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# CAPITAL ALLOCATION <sup>for</sup> OPERATIONAL RISK



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Understanding the challenge

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# Developing specific measures for operational risk is part of a broader challenge

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**The challenge: deliver “better, faster & cheaper”**

*Competitive pressures:*

Client expectations for operational sophistication, speed and accuracy

Focus on operations has moved from back office to the front office

*Shareholder expectations:*

Pressure to manage significant expenditures on technology / operations

Reduce losses / improve efficiency

*Complexity of operations / risk:*

Increasing complexity of products and support requirements

Increasing dependency on technology

*Regulatory focus:*

Initiatives have mobilized the industry

# A new operational risk model is part of the solution to this challenge

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## Improving operational risk management requires a new model

### Old Model

- Op Risk considered a by-product of market / credit risk
- Accountability for Op Risk diffused across front / middle / back office
- No understanding of Op loss levels
- Op Risk not systematically measured at business or firm-wide level
- No cross business / industry performance measures available

### New Model

- Op Risk is a primary risk discipline with similar tools / approaches as other risk
- Transparency and accountability established for Op Risk
- Op losses measured and analyzed
- Op Risk systematically measured with capital assigned to each risk
- Benchmarking performance both internally and externally

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# Improved risk management, not precise risk measurement, is the goal

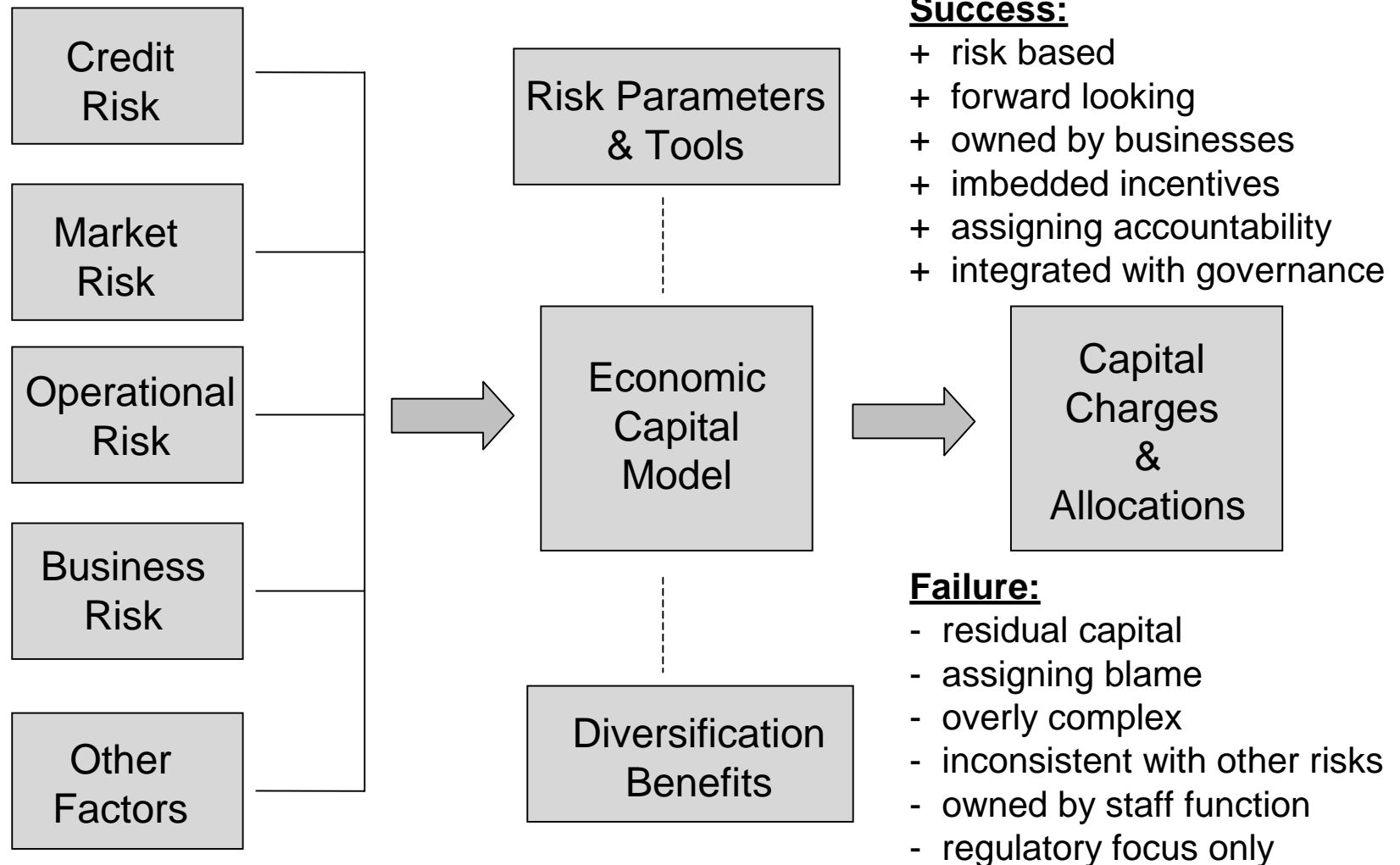
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## Four key principles:

