AI Governance for General Partners: Inventory, Vendors and Human Accountability

A Decision-Control Architecture for Private-Market Managers

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Abstract

Private-market managers are adopting generative and agentic systems across sourcing, diligence, investment analysis, valuation, portfolio monitoring, investor reporting, fundraising, fund operations and internal administration. The resulting estate can spread through employee accounts, embedded vendor features, cloud services, portfolio-company workflows and bespoke models before a governing body has a reliable view of what exists, which evidence it uses or which decisions it can affect. This paper develops an evidence-led governance architecture for general partners across private equity, private credit, venture, real assets and multi-strategy platforms. Forty modules cover mandate boundaries, enterprise inventory, use-case ownership, risk tiers, decision rights, fiduciary and conduct obligations, model and data lineage, privacy, security, intellectual property, vendor diligence, contracts, concentration, sub-processors, human oversight, validation, red teaming, performance thresholds, bias, explainability, records, disclosures, conflicts, investment committees, valuation, portfolio operations, fundraising, investor reporting, fund administration, operational resilience, incidents, change control, shadow AI, training, management information, assurance, board oversight, economics, remediation and evidence-gated rollout. Five figures, five tables, eight frequently asked questions and twenty-six authoritative references support entity-, fund-, strategy-, use-case-, decision-, provider-, jurisdiction- and period-specific review. Illustrative methods and values require replacement with approved governing documents, contracts, applicable law, regulatory interpretation, risk appetite and operating evidence. The framework does not substitute for fiduciary, fund, securities, employment, competition, intellectual-property, privacy, cyber, valuation, accounting, legal, tax or investment advice.

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1. Set the governance mandate

Define the entities, funds, strategies, teams, jurisdictions, obligations, systems and decisions covered by the governance programme.

Controlled evidence includes entity; fund; strategy; jurisdiction; obligation; owner; exclusion; approval. The immediate decision is to freeze scope, authority and review cadence. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

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2. Build the enterprise AI inventory

Record every model, agent, prompt library, embedded feature, connector, dataset, vendor and material user group in one controlled register.

Controlled evidence includes component; version; purpose; owner; provider; data; users; status. The immediate decision is to make the deployed estate visible. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

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3. Register use cases and outcomes

Each use case should state the business problem, workflow, affected parties, intended benefit and prohibited actions.

Controlled evidence includes use case; problem; process; beneficiary; output; action; exclusion; metric. The immediate decision is to connect technology to a bounded business purpose. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

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4. Tier risk by consequence

Risk classification should reflect financial, fiduciary, investor, market, regulatory, contractual, privacy and operational consequences.

Controlled evidence includes tier; decision; exposure; party; obligation; severity; reversibility; approval. The immediate decision is to apply controls proportionate to actual consequence. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

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5. Map decision rights

Retrieval, analysis, recommendation, approval, instruction, execution and disclosure require distinct authorities.

Controlled evidence includes activity; AI role; human role; reviewer; approver; prohibition; escalation; record. The immediate decision is to prevent automation from acquiring unstated authority. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

