, European position/commitment	De-escalatory	Alarming
Syria	3	Promising but fragile	Internal cohesion, The future of PKK/YPG/SDF, ISR Threat Perception	De-escalatory	De-escalatory
Yemen-Houthis	4	Prudence vs assertiveness	Connected to Gaza Ceasefire	Escalatory	Escalatory
Israel-Palestine	5	Humanitarian disaster	IDF effectiveness	Escalatory	Alarming
Israel-Lebanon	6	Ceasefire	Implementation of the ceasefire	De-escalatory	De-escalatory
Israel-Iran	7	Diplomacy over military	Subject to escalation,	Alarming	De-escalatory



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Hot Spots	Now what?	Then what?	Now what?	Then what? (90)	Key Uncertainties
Russia-NATO	Resilience	Likely de-escalation	De-escalatory	Alarming	Trans-Atlantic relations, trust gap European solidarity Resilience of Europe
Ukraine-Russia	Attrition War – Resilience Peace efforts	The US commitment, European position/commitment	De-escalatory	Alarming	Resilience of UKR/RUS
Syria	Promising but fragile	Internal cohesion, The future of PKK/YPG/SDF, ISR Threat Perception	De-escalatory	De-escalatory	Internal cohesion – federalism/unitary The future of PKK/YPG ISR's threat perception
Yemen-Houthis	Prudence vs assertiveness Escalation with escalation	Connected to Gaza Ceasefire Iran's commitment	Escalatory	Escalatory	Capability and capacity Resilience
Israel-Palestine	Humanitarian disaster IDF inability to eliminate Continued sporadic attacks Keeping hostages	IDF effectiveness	Escalatory	Alarming	IDF effectiveness and ISR resilience Hamas' fighting capacity The process of de-Iranification
Israel-Lebanon	Ceasefire	Implementation of the ceasefire	De-escalatory	De-escalatory	Hezbollah's fighting capacity The process of de-Iranification
Israel-Iran	Diplomacy over military	Subject to escalation,	Alarming	De-escalatory	The outcome of nuclear talks Resilience and capacity to retaliate

## Implications of global factors;

- The US prefers disengagement from the ME and the War in Ukraine, and focus on CHN
- CHN prefers the prolongation of US engagement in the ME, in UKR, and keep the US distracted
  - Distant and indirect engagement
- ISR's ability to keep the US engaged in the ME is a key factor, but ISR's gains at the expense of the US loss
  - ISR's ambitions pushes the US to lose its energy , and the US is in discontent with ISR ambitions



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## 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

## Arctic: **alarming** / **escalatory**

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

## 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
- Geoeconomic competition – TRUMP 2.0 focus
- Rare-earth materials
- Offshore Balancing

## Middle East – **de-escalatory** / **alarming**

- From **de-proxification** of Iran to **de-Iranification** of the ME
  - The quest for 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

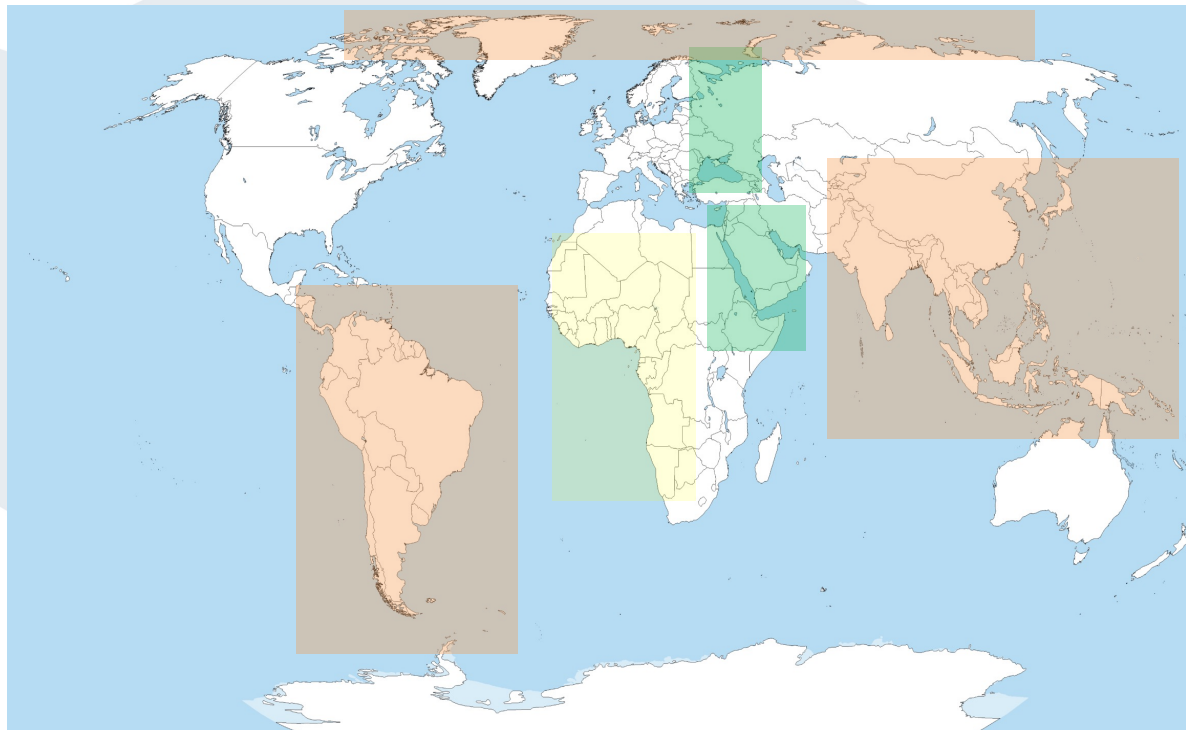
## Africa: **alarming** / **alarming**

- 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 and military (novel)

### Strategic foresight (Owl Eye) is vital to

- navigate uncertainty
- calibrate strategy
- extract competitive advantages



# What have we delivered?

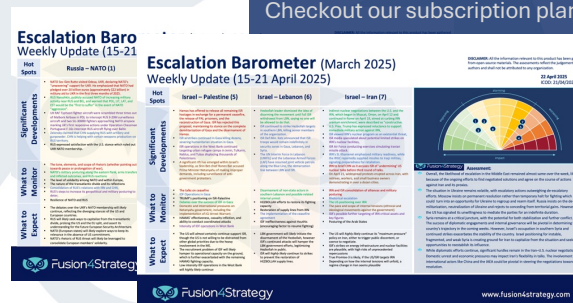
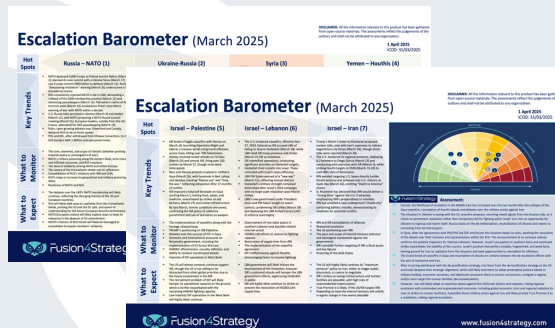
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