

Executive Summary: Internal Audit Risk Assessment Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present the key findings from the annual internal audit risk assessment conducted for [Company Name] as of [Date]. This assessment provides an overview of significant risk areas and priorities for the internal audit function during the upcoming period.

Scope

The risk assessment encompassed all major business units, processes, and key operational areas. The evaluation considered both inherent and residual risks, external regulations, and recent organizational changes.

Methodology

The risk assessment process included management interviews, review of historical audit results, risk indicator analysis, and benchmarking with industry best practices. Risks were evaluated based on likelihood and impact, with a focus on strategic, financial, operational, and compliance risks.

Key Risk Areas Identified

- **Cybersecurity & Data Privacy:** Elevated risk due to evolving threat landscape and increased data volumes.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Heightened risk associated with changes in financial reporting requirements and data protection laws.
- **Supply Chain Management:** Exposure due to dependence on critical suppliers and global disruptions.
- **Fraud Risk:** Increased vigilance required in payment processes and contract management.
- **Business Continuity Planning:** Opportunities for improvement in disaster recovery and crisis response.

Recommendations & Next Steps

- Prioritize internal audit coverage of high-risk areas in the current audit plan.
- Collaborate with business units on risk mitigation strategies.
- Maintain continuous monitoring and periodic reassessment of risk profile.
- Enhance internal controls in areas with identified deficiencies.

Important Notes:

- This executive summary does not outline all details; refer to the full risk assessment report for comprehensive insights.
- Risk assessments are time-sensitive and should be updated regularly to reflect organizational and environmental changes.
- Findings and recommendations should inform internal audit planning and resource allocation.
- The document is confidential and intended for authorized management and governance stakeholders only.

