ISCA-KPMG risk management study

# Towards better risk governance

a study of Singapore listed companies 2013







9.00 - 10.00 am

### **Presentation**

- About the study
- Highlights of study findings
- Key considerations

10.00 – 11.30 am

### **Panel discussion**



# **About the study**







### Survey background

ISCA and KPMG conducted a joint study on the state of risk management capabilities and disclosures for Singapore listed companies in first half of 2013 (based on annual reports as at 31 December 2012)

### **Objectives:**

- state of disclosure
- Raise awareness of requirements

### **Hypothesis:**

- Assess current
   Disconnect between disclosures and practices
  - Regulation drives compliance
  - Basis of opinion for adequacy and effectiveness not well established

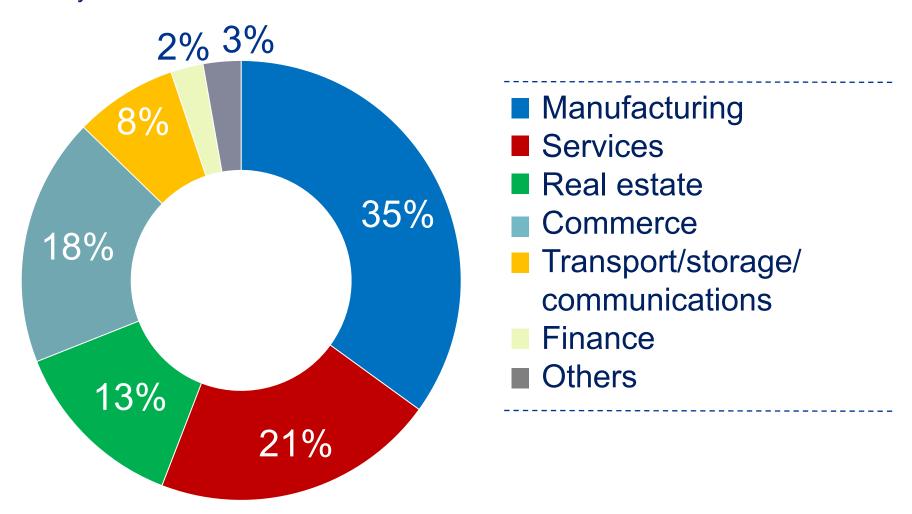
## **Details of participating organisations**by market capitalisation

% Large-cap (\$1 billion and above) n=30

% Mid-cap (\$300 million to < \$1 billion) n=30

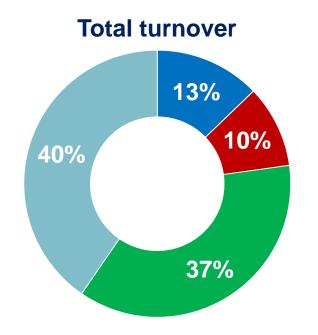
% Small-cap (<\$300 million) n=190

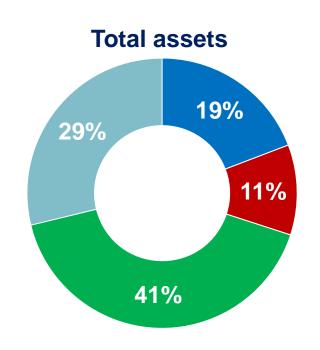
### **Details of participating organisations** by sector



### **Details of participating organisations**

by turnover and total assets





- >S\$1 billion
- S\$500 million to S\$1 billion
- S\$100 million and < S\$500 million
- <S\$100 million</p>