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| <i>Risk-based measures:</i>        | business-specific risk metrics<br>forward looking perspective<br>dynamically reflects changing environment                                  |
| <i>Incentives for improvement:</i> | facilitates better risk management<br>cost benefit assessment is positive<br>improves overall financial performance                         |
| <i>Disciplined and rigorous:</i>   | owned by business managers<br>consistent definitions and implementation<br>integrated into other key processes                              |
| <i>Pragmatic approach:</i>         | directionally correct<br>integrated with credit / market risk<br>transparent to all stakeholders<br>consistent with regulatory requirements |

# Approach must be compatible with capital framework and integrated into business management

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# Our “first generation” calibration model for operational risk involves four key quantitative inputs

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## Operational Loss Data

- firm-wide data collected & analyzed
- consistent definitions / process
- supplemented with external data

- loss distributions development & adjusted
- scenario / stress testing tools utilized
- internal / external benchmarks created

## Quality of Control Environment

- rigorous self assessment process
- focus on key, business-specific risks
- consistent risk templates

- specific scores developed
- changes in score reflected in capital
- becomes dynamic, nonlinear measure

## Business Complexity

- business model assessed
- process maps developed
- risks / interdependencies analyzed

- graded on 5 - 7 specific measures
- consistent with Self Assessment / Audit
- back-tested vs. loss experience

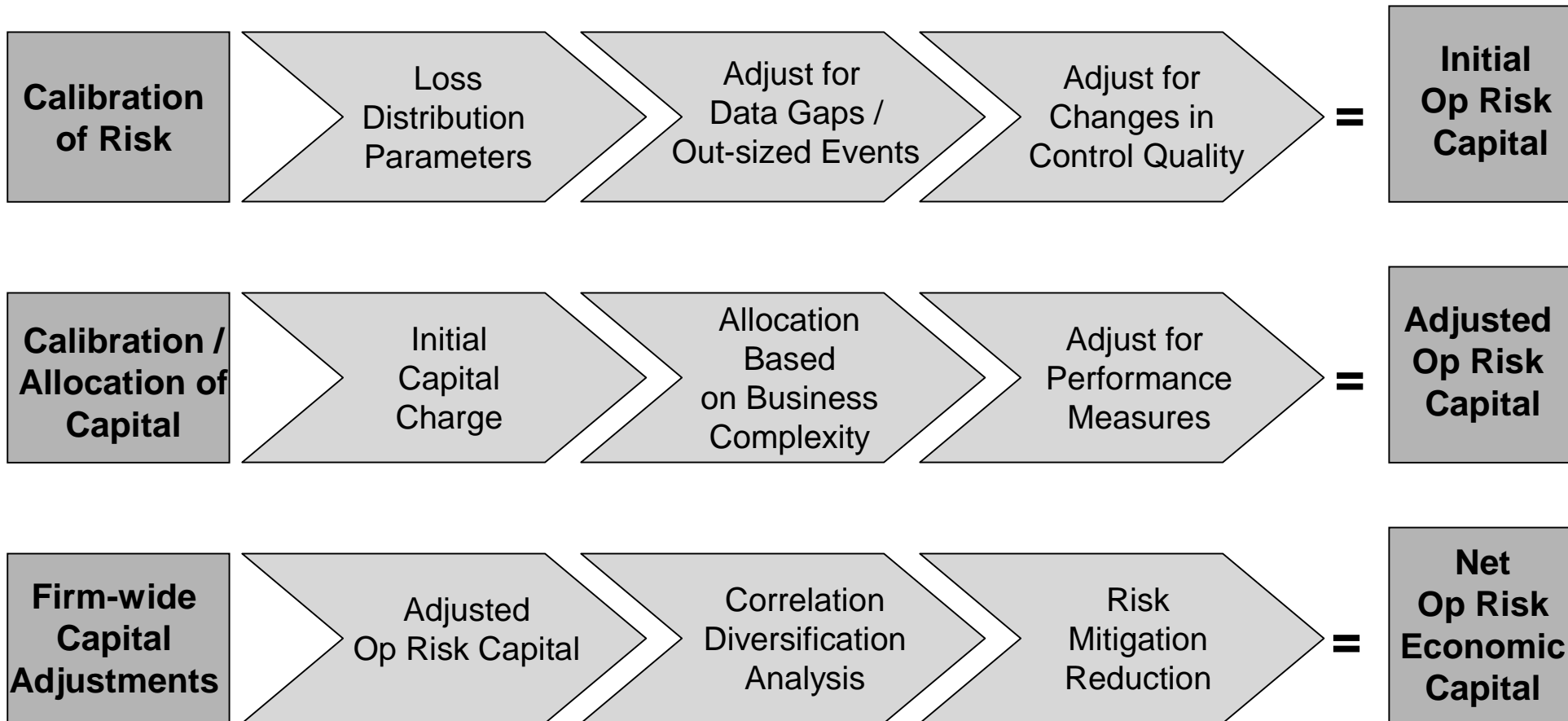
## Business Performance Measures

- key risk indicators identified
- key performance indicators
- consistent with Self Assessment

