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Risk powers performance

From compliance to competitive advantage

Life is inherently risky. The only big risk you should avoid at all costs is the risk of doing nothing. – Denis Waitley

Market volatility and uncertainty place organisations under constant threat of disruption, driven by rapidly changing markets and technologies, evolving business ecosystems, and new market entrants. Risks and opportunities will result in the enhancement of destruction of value and organisations need to balance the risk / reward relationship by taking appropriate risks to achieve strategic goals and objectives whilst ensuring business sustainability and meeting the expectations of their internal and external stakeholders.

The Heart of Strategy

A Risk Intelligent strategic ERM (SERM[™]) approach that considers the risks that impact the realisation of an organisations strategy, and also challenges the robustness of strategy by considering emerging opportunities in the industry and global markets.

Enhancing organisational capability

Embedding governance, risk and compliance capabilities into an organisational architecture, to achieve desired levels of organisational capability and maturity.

A Culture of Engagement

An empowered culture to enable strategy. Empower human capital, enabled by digital and technology as a strategic asset to take ownership and manage the organisations risks by embedding a culture of accountability, empowered with appropriate authority. Leverage all stakeholders, including customers, suppliers and society to deliver risk and opportunity insights to inform strategic choices and response.

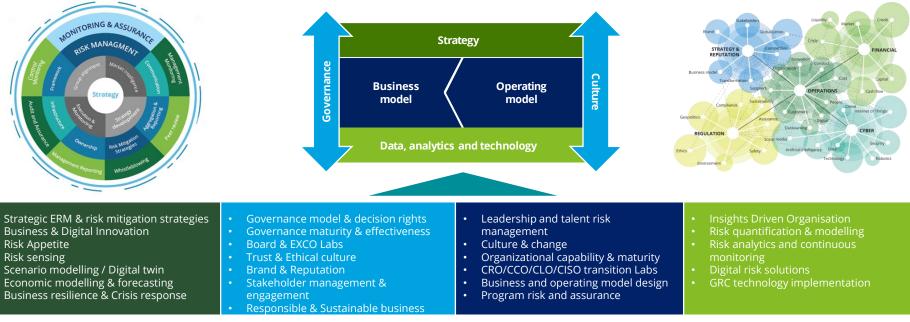
Deloitte's Culture Wheel enables a holistic approach to embedding culture and building trust, as a foundation for SERMTM.

Prioritise

Understand the complete risk universe and prioritise focus on the critical and interconnected risks. Build strategic organisational resilience, embedded at the core of operations.

Synthesise

A synthesised 'risk lattice' which highlights interrelatedness and knock-on or systemsbased risk, to avoid the management of risks in isolation.



RED FLAGS

- Significant business challenges, disruption and organisational change
- Disparate view of risk / lack of understanding of cause and effect across the value chain
- Risk positioning as a compliance activity rather than a strategic advantage
- Manual, backward focussed risk approach that predictive capability and is not digitally enabled
- Lack of accountability and ownership, driven by misaligned corporate culture

★ OPPORTUNITIES

- Risk informed strategy that creates competitive advantage
- Interconnected view of risk to enable decision making and strategic choices
- Digitally enabled, continuous monitoring of risk across the value chain
- Emerging risk sensing and scenario modelling

Driving Forces of Risk Management

In the past, risk management was often an exercise in fear and avoidance, with organizations focused primarily on completing necessary, compliance-driven activities. But that's changing. Many leaders are now viewing risks in terms of their potential to *power performance and value*.



What are the biggest drivers of value creation?

- Leading intelligence and foresight
- Top talent and operating model
- Superior product development
- Strong supply chain & distribution channels
- Superb resiliency
- Innovative culture and mindset
- Proactive brand and reputation management



What do senior executives want from risk management?

