Risk management with impact
Agenda

How risk thinking took over audit

Pioneering experiences of risk-based reviewing

Where it’s going technically

The psychology of how this changes the job
A risk based approach is a good thing for all of us.

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The rise of risk thinking
Institute of Internal Auditors - international standard

“The internal audit activity should assist the organization by identifying and evaluating significant exposures to risk and contributing to the improvement of risk management and control systems.”

(Also Corporate Governance)

IIA - UK and Ireland - position statement on Risk Based Internal Audit

“RBIA does not preclude the use of systems-based and/or process based auditing as circumstances dictate. It is, however, an approach that focuses on the issues that matter to the organisation and on providing assurance on the risk management framework adopted by the organisation. RBIA will enable internal audit to link directly with the risk management framework thereby leveraging synergies.”
PricewaterhouseCoopers’ TPA

What’s your audit plan?

We haven’t decided.

Who do you need to speak to?

We’ll let you know.

What documents do you want to see?

That depends.
Two pioneering experiences
Based on audit universe

- runs UK’s airports

Based on company risk register
Routine
Clerical
Procedures
Documents
Business as usual
Constraints

Non-routine
Management
Thinking
Flipcharts
Change
Objectives
Pressure and risk anywhere

Narrow financial reporting risks
Technical directions
Varied  Natural

Control & risk perspectives merging
Personal impact
A mandate to be intelligent

Encouragement to think, learn, and imagine.

Freedom to justify flexibility.

Freedom to behave intelligently.
A way to do more with less

Focus.
Adapt.
More interesting conversations

“What’s happening?”

“Where are the risk areas?”

“What are you doing about them?”

“How can I see that?”
Why do people ignore risk?
A very nice man, but imagine ...
Year 2000: The United States Army Culinary Arts Team
A courtroom
Many people think risk management is a tool for achieving our original objectives no matter what.

I don’t agree.

Things could happen unexpectedly, both good and bad, that should lead us to revise our objectives.

Help people see more of the possible futures.

Watch what they say and do.
The other big problem with risk management - thinking of good action plans.
Make an impact by helping people think of what to do
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