



BDO Malta

Audit & Assurance Services in Malta



Introduction

At BDO Malta, we provide top-tier audit services that are designed to ensure compliance with financial regulations but also strengthen investor confidence. Our team of expert auditors combines extensive local knowledge with global resources, ensuring that every audit delivers the clarity, transparency, and reliability your business needs to thrive.

What you can expect from us

Choosing the right partner to guide you through regulatory and business requirements is essential to staying compliant and building trust. BDO Malta's Audit and Assurance professionals bring a wealth of industry experience and expertise, supported by a global network that helps clients successfully navigate regulatory changes, enhance business value, and build confidence among stakeholders.

As a global leader in assurance services, we offer tailored solutions that go beyond basic compliance. Our high-quality audits, supported by decades of experience and continuous professional development, are designed to meet the specific needs of a diverse range of clients, ensuring you stay ahead in a competitive market.

At BDO Malta, we recognise that every business is unique, whether you're a start-up or a large multinational enterprise. Our approach ensures:

- ▶ **Thorough Risk Assessments:** Identifying and addressing potential risks that could impact your business operations.
- ▶ **Financial Statements:** Providing precise, timely, and transparent financial statements that stakeholders can trust.
- ▶ **Regulatory Adherence:** Ensuring compliance with the latest local and international regulatory standards.

We pride ourselves on open, proactive communication, timely delivery, and the highest level of integrity in all our audit processes. Our commitment to excellence is backed by a focus on continuous investment in the development and training of our staff, ensuring they are equipped with the latest knowledge of industry trends and regulatory updates.







Our Solutions for Every Business

At BDO Malta, we offer a comprehensive range of audit services to ensure your business complies with all financial regulations and stays on the right path for growth.

Our audit services include:

- ▶ **Financial Statements Audits:** Helping you meet the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) or other standards, while providing transparency and assurance to your investors and stakeholders.
- ▶ **Local Statutory Audits:** Ensuring compliance with Malta's regulatory frameworks and statutory reporting requirements.
- ▶ **Agreed-Upon Procedures:** Performing specific audits or reviews based on agreed-upon criteria to ensure accuracy in key business areas.
- ▶ **Review of Financial Information:** Offering a tailored review of financial documents and reports to ensure accurate, timely information is presented to your board and shareholders.



Industries We Serve

In today's competitive business environment, having a dedicated audit team that understands your industry is more critical than ever.

We provide our audit services to a wide range of industries, including but not limited to:

- ▶ Banking
- ▶ Financial Services, including Funds and Fund Administrators
- ▶ Remote Gaming
- ▶ Fintech
- ▶ Manufacturing
- ▶ Real Estate & Construction
- ▶ Shipping & Yachting
- ▶ Tourism
- ▶ Aviation

Regardless of your industry or business size, BDO Malta is here to support your audit needs with a tailored, high-quality approach designed to give you peace of mind and help your business succeed.

Choose BDO Malta for your audit services in Malta and experience the confidence that comes with working with a leading audit firm dedicated to your success.

Robust Financial Audits for the Banking Sector

In an industry where trust and transparency are paramount, financial audits play a critical role in maintaining confidence among stakeholders, regulators, and investors. BDO Malta's dedicated audit team provides banks with the assurance that their financial statements are compliant and reflect the true financial position of the institution.

We specialise in delivering comprehensive, risk-based financial audits tailored to the complexities of the banking sector.

Key Features of our Financial Audit Services for Banks:

- ▶ **Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS):** Our audits ensure full compliance with IFRS, providing clear, reliable financial statements that adhere to both global standards and local regulations. We focus on complex areas of banking, including fair value measurements, loan loss provisions, and financial instrument accounting.
 - ▶ **Risk-Based Audits:** We adopt a risk-based approach to financial audits, prioritising areas that pose the greatest risk to your institution. This involves assessing financial reporting risks, including loan portfolio valuations, liquidity management, and capital adequacy, while ensuring that these risks are appropriately reflected in your financial disclosures.
 - ▶ **Asset Quality & Loan Portfolio Audits:** Given the central role that loans and other financial assets play in banking, we conduct detailed audits of your loan portfolio, assessing asset quality, impairments, and the adequacy of loan loss reserves. This ensures that your financial statements accurately reflect the risks associated with credit exposures.
 - ▶ **Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting (ICFR):** Our audit services include evaluating the design and effectiveness of your internal controls over financial reporting. By ensuring strong internal controls, we help safeguard your institution from financial misstatements, fraud, and operational inefficiencies.
 - ▶ **Solvency and Liquidity Audits:** These audits assess your bank's capital adequacy and liquidity ratios in line with regulatory requirements such as Basel III. By ensuring that your institution maintains adequate levels of capital and liquidity, we help protect your financial stability and ensure compliance with prudential regulations.
 - ▶ **Data Analytics and Automation:** Leveraging advanced data analytics, our financial audits incorporate AI-driven tools to analyse large volumes of transactional data. This approach allows us to identify patterns, outliers, and potential misstatements more efficiently, leading to deeper insights and a more comprehensive audit.
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**Our Financial Audit Services
for Banks include:**

