

# The Impact Of Preparing Integrated Reports On Risk Management To Evaluate Performance And Enhance Investor Confidence In Saudi Non-Financial Companies

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## Abstract

*The study aims to identify the impact of preparing integrated reports to contribute to risk management, evaluate performance, and enhance investor confidence. The study population consists of a group of non-financial companies in Saudi Arabia. A random sample of (10) companies was selected. The survey list is used, as the number of sample members reached (230) individuals, consisting of branch managers, general managers, department directors, Heads of accounting departments, auditors, and accountants. The field study results demonstrated that Saudi non-financial companies realize the importance of preparing integrated reports to contribute to risk management and evaluate and develop their performance. The study also recommended spreading awareness among employees of Saudi non-financial companies on the importance of using integrated reports and the information they provide about overall performance in a way that allows concerned parties to evaluate companies' ability to manage risks and create value.*

**Keywords:** *Integrated Reports, Risk Management, Performance Evaluation, Enhancing Investor Confidence, Saudi Arabia, non-financial companies.*

## I. Introduction

Risk management is an essential component whether an organization is non-financial or financial. Non-financial enterprises in Saudi Arabia, comprising government agencies and industrial, service, and commercial companies, are significant entities that contribute significantly to the country's overall development. To ensure the sustainability and success of these companies, these institutions must be able to deal with the challenges and risks they face. Integrated reports constitute a powerful tool that contributes to improving the performance of companies and enhancing investor confidence in them, specifically in risk management. (Hanifah, et al., 2023) The integrated risk management report provides comprehensive and transparent information about the approach followed by the company in dealing with, evaluating, and monitoring potential risks. (Camilleri, 2017) The report typically covers various areas, including financial, environmental, social, and operational risks. (Kılıç, et al., 2021)

The role of integrated reporting in risk management is to enhance transparency and accountability by providing comprehensive information on how risks are dealt with. (Caglio, et al., 2020), Businesses may show that they can handle difficulties, lower risks

that could impact their financial performance, and gain the trust of investors and other stakeholders. (Roberts, et al., 2023), in addition to enhancing the trend towards sustainability in Saudi non-financial companies. By clarifying the company's measures and principles to deal with environmental and social risks, the company can demonstrate its commitment to social responsibility and environmental protection. This enhances the company's reputation and makes it a preferred destination for investors who care about sustainability and social responsibility. To create a healthy and sustainable business environment. (Jing et al., 2021)

The problem of the study is the need for more information regarding the risks it may be exposed to in the future and the impact of this on performance evaluation and creating confidence among investors in the activities and work of non-financial companies. The problem can be crystallized regarding whether non-financial companies plan to prepare an annual business report according to the reporting framework. They are integrated to deliver non-financial information alongside financial information. Whether in the form of quantitative or descriptive information. To serve investors and stakeholders, and includes important, fundamental, and comprehensive information to manage and estimate the expected risks that companies are likely to face. It assesses their performance and ability to create and enhance their confidence and assist them in making decisions that achieve their interests, unlike the separate reports currently issued. The study's questions revolve around the situation in which companies plan to prepare an annual business report according to the integrated reporting framework.

Furthermore, the extent of its awareness of the importance of preparing integrated reports to contribute to risk management and evaluate and develop its performance. Knowing the role of integrated reports in improving the quality of information available contributes to creating confidence among investors and stakeholders. The extent to which investors and stakeholders rely in their decisions on the information contained in integrated reports.

The study's primary goal is to define the integrated reporting framework concept, though it intends to accomplish several other goals. It highlights integrating reports to support risk management and performance evaluation. Describing how creating integrated reporting is crucial to helping lower risk management and raising investor trust. Understand the effect of producing integrated reports on raising the standard of information accessible to help stakeholders and investors feel more confident. Explain the importance of the information in the integrated reports and the extent to which investors and stakeholders rely on it when making their decisions. The significance of this study is that it investigates the impact of preparing integrated reports to contribute to risk management, evaluate performance, and enhance investor confidence. (García-Sánchez, Noguera-Gámez, 2017) It was found that adopting the preparation of integrated reports is of great interest to interested academics and researchers alike and will also help company management evaluate and develop their performance, enhance investor confidence, and make appropriate investment decisions .

