

Can innovative corporate reporting build trust in a volatile world?

Finance 4.0 and the transformation of reporting and governance in a high-risk world



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About this report

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Fourth Global FAAS survey

This EY report focuses on how organizations that treat their data as a strategic asset and use smart and innovative technologies to analyze data can provide better insight to boards to help them fulfill their oversight role and support the integrity of the organization.



What should finance leaders consider?



Aim to manage data as a strategic asset

Shift the finance mindset to embrace technology innovation

Challenge traditional governance and board structures

About the research

25
countries

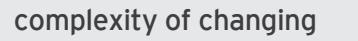
Sample: 1,020 CFOs finance leaders – 50% CFOs and 50% FDs, FCs and treasury leaders

40 responses per country

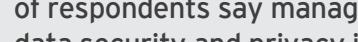


Key statistics

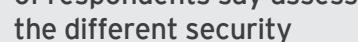
72% of respondents say the need to align reporting with ever-changing accounting standards are affecting reporting effectiveness



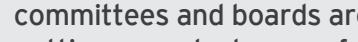
71% of respondents say the complexity of changing compliance requirements at a local and international level are affecting reporting effectiveness



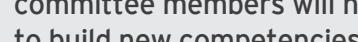
56% of respondents say managing data security and privacy is today's main data challenge in the corporate reporting environment



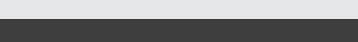
85% of respondents say assessing the different security standards for data centers versus cloud computing is challenging



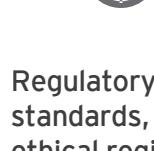
82% of respondents say audit committees and boards are putting a much stronger focus on corporate culture and its impact on compliance and fraud prevention



64% of respondents say audit committee members will need to build new competencies around the changing technology and data environment

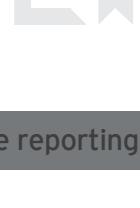


Key findings



Finance functions continue to face complexity and change and find it a challenge to keep their reporting systems and processes up to date.

Regulatory and accounting standards, legal protocols and ethical regimes are continuing to evolve and shift as the political and social environment changes.



These trends are affecting corporate reporting:

• Changing the way in which financial statements are prepared to adapt to a Finance 4.0 world

• Changing the financial oversight provided by audit committees and boards:

 The what: focus topics and competencies required

 The how: the breadth of information they demand

