

The Modern Sales Stack

A field guide for revenue leaders — what to build, what to buy, what to skip.

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Why consolidate now

Most revenue teams run on six to ten tools. Each was bought to solve a single problem. Together they create data silos, manual handoffs, and an integration tax that compounds. AI is making this worse — every new AI tool wants its own data, its own training set, and its own dashboard.

The opportunity in 2026 is not to add another AI tool. It is to consolidate on a small number of platforms that have AI built in, and to use AI to remove manual handoffs inside the stack rather than across it.

The five layers that matter

1. System of record

The CRM holds contacts, accounts, deals, and activities. Everything else either feeds it or reads from it. If you cannot name yours, fix this before buying anything else.

2. Conversation intelligence

Call recording, transcription, and analysis. Used well it gives coaching signal to managers and customer signal to product. Used badly it becomes surveillance.

3. Outreach and sequences

Multi-step email, call, and LinkedIn cadences with automatic stop-on-reply. The AI value here is send-time optimisation and message personalisation, not generation of novel copy.

4. Forecasting and pipeline analytics

Aggregates activity from the other layers and produces a number your CFO can defend. The hard part is data quality — most teams underestimate how much cleanup this requires.

5. Enablement and content

Battle cards, case studies, call recordings, and competitive intelligence, surfaced in the rep's workflow. The 2026 generation of these tools uses AI to recommend the right content at the right moment.

How to evaluate a vendor without falling for the demo

- Ask for a 30-day trial on your real data, not a sandbox
- Define three acceptance criteria before the trial starts — and write them down
- Ask who else in your space runs this in production, not who has a logo
- Read the integration docs before the demo — that is where the real cost lives
- Insist on a written data portability plan — you should be able to leave

If the only way to evaluate is a guided demo, you are not yet ready to buy. Push for a self-serve trial or walk away.

A 90-day rollout plan

1. Weeks 1 to 2 — audit the current stack, identify the three biggest data silos, name the system of record
2. Weeks 3 to 6 — pilot one new layer with one team, write the acceptance criteria up front
3. Weeks 7 to 10 — measure against the criteria, decide go or no-go, capture lessons in a shared doc
4. Weeks 11 to 13 — either roll out or move to the next layer. Do not do both at once.

KPIs that actually matter

AI dashboards love to show activity metrics — emails sent, calls made, sequences launched. None of these matter. The numbers that matter are:

- Pipeline coverage by quarter — ratio of weighted pipeline to quota
- Win rate by stage and segment — does each stage do what it is supposed to do?
- Average sales cycle — is it getting shorter, longer, or staying the same?
- Forecast accuracy — actual vs. forecast two quarters out
- Rep ramp time — months to full productivity for new hires

How we can help

Mejona builds and runs CRM Pro for revenue teams who want a focused platform without enterprise bloat. We also run paid discovery engagements for teams that need an independent audit of their current stack and a written recommendation on what to change.

Book a 30-minute discovery call at mejona.com/book-call — or download CRM Pro one-pager from this page for a deeper look at the platform.

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