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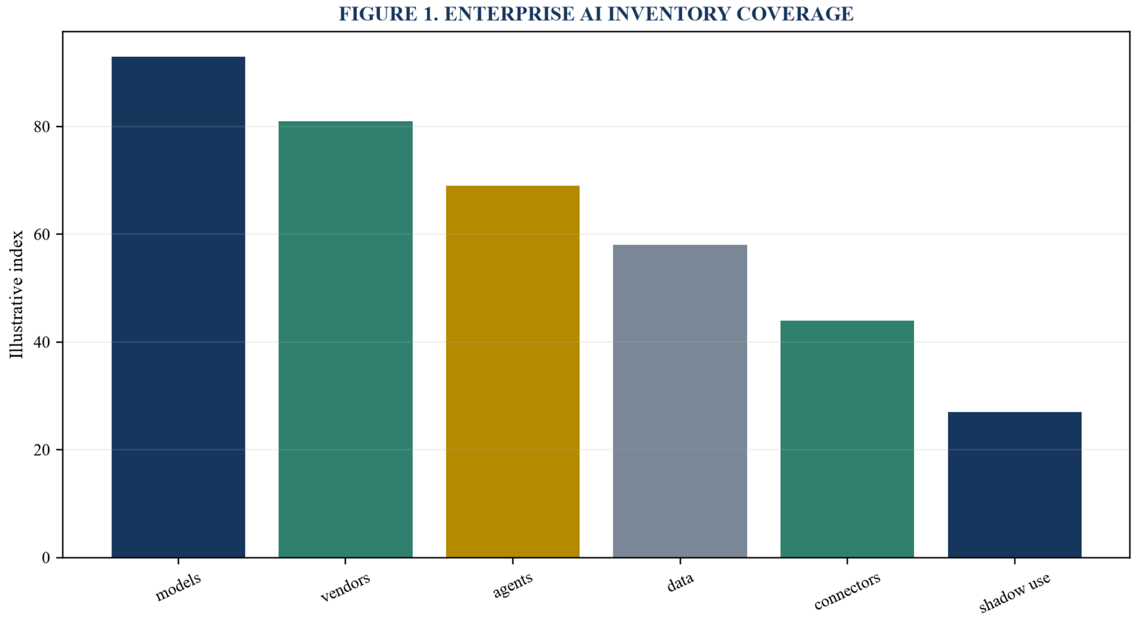
Table 1. AI decision-authority matrix

AI activity	Human authority	Required evidence
retrieve and classify	review material exceptions	source and version
analyse and draft	challenge and approve use	inputs, method and limits
recommend	make accountable decision	alternatives and rationale
execute or communicate	authorise consequential action	approval and outcome

Replace illustrative classifications with company-specific evidence and approved transaction treatment.

Figure 1. Enterprise AI inventory coverage



Inventory completeness should extend from sanctioned models to embedded features, agents, connectors and shadow use.

6. Anchor fiduciary and conduct obligations

The governing body should map each use case to applicable duties, client interests, fund documents and supervisory expectations.

Controlled evidence includes duty; client; mandate; rule; use case; evidence; owner; review. The immediate decision is to keep existing responsibilities attached to AI-enabled work. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

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7. Establish model lineage

Foundation models, fine-tunes, retrieval systems, rules and downstream transformations need traceable versions and dependencies.

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8. Establish data lineage

Investment, investor, portfolio, employee and market data should be traced from source through processing to decision and retention.

Controlled evidence includes dataset; source; licence; purpose; location; transformation; output; retention. The immediate decision is to prove which evidence entered each use case. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

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9. Govern privacy and confidentiality

Personal, confidential, inside and commercially sensitive information require lawful purpose, access boundaries and deletion controls.

Controlled evidence includes data class; subject; purpose; consent; access; location; retention; deletion. The immediate decision is to keep processing within evidenced rights. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

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10. Protect intellectual property

Prompts, models, code, documents, portfolio information and generated outputs require ownership, licence and infringement controls.

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11. Secure human and machine identities

Users, service accounts, agents and connectors need least privilege, credential protection and rapid revocation.

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12. Diligence AI vendors

Diligence should cover capability, limitations, security, privacy, resilience, financial strength, governance and regulatory cooperation.

Controlled evidence includes provider; service; model; control; audit; incident; financial condition; reviewer. The immediate decision is to approve vendors on evidence rather than demonstrations. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

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Table 2. Vendor-control architecture

Layer	Evidence	Failure risk
provider	capability, ownership and resilience	unfit or unstable supplier
model and data	versions, provenance and rights	opaque dependency
contract	audit, change, incident and exit rights	control gap
operations	monitoring, continuity and substitution	service concentration