### What did the research cover?

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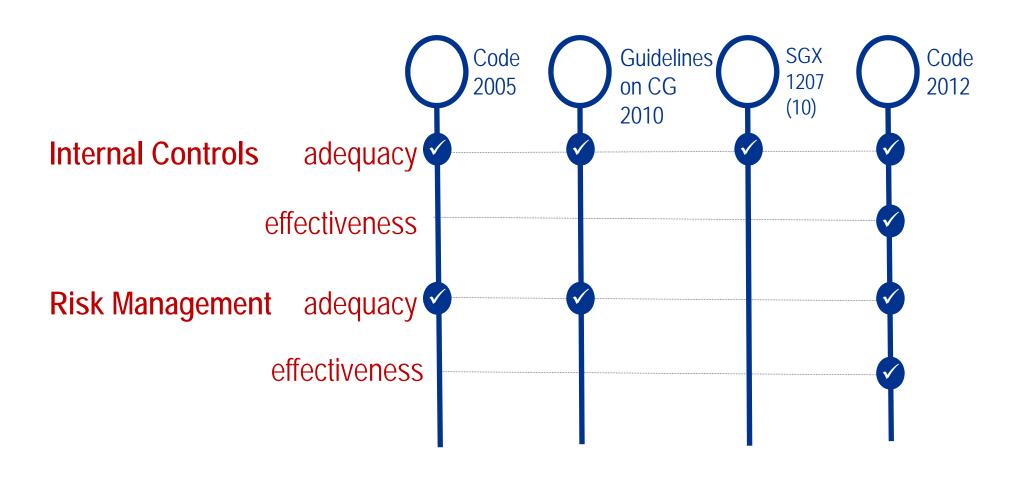
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- 2.4 Internal Audit function

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### **Critical concepts – exploring the differences**



### **Exploring key concepts**

#### **ADEQUACY**

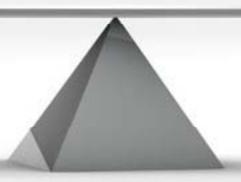
# there is NO ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL... you need a framework that is tailored to your organisation.

#### **EFFECTIVENESS**





Is it designed appropriately?



Is it operating as intended?

# Key highlights





### State of adoption

### Adoption rate of revised Code 2012 encouraging



already half the rate of compliance with previous Code 2005 at only

Bigger companies (e.g. finance sector) and GLCs have adopted and disclosed better developed risk management practices

# 1. Annual report disclosure

### Compliance is higher when regulations-based





Low rate of adoption for board assurance from CEO and CFOs



## 2. Risk governance and oversight structures

### Better disclosure of risk responsibilities required

Whilst 25% state AC is responsible for risk oversight

70%

do not state which board come

0/0
do not state which board committee is responsible for risk

Separate risk structures remain uncommon; small-caps less established

Only Only 12% have CROs have MRCs

IA is an essential component of the assurance framework

9/0 have IA functions in place

### 3. Risk management system

## Disclosure of risk management frameworks needs improvement

Only 300 disclose and explain their risk management framework

Whistle-blowing remains a key pillar in assurance

framework

have whistle-blowing policies in place; but only % disclose channels to report to resolve

# Highlights of study findings - State of adoption





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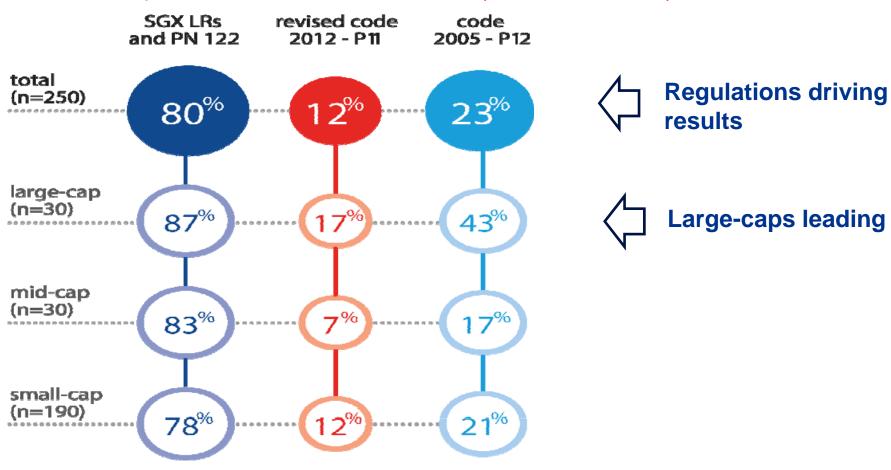
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# Regulations drive compliance; adoption rate of Code 2012 encouraging

Figure 6: Has the board commented on risk management and internal controls as per SGX LRs and CG Code (2005 and 2012)?



