

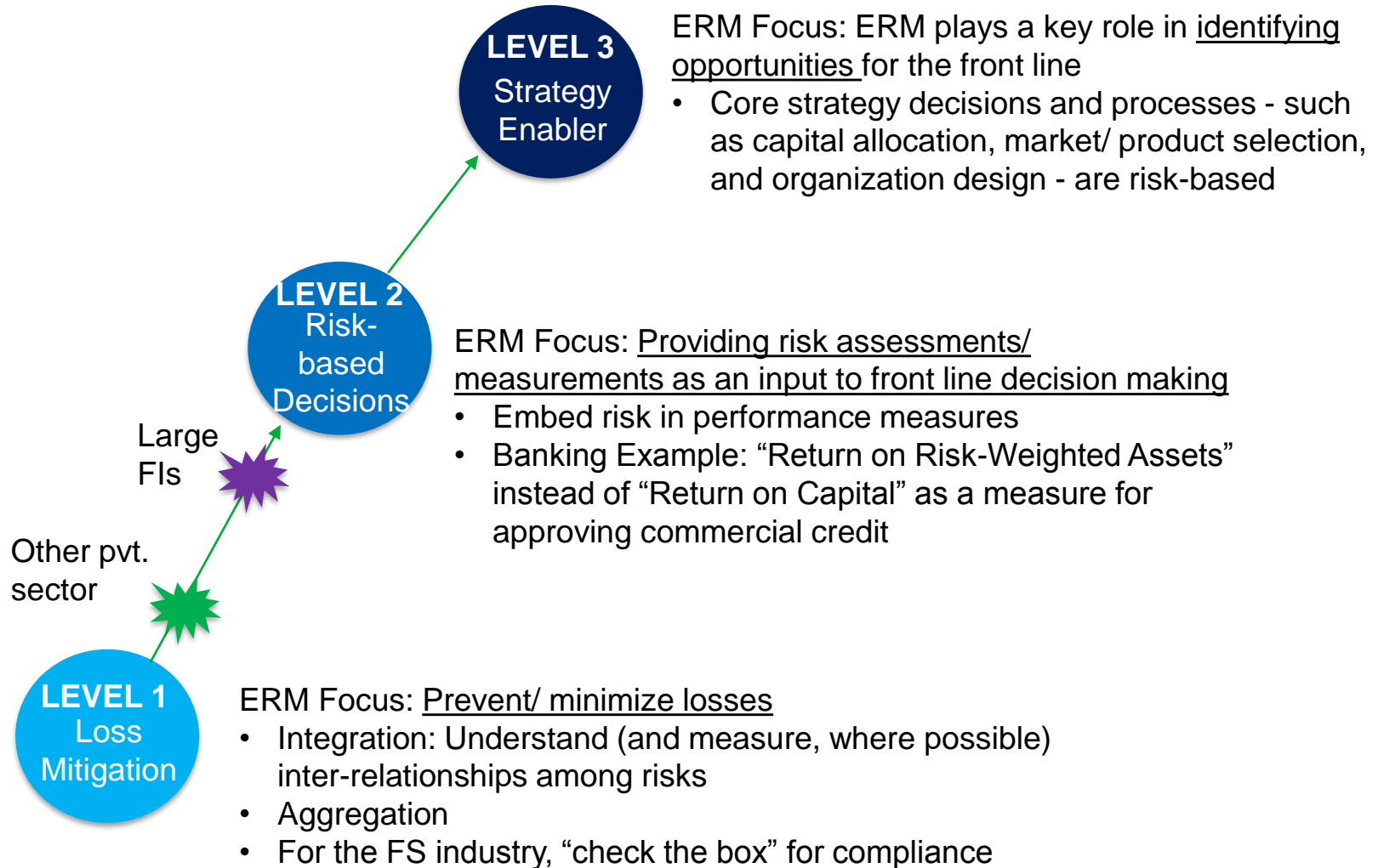
# **ERM: A Private Sector View**

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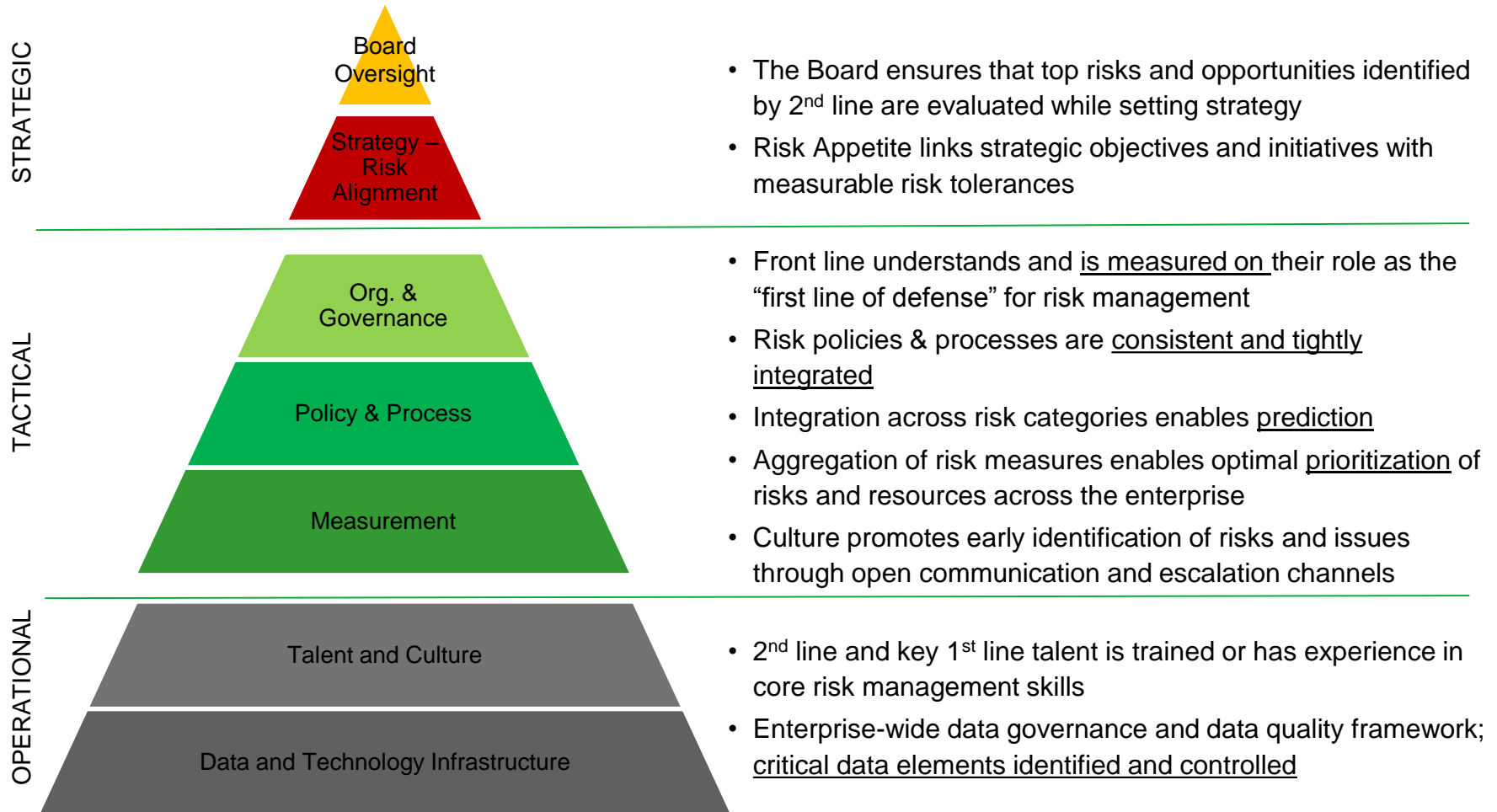
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# ERM In The Private Sector Is Evolving From A Loss Mitigation Function To An Enabler Of Business Strategy.