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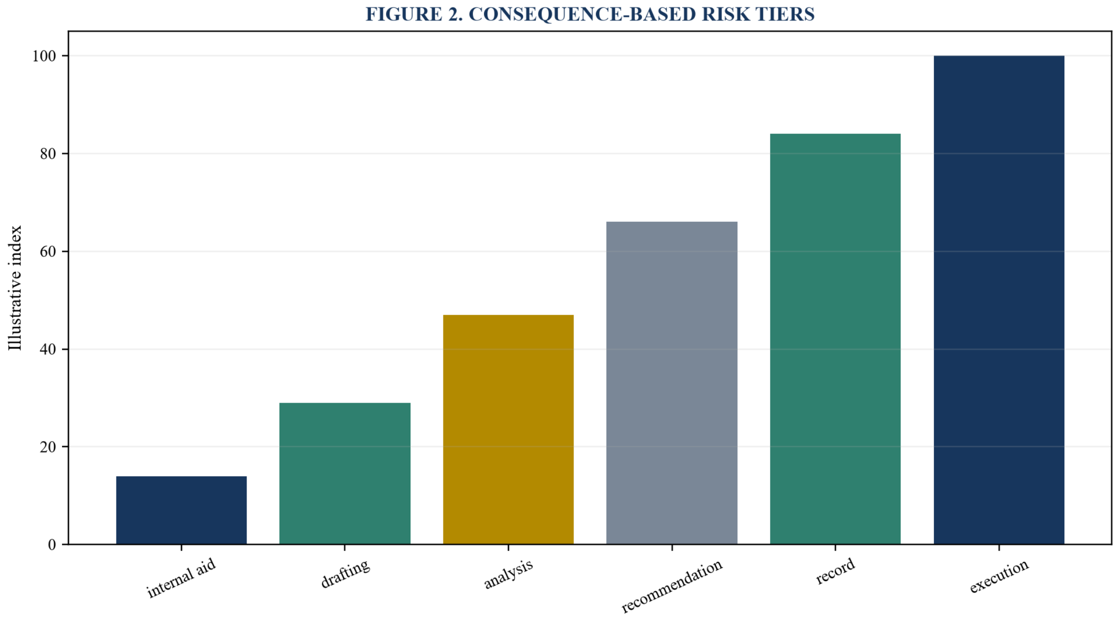
Figure 2. Consequence-based risk tiers



Control intensity should rise with financial, fiduciary, investor, regulatory and operational consequence.

13. Contract for control

Terms should address data use, training, sub-processors, service changes, audit rights, incidents, liability, portability, termination and assistance.

Controlled evidence includes contract; right; obligation; notification; audit; liability; exit; approval. The immediate decision is to convert vendor promises into enforceable controls. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

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Keep each provider and dependency tied to an approved use case. Show ownership, contract rights, sub-processors, data routes, service evidence, incidents and exit feasibility. Test the correct fund, strategy, geography and operating period. Retain weak evidence, failed controls, overrides, delayed consequences and remediation proof.

14. Map sub-processors and concentration

Common clouds, model providers, data services and specialist vendors can create correlated failure across funds and managers.

Controlled evidence includes provider; sub-processor; service; region; dependency; concentration; substitute; exit. The immediate decision is to see common-mode dependencies before disruption. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

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15. Design meaningful human oversight

Oversight requires competent people with enough information, time, independence and authority to challenge or stop an action.

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16. Validate before approval

Representative tests should cover expected cases, edge cases, adverse inputs, stale evidence, prompt attacks and consequential errors.

Controlled evidence includes population; test; expected result; observed result; error; consequence; reviewer; approval. The immediate decision is to bound approved use to evidenced performance. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

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17. Red-team material use cases

Independent challenge should test manipulation, data leakage, unsafe actions, conflicts, hallucination and control evasion.

Controlled evidence includes scenario; attack; target; result; severity; containment; owner; remediation. The immediate decision is to discover failure paths before production exposure. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

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18. Set performance thresholds

Accuracy should be supplemented with coverage, false negatives, calibration, stability, latency, abstention and downstream rework.

Controlled evidence includes metric; denominator; threshold; period; cohort; failure; owner; action. The immediate decision is to measure performance by decision consequence. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

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Evidence should separate facts, calculations, judgment and planned action. Each output needs a source, owner, period, cost, control and consequence. Tests should show how results change when volume, quality, timing or system performance weakens. Rules need review dates, owners and expiry conditions; stale logic should not govern records or payments.

19. Test bias and disparate effects

Data, labels, proxies, selection and workflow design can distribute errors and opportunities unevenly across affected groups.