## **II. Previous literature:**

The study (Ferrero et al., 2017) sought to examine any potential connections between integrated information and the level of information asymmetry, as well as those connections in businesses that stand out for the caliber of their financial reports in various settings with controls in place to safeguard investors. The study found that information disclosure in integrated reports and information asymmetry are negatively associated. It also found that adopting integrated reports can reduce agency difficulties, speed decision-making, and ensure investors have consistent access to information. In nations with robust investor protection, integrated reports have a statistically significant, more enormous impact than information disparities.

The study (Prinsloo, Maroun, 2021) aimed to investigate the relationships between integrated information and the degree of information asymmetry, particularly such relationships in companies that are notable for the quality of their financial reports in various contexts with investor protection measures in place. The study discovered a negative correlation between information asymmetry and information disclosure in integrated reports. It also found that implementing integrated reports can guarantee investors have consistent access to information, lessen agency challenges, and expedite decision-making. Integrated reports have a statistically significant greater impact than information gaps in countries with strong investor protection. The empirical analysis's findings demonstrated that, although IRDQI is not substantially correlated with firm value (Tobin's Q), it is positively and considerably correlated with operational performance (ROA). The primary data shortage in this study stems from the small number of organizations that prepare IR, escalate disclosures, and use IR chances to satisfy stakeholder expectations—drawing in investors to help businesses raise more money from the capital markets.

Apart from the research conducted by Soriya and Rastogi (2023) on Indian companies registered on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) (Tobin's Q). Over three years, from 2017–2018 to 2019–2020, the disclosure practices of 93 integrated annual reports were to be assessed using the Integrated Reporting Disclosure Quality Index (IRDQI), which was developed by manual content analysis. The results of the empirical investigation demonstrated that although there is a little and insignificant association between IRDQI and firm value (Tobin's Q), there is a significant and positive correlation between it and operational performance (ROA).

Additionally, the study sought to ascertain how informational formats and presentation styles influenced Indonesian non-professional investors' decision-making (Widyatama, Narsa, 2023). Clearly outlining investor actions, acquisition decisions, valuation, judgment, and allocation; this is accomplished after analyzing the format and presentation style of the data in different formats. The results showed that Indonesian investors' decisions about how to distribute their capital are more influenced by information presented visually. Additionally, the post-test result demonstrates that integrated reports, as opposed to non-integrated reports, significantly influence businesses that offer financial and non-financial information. The study found that reports should be presented in an integrated and eye-catching manner to enable investors to understand the company's performance better. The study concluded that Indonesian authorities needed to set regulations on the integrated and visible presentation of financial and non-financial information.

Comment on previous literature:

Based on previous studies in this field, some agreements and disagreements can be reached about the impact of preparing integrated reports on risk management on evaluating performance and investor confidence in Saudi non-financial companies. Many studies agree that the preparation of integrated reports contributes to increasing the transparency of companies, whether financial or non-financial, as it reveals all aspects of risk management and their impact on economic performance. Providing detailed and comprehensive information about risk management contributes to enhancing investor confidence and reducing potential risks. There is also a difference regarding measuring and evaluating the impact of integrated reporting on performance evaluation and investor confidence. The study differs from previous literature regarding the criteria used and evaluation methods. They are determining the practical impact of preparing integrated reports on risk management in Saudi non-financial companies. Also, local cultural and

organizational differences should be considered when applying these findings in Saudi non-financial companies.

### **II-1. The theoretical framework of the study:**

Integrated reports (IR) emerged after the financial crisis in the late last decade, and the goal was to develop financial reporting, enhance transparency and trust, and provide investors with the information they need to make more effective decisions to allocate capital toward the best options for long-term investment returns. (Gunarathne et al., 2021) (IR) is one of the best tools for helping businesses measure and evaluate their performance, improve their reputation, and enhance transparency and clarity in information. It is essential because it provides a complete picture of the company's performance by combining financial and non-financial information, sharing it with all relevant parties, such as investors and shareholders, and increasing its value by implementing a thorough risk management process and best practices. (Orobia, et al., 2023)

By presenting the relationship between financial and sustainable performance in a single report, the IR increases transparency regarding firms' commitment and presents the company's image of future goals and the relationship between financial and non-financial performance. It does more governance as well. (Hoque, 2017) To serve investors' long-term information demands by highlighting the more comprehensive and longer-term effects of decision-making, the International Integrated Reporting Committee (IIRC) was established in 2010. (Cerbone, Maroun, 2020) When making decisions that impact long-term performance, it is essential to consider the connections between various areas and how they relate to one another, supplying the required structure for the elements that reporting and decision-making processes should systematically consider. As well as shifting performance metrics to lessen an excessive emphasis on financial results. Revealing the strategies that management employs to carry out daily business operations. (Al Amosh, Mansour, 2021)