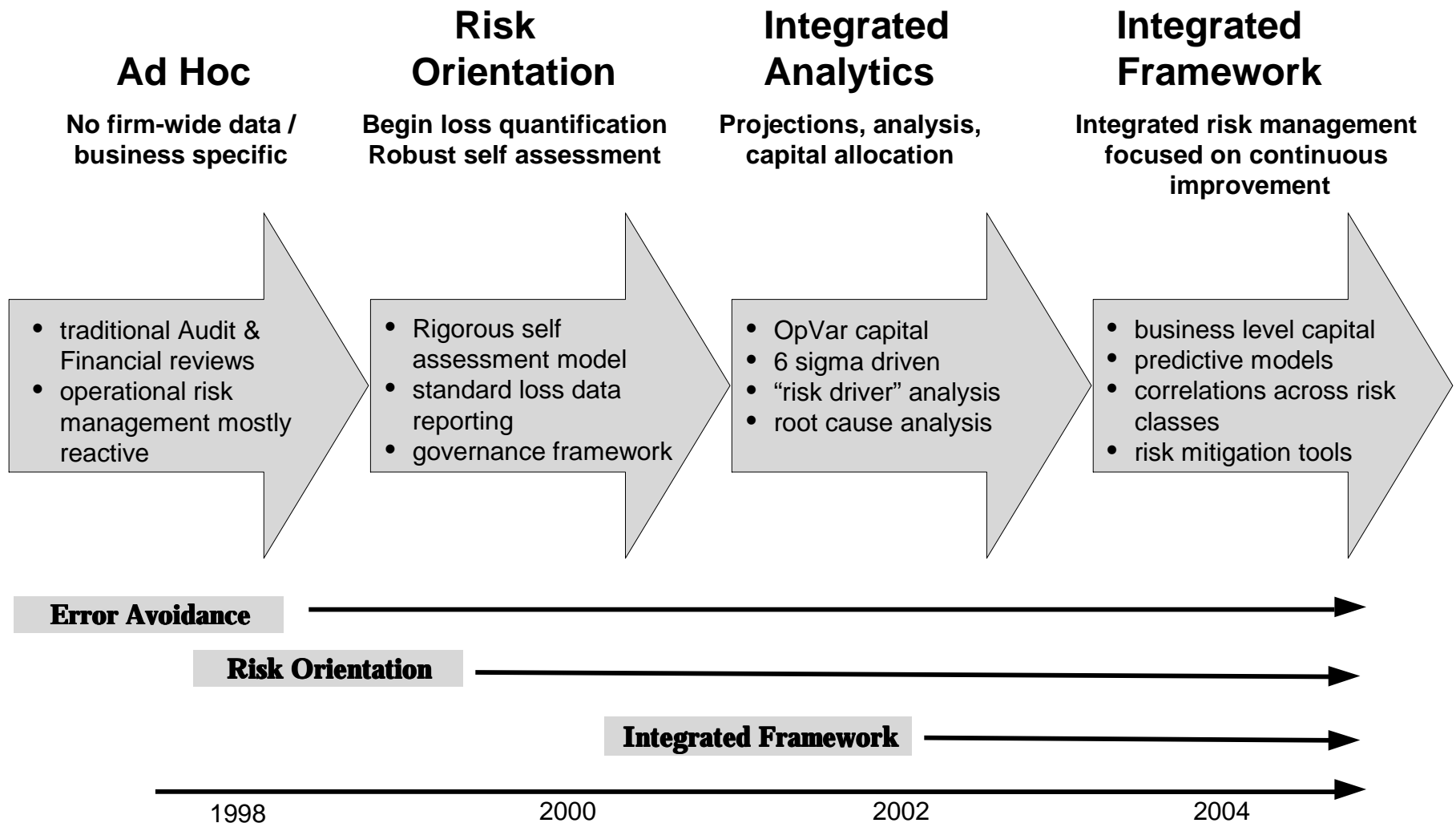
- dynamic measure (growth, capacity, etc.)
- risk specific metrics (e.g., nostro breaks)
- provides incentive for corporate objectives