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20. Calibrate explainability

The explanation required should reflect the recipient, decision, consequence, confidentiality and available challenge route.

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Table 3. Material-use validation

Test	Evidence	Decision
population	coverage and exclusions	bound approved scope
performance	errors, calibration and stability	set threshold
adversarial	misuse and control-evasion results	remediate weakness
workflow	human challenge and outcome	approve or stop

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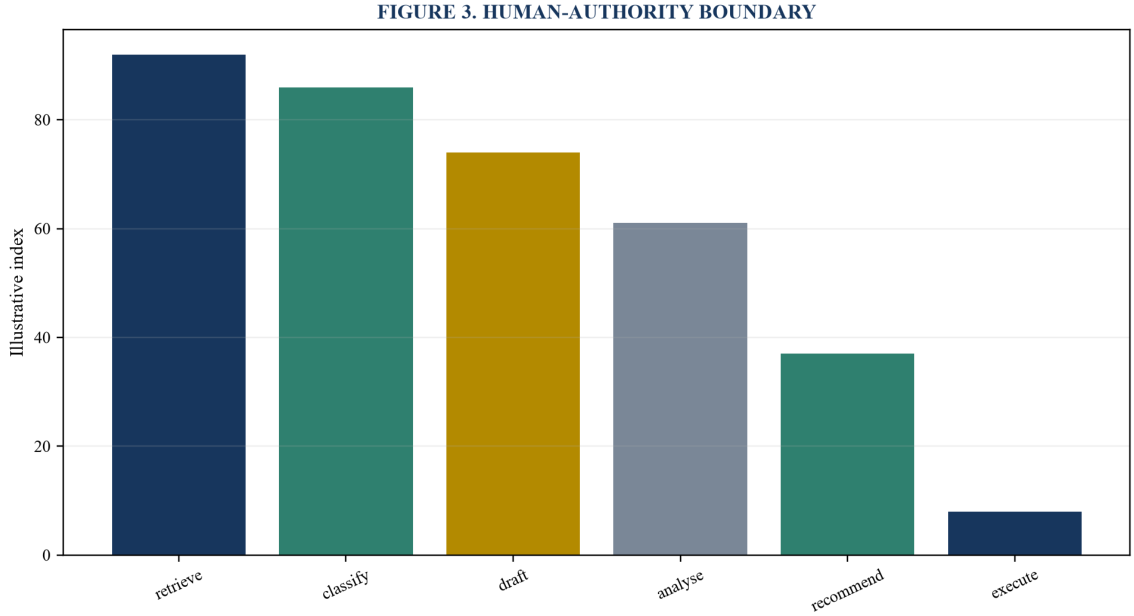
Figure 3. Human-authority boundary



Human authority should remain strongest where outputs become recommendations, records, communications or actions.

21. Preserve records and reproducibility

Policies, inputs, versions, outputs, overrides, approvals, incidents and outcomes should remain retrievable by obligation and period.

Controlled evidence includes record; source; version; actor; timestamp; decision; retention; retrieval. The immediate decision is to reconstruct each material AI-assisted action. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

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22. Control external disclosures

Fundraising, investor, regulatory and public statements about AI should be accurate, supportable, current and consistent with actual use.

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23. Manage conflicts and incentives

AI may optimise for fees, allocations, retention, speed or conversion in ways that conflict with duties or client interests.

Controlled evidence includes objective; incentive; affected party; conflict; control; disclosure; reviewer; outcome. The immediate decision is to surface and govern objective-function conflicts. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

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24. Govern investment-committee use

AI-supported screening, diligence, scenarios and recommendations should preserve source evidence, dissent and accountable judgment.

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25. Govern valuation use

Comparable selection, forecasts, adjustments and scenario models need approved methods, dated evidence, sensitivity and independent review.

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26. Govern portfolio-company deployment

Operating teams need clear boundaries where GP tools access portfolio data or influence customers, workers, pricing and operations.

