Audit Challenges in Digital Environment

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# Trigger to Digital Environment



# **Audit Coverage**

### Governance, Risk management, Internal control



Organization & People



Stakeholders



Infrastructure



**Process** 









### **Organization & People**

**Population Growth** 

 The boomers, X, Y and Z challenges internally and externally

New Organization Type

- Implementation of Segregation of Duties in lean matrix organizations
- Reliance on third party

Resources

 How to attract, retain and develop digitally ready auditor and catching up with new technology?

- Prepare the homework
- Trait theory of leadership
- Basic control and regulation
- Awareness and requirement should be clear early during the engagement
- Recruit for potentials, character
- Grow learning & knowledge sharing culture
- Cultivate curiosity
- Stay relevant, business/industry knowledge as important (if not more) as audit knowledge









#### **Stakeholders**

### Expectations and the increased concerns in digital risks

Stakeholders have different character (baby boomers/X/Y, etc) background and experiences that shape different type of perspectives and risk appetite

- ✓ Open communication
  - There is no one size fit all concept, adapt and enhanced
  - Don't wait until audit done/report released
  - Industry standpoint
- ✓ Convince not confuse, change the auditors' and auditees' shoes using the same risk perspective
- ✓ Certification









#### Infrastructure



Awareness for All

Information Security Risks

- Don't take it for granted (i.e. VA/Pentest)
- Awareness for all stakeholders
- Beware of public tools
- The strength of a chain is on the weakest link

Collaboration

**New Regulation** 

- Appropriate interpretation of regulation by business, first line, second and third line of defenses
- Alignment on risks perspectives and control requirements

Keep it simple

Technology

- Perspective of bigdata, block chain, robotic, dashboard, machine learning, etc
- Basic control never changed and cannot be eliminated

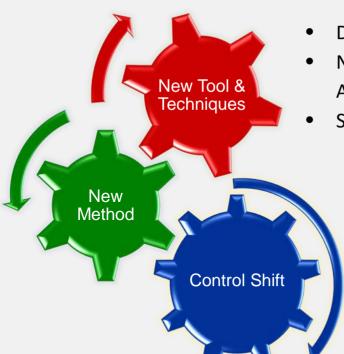








#### **Processes**



- Data analytics and continuous audit
  - New methodology in application development and deployment i.e. Agile, DevSecOps
- Shifting of control from manual to automated

- ✓ Understand the concept, before the technology
- ✓ Identify basic regulation
- ✓ Basic controls will never change
- ✓ Understand tools involved in the environment
- ✓ Methodology cannot be picked and chosen

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