- ▶ Annual Financial Statements Audits
- ▶ Regulatory Capital & Liquidity Audits
- ▶ Loan Portfolio and Asset Quality Audits
- ▶ IFRS Compliance and Fair Value Audits
- ▶ Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting (ICFR)
- ▶ Risk-Based Audit Procedures



Financial Audit Services for Funds and Investment Services

Ensuring Compliance and Transparency for Funds and Investment Services firms.

The funds and investment services sector operates in a highly regulated and complex environment, requiring rigorous financial audits to meet regulatory standards and instill confidence in investors. BDO Malta offers specialised audit services for funds, asset managers, and investment firms, ensuring compliance with both local and international regulations while providing transparency and trust in financial reporting.

Key Features of Our Financial Audit Services for Funds and Investment Services

- ▶ **Compliance with AIFMD, UCITS, and IFRS:** We ensure that your financial statements comply with key regulatory frameworks such as the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive (AIFMD), UCITS directives, and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). Our audits guarantee that your fund meets the reporting and transparency requirements essential for regulatory and investor trust.
 - ▶ **Valuation Audits for Complex Assets:** Investment funds often deal with complex asset portfolios, including private equity, derivatives, and alternative investments. BDO Malta conducts thorough asset valuation audits, ensuring that your fund's asset valuations are fair, transparent, and aligned with industry standards. This helps provide clarity to both investors and regulators.
 - ▶ **NAV (Net Asset Value) Audits:** The accuracy of a fund's Net Asset Value (NAV) is crucial for investor confidence. We conduct detailed NAV audits to ensure that your fund's NAV calculations reflect the true value of its underlying assets and liabilities, giving investors confidence in the reported performance of the fund.
 - ▶ **Risk-Based Audits:** Our audits are tailored to focus on high-risk areas such as valuation policies, fee structures, and compliance with investment mandates. This approach allows us to mitigate risks for fund managers, investors, and regulatory authorities by ensuring that the fund's financial reporting is accurate and transparent.
 - ▶ **Fund Governance and Internal Controls:** BDO Malta's audit services include a thorough review of your fund's governance structures and internal controls. We assess the effectiveness of your risk management, compliance, and reporting frameworks, ensuring that your fund operates in line with the highest standards of transparency and regulatory compliance.
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Our Financial Audit Services for Funds and Investment Services Include:

- ▶ **Statutory Financial Statement Audits:** Ensuring compliance with IFRS, AIFMD, and UCITS reporting requirements.
- ▶ **Asset Valuation Audits:** Verifying the accuracy and transparency of asset valuations, particularly for complex portfolios.
- ▶ **NAV Audits:** Ensuring the accuracy of Net Asset Value (NAV) calculations to build investor trust.
- ▶ **Internal Control and Governance Reviews:** Assessing the effectiveness of risk management and internal control frameworks.
- ▶ **Regulatory Compliance Audits:** Ensuring compliance with key directives such as AIFMD, UCITS, and MiFID II.



Financial Audits for Remote Gaming Entities

Supporting Transparent and Compliant Practices for Remote Gaming Companies

The remote gaming sector, regulated by the Malta Gaming Authority (MGA), is subject to rigorous financial and regulatory scrutiny. BDO Malta offers specialised financial audit services tailored to meet the complex needs of remote gaming operators. Our services ensure that your financial statements comply with local and international regulations but also provide transparency and accuracy to stakeholders, investors, and regulators.