### **II-2. The relationship between integrated reporting and risk management in companies**

Risk Management Companies are constantly exposed to risks, which requires them to adopt innovative ways to manage their business and the associated risks to maintain their market share and continue in the competitive circle. (Hassan, et al., 2021) As risk management, RM is a system of assuming responsibility and authority in the job description, which requires disclosure processes for rational decisions to be made and expected actions to be directed to work orders; timing is critical in decision-making, and the risk lies in Delay. (Hamad, et al., 2023)

The information that must be disclosed and its availability and accuracy play an essential role in the event of risk exposure. (Khan, 2022) has developed principles and methods for conceptualizing, evaluating, and managing risks. (Aven, 2016)

Risk management (RM) assures the company to help it achieve its financial and administrative goals by continuously assessing and identifying risks and reducing the surprises that affect them. Hence, effective and integrated RM is integral to good organizational management. (Nicolo, et al., 2021) Conversely, risk management (RM) activities involve building practical frameworks and systems to support risk management choices and giving executives and staff members at different organizational levels constant, relevant, and trustworthy information. (Obeng, et al., 2021) Conversely, risk management (RM) activities involve building practical frameworks and systems to support risk management choices and giving executives and staff members at different organizational levels constant, relevant, and trustworthy information. (Hamdu, Adriana, 2016)

Considering that management is responsible for creating the overall IR and its applications, management may enlist help assessing the risks to which it may be exposed and rely on the IR. (Widyatama, Narsa, 2023) IR is a crucial instrument for controlling the risks connected to financing plans, and it could be necessary to perform a risk assessment first. They play a significant role in effective government. (Lipunga, 2015)

One of the most crucial ways to lessen risk management and its internal procedures is to reveal the essential information in integrated reports. One of the most critical objectives of risk reduction is rationalizing decisions, assisting in risk prediction, assessing bank risk, and eliminating the root causes of financial and administrative corruption inside the organization. Perils. (Biondi, Monciardini, 2020) In addition, it gives them access to many financial and non-financial data to assess the business's success and establish responsibility. (Settembre-Blundo, et al., 2021)

A company that practices effective risk management (RM) will be better able to identify future risks and make informed decisions about them. This will improve the company's performance by increasing the accuracy with which the trade-off between risk and expected return is balanced. (Chen, Xie, 2022) A company will become more confident in its ability to seize opportunities the better it recognizes the related dangers. (Camodeca, Almicci, 2017) IR provides information that is more thorough and complete than financial statements. Integrated reporting (IR) is becoming increasingly valuable to investors as they learn about its advantages and the information that affects them. Absolute. Since it influences the assessment of performance and raises investor confidence. (Nicolo, et al., 2021)

### II-3. The role of integrated reporting and risk management control to evaluate performance:

According to the International Council for Integrated Reporting, the foundation of integrated reporting (IR) is creating value for the organization. (Alkaraan, et al., 2022), Since integrated reporting (IR) is one of the fundamental ideas that the business is built upon and generates value for it through the interplay of social, economic, environmental, and humanitarian aspects, it serves as a gauge of how well the business can grow and maintain its wealth. (Manes-Rossi, et al., 2021) All firms should set up key performance indicators to gauge how well they are doing overall and how well they are meeting investors and their own goals. (Vitolla, et al., 2020) That value impacts the business, and its stakeholders since investors in the capital market see this value as belonging to them and others. The fact that adding value indicates how long the business may survive. Non-financial data plays a significant role in helping the company achieve its objectives and build its wealth because it contains indicators that will affect its growth and reputation over time, which stakeholders will positively assess. (Manes-Rossi, et al., 2021)

IR affects strategy, governance, and performance, along with external factors that affect a company's ability to create value for its stakeholders. (Soriya, Rastogi, 2023) This leads to improved accountability among stakeholders and thus enhances corporate governance effectiveness and strategic competitive advantages. (Omran, et al., 2021) Hence, integrating and documenting risk management process activities can contribute more to identifying business opportunities and best practices. Integrated and effective risk management will lead to sustainable resource allocation to improve company performance. (Hamdu, Adriana. 2016)