# The calibration and allocation of op risk capital is a multi-step process

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# We are at the second stage of our four-stage model



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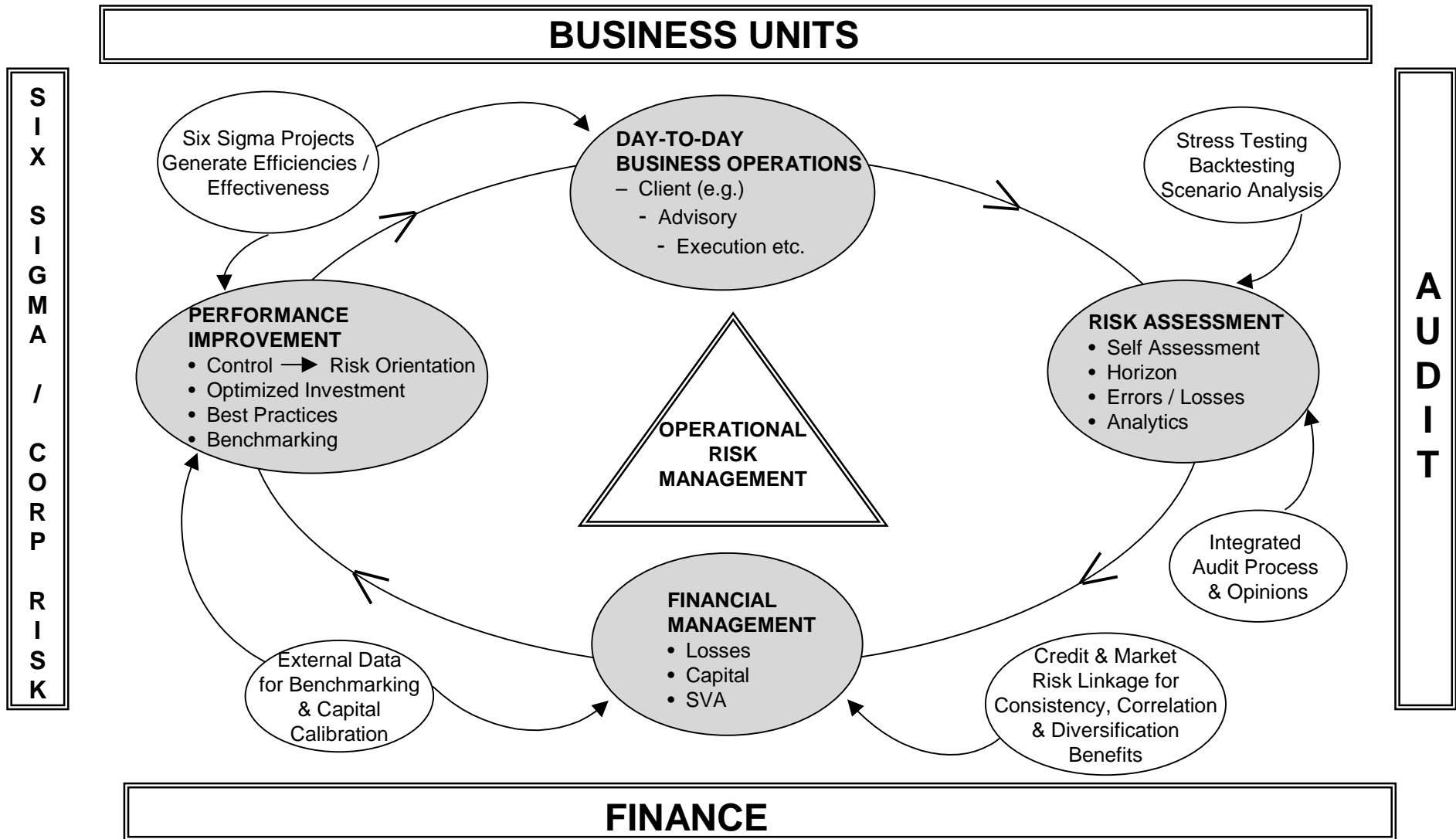
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# Our goal is an integrated framework and a virtuous circle of continuous self-improvement



# If successful, such a framework can deliver value

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## 1. Greater relevance to businesses

- risk-based self assessment process
- tailored to business characteristics

## 2. Increased efficiencies

- web-based data reporting
- elimination of bureaucratic requirements

## 3. Enhanced analytics

- linkage of self assessment and losses
- backtesting, scenario analysis, stress testing
- loss pattern analysis by risk, activity, etc.
- correlation / diversification analysis

## 4. Improved risk management

- improved understanding of risks
- greater transparency / accountability
- performance benchmarking
- enhanced, relevant dashboards
- shared best practices
- continuous self improvement

## 5. Improved financial performance

- lower operational losses
- increased productivity
- capital efficiency
- imbedded incentives
- insurance / risk mitigation tools