

RISK MANAGEMENT

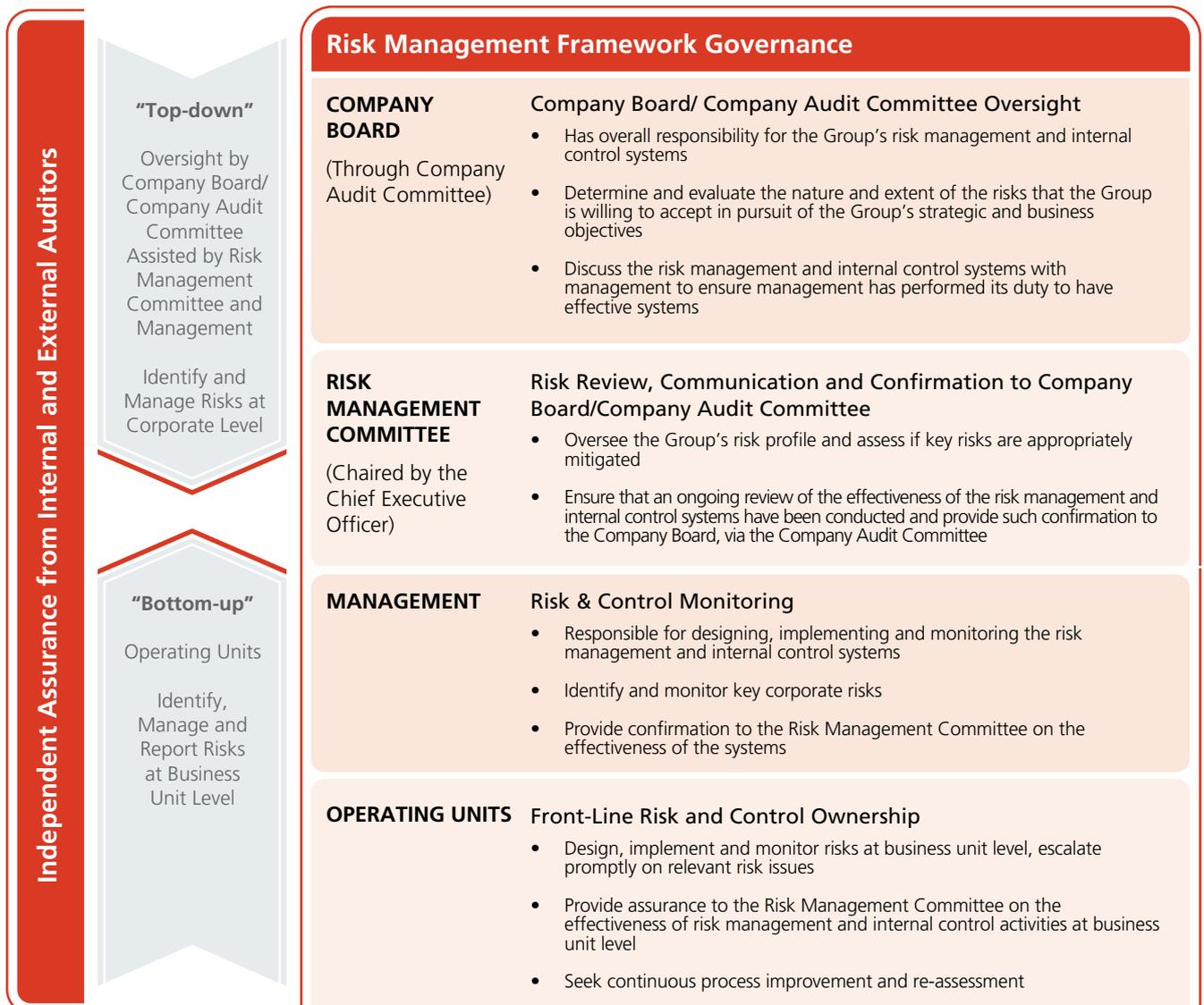
Effective risk management and internal control systems are fundamental to the achievement of our strategic objectives.

Risk management framework

The Group has in place an Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) framework to effectively identify, assess, mitigate and monitor key business, financial, operational and compliance risks. The framework enables us to adopt a proactive and structured approach to identifying and managing risks across the organisation, with on-going monitoring and review in place.

Governance and oversight

The Group is committed to fostering a risk aware and control conscious environment. Responsibility for risk management resides at all levels within the organisation. The Company Board, through the Company Audit Committee, oversees the overall management of risks. The Risk Management Committee, supported by Internal Audit, assists the Company Board and Company Audit Committee to review and monitor key risks of the Group. Management is responsible for identifying and assessing risks of strategic nature. Operating units are responsible for the identification and management of risks in their activities. The top-down and bottom-up approaches complement each other and enable us to identify and manage the Group's key risks in an effective manner, including material emerging risks at corporate and business unit levels.



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Risk management process

The risk management process is integrated into our day-to-day activities and is an ongoing process involving all parts of the Group from the Company Board down to individual employees.

The risk identification process takes into account internal and external factors. These include economic, political, social, technological, environmental and new or updated Group strategy and regulations, as well as our stakeholders' expectations in these aspects. Risks are grouped into different categories to facilitate analysis. Each risk identified is analysed on the basis of likelihood and impact in accordance with the risk appetite set by the Company Board.

Action plans are in place to manage risks. The risk assessment process also includes a review of the control mechanisms for each risk and a rating of the effectiveness of each control.

The Group compiles a risk register which is updated and monitored on an ongoing basis, taking into account emerging risks which may have a material impact on the Group.

A risk management report that highlights key corporate and business level risks and action plans is reviewed by the Risk Management Committee half-yearly. A register of top corporate risks is presented to the Company Audit Committee for reporting to the Company Board. Significant changes in key risks on a day-to-day basis are handled as they arise and reported to management.

Fundamental to achieving our business goals is how we can effectively manage existing and emerging risks in different economic, social and political environments. A description of the Group's risk factors is shown on pages 79 to 81 of this Annual Report. The Group works to continually improve its risk management framework in order to keep pace with the changing business environment.