Controlled evidence includes company; use case; dataset; stakeholder; decision; control; owner; outcome. The immediate decision is to separate support, authority and company accountability. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

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27. Govern fundraising and LP scouting

Prospecting, personalisation and relationship scoring should respect data rights, communications rules and truthful representation.

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28. Govern investor reporting

Generated commentary, attribution, exposure, performance and risk statements should reconcile to approved books and source evidence.

Controlled evidence includes investor; vehicle; period; metric; narrative; source; reviewer; release. The immediate decision is to publish complete and supportable communications. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

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29. Govern fund-administration interfaces

Subscriptions, cash, fees, NAV, statements and filings should remain bound to governing documents and authorised records.

Controlled evidence includes vehicle; investor; transaction; calculation; record; exception; approval; outcome. The immediate decision is to keep operational automation within mandate. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

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Representative tests should retain the expected result, observed result, error consequence, reviewer decision and approved use boundary.

30. Design operational resilience

Important services need mapped dependencies, impact tolerances, continuity arrangements and recovery tests that include AI providers.

Controlled evidence includes service; dependency; tolerance; scenario; continuity; recovery; test; owner. The immediate decision is to maintain service through model or provider failure. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

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Table 4. Incident and resilience matrix

Event	Immediate action	Governance response
wrong output	stop affected workflow	reperform and assess consequence
data leakage	contain access and preserve evidence	notify and remediate
provider outage	invoke continuity route	test concentration and exit
control bypass	revoke authority	investigate cause and recurrence

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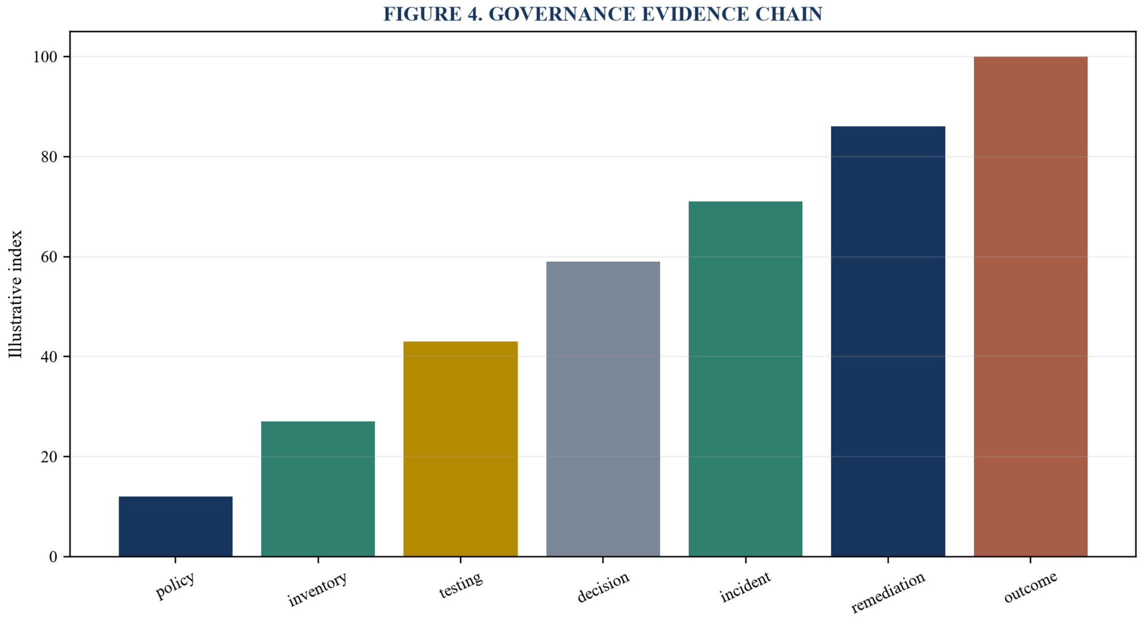
Figure 4. Governance evidence chain



Policy becomes effective only when inventory, testing, decisions, incidents, remediation and outcomes remain connected.

31. Prepare incident response

Wrong decisions, leakage, prompt attacks, service failures and harmful outputs need containment, notification, correction and learning.