IR looks for a business plan that uses best practices to balance the demands of all parties involved, including potential and present investors. To better serve investors, integrated reports assess how well a firm performs and how much it combines critical elements into its operations as investors look to IR and broader information to ensure strong decision-making. (Manes-Rossi, et al., 2021) To help the company and investors make

better decisions about the allocation of resources, Investor Relations (IR) urges a company to combine all pertinent performance aspects into a single report that contains just the most crucial measures. When generating long-term worth. (Folqué, Corzo, 2021)

#### II-4. The Role of integrated reports in Risk management to enhance Investor Confidence:

Risk management's (RM) primary objective is to improve capital efficiency and generate value for stakeholders and investors by giving corporate resource allocation an objective foundation. According to García-Sánchez et al. (2020), compensating individuals impacted by risks promotes rational decision-making. Through its initiatives, RM will contribute to stakeholders' and investors' increased trust that the company maintains a high-risk management standard. (Abhayawansa, Adams, 2021)

Integrated reports are a tool businesses use to enhance the quality of information and provide users—especially investors—with a clear, concise, and cohesive message. Moreover, integrated reports support the company's strategy and plans, enhance its future performance, and foster stakeholder and investor confidence in the organization's operations, all of which contribute to a better reputation for the business. Lowering the risks it confronts and giving investors a clear picture of every aspect of the firm can help banks grow by luring new investors. (Omran, et al., 2021)

The company's management is interested in giving investors a thorough overview of the business through reports, as many investors are interested in integrated reports to learn about the company's risks and understand growth and investment opportunities, issues related to that, and potential effects. They are integrated to satisfy the informational demands of stakeholders and investors regarding the company's approach and potential for future investment. (Prinsloo, Maroun, 2021)

All investors will profit from preparing integrated reports (IR), which can be summed up. External benefits are attained by raising the information's transparency level, which aids in improving the performance evaluation of the business, estimating its capacity for growth and expansion, and figuring out how much value the company can create. This is done by offering reliable indicators of how the business interacts with the local community and the outside world—and giving indications of the business's capacity to take advantage of opportunities and manage risks and obstacles. (Vitolla, et al., 2020) Moreover, evaluate the company's performance to pinpoint its advantages and disadvantages, all of which will improve its potential for future growth. (García-Sánchez, et al., 2020) Furthermore, it accurately shows the company's accomplishments in overcoming obstacles, improving its capacity to compete, and seizing opportunities. Moreover, reliable metrics clearly show some regions of the company's performance. (Karamoy, Tulung, 2020)

Encourage integrated thinking to enhance comprehension of the connections between performance's non-financial and financial components and to enhance interactions with various stakeholders. They are improving capital allocation efficiency to facilitate long- and short-term value development. (Manes-Rossi, et al., 2021) Benefits that are internal to the business include, for instance, offering a range of performance indicators that help to identify the activity's strengths, weaknesses, risks, and threats and facilitating ongoing communication between the company's activity centers and stakeholders. Quantitative performance metrics are also offered, which show how well all performance characteristics are integrated. From a strategic standpoint, this would assist in improving corporate performance. (De Graaff, Steens, 2023)

By providing a deeper understanding of corporate strategy, performance, governance, and investment decision support, integrated reporting assists the organization in meeting the

demands of investors. In the following studies, investors make use of rational information (Folqué, Corzo, 2021)

- Economic analysis: comprehending external elements and trends that may impact value creation, capital generation, and financial prospects.
- Analysis of the industry: comprehending the bank's capacity for value creation and competitive drivers.
- Corporate Strategy: Assessing the effectiveness of the company's management and corporate strategy and its capacity to adapt to new trends.
- Valuation: This process modifies the weighted average cost of capital, cash flows, and customary assumptions to account for performance on significant issues.

Integrated reports (IR) are crucial for investors because they provide them with additional understanding of the company's strategy, business model, and long-term value creation for the bank. This, in turn, helps investors make better investment decisions, increase returns, and make more logical decisions within businesses to support long-term value creation. (Park, Ravenel, 2015), Moreover, investors gauge the market value of shares by measuring the degree of disclosure level in (IR). A company that heavily relies on (IR) is more integrated to satisfy the demands of investors in the investment space and has a higher market valuation. (Vitolla, et al., 2020)

### **III. The Methodology of the Study:**

The descriptive analytical approach is the most appropriate for examining social and human phenomena. Primary and secondary sources were used in the data collection process. The survey list was analyzed, and the study hypotheses were tested using the SPSS statistical tool.

