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Understanding and Managing Risk is Everyone's Responsibility
Independence of Control Groups From the Line Organization is a Good Check and Balance
Independent Risk Management is an Important Control
Acknowledging and Understanding Fiduciary Responsibilities is Crucial to Managing Risk.
Senior Management's Establishment of a Risk Conscious Culture is a Component of Effective Risk Management
Written Policies, Procedures, Ethics Codes, Guidelines and Documentation Should be Clear, Unambiguous and Achievable. Say What You Do and Do What You Say
Formal Exception and Escalation Procedures are Important
Reputation Risk is a Critical Factor in Asset Management Businesses and Must be Carefully Managed
Employee Education is Critical to a Risk Conscious Culture

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2015 Risk Principles - Update In Progress

2015 Update Focused On:

Governance Principles

Risk principles relating to organizational structure, and oversight mechanisms. It addresses
the importance of independent controls, segregation of functions, senior management
involvement in risk management and oversight and adoption of appropriate policies and
procedures

Investment Risk Principles

 Risk principles relating to the need for various risk controls at the portfolio level. It addresses market risk, liquidity risk, leverage, valuations and other aspects of investment risk

Operational Risk Principles

Risk principles relating to various types of risks that occur in the ordinary course of business
and in disasters. It addresses the importance of identifying, assessing, and monitoring these
risks, putting in place adequate systems and minimizing manual processes, managing
counterparty credit risk, and assuring business continuity in a disaster.

Meeting on June 26th to Finalize Updates to Risk Principles



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Buy Side Risk Managers Forum (BSRMF)

- Founded in 2003 by Ken Winston (then at OppenheimerFunds) and Sarah Collins (then at Dreyfus)
- Brought together chief risk officers and heads of risk from 30 large asset management firms (Fidelity, Vanguard, Blackrock, Putnam, Federated, Goldman, Morgan Stanley, JP Morgan, OppenheimerFunds, Wellington, TD, Dreyfus, etc.)
 - There were many risk management groups for banks, insurers, and others but none for asset managers
- Originally intended to produce a standards document for the industry, but that's a lot of work!
 - Instead, the group met twice a year in New York or Boston and discussed issues of interest to large asset managers
 - Discussions focused about 60% on managing investment risk (market and credit risk); 40% on enterprise and operational risk
- Merged with GARP (Global Association of Risk Professionals) in 2013
- GARP Buy Side Risk Managers Forum
 http://www.garp.org/#!/buy_side_risk_managers_forum/
- 2008 Risk Principles link http://bit.ly/1BWkJpg

Creating a principles document

- Decision to create a principles document in 2006
 - Hired Capital Market Risk Advisors (CMRA) to help with polling, editing, writing
 - Still a lot of work!
- Threading the needle between overly general and overly prescriptive



- Not all members of the BSRMF signed the 2008 document (17 did)
- Then there was a global financial crisis
- Current climate may push for a degree of precision and certainty that is not realistic
- Important to stress diligence and adherence to fiduciary duty without guaranteeing an outcome

Investment risk principles

- Background: Asset managers are fiduciaries investing money that belongs to their clients.
 Client money is kept in a custodian bank and is generally not commingled with the asset manager's own money. The asset manager is paid a fee to make good investment decisions on behalf of the client.
- 1. Client Risk Tolerances and Expectations Should be Known, Communicated, and Monitored
- 2. Investment Risk Should be Estimated and Monitored
- 3. Investment Performance Should be Measured and Monitored
- 4. Liquidity and Capacity Risk Should be Estimated and Monitored

 "...managers should regularly assess the product's ability to obtain and provide

 appropriate liquidity and should limit the product's size if necessary."
- Concentration Risk Needs to be Tracked and Understood
- 6. Risks Attributable to Leverage Should be Tracked and Understood

Investment risk principles, continued

- 7. Valuation Methodologies Should be Fair and Consistent
- 8. Stress Testing is an Important Tool in Analyzing Risk
- 9. Issuer and Counterparty Credit Risk Should be Estimated and Managed



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Risk Principles for Asset Managers – Operational Risk

Recording of Operational Events

- Events with financial impact and near misses
- Internal as well as external events
- Include events from outsourced services and sub-advisory relationships
- Consider developing an operational events database

Risk and Control Assessments

- Top-down and a bottom-up approach to identifying and prioritizing risks
- Monitor remediation of any identified issues
- Strong consideration to IT related controls
- Consider conducting controls testing

Key Risk Indicators

- Should allow to measure the effectiveness of key controls
- Effective implementation requires a structured approach, with metrics derived from the Risk Assessment and a process that includes thresholds for monitoring and escalation

Operational Risk Quantification

- Allows quantification of operational risks
- Two approaches:
 - a) use operational risk event data or
 - b) scenario based approach



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Components of Governance

Governance provides the <u>foundation</u> for the <u>effective</u> oversight of risk management activities Decision making structures and issue escalation procedures provide the needed infrastructure

Tone at the Top & Mutual Understanding

- Whether you take a <u>consultative or prescriptive</u> the approach will depend upon the organization's ownership structure, size, complexity and culture
- Definitions of risk and risk tolerances should be mutually agreed upon

Organizational Structure

- Risk management must have <u>access</u> to senior management
- Segregation of duties
- Risk Management roles and responsibilities should be <u>clearly defined</u> and governance supported by <u>written</u> policies and procedures

Reporting & Escalation

- Risk reporting should <u>inform</u> decision-making
- Escalation should follow the <u>natural flow</u> of information

Principles of Governance

Framework

- Common <u>understanding</u> of the methods used and metrics measured
- Applied <u>uniformly</u> across the enterprise
- Clearly <u>defined</u> terminology

Segregation of Functions

- Appropriate checks and balances
- Segregation of duties between investment decision makers, risk management and operational support functions
- Segregation of control functions from line functions

Roles & Responsibilities

- Clearly defined roles and responsibilities:
 - risk and assessment; and,
 - control and identification mitigation within risk tolerances
- Policies and procedures, code of ethics, guidelines and escalation procedures should be clear, unambiguous, accessible and achievable

Culture

- Risk conscious culture:
 - risks are well-understood
 - · tolerances are clearly defined; and,
 - risk / return trade-offs are considered

Principles of Governance

Independence of Risk Management

- Risk management function must be <u>independent</u>
- A skilled Chief Risk Officer provides <u>leadership</u> and an independent view on:
 - evolving practices
 - whether risk is being taken intelligently and strategically with a reasonable expectation of being rewarded

Measurement and Reporting

- Meaningful and actionable reporting is a continual improvement effort
- Risk Reporting should be tailored to the audience
- Mutual agreement is not expected or required, but the risk manager's role as an objective observer includes effective communication to peers

Proprietary Investment Management

- Certain activities require special risk governance when the asset manager's assets are exposed to investment risk.
- Conflict Avoidance
 - Proprietary versus client investment activities to provide transparency, accountability and control
 - Clearly defined allocations of profit and loss

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