Controlled evidence includes incident; detection; scope; consequence; containment; notification; cause; remediation. The immediate decision is to limit harm and prevent recurrence. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

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32. Control model and system change

Provider releases, prompts, retrieval sources, policies, regulations and integrations can invalidate prior testing.

Controlled evidence includes baseline; change; trigger; impact; test; approval; deployment; monitoring. The immediate decision is to stop unapproved drift from changing outcomes. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

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33. Find and govern shadow AI

Unsanctioned accounts, browser tools, plugins and local models can process sensitive data outside inventory and control.

Controlled evidence includes tool; user; data; purpose; location; detection; risk; disposition. The immediate decision is to bring material hidden use into governed channels. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

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34. Build role-specific competence

Boards, investment teams, operations, risk, compliance, legal and technology staff need training matched to their authority and exposure.

Controlled evidence includes role; decision; skill; module; assessment; gap; owner; refresh. The immediate decision is to equip people to challenge the systems they oversee. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

The governing body should distinguish observation, automated output, professional judgment, approval and completed action. Each projected benefit needs full cost, accountable ownership and a route to collected fees, protected cash or sustained value.

Evidence should distinguish observation, estimate, management plan and transaction judgement. A supported claim includes timing, full cost, dependency, transferability and a cash consequence. Sensitivity should show how the conclusion changes when adoption, demand, quality or persistence underperforms. Material assumptions need validation dates, accountable owners and explicit expiry conditions so that stale expectations do not survive into pricing or financing decisions.

35. Create decision-useful management information

Management reporting should connect inventory, tier, testing, incidents, overrides, vendors, outcomes and overdue remediation.

Controlled evidence includes metric; population; period; owner; threshold; exception; action; closure. The immediate decision is to show governing bodies where exposure is changing. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

Investment, operations, finance, legal, compliance, technology, risk and investor-relations teams should use stable identifiers and definitions. Material outputs should be traced from source through transformation, review, approval, action and outcome.

The operating team and finance team should use the same definitions. Native records should support aggregate dashboards, and sample testing should follow representative cases from input through outcome and cash. Exceptions, failed cases and client concessions remain part of the population. Reconciliation should cover opening and closing balances, acquisitions, disposals, foreign exchange, allocation changes and manual adjustments that could otherwise mimic operating improvement.

36. Establish independent assurance

Second-line review and internal or external audit should test design, operation, evidence and remediation using representative samples.

Controlled evidence includes scope; control; sample; test; finding; severity; owner; closure. The immediate decision is to challenge governance with independent evidence. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

Material risks include opaque models, weak data rights, misleading claims, conflicts, biased errors, control bypass, data leakage, vendor concentration, service failure and unowned remediation.

Decision makers need both upside and downside. The analysis should state which party controls conversion, what investment remains, when cash appears, which risks survive and whether the result continues after a change of ownership. Unsupported precision should be replaced with bounded scenarios. The committee should record the decision consequence of each range, including price, structure, funding, covenant, integration and monitoring implications.

37. Build board and committee oversight

The governing body should approve risk appetite, material uses, exceptions and resources while tracking unresolved exposure and outcomes.

Controlled evidence includes committee; mandate; paper; decision; challenge; action; due date; evidence. The immediate decision is to make senior accountability demonstrable. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

Governance evidence should remain entity-, fund-, strategy-, use-case-, decision-, provider-, jurisdiction- and period-specific. Reviews should preserve missing records, failed cases, overrides, exceptions, adverse outcomes and remediation evidence.

Reviewers should be able to retrieve each material source, transformation, exception, approval and retained record by fund, use case, obligation and period.

38. Measure governance economics

Controls, delays and assurance consume resources while preventing losses, protecting trust and enabling safe scale.

Controlled evidence includes cost; capacity; incident avoidance; service; revenue; cash; timing; owner. The immediate decision is to evaluate governance through full economics. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

The governing body should distinguish observation, automated output, professional judgment, approval and completed action. Each projected benefit needs full cost, accountable ownership and a route to collected fees, protected cash or sustained value.