Study hypotheses: Based on the problem and objectives of the study, a set of hypotheses can be formulated as follows:

- First hypothesis: Companies plan to prepare an annual business report using the integrated reporting framework.
- Second hypothesis: Companies realize the importance of preparing integrated reports to contribute to risk management and evaluate and develop their performance.
- Third hypothesis: Preparing integrated reports impacts the quality of information available, creating confidence among investors and stakeholders.
- Fourth hypothesis: Investors and stakeholders depend on the information in integrated reports to make decisions.

#### **III-1. Study sample:**

The study population comprises a group of non-financial companies in Saudi Arabia. A random sample of (10) companies was selected from these companies, namely (Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC), Grand Factories Mining Company, Bahri Company, ACWA Power Company, ARAMCO Company, Al-Kifah Holding Company, Saudi White Cement, National Industries, STC). The survey list was used and distributed to the study sample, where the number of sample members reached (230) individuals, consisting of branch managers, general managers, department managers, heads of accounting departments, Auditors, and accountants.

The internal consistency validity of the survey list was determined using the Pearson correlation coefficient between each field's total score and the survey list's overall score.

**Table No. (1) Results of the statistical analysis for the first hypothesis items, The Pearson correlation coefficient, Cronbach's alpha correlation coefficient reliability results**

| Measurement Items                                                                                                                                        | Arit<br>hmet<br>ic<br>Mea<br>n | Standa<br>rd<br>Deviati<br>on | Facto<br>r<br>lodgin<br>g | T-<br>Test<br>Valu<br>e | Cronbac<br>h's<br>Alpha<br>Coefficie<br>nt | CR      | AV<br>E |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| The company's management recognizes the importance of preparing integrated reports to contribute to achieving its goals.                                 | 3.99                           | 0.732                         | 0.803                     | 17.54                   |                                            |         |         |
| <b>The company plans to prepare integrated reports because they contain important information that stakeholders benefit from.</b>                        | <b>3.8</b>                     | <b>0.721</b>                  | <b>0.815</b>              | <b>12.73</b>            |                                            |         |         |
| The company has the financial and human capabilities to prepare integrated reports.                                                                      | 3.9                            | 0.873                         | 0.648                     | 13.5                    |                                            |         |         |
| <b>You believe that the cost of preparing integrated reports outweighs the benefit of using them.</b>                                                    | <b>3.98</b>                    | <b>0.824</b>                  | <b>0.652</b>              | <b>15.55</b>            |                                            |         |         |
| A strong administrative and financial system increases the importance of integrated reporting.                                                           | 3.86                           | 0.883                         | 0.793                     | 12.7                    |                                            |         |         |
| <b>The effective and strong role of the Board of Directors contributes to supporting the preparation of integrated reports.</b>                          | <b>3.9</b>                     | <b>0.872</b>                  | <b>0.809</b>              | <b>13.5</b>             |                                            |         |         |
| Integrated reports are based on the principle of integrated thinking, by compiling the various individual reports issued by the company into one report. | 3.96                           | 0.742                         | 0.657                     | 16.76                   |                                            |         |         |
| <b>The company recognizes the importance of preparing integrated reports in achieving value for the company and its stakeholders.</b>                    | <b>3.89</b>                    | <b>0.813</b>                  | <b>0.736</b>              | <b>12.75</b>            | 0.953                                      | **0.802 | 0.754   |
| Integrated reporting provides a solution to many financial and non-financial problems and challenges that a company may face.                            | 3.89                           | 0.884                         | 0.782                     | 13.15                   |                                            |         |         |
| <b>There are control procedures in the company that help prepare integrated reports.</b>                                                                 | <b>4.05</b>                    | <b>0.887</b>                  | <b>0.817</b>              | <b>17.5</b>             |                                            |         |         |
| The company recognizes the importance of preparing integrated reports to contribute to reducing risk management.                                         | 3.99                           | 0.732                         | 0.718                     | 17.54                   |                                            |         |         |
| <b>Integrated reporting demonstrates a clear vision and strategy for evaluating and developing the future performance of the bank.</b>                   | <b>3.8</b>                     | <b>0.821</b>                  | <b>0.792</b>              | <b>12.73</b>            | 0.964                                      | 0.837** | 0.834   |