# Bigger companies have better risk management practices in 7/10 areas

Figure 7 (extract): risk management practices - compliance and adoption rates by market cap

1.	Board responsible for risk	33%	6.	Established risk management	84%
2.	Established BRC to manag	<sup>je</sup> 63%	7.	Explained risk management framework	67%
3.	Appointed CRO or equivalent	37%	8.	Established whistle-blowing policy	83%
4.	Established MRC to manage risks	53%	9.	Positive opinion with basis	87%
5.	Established IA Function	100%	10.	Assurances from CEO & CFO	13%

# GLCs have better risk management practices in 9/10 areas

Figure 8 (extract): risk management practices - compliance and adoption rates by GLCs

1.	Board responsible for risk	41%	6. Established risk management framework	73%
2.	Established BRC to manage risks	55%	7. Explained risk management framework	45%
3.	Appointed CRO or equivalent	32%	8. Established whistle-blowing policy	91%
4.	Established MRC to manage risks	45%	9. Positive opinion with basis	86%
5.	Established IA Function	100%	10. Assurances from CEO & CFO	14%

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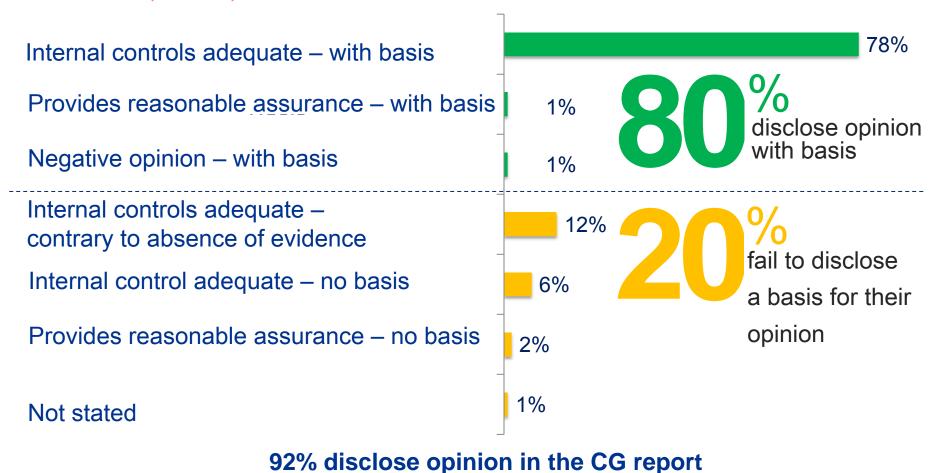
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# High rate of compliance with SGX Listing Rule 1207(10) and Practice Note 12.2

Figure 10: What is the board's opinion on the adequacy of internal controls? (n=250)



### Internal control disclosures better than risk management

Only disclosed board comment on risk management <u>and</u> internal controls adequacy <u>and</u> effectiveness (Principle 11.3)

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disclosed effectiveness (Principle 11.3)

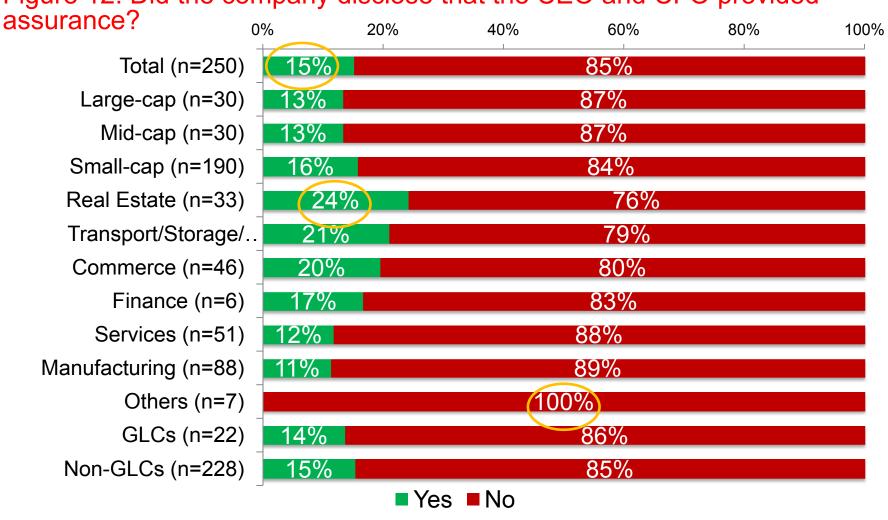
### Internal Controls (SGX) Risk Management (Principle 11)

disclosed adequacy (Principle 11.3)

effectiveness (Principle 11.3)