Evidence should separate facts, calculations, judgment and planned action. Each output needs a source, owner, period, cost, control and consequence. Tests should show how results change when volume, quality, timing or system performance weakens. Rules need review dates, owners and expiry conditions; stale logic should not govern records or payments.

39. Close findings and recurring weaknesses

Exceptions, incidents, audit findings and poor outcomes should enter one prioritised remediation system with durable root-cause fixes.

Controlled evidence includes finding; source; severity; cause; action; owner; due date; validation. The immediate decision is to turn governance evidence into completed remediation. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

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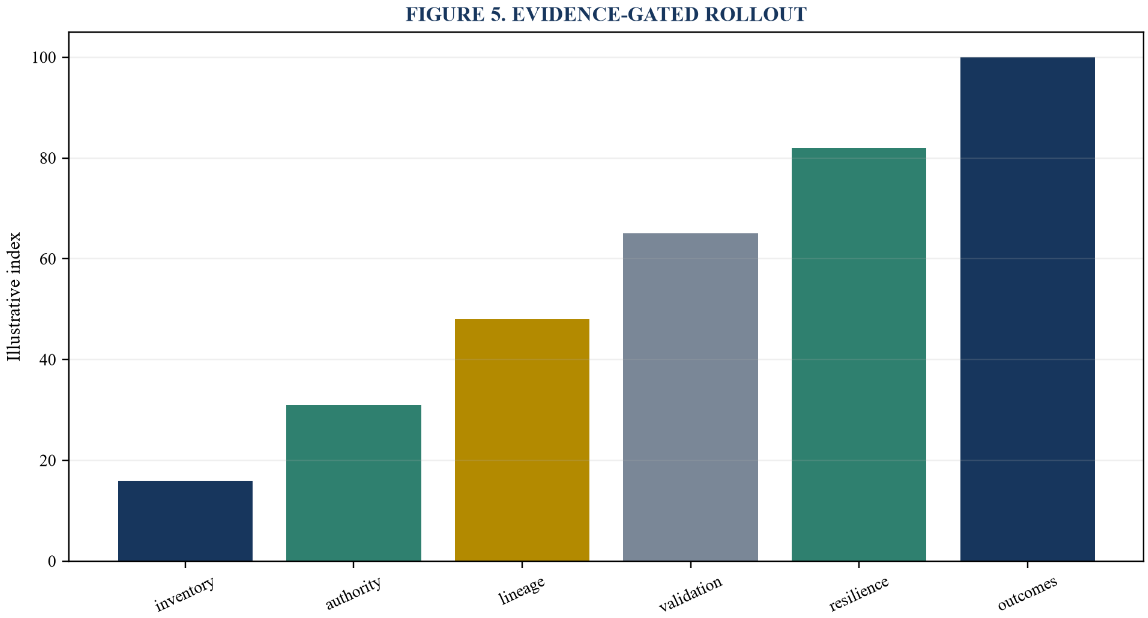
Table 5. Evidence-gated implementation

Period	Primary work	Gate
days 1-30	inventory, mandate and risk tiers	approve baseline
days 31-60	vendor, data and validation controls	approve bounded pilots
days 61-100	oversight, assurance and outcomes	approve scaled use

Replace illustrative classifications with company-specific evidence and approved transaction treatment.

Figure 5. Evidence-gated rollout



Scale should follow inventory, authority, lineage, validation, resilience and measured outcomes.

40. Implement through evidence-gated cohorts

Begin with low-consequence retrieval and drafting before recommendations, records, instructions or execution.

Controlled evidence includes cohort; use case; owner; test; threshold; incident; benefit; gate. The immediate decision is to scale only after evidence, control and outcome gates pass. Definitions should remain stable across investment, risk, committee, operational and financial records.

Material risks include opaque models, weak data rights, misleading claims, conflicts, biased errors, control bypass, data leakage, vendor concentration, service failure and unowned remediation.

Decision makers need both upside and downside. The analysis should state which party controls conversion, what investment remains, when cash appears, which risks survive and whether the result continues after a change of ownership. Unsupported precision should be replaced with bounded scenarios. The committee should record the decision consequence of each range, including price, structure, funding, covenant, integration and monitoring implications.

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