- Predictive capabilities (insight & foresight)
- Better decision making
- Better awareness and understanding of risk
- Better performance, more for less
- More value protection
- Assurance (a more confident business)
- Risk based resource allocation
- Sustained competitive advantage

Enhanced alignment across strategy and the business

Better alignment between ERM and strategy, planning and business units / functions, as well as with other risk and resilience areas such as crisis management, business continuity planning, compliance, and internal audit. More frequent discussion of risks and tradeoffs

Increased frequency and robustness of risk governance and tradeoff discussions on top enterprise and emerging risks to business, strategy and reputation – supported by data and insights. Clear governance and operating model



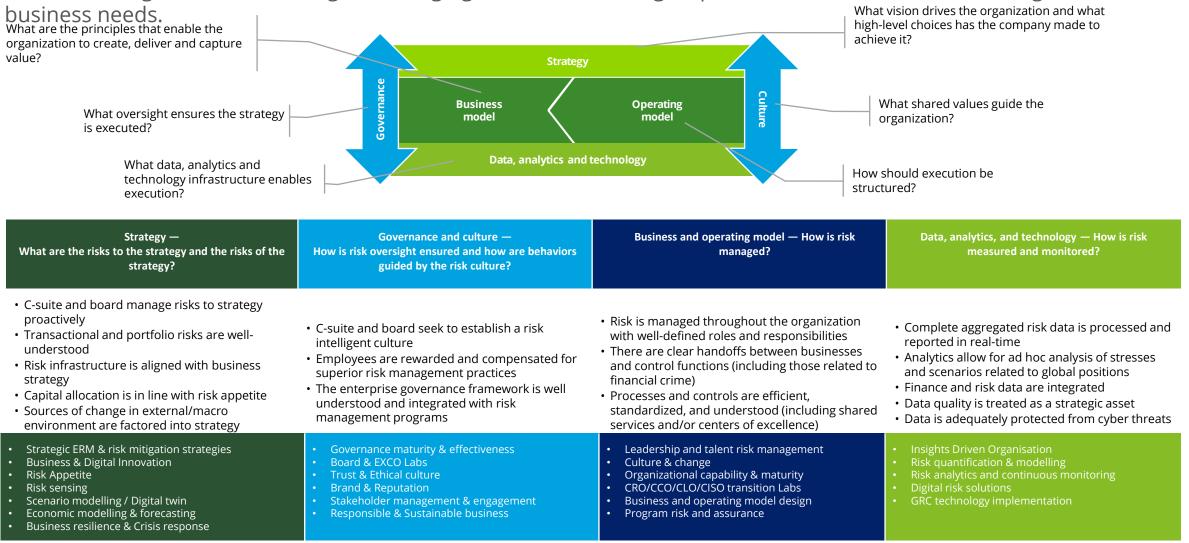
Proactive approach for strategic & emerging risk

Establishment of a senior executive with oversight of ERM and a management risk committee with senior representation from the business to enable more frequent **sharing of risk information**, discussion of **risk interdependencies**, and **cross-functional collaboration** on risk treatment strategies

Enhancing focus on **strategic and emerging risk** in addition to known operational and compliance risks, leveraging tools and capabilities such as scenario planning, simulations, assumptions testing, and risk sensing & analytics to be **more proactive about risk**.

