

The 12-Question Board AI Audit

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Most boards still ask how much AI we are using. That is the wrong question. Stop measuring adoption, start measuring accountability: can we explain and defend what our AI is doing on our behalf?

How to run this in 30 minutes: rate each question Red, Amber or Green as a board. For every Red or Amber, name an owner, the next action and a due date. Revisit at the next meeting.

QUESTION	R / A / G	OWNER	NEXT ACTION	DUE
STRATEGY AND VALUE				
1. Where does AI change our economics, not just our workflows?				
2. Which AI-native competitor could rebuild our offering without our costs?				
3. Do we have an AI strategy, or a pile of pilots?				
RISK AND COMPLIANCE				
4. Which rules actually apply to us, in every market we operate in, and who owns each one?				
5. Where could an AI system, inside the company or our product, make a decision we are legally accountable for?				
6. How exposed are we if a single AI vendor fails, changes terms, or triples its prices?				
DATA AND SECURITY				
7. Where are our people putting confidential data into public AI right now?				
8. Who can see our data, and who trains on it?				
9. Could we audit how an AI system reached an answer we acted on?				
PEOPLE AND OVERSIGHT				
10. Is this board AI-literate enough to challenge management on any of the above?				
11. What is our plan for the people whose roles AI compresses?				
12. When an AI system gets it wrong, who is accountable, and is that written down?				