



# Exploring the Next Generation of Internal Auditing Within the Energy & Utilities Industry

Mammoth waves of disruption are both buffeting and igniting organizations in their drive to change and stay relevant, and internal audit functions have seen the effects. It's now time for internal audit leaders and their teams to take the initiative, stand up and ride their own wave of transformation and innovation.

## Fewer internal audit groups are undertaking innovation or transformation activities

Is your internal audit department currently undertaking any transformation or innovation initiatives?

	2020	2019
Yes	64%	87%
No	31%	12%
Unsure	5%	1%



## But the maturity of these capabilities has increased

Which one of the following statements best defines the current maturity of your internal audit transformation or innovation activities?

	2020	2019
There is no formal innovation agenda with internal audit, and no programs are in place to otherwise drive or encourage innovative thinking and pursuits	0%	20%
Even if an innovation agenda does not exist, ideas are encouraged and often evaluated and explored	30%	20%
While no formal innovation structure exists, the internal audit function has run innovation challenges to generate ideas and pursue proposed solutions	30%	29%
The entire internal audit function understands the importance of innovation and innovation contributions are measured as part of performance appraisals	25%	31%
Innovation is defined as a core value for the internal audit function, with an appreciation for and focus on continuous reinvention to long-term success	15%	0%

## Top Audit Plan Priorities for 2020

Energy & Utilities Industry	All Industries
Enterprise risk management	Fraud risk management
Fraud risk management	Enterprise risk management
Vendor/third-party risk management	Cybersecurity risk/threat
Resource & talent management	Vendor/third-party risk management
Cybersecurity risk/threat	Internal audit strategic vision
Continuous monitoring	COSO Internal Control – Integrated Framework
Advanced analytics	Continuous monitoring
Organizational structure	Resource & talent management
Cloud computing	Advanced analytics
Aligned assurance	Dynamic risk assessment
Internal audit strategic vision	Organizational structure
COSO Internal Control – Integrated Framework	Aligned assurance

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