Strategic Risk Transformation

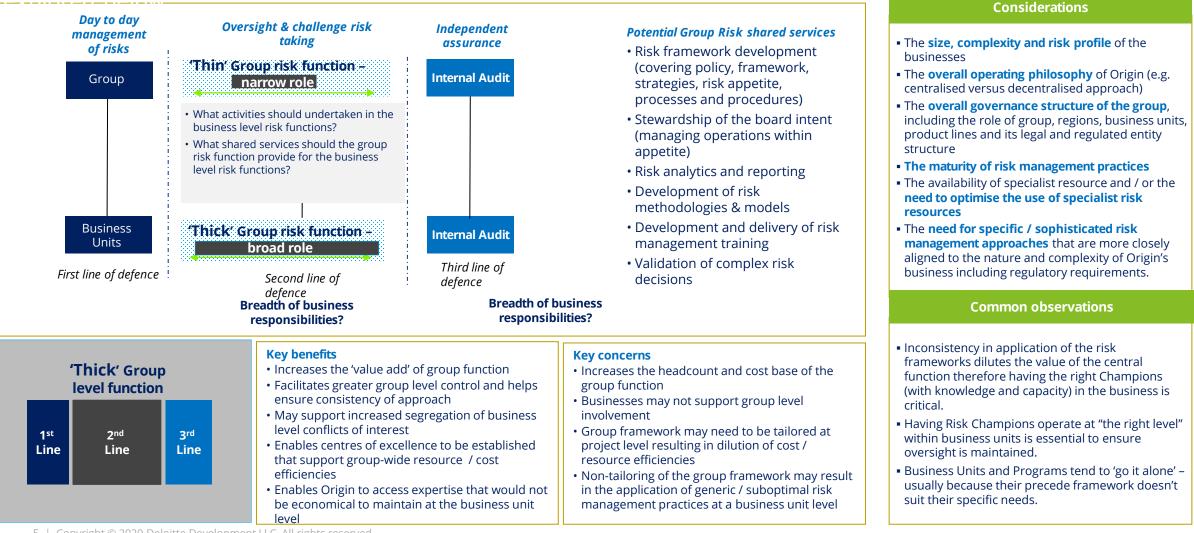
In order for Risk Transformation to occur, a comprehensive Framework needs to be applied to align the Risk Strategy to how the Organisation is managed. Managing risk is about taking steps to enhance value while meeting core



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Evolving risk operating models

'Thick' or 'thin' risk functions can be considered in two dimensions; firstly the allocation of responsibilities to the 1st or 2nd line of defence and secondly the allocation of responsibilities between 2nd line and business level risk functions.



Digital risk solutions – the next generation of GRC

Designing and deploying focussed digital tools, enables the organisation is better equipped to Anticipate, Advise and Assure, with a more proactive and predictive response to risk.

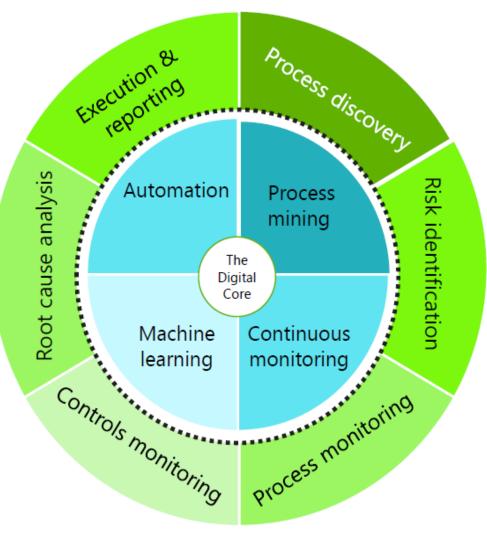
Using analytical approaches:

- Full population, continuous testing
- Process and control KRIs developed for executives across all lines of defence
- Exceptions addressed shortly after they occur. This increases the value add of the Risk Management function.