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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|-------------|-----------|
| Integrated reporting provides analytical information about the company's strategy and the adoption of a comprehensive risk management methodology.                                                    | 3.9         | 0.873        | 0.75         | 13.5         |       |             |           |
| <b>Integrated reporting reflects management's judgments about the risks facing the company and growth and investment opportunities to meet investors' needs about the future of investment in it.</b> | <b>3.98</b> | <b>0.822</b> | <b>0.635</b> | <b>15.55</b> |       |             |           |
| Preparing integrated reports helps reduce business risks, especially those associated with a loss of confidence.                                                                                      | 3.86        | 0.881        | 0.732        | 12.7         |       |             |           |
| <b>There is a clear vision and strategy for the Board of Directors in dealing with the risks that the company may face and how to reduce and address them.</b>                                        | <b>3.9</b>  | <b>0.871</b> | <b>0.745</b> | <b>13.5</b>  |       |             |           |
| The management implements established strategies and policies under an effective evaluation mechanism.                                                                                                | 3.96        | 0.743        | 0.841        | 16.76        |       |             |           |
| <b>The Board of Directors evaluates performance and responsibilities and may seek assistance from a specialized committee when necessary.</b>                                                         | <b>3.89</b> | <b>0.814</b> | <b>0.838</b> | <b>12.74</b> |       |             |           |
| The company discloses the presence of risks and how to confront them to protect its investments and evaluate its performance.                                                                         | 3.89        | 0.882        | 0.832        | 13.15        |       |             |           |
| <b>Integrated reporting helps analyze the impact of risks on company performance.</b>                                                                                                                 | <b>4.05</b> | <b>0.884</b> | <b>0.776</b> | <b>17.5</b>  |       |             |           |
| Having strong performance indicators in the company increases the capacity and importance of integrated reporting.                                                                                    | 3.77        | 0.702        | 0.82         | 11.89        |       |             |           |
| Integrated reports provide internal strategic information to increase the confidence of investors and stakeholders and rationalize their decisions.                                                   | 3.99        | 0.893        | 0.734        | 17.54        |       |             |           |
| <b>Integrated reporting improves the transparency, credibility and uniformity of information provided to investors and stakeholders.</b>                                                              | <b>3.8</b>  | <b>0.722</b> | <b>0.766</b> | <b>12.73</b> |       |             |           |
| Preparing integrated reports helps investors and stakeholders understand the bank's strategic plans.                                                                                                  | 3.9         | 0.871        | 0.747        | 13.49        |       |             |           |
| <b>Preparing integrated reports helps create value for the company, improve its reputation, and gain the trust of investors and stakeholders.</b>                                                     | <b>3.98</b> | <b>0.823</b> | <b>0.734</b> | <b>15.55</b> | 0.933 | 0.925<br>** | 0.83<br>3 |

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| It helps prepare integrated reports on information and communicate it in a clear, concise and integrated manner to investors and stakeholders.                                                 | 3.86        | 0.8841       | 0.674        | 12.7         |             |             |
| <b>Integrated reports provide important information to investors and stakeholders to evaluate and judge the company's performance level.</b>                                                   | <b>3.9</b>  | <b>0.874</b> | <b>0.762</b> | <b>13.5</b>  |             |             |
| The company's management realizes that preparing integrated reports gives investors and stakeholders more confidence in the company's financial statements and reports.                        | 3.96        | 0.744        | 0.824        | 16.76        |             |             |
| <b>Integrated reporting meets the financial and non-financial information needs of investors and stakeholders.</b>                                                                             | <b>3.89</b> | <b>0.812</b> | <b>0.77</b>  | <b>12.74</b> |             |             |
| Preparing integrated reports provides credible and transparent information that contributes to the process of evaluating available investments.                                                | 3.99        | 0.882        | 0.732        | 18.62        |             |             |
| Preparing integrated reports leads to communicating the disclosed information to investors and stakeholders to make sound decisions that achieve their interests.                              | <b>3.79</b> | <b>0.762</b> | <b>0.695</b> | <b>12.26</b> |             |             |
| <b>Providing the information contained in the integrated reports equally to all investors and stakeholders leads to increasing their confidence in the company's business and activities.</b>  | <b>3.7</b>  | <b>0.743</b> | <b>0.745</b> | <b>10.78</b> |             |             |
| Preparing integrated reports helps investors and stakeholders in making investment decisions in light of the multiple investment alternatives.                                                 | <b>3.73</b> | <b>0.811</b> | <b>0.805</b> | <b>11.66</b> |             |             |
| <b>Integrated reports contain sufficient and appropriate financial and non-financial information and are an essential pillar in rationalizing the decisions of investors and stakeholders.</b> | <b>3.76</b> | <b>0.821</b> | <b>0.782</b> | <b>12.06</b> | <b>0.94</b> | 0.910<br>** |
| Integrated reports are a tool to improve, increase and raise the quality of the bank's strategic information.                                                                                  | 3.88        | 0.773        | 0.77         | 14.84        |             | 0.81<br>2   |
| <b>The information contained in the integrated reports meets the necessary disclosure requirements for the needs of investors and stakeholders.</b>                                            | <b>3.73</b> | <b>0.832</b> | <b>0.695</b> | <b>11.35</b> |             |             |
| Integrated reports are one of the important tools that help enhance comparability of information.                                                                                              | 3.98        | 0.812        | 0.659        | 15.00        |             |             |

