

Methodology and Trust Framework v1

Purpose

Ledger Continuity reviews treasury continuity risk using a repeatable exposure-mapping and failure-mode methodology. The goal is to separate confirmed findings, plausible risks, unknowns, and management actions.

Methodology

- Define the operating context and treasury purpose.
- Map stablecoin, issuer, chain, bridge, exchange, custodian, wallet, payment, counterparty, and yield exposure.
- Classify funds as Operating Cash, Settlement Liquidity, or Risk/Return.
- Identify largest single failure points.
- Score risks by impact, likelihood under plausible stress, dependency concentration, and recovery/control maturity.
- Label confidence and data freshness.
- Produce executive dashboard, heatmap, critical risks, immediate actions, and recovery-readiness notes.

Source hierarchy

Tier 1 — Primary sources: issuer disclosures, attestations, financial reports, official documentation, governance proposals, verified on-chain records, official provider terms, and client-provided exposure inventory.

Tier 2 — Independent analysis: reputable analytics providers, research providers, industry publications, public incident postmortems, and specialist data providers.

Tier 3 — Community intelligence: forums, public commentary, social discussion, and community reports. These are used cautiously and never as sole evidence for critical findings.

Confidence framework

- **High:** supported by primary evidence or directly supplied client evidence.
- **Medium:** supported by credible evidence but requiring interpretation or partial corroboration.
- **Low:** inferred from incomplete, stale, indirect, or weakly corroborated evidence.

Low-confidence critical findings are framed as items to investigate immediately, not asserted as established fact.

Freshness framework

- **Fresh:** current enough for the decision at hand.
- **Aging:** still useful but should be verified before major decisions.
- **Stale:** should not drive decisions without refresh.

Privacy and confidentiality

No private keys, seed phrases, wallet signing access, custody authority, transaction permissions, or API keys with movement permissions are requested. Exposure ranges and anonymized structures are acceptable.

Conflict and correction policy

Ledger Continuity should disclose conflicts, avoid paid token promotion, avoid referral compensation that biases findings, and correct material factual errors through versioned updates. Findings should be conservative, sourced, and

clearly separated from legal, investment, custody, or compliance advice.