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[Title]: Episode 177: Why Asset Management Matters More Than Ever in 2026 and Beyond with Accenture's John Holmes and SAP's Andy Hancock

[Short Description]: This week we discuss why asset management matters more than ever, covering EAM-APM convergence, AI agents, cloud transformation, and the journey toward autonomous operations.

[Long Description]: John Holmes from Accenture and Andy Hancock from SAP joined us to explore why asset management matters more than ever. The conversation covers EAM and APM convergence, lift-and-shift cloud migration risks, and how AI agents, IoT, and digital twins move maintenance from time- and condition-based approaches toward predictive and prescriptive strategies. We also discuss citizen EAM owners, workforce transformation, autonomous asset management, and supply chain resilience.

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[Guests Bios & Pictures]:

Guest 1: John Holmes, NA Intelligent Asset Management Practice Lead Managing Director

Guest 2: Andy Hancock, Global Vice President, Global Head of Domain Advisory Asset Management and Field Service, SAP

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[Host Bios & Pictures]:

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