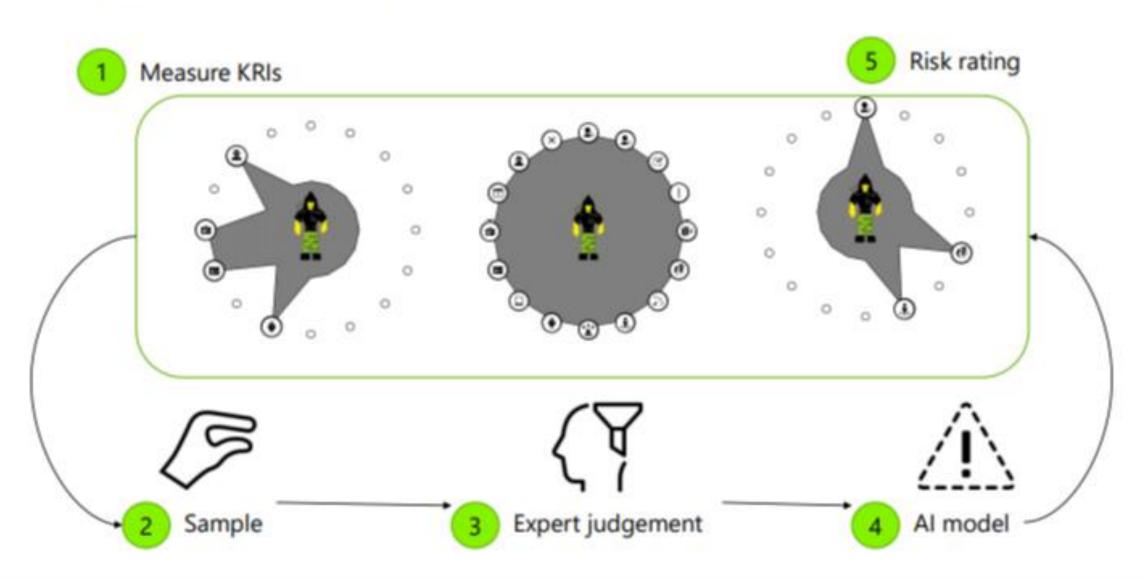
Machine learning enables better root cause analysis, and separates the signal from the noise.

Automation drives efficiency:

- Execution of analytical work.
- Generation of risk and status reports
- Performance of tasks that were previously manual, such as the verification of system records against supporting documentation using our Inspect bot.

