

International Update

IFAC Highlights Cost of Corruption to Citizens and Global Economy

The International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) has signed a joint statement deploring corruption alongside professional accountancy organisations and the legal fraternity in the United Kingdom. Welcoming the joint statement, IFAC President Olivia F. Kirtley said: “Defeating corruption—and thus immeasurably improving the lives of citizens—can only be achieved through re-energized collaboration between, and commitment of, leaders from both the public and private sectors. “Today’s joint statement highlights the vital role professional accountants and lawyers play in fighting corruption and our deep commitment to combatting it by continuing to work with governments, regulators, law enforcement agencies, and other international organisations,” she said. “Both sectors require transparent, consistent and robust anti-corruption measures, and effective internal controls that are critical to good governance and holding officials accountable. A greater focus on strong governance and compliance structures will help cultivate self-reporting cultures that empower individuals to do the right thing,” she said. In March, Ms. Kirtley addressed the *OECD Anti-Bribery Ministerial Meeting* on behalf of the global accountancy profession wherein she highlighted the importance of greater

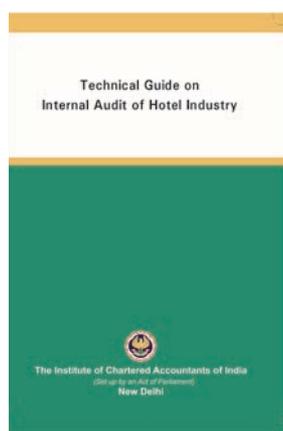
international collaboration on whistle-blower protection laws, and the role strong organisational governance plays in identifying, preventing and addressing corruption. (Source: <https://www.ifac.org/>)

IASB Confirms Amendments to Current Insurance Contracts Standard

The International Accounting Standards Board (the Board) recently confirmed it will amend the current insurance contracts Standard, IFRS 4. This is to address issues that may arise from implementing the new financial instruments Standard, IFRS 9, before implementing the new insurance contracts Standard which will replace IFRS 4. At its May meeting, the Board concluded deliberations on this topic and asked staff to draft the final amendments to IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts, which the Board expects to issue in September 2016. The new insurance contracts Standard is currently being drafted and the Board expects to issue it around the end of 2016 with an effective date no earlier than 2020. Both IFRS 9 Financial Instruments, effective 1 January 2018, and the new insurance contracts Standard are relevant to companies that issue insurance contracts. The amendments to IFRS 4 will supplement existing options in that Standard that could be used to address the volatility that may be caused by applying IFRS 9 before the new insurance contracts Standard. (Source: <http://www.ifrs.org/>)

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Technical Guide on Internal Audit of Hotel Industry



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The Hotel industry has emerged as one of the key industries and accordingly, the roles and responsibilities of the members working as internal auditors in hotel industry has assumed considerable significance.

Internal auditors can play a critical role in ensuring objectives are achieved, risks are managed appropriately, resources are used responsibly and governance system is strengthened. Considering the above, the Internal Audit Standards Board of the Institute is issuing this “*Technical Guide on Internal Audit of Hotel Industry*”.

Significant features of the Technical Guide are:

- Provides a brief overview of tourism and hotel industry covering aspects, such as, financing and operating models, return on investments, revenue aspects, etc.
- Deals with role of internal audit which includes

managing stakeholder’s expectations and internal auditors’ viewpoint.

- Briefly discusses skill sets of internal auditor required in hotel industry, like, behavioral, team management, legal and statutory, analytical, technical, etc.
- Highlights areas of specialization which are projects, revenue management, information system audits, risk control matrices, CAAT based auditing, etc.
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