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The Chartered Institute of Internal Auditor’s (IIA) definition of internal audit:
“An independent, objective assurance and consulting activity designed to add value and improve an organisation’s operations. It helps an organisation accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control, and governance processes.”

The role of internal audit
The role of the internal audit function is to:
• Evaluate risk exposures relating to the organisation’s governance, operations and information systems, and financial reporting processes, including:
  • Effectiveness and efficiency of operations
  • Reliability and integrity of financial and operational information
  • Safeguarding of assets
  • Compliance with laws, regulations, and contracts
• Provide assurance to management and the audit committee that internal controls are effective and working as intended
• Provide recommendations for improvement where opportunities or deficiencies are identified.

The value of internal audit
Internal audit provides assurance on the organisation’s governance, risk management and control processes to help the organisation achieve its strategic, operational, financial and compliance objectives.

Internal audit is a catalyst for improving an organisation’s effectiveness and efficiency by providing insight and recommendations based on analyses and assessments of data and business processes.

With commitment to integrity and accountability, internal auditing provides value to governing bodies and senior management as an objective source of independent advice and counsel.

External vs. internal audit
An external auditor is an independent third-party that provides reasonable assurance that an organisation’s financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accepted accounting standards.

Unlike external auditors, internal auditors look beyond financial risks and statements to consider wider issues such as the organisation’s reputation, growth, its impact on the environment and the way it treats its employees.

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Governing bodies and senior management rely on internal audit for objective assurance and insight.

**Internal Audit Outsourcing**

In a full outsourcing arrangement, Deloitte serves as the Internal Audit function. Our experienced professionals, industry-leading practices and tools and capabilities provide internal audit outsourcing services to meet our clients’ specific business needs. By leveraging our multi-disciplinary capabilities, Deloitte’s Internal Audit professionals can help provide organisations with a greater level of assurance, as well as insights and recommendations on business strategy execution and redeploying valuable resources toward achieving strategic goals and objectives.

**Internal Audit Co-sourcing**

Co-sourcing is a flexible and collaborative approach to support existing internal audit organisations. Our practitioners assist clients in building on existing strengths while improving overall value. The client maintains control and responsibility for the function while Deloitte provides “on-demand” advice, leading practices and experienced professionals with industry and specialized business and/or technical capabilities.

Many organisations find that when they co-source the Internal Audit (IA) function, they can redeploy valuable resources toward business activities that allow them to more effectively execute their business strategy and achieve their strategic goals and objectives.

**Internal Audit Loan Staffing**

We understand that sometimes you may just need an extra hand. Our Loaned Staffed arrangements will provide you with skilled and experienced internal audit resources that are under your Management and direction.

**Information Technology Internal Audit**

Information Technology Internal Audit (IT IA) services help connect IT and IA to gain a greater understanding of the risks and opportunities that come with today’s systems, applications and other technologies. Our focus on emerging IT audit, security, governance and risk issues - combined with our extensive industry experience - can better enable you to navigate IT challenges, manage organisation-wide risks, and elevate the role of IA.

Deloitte’s IT IA services include:

- Delivering technical knowledge to the Internal Audit risk assessment and audit plan development
- Executing core IT internal audits, such as general computer controls, information security, pre- and post-implementation reviews, and database and network audits
- Performing IT audits of advanced and emerging technologies, such as cloud computing, social media, mobile devices and end user computing
- Elevating the value received from IT internal audits through more strategic roles

**Internal Audit Effectiveness Reviews (QARs)**

The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing requires companies to conduct an independent quality assessment of their IA function at least once every five years. In addition to fulfilling the requirements of the IIA quality assessment review, our services focus on whether your IA function is adding value to the organisation, as well as meeting the objectives and expectations of management and the audit committee.

**The Deloitte Approach**

Our internal audit approach is focused on providing world class internal audit support which is proactive in responding to changes within your organisation as well as within your Industry and local environment.

Our approach meets all relevant professional standards, which include the Institute of Internal Auditors’ standards for the professional practice of Internal Audit and Global Technology Audit Guide. Our methodology is designed to provide robust assurance that key risks are being effectively managed and to focus on providing insight into improvement opportunities.

We recognise that here in Gibraltar, many organisations are still establishing the foundations of governance, risk and control frameworks. We consider it essential that we design our approach to be flexible and evolve alongside this process.
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