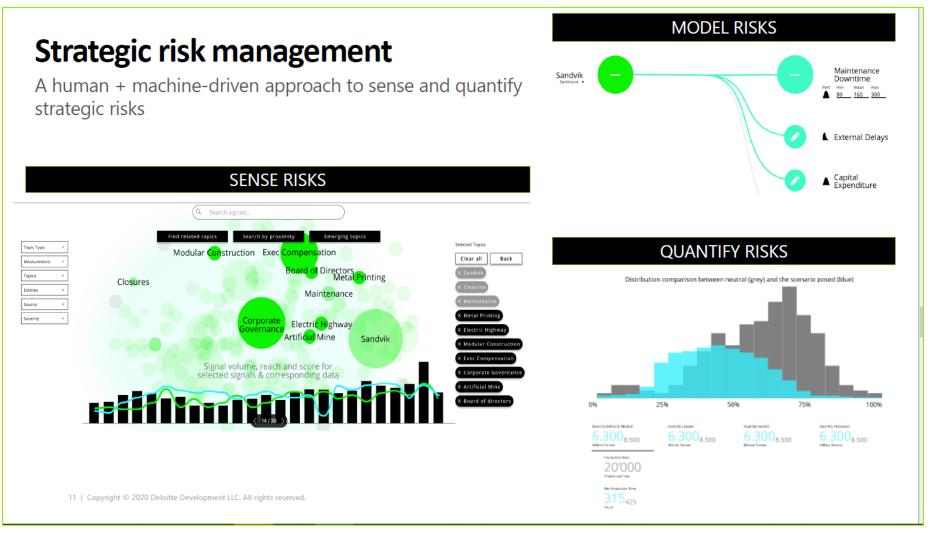


Building risk expert systems



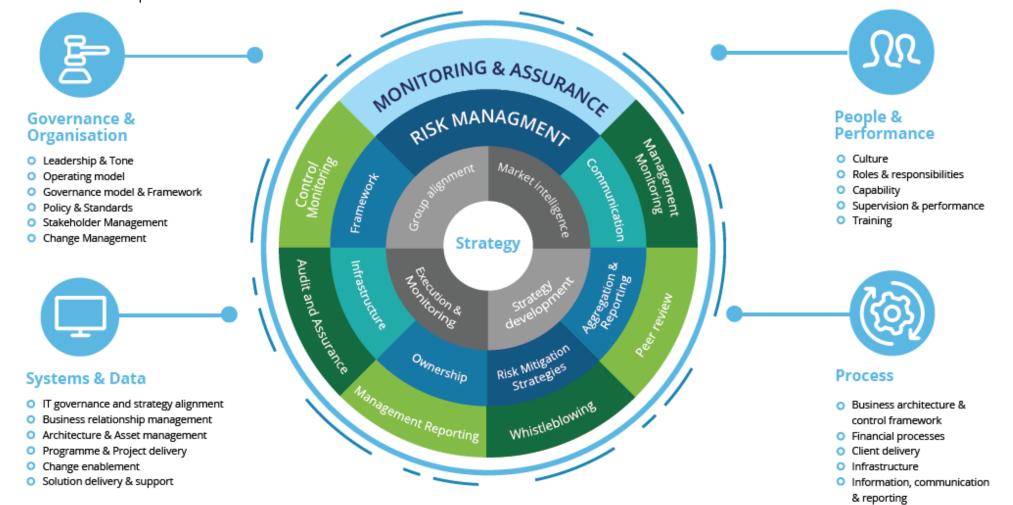
External risk sensing and Internal risk monitoring

Leveraging external and internal risk data to provide more continuous Risk Intelligence and enable proactive risk management and decision making.

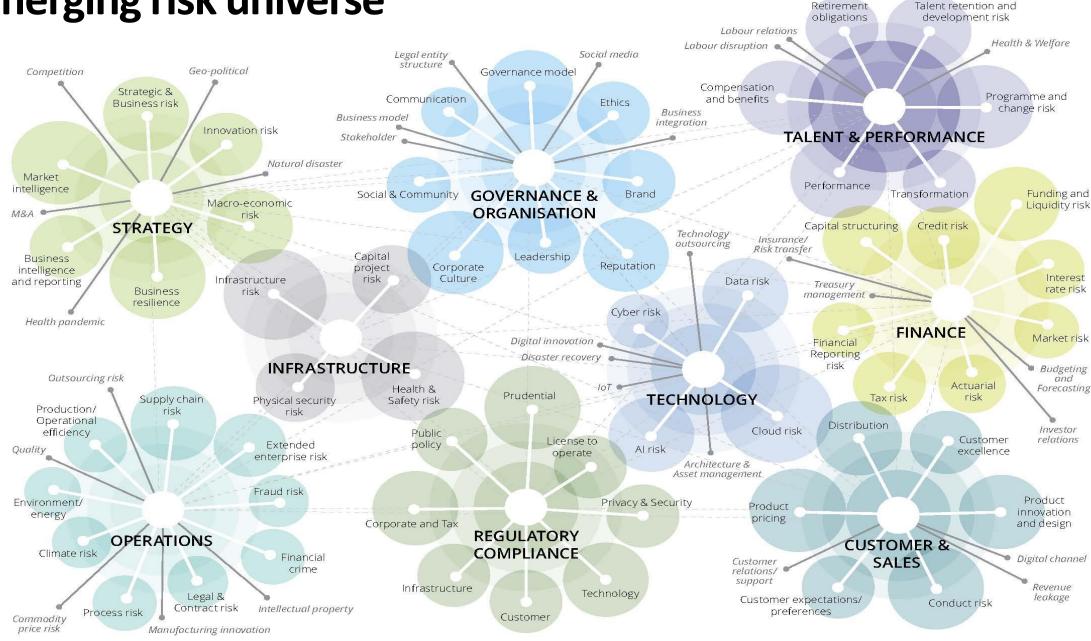


Building a more capable and resilient organisation

Need to challenge the extent to which the current organisational capabilities support the strategy, taking consideration of the current levels of maturity of core business components and required maturity levels to deliver sustainable performance.



Emerging risk universe



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