# Low levels of disclosure about CEO/CFO providing assurance to the Board

Figure 12: Did the company disclose that the CEO and CFO provided



# Highlights of study findings 2. Risk governance and oversight structures





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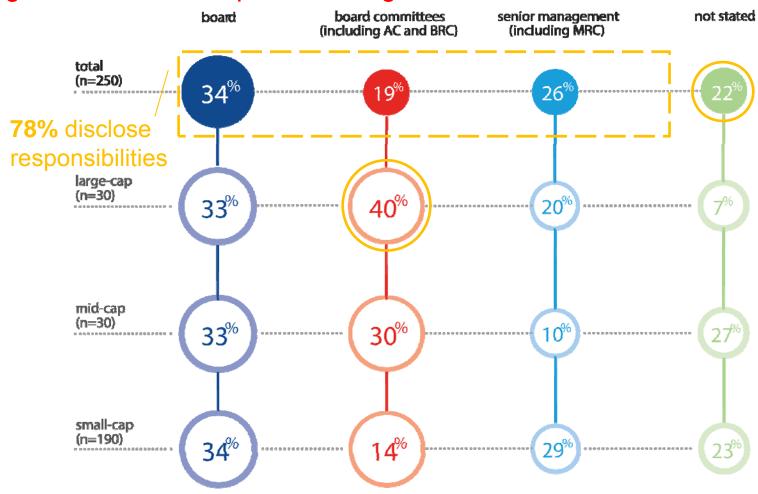
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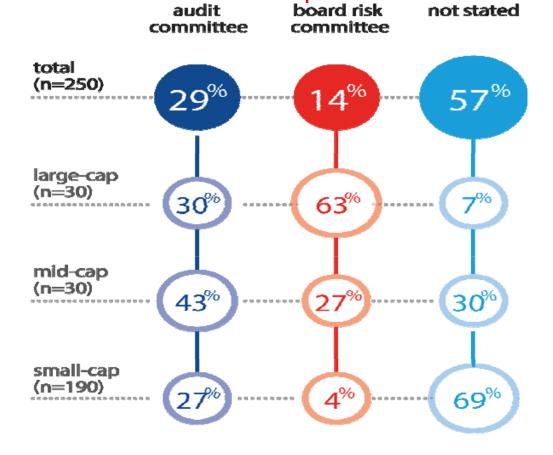
# Mixed disclosure regarding risk governance responsibility

Figure 23: Who is responsible for governance of risk?



# AC preferred committee to oversight risks; further clarity required

Figure 24: Which board committee helps the board to oversee risks?

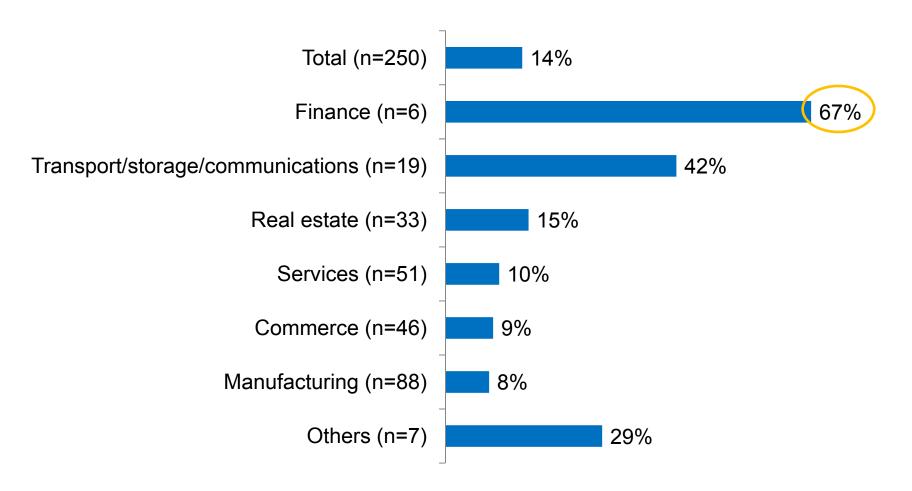


Note:

For the purpose of this study, BRCs and ARCs are collectively referred to as BRCs

# BRCs are an emerging element of the risk governance structure

Figure 26: Companies with BRC (by sector)



# No difference in size despite increase in ACs responsibility

**Size** 

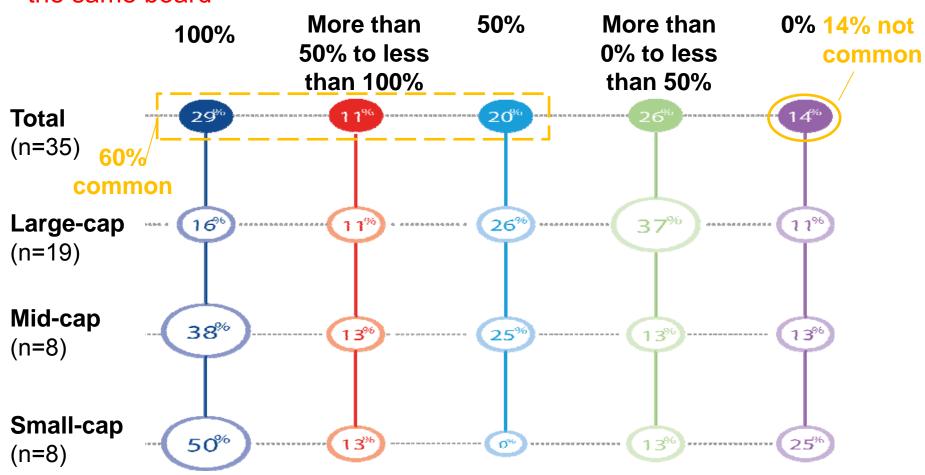
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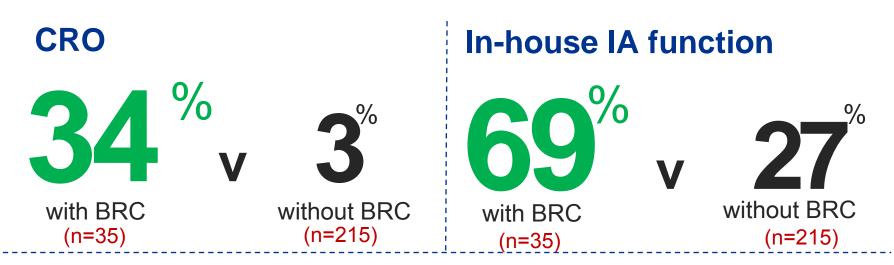


## Common membership between AC and BRC critical to success

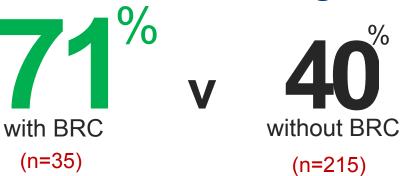
Figure 30: Percentage of BRC members who are also AC members on the same board



# **BRCs** correlated with stronger risk management practices

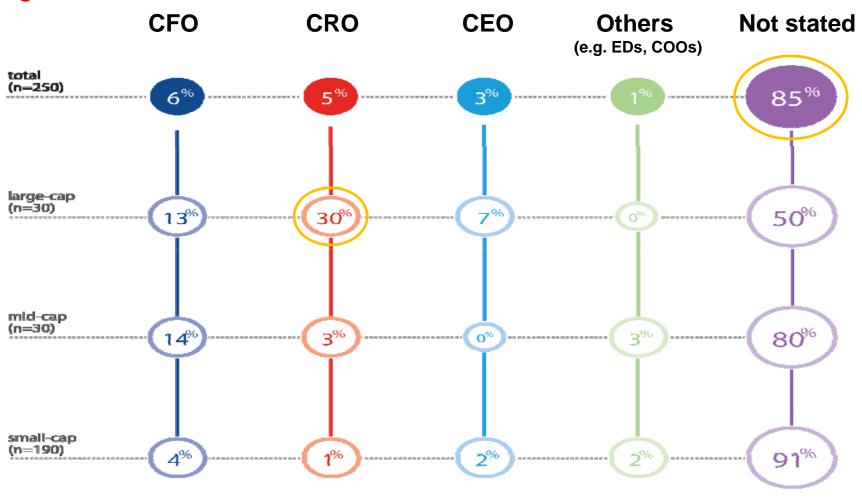






## Further work required to clarify risk governance role of C-suite

Figure 38: Who is responsible for risk management at the C-Suite level?