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| <b>Integrated reporting helps select and apply accounting policies that produce appropriate and reliable information that can be understood by investors and stakeholders.</b> | <b>3.79</b> | <b>0.851</b> | <b>0.804</b> | <b>12.03</b> |
| Integrated reporting helps investors and stakeholders estimate the degrees of risk and variance associated with investment return.                                             | 3.8         | 0.843        | 0.751        | 12.51        |
| <b>KMO value =0.819, P=0.000</b>                                                                                                                                               |             |              |              |              |

It is evident from Table No (1) It is evident from Table No (1) the following:

- The questionnaire list's dimensions have internal consistency validity. The performance evaluation axis had the highest correlation coefficient, 0.925, at a significance level of 0.01; the other axis had the lowest coefficient correlation, 0.802, at the same significance level. For the axis that deals with creating integrated reports.
- Cronbach's alpha coefficients fall between 0.933 and 0.964. This shows that the survey list's appropriate level of dependability gives the researcher confidence when using it on the study sample.
- The paragraph for the first dimension of the first hypothesis is "The business intends to create an annual business report following the integrated reporting framework." The T-test was utilized to ascertain whether the sample members' average response scores attained the average degree of (3). The results of agreement on the first Dimension show that the average responses in the paragraphs about the hypothesis range from (3.86) to (4.05); for every hypothesis item, the arithmetic mean was (3.92), with a standard deviation of 0.83. The top paragraph of the response states, "There are control procedures in the company that help prepare integrated reports." Its arithmetic mean was 4.05, and the standard deviation is (0.78). The least responsive and confident paragraphs state, "The Company plans to prepare integrated reports because they contain important information that stakeholders benefit from." Its arithmetic mean was (3.8), and the standard deviation was (0.82). For every hypothesis item, the arithmetic mean was 3.92, with a standard deviation of 0.83. The alternative hypothesis, which reads, "The company plans to prepare an annual business report by the integrated reporting framework," is accepted since the tabulated (T) is less than the calculated (T),
- the second hypothesis's paragraphs for second Dimension is "The company realizes the importance of preparing integrated reports to contribute to risk management to evaluate and develop its performance," is accepted since the tabulated (T) is less than the calculated (T), The average responses in the paragraphs about the hypothesis fall between (3.77) and (4.05), which is the outcome of agreement on the second area. All hypothesis items had an arithmetic mean of 3.91 and a standard deviation of (0.83). The alternative hypothesis, which reads, "The company realizes the importance of preparing integrated reports to contribute to risk management to evaluate and develop its performance," is accepted since the tabulated (T) is less than the calculated (T); the paragraph with the most significant impact on trust and its effect on the dimension was one that states, "Preparing

integrated reports helps in analyzing the impact of risks on the company's performance." The arithmetic mean is (3.8), and the standard deviation is (0.82). The most minor paragraph in terms of trust and its impact on the dimension is the one that states, "Preparing integrated reports clarifies a vision and strategy." A straightforward way to evaluate and develop the bank's future performance." The arithmetic mean is 3.8, and the standard deviation is (0.82).

