

Business Risk Management

Highlights

- ***Integrate risk and compliance management to improve decision-making capabilities.***
- ***Identify smaller or independent risks that pose a very large threat to the enterprise.***
- ***Identify opportunities to streamline reporting for greater accuracy.***
- ***Transform your organization with faster, more robust processes.***

Integrate risk and compliance management to improve decision-making capabilities

Trends in globalization, shorter response times and increased business complexity have again brought the importance of risk to the forefront, placing an additional burden on the already busy finance agenda and on senior risk management executives.

IBM can help CFOs and CROs (Chief Risk Officers) identify, assess, manage and optimize business risks, taking a holistic approach that integrates risk and performance management, including compliance where required, as part of the overall business strategy and execution. Our framework is designed to help organizations evolve from basic compliance and ad-hoc responses to risk events, to optimized risk management, in which the value of risk management far outweighs the costs.

After hundreds of regulations and nearly three years of organizations adhering to new standards of compliance, Sarbanes-Oxley has changed not only the face of how organizations view their financial statements, but also how they view their overall risk profile.

Identify small or independent risks that pose a very large threat to the enterprise

Most organizations are just now starting to turn compliance into larger scale risk management programs. This involves the Risk Management Maturity Continuum as an indicator of risk management control and stakeholder value.

We have three major offerings to assist our clients in driving business success:

- ERM Strategy Execution—an enterprise-wide risk management strategy that identifies practical process and technology changes to address high-priority risks.
- SAP Governance, Risk and Compliance (GRC)—implementation and configuration of an integrated compliance solution which includes financial and/or SOX compliance, trade management, and environmental health and safety.
- Oracle GRC—implementation and configuration of applications that allow customers to centrally manage policy, procedure and control documentation, risk assessment and monitoring; risk intelligent reporting; and secured corporate information.

Identify opportunities to streamline reporting for greater accuracy

IBM's Business Risk Management services provides the groundwork for solid reporting practices to be able to provide information to key stakeholders, managers and executives when and where it is needed. Even more integral is the ability to produce accurate reports that identify various potential levels of risk that could negatively impact your performance.

The BRM offerings provide the technology for risk assessment, risk intelligent reporting, SOX, trade regulations, and environmental health and safety.

Transform your organization with faster, more robust processes

At IBM, our Business Risk Management (BRM) practice has the people and experience to address your risk challenges. Our end-to-end capabilities—strategy, process, people and technology—separate us from the competition, especially the role that technology plays in driving business success.

This business success is dependent upon key external and internal drivers that are pushing organizations into risk management. External drivers include compliance with regulations; tighter and longer supply chains; shareholder pressure to protect the value of the brand, culture and reputation; the need for greater disclosure and transparency; and ever-growing credit risks.

Internal drivers include the need to reduce the overall cost of compliance; shareholder and financial community pressure to increase overall business performance through better management of risks and opportunities; and use of business intelligence to allow management to make risk-informed decisions quickly.

Business risk management services help our clients address “end-to-end” capabilities including strategy, processes, people, and technology to manage risk.

Why IBM?

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We offer proven finance transformation tools and experience, such as detailed process leading practices, functional benchmarks, industry metrics and preconstructed process flow diagrams. IBM Financial Management Consulting services bring strong partnerships; we are the number one SAP Consulting Provider and a leading integrator of Oracle/Hyperion applications. Our recent acquisition of Cognos has added over 200 experienced practitioners to our Financial Management practice.

We bring experienced IBM finance executives to meet with clients, including former CFOs, controllers and CIOs. Our consultants have worked with 75% of the global Fortune 50 and 80% of the FT 50.

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