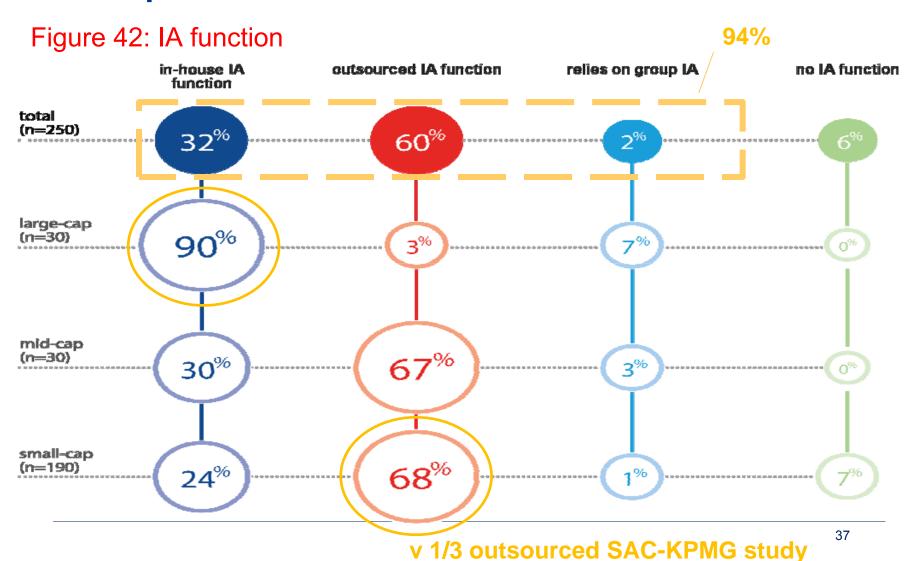
### Low rates of disclosure about Management Risk **Committees**

overall disclose having MRCs

Leading companies are:

53% 67% 43% Other' sector and GLCs

# IA is an essential component of the assurance framework; capabilities must evolve to meet expectations



# Highlights of study findings 3. Risk management systems





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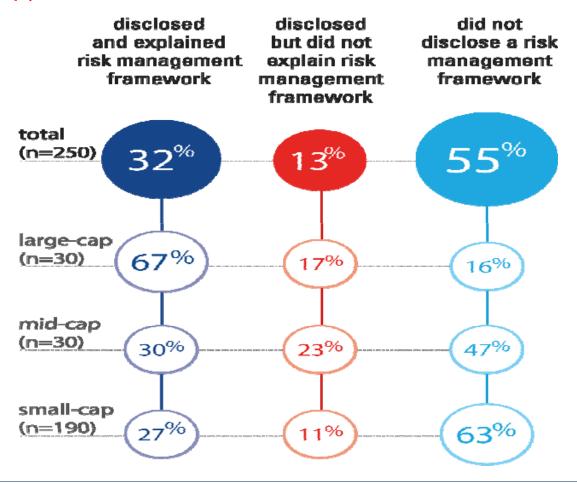
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### Low levels of disclosure about risk management framework elements

Figure 44: Disclosure of risk management framework in the annual report (by market cap)



Whistle-blowing remains a key pillar in the risk management and internal control assurance framework

% have whistle-blowing policies in place

But only 36% disclose channels to report

16 % disclose procedures to resolve (40/250 companies)

Where do they report?

