

Risk Management

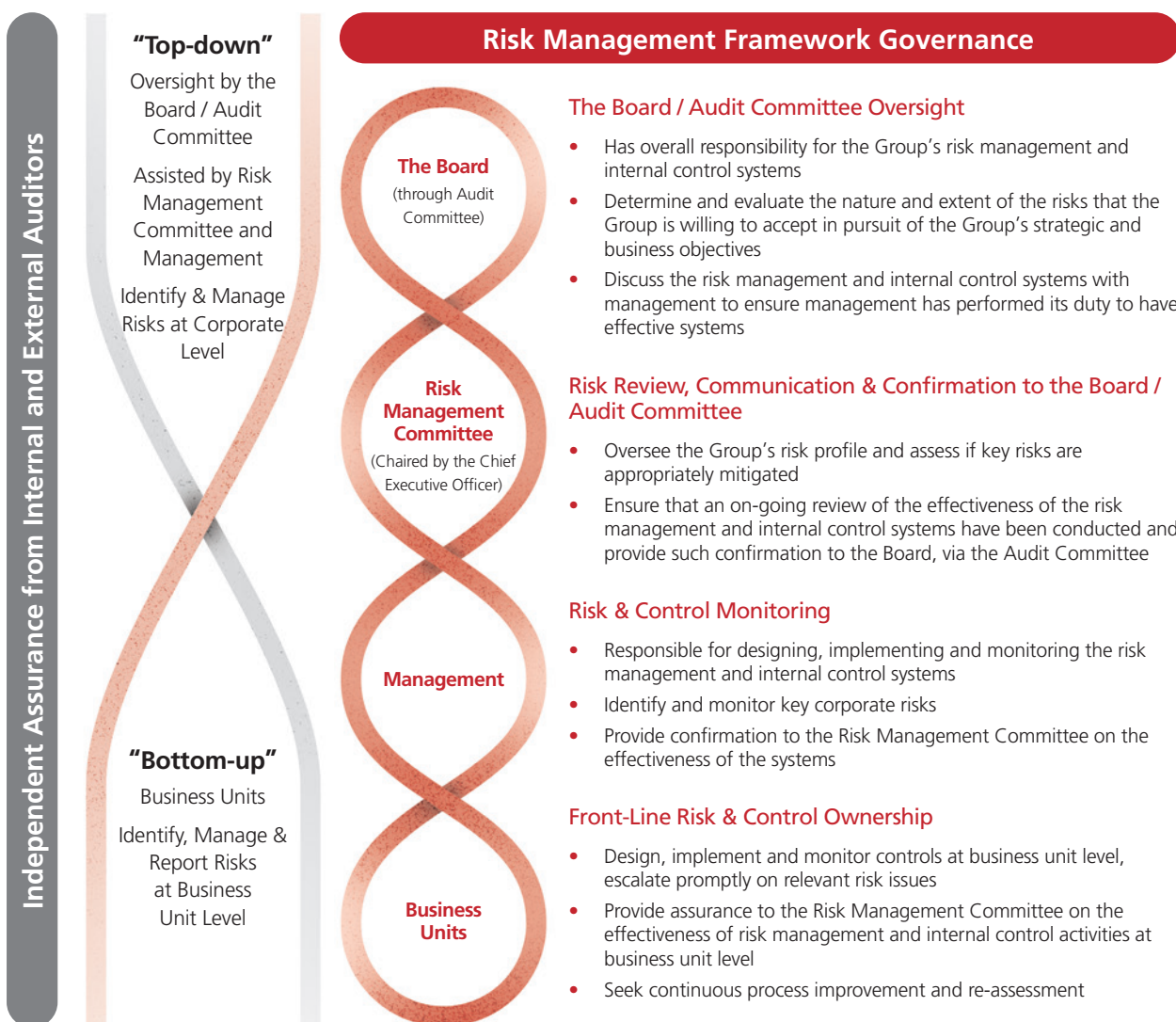
Effective risk management and internal control systems are fundamental to the achievement of our strategic objectives.

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 & 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 Board, through the Audit Committee, oversees the overall management of risks. The Risk Management Committee, supported by Internal Audit, assists the Board and Audit Committee to review and monitor key risks faced by the Group. Management is responsible for identifying and assessing risks of a strategic nature. Business 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.



Risk Management Process

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

The risk identification process takes into account internal and external factors. These include economic, political, social, technological, environmental, laws and regulations, Group strategy, 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 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 on-going basis, taking into account emerging risks that 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 Audit Committee for reporting to the 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 these risk factors is shown on pages 57 to 59 of this Annual Report. The Group works to continually improve its risk management framework in order to keep pace with the changing business environment.

