



AUDITING AND GOVERNANCE RISK AND COMPLIANCE | AGRC-027

Internal Audit Leadership for Chief Audit Executives

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Course content

Why Attend

Chief audit executives must position internal audit as a trusted, strategic adviser while maintaining independence. They lead teams, manage stakeholders, oversee quality and report to audit committees.

This Aractech course covers internal audit strategy, audit committee relationships, risk-based planning at enterprise level, resourcing and talent, technology and analytics, quality assurance and improvement programmes, and communicating value. Participants develop an internal audit strategy.

Course Methodology

- Leadership discussions
- Strategy workshops
- Case studies
- Peer exchange
- Planning exercises

Course Objectives

- Develop an internal audit strategy aligned with organisational priorities
- Build effective audit committee relationships
- Lead enterprise risk-based audit planning
- Manage audit resources, talent and technology
- Oversee quality assurance and improvement
- Measure and communicate internal audit value

Target Audience

- Chief audit executives
- Heads of internal audit

Course content

- Audit directors and senior managers
- Aspiring audit leaders

Course outline

Detailed course outline

Day-by-day outline for Internal Audit Leadership for Chief Audit Executives.

Day 1 - Strategic Internal Audit

- 09:00-09:39 | Evolving role of internal audit
- 09:39-10:18 | Global standards for leadership
- 10:18-10:57 | Mandate and charter
- 10:57-11:00 | Stakeholder expectations
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-12:05 | Stakeholder expectations (continued)
- 12:05-12:43 | Strategy
- 12:43-14:00 | Exercise: Strategic positioning

Day 2 - Audit Committee and Stakeholders

- 09:00-09:39 | Audit committee relationships
- 09:39-10:18 | Reporting
- 10:18-10:57 | Executive relationships
- 10:57-11:00 | Independence
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-12:05 | Independence (continued)
- 12:05-12:43 | Difficult conversations
- 12:43-14:00 | Role play: Audit committee meeting

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Day 3 - Planning and Resourcing

- 09:00-09:39 | Enterprise risk-based planning
- 09:39-10:18 | Agile planning
- 10:18-10:57 | Co-sourcing
- 10:57-11:00 | Talent and skills
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-12:05 | Talent and skills (continued)
- 12:05-12:43 | Budget
- 12:43-14:00 | Workshop: Audit plan

Day 4 - Technology and Quality

- 09:00-09:39 | Analytics and automation
- 09:39-10:18 | AI in audit
- 10:18-10:57 | Quality assurance programme
- 10:57-11:00 | External assessments
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-12:05 | External assessments (continued)
- 12:05-12:43 | Methodology
- 12:43-14:00 | Case study: Audit transformation

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Day 5 - Value and Influence

- 09:00-09:45 | Measuring value
- 09:45-10:30 | KPIs
- 10:30-11:00 | Communicating insight
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-11:45 | Communicating insight (continued)
- 11:45-12:30 | Leadership
- 12:30-13:15 | Personal development
- 13:15-14:00 | Capstone: Internal audit strategy

Seminar dates

Available seminar dates

Live dates and pricing for Internal Audit Leadership for Chief Audit Executives generated from the course details page.

Date	Location	Format	Fee
16 - 20 November 2026	London	Classroom	€2,315
7 - 11 December 2026	Munich	Classroom	€3,225
11 - 15 January 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	€2,815
8 - 12 February 2027	Frankfurt	Classroom	€1,875
8 - 12 March 2027	Rome	Classroom	€3,460
12 - 16 April 2027	Kuala Lumpur	Classroom	€1,925
10 - 14 May 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	€2,815
14 - 18 June 2027	London	Classroom	€2,315
12 - 16 July 2027	Geneva	Classroom	€4,315
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