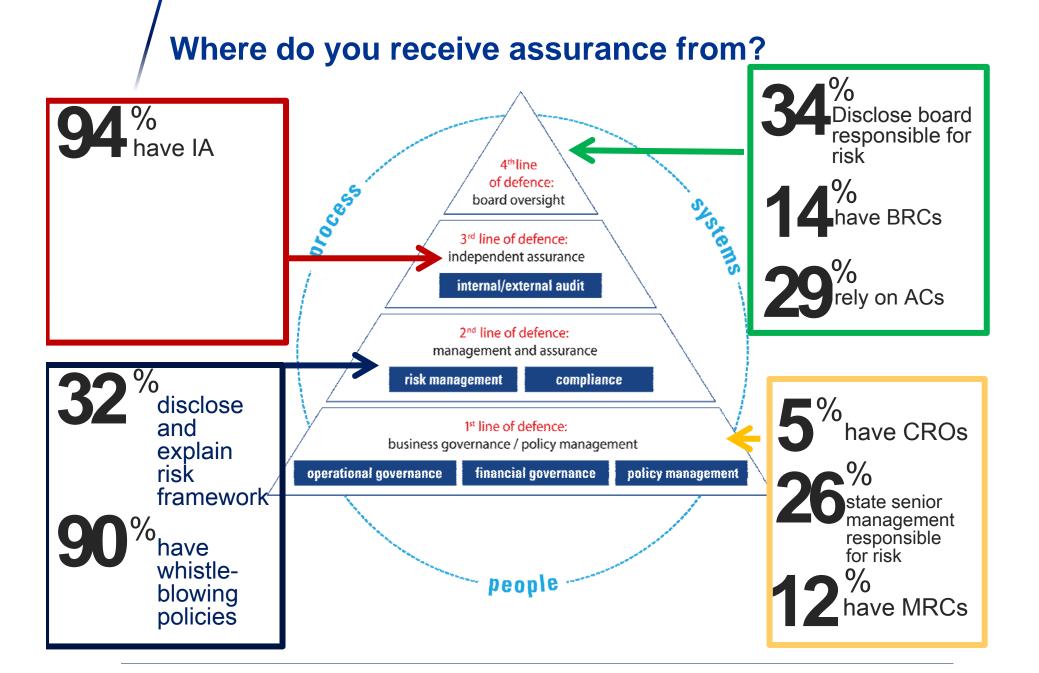
70 report to AC

2 % report to IA

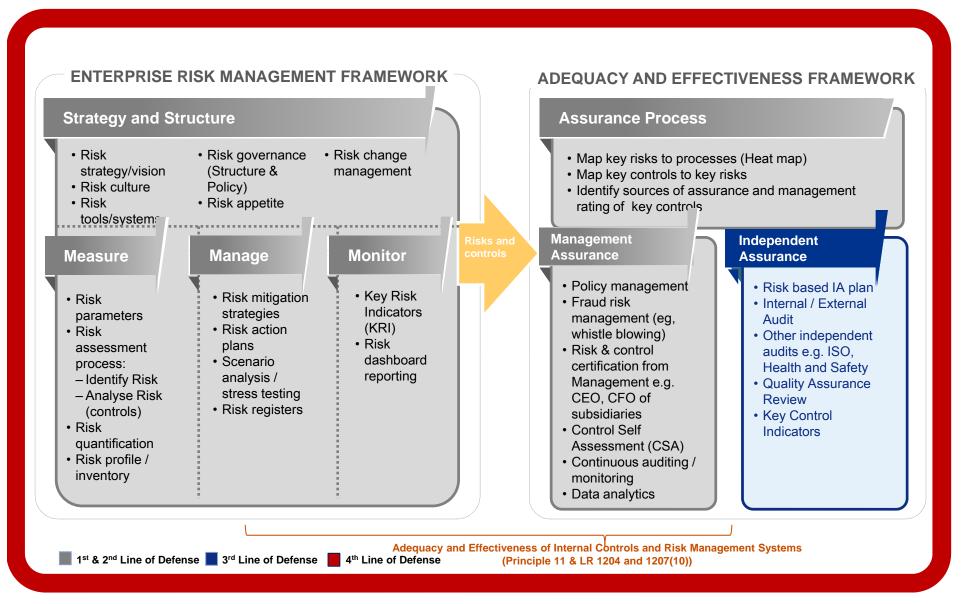
### Conclusion







#### **KPMGs Board Assurance Framework**



#### **Board members and C-Suite executives need to:**

- Actively engage in understanding the risk management and internal control system within your organisation
- Clarify key elements of your existing Enterprise Risk
  ✓ Management and Adequacy and Effectiveness
  Framework
- ✓ Confirm interrelationships between the key frameworks
- Communicate the overarching board assurance framework to key participants to ensure they understand their role and what is expected from them
- Define the outputs to be generated and evidenced (nature and frequency of reporting)

### Thank you





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