

Annual Audit Preparation Checklist (FY 2026)

Audit Firm: [Auditor Name]

Audit Period: FY 2026 (Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2026)

Kick-off Date: [Date]

Prepared By: Financial Controller, [Controller Name]

Phase 1: Planning and Initial Documentation (Q4 2026)

Task	Status (Y/N/NA)	Responsible Team	Notes
1. Engagement Letter Signed	[]	CFO/Legal	Finalize terms and scope with the audit firm.
2. Finalized Trial Balance	[]	Accounting	Ensure all month-end adjustments are posted.
3. Financial Statements Drafted	[]	Accounting	Draft P&L, Balance Sheet, and Cash Flow Statement.
4. Fixed Asset Register Updated	[]	Finance/IT	All new CapEx acquisitions tagged and depreciated correctly.
5. Entity Structure Documentation	[]	Legal	Up-to-date legal structure, including all regional subsidiaries.
6. Inventory of Material Contracts	[]	Legal/Sales	High-value client contracts and vendor agreements.

Phase 2: Controls and Policy Review

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7. Payroll/HR Policy Review	[]	HR/Payroll	Confirm adherence to local labor laws and gratuity calculations.
8. T&E Compliance Review	[]	Finance	Sample testing of high-value Expense Reimbursement Forms .
9. IT System Access Logs	[]	IT/Engineering	Documentation of access controls for core financial systems (ERP, Payroll).
10. Revenue Recognition Policy	[]	Accounting	Evidence of adherence to IFRS 15 (SaaS subscription model).

Phase 3: Fieldwork and Follow-up (Q1 2027)

Task	Status (Y/N/NA)	Responsible Team	Notes
11. A/R & A/P Confirmations Sent	[]	Accounting	Send confirmation requests to top 10 vendors/clients by value.
12. Legal Representation Letter	[]	Legal	Confirmation of no undisclosed litigation or contingent

			liabilities.
13. Supporting Docs Organized	[]	All Teams	All supporting documentation (invoices, bank statements, asset purchases) indexed in the central audit folder.
14. FinTech/AI Model Valuation	[]	R&D/Finance	Provide justification for the valuation of internal Intellectual Property (AI Models).

Deadline for Auditor Data Room Access: [Date]