# A Successful 'Level 3' ERM Capability Consists Of Several Layers That Are Tightly Integrated.



# Private Sector Lessons – Do's and Don'ts

## DO

- 1. Demonstrating business value quickly is key to sustaining and maturing ERM**
  - Identify quick wins and apply an iterative/ agile approach to deliver them
- 2. Focus on end-to-end processes, metrics, and governance first:**
  - Design end-to-end processes across the risk lifecycle, spanning all risk categories
  - For each lifecycle stage, design vertical processes to tightly link all layers
- 3. Develop a phased roadmap to achieve the target end state (Level 3)**
  - As this is a multi-year (at least 2-3 year) journey, a roadmap approach is key to realizing ROI and obtaining budget approval at regular intervals

## DON'T

- 1. Don't focus solely on "checking the box" – i.e. reactive approach, driven by internal or external audit/ regulatory findings**
  - This leads to piecemeal components, but not a holistic and integrated risk framework
- 2. For smaller organizations, don't start with the IT/ Data build.**
  - Put processes, governance, and metrics in place first.
- 3. ERM leading practices (and related regulatory guidance) are broad and non-prescriptive by nature. Therefore:**
  - Don't design and implement processes/ controls without documenting the supporting rationale for all decisions
  - Don't assume documentation is enough. Perform regular testing/ assurance and maintain evidence of this

# Emerging Leading Practices In Building Risk Culture And Talent

- **Common challenges related to risk culture and talent:**

- Hesitation to formally identify and document control weaknesses – due to a significant increase in regulatory scrutiny, coupled with non-prescriptive regulatory guidance (e.g. on OCC Heightened Standards)
- Individual 2<sup>nd</sup> line risk functions see ERM as “overhead”
- 1<sup>st</sup> line view of ERM as a “documentation exercise” – resulting in low engagement in day-to-day risk identification and escalation
- Awareness of / emphasis on risk skills in 1<sup>st</sup> line hiring/ performance evaluation is still low

- **Emerging leading practices:**

- Risk culture/ “tone-from-the-top” employee survey (some organizations extend this to the Board)
- Rollout of interactive/ scenario-based training for key 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> line managers
- Formal inclusion of “risk identification/ management meetings” in 1<sup>st</sup> line managers’ calendars.
- Additional communication channels (anonymous/ private where necessary, and usually web-based) to enable flagging of risks by staff
- Risk skills assessment of Board and Senior Management

# Case Study

**A midsized regional bank [not Capital One] building ERM from first principles organized their roadmap as follows:**

- **Phase 1:**

- Metrics: Define Board-level and Risk Committee metrics across all 8 risk categories; use predictive metrics where possible
- Data Governance/ Data Quality: In parallel, design a risk data governance & data quality framework; Implement the data quality/ data governance for a few risk data domains as a pilot

- **Phase 2:**

- Risk Governance Structures/ Three Lines of Defense: Define/ clarify and implement the 3 LOD roles & responsibilities; Formally codify and strengthen risk governance committee charters and related processes
- Data infrastructure: Transition risk data into the risk data warehouse in phases, to facilitate metric production
- Data quality and controls: Define a standard risk data dictionary; Identify 'critical data elements'; Apply data quality controls to the CDEs in the data warehouse
- Risk culture survey – enterprise-wide across 3 lines/ multiple business lines

# Case Study (continued)

- **Phase 3:**

- Build top risk identification process and analytics:
  - Integrated risk identification process involving top-down, bottom-up, and research-based activities
  - Machine learning pilots to aggregate trends from risk self-assessments/ issues data
- Risk-based performance measures defined and implemented in the 1<sup>st</sup> line
- Risk culture programs launched: Communications, training, and escalation channels
- Risk talent programs enhanced, including succession planning for senior roles

- **Phase 4:**

- Risk-based capital allocation
- Pro-active opportunity identification for business on a monthly/ quarterly basis