- The third hypothesis's paragraph for the third Dimension is "The preparation of integrated reports affects raising the standard of information accessible to help stakeholders and investors feel more confident." To ascertain whether the average degree of reaction across individuals achieved the average degree, which is (3), the (T) test was utilized. Examination and verification of the third hypothesis's paragraphs for the Third Dimension: The average responses about the hypothesis fall between (3.80) and (3.99), which is the outcome of agreement on the third area. All hypothesis items had an arithmetic mean of 3.91 and a standard deviation 0.83. Since the calculated (T) is less than the tabulated (T), the alternative hypothesis—which reads, "There is an impact of preparing integrated reports on improving the quality of information available to contribute to creating confidence among investors and stakeholders" is accepted. The paragraph with the most significant impact on trust and its dimension states, "Integrated reports contain the provision of internal strategic information to increase the confidence of investors and stakeholders and rationalize their decisions." The arithmetic mean is (3.99) and the standard deviation is (0.73). The paragraph with the least confidence and impact on the dimension states, "Preparing integrated reports improves the transparency, credibility, and uniformity of the information provided to investors and stakeholders." The arithmetic mean is (3.80) and the standard deviation is (0.82).
- The paragraphs of the fourth hypothesis for the fourth dimension state, "Investors and stakeholders depend in their decisions on the information contained in the integrated reports." The (T) test was used to find out that the average degree of response had reached the average degree, which is (3) because of the approval of the fourth area, as the average answers in the paragraphs related to the hypothesis range from (3.70) to (3.99). The arithmetic mean for all hypothesis items is (3.82), and a standard deviation of (0.81). The tabulated (T) is greater than the calculated (T), which means accepting the assumption that "investors and stakeholders rely in their decisions on the information contained in the integrated reports." It turned out that the paragraph with the most significant impact on trust and dimensionality was the one that stated: "Preparing integrated reports provides information characterized by credibility and transparency and contributes to the process of evaluating available investments." The arithmetic mean is (3.99) and the standard deviation is (0.69). The paragraph with the most negligible impact on trust and the dimension states, "Providing the information contained in integrated reports in an equal manner to all investors and stakeholders leads to increasing their confidence in the company's business and activities." The arithmetic mean is (3.70) and the standard deviation is (0.84).

#### **IV. Discussion of Results:**

The researcher obtained the following conclusions from the statistical analysis: The businesses intend to use the integrated reporting framework while preparing annual business reports. Businesses understand how critical it is to create integrated reports that support risk management while assisting in performance evaluation and development.

Integrated report preparation raises the standard of information available to support the development of trust among stakeholders and investors. The information in integrated reports is what investors and stakeholders use to inform their decisions. Companies have the financial and personnel resources to generate integrated reports and control procedures that support their adoption of this practice. To satisfy investors' expectations on the future of investing in them, integrated reporting presents management's assessments of the dangers that companies face and growth and investment prospects. Integrated reporting offers analytical data regarding banks' use of a thorough risk management approach to assess and improve performance and their well-defined vision and strategy. Creating integrated reports aids banks in obtaining internal strategic information that they need to create value, enhance their standing, win over investors and stakeholders, and comprehend these businesses' strategic goals. Creating integrated reports helps with the process of assessing the available investments by providing transparent and reliable information. Integrated reports are vital in assisting stakeholders and investors in making well-informed decisions since they provide adequate and relevant non-financial and financial data. They enhanced the openness, consistency, and dependability of information supplied to investors through integrated reporting, which aids in assessing the levels of risk and volatility linked to investments.

### **Recommendations:**

Based on the previous results, the researcher recommends Spreading awareness among employees of Saudi non-financial companies on the importance of using integrated reports and the information they provide about overall performance in a way that allows concerned parties to evaluate companies' ability to manage risks and create value. Professional organizations must work on issuing an accounting standard for integrated reports because of the information they provide to investors and stakeholders to help them make appropriate decisions. It is necessary to establish binding rules requiring Saudi non-financial companies to prepare integrated reports to help them manage risks, confront them to protect their investments, evaluate their performance, and hold many courses and workshops to introduce the importance of adopting and preparing integrated reports. There is a need for accounting curricula in commerce faculties in Egyptian universities to include integrated reports.

### **V. Conclusion:**

Assessing performance and boosting investor trust in non-financial Saudi businesses is critical. With integrated risk management reporting, investors can thoroughly understand the company's policies and procedures and a detailed picture of managing risks. When accurate and transparent risk management information is available, investors can better assess a company's financial and informational performance and make well-informed investment decisions. Investors can use this data to evaluate performance, make investment decisions, comprehend the company's overarching plan, and use risk management techniques, along with improving openness and trust between the business and other stakeholders, including clients, staff, and the neighborhood. Stakeholders can more easily trust and work with the organization when risks are communicated and shared interests are safeguarded. Ultimately, it can be concluded that creating comprehensive risk management reports is crucial to assessing performance and boosting investor trust in non-banking Saudi enterprises. Companies may acquire long-term growth and sustainability, establish a solid

reputation, and win the trust of stakeholders and investors by offering thorough and honest information regarding risk management.

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