Key Features of Our Financial Audit Services for Remote Gaming Operators

- ▶ **MGA Compliance and Financial Reporting Obligations:** Remote gaming licensees are required to submit statutory financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and International Standards on Auditing (ISA). Additionally, these statements must include separate disclosures for player funds, jackpot funds, and player liabilities, ensuring transparency and compliance with MGA guidelines.
 - ▶ **Agreed-Upon Procedures (ISRS 4400):** For B2C licensees, we prepare Agreed-Upon Procedures (AUP) reports in line with ISRS 4400 standards. These reports cover essential areas such as gaming tax, gaming licence fees, and player funds. The AUP reports are separate from statutory audits and provide an additional layer of assurance over key financial data.
 - ▶ **Player Fund Audits and Risk Mitigation:** Given the regulatory requirement to safeguard player funds, we conduct detailed audits on player fund accounts, ensuring that they are correctly classified and disclosed in line with MGA's regulatory framework. This includes verifying that funds are adequately segregated from operational cash flow to mitigate risk.
 - ▶ **Risk-Based Audits:** We adopt a risk-based approach to financial audits, focusing on high-risk areas such as gaming revenue, player liabilities, and AML compliance. This approach allows us to provide insights into potential financial and operational risks, ensuring robust internal controls and compliance.
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Financial Audits for Regulated Fintech Companies

We deliver a robust and independent audit that delivers benefits beyond the traditional scope.

Building Confidence Through Regulatory Assurance

The fintech sector encompasses a wide range of regulated entities, from traditional financial institutions to blockchain-native providers. These include:

- ▶ **Banks and Financial Institutions** acting as Payment Service Providers (PSPs) and Electronic Money Institutions (EMIs).
- ▶ **E-Money Token (EMT) Issuers** operating under the Markets in Crypto-Assets Regulation (MiCA) to offer blockchain-based stablecoins.
- ▶ **Crypto-Asset Service Providers (CASPs)** licensed under MiCA.

Each category brings distinct regulatory obligations and operational models, but all must demonstrate robust governance, safeguarding of client assets, and regulatory compliance.

Our Services by Issuer Type

- ▶ **For Banks, and Financial Institutions (FIs)**
 - Statutory Financial Audits.
 - Agreed-Upon Procedures (AUPs) over transaction handling, reporting, and third-party oversight.
 - Assurance over safeguarding and segregation where applicable.
- ▶ **For CASPs**
 - Statutory Financial Audits and prudential reporting reviews.
 - Assurance over 100% fiat reserve backing and segregation of client funds.
 - AUPs for safeguarding compliance and capital adequacy reporting.
- ▶ **For E-Money Token Issuers (under MiCA)**
 - Assurance on reserve backing, custody arrangements, and operational resilience.

Our cross-functional teams combine financial audit expertise with regulatory insight across digital payments, electronic money, and blockchain-based token issuance. We support fintech firms in meeting regulatory obligations under PSD2, EMD2, and MiCA, while enabling operational clarity and control.

Regulatory Assurance that Supports Growth

BDO Malta helps licensed fintech entities enhance governance and remain audit-ready across the EU. Whether you are a PSP, an EMI, MiCA Authorised or an EMT issuer, we provide audit and assurance services aligned to your licence type and operational structure.

Regardless of your regulatory classification, our approach is built on clarity, control, and collaboration. We tailor our assurance solutions to support both compliance and strategic direction - helping your organisation meet today's requirements and prepare confidently for the future.



Why BDO Malta for Audit & Assurance Services

Our expert audit professionals ensure compliance and help build investor confidence.



Global Expertise with Local Knowledge

As part of the BDO global network, we combine international best practices with a deep understanding of Malta's regulatory environment. This dual perspective allows us to deliver audit services that are compliant, relevant, and effective—no matter where your business operates.



Customised Solutions for Every Industry

We offer audit services tailored to the specific needs of sectors including banking, financial services, funds, remote gaming, and fintech. Our professionals understand the regulatory frameworks, risks, and operational models that define your industry.



Commitment to Quality

Our audit process is designed to deliver more than just compliance. We provide clear, actionable insights that support governance, improve financial reporting, and add value to decision-making.



Technology-Enabled Audits

We leverage advanced audit technologies, including data analytics and automation tools, to examine complex datasets efficiently. This enables deeper insight, faster results, and improved accuracy.



Transparency and Accountability

Our audits are structured to enhance transparency and strengthen stakeholder confidence. We ensure your financial statements are accurate, compliant, and aligned with both local and international standards.



Risk-Based, Practical Approach

By focusing on high-risk and high-impact areas—such as asset valuation, revenue recognition, internal controls, and regulatory disclosures—we deliver audits that are both rigorous and practical.

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