

FINANCIAL REGULATION: EMERGING THEMES IN 2021



Welcome and Introduction



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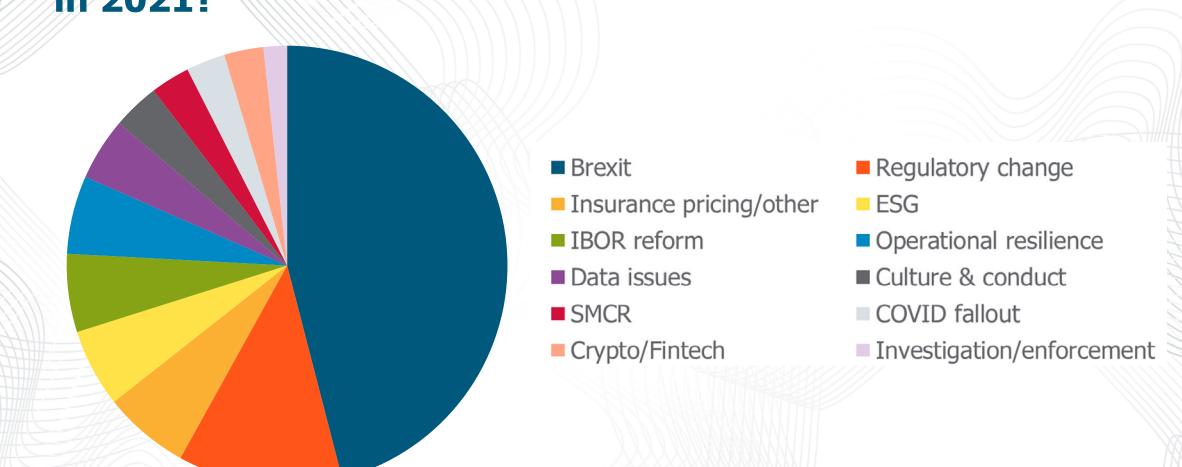


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- Key emerging themes
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 - ► The reform of Corporate Crime
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- Closing remarks

What will be your most significant regulatory challenge in 2021?





Keynote speech: Building Resilience



Key themes

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- The reform of Corporate Crime
- Enforcement trendsin the coming year



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Financial Regulation post-Brexit



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- Brexit did get done but the precise impact on the UK financial services sector remains uncertain and will evolve over time
- Post-Brexit fall out management will be an ongoing project for firms over the next 12 months and potentially longer
- ► The Brexit deal agreed is effectively silent on financial services arguably a "no deal" outcome
- Impact on trading volumes in the UK vs EU was immediate Other areas likely to be impacted in due course
- Firms need to be mindful of the following:
 - ► EU / EU member state approach to local presence requirements and licensing issues
 - ► UK will develop a new regulatory model and new regulatory rules based on flexibility and doing what is right for the UK
 - There will likely be a significant amount of UK driven regulatory reform but it will still be cognisant of what the EU is doing



The reform of Corporate Crime



The reform of Corporate Crime

- Potential Reform and Expansion of Corporate Liability for Economic Crime
- "Identification Principle" v failure to prevent model
- Responses to Government's Call for Evidence published
 3 Nov 2020
- Law Commission Option Paper due late 2021



Enforcement trends in the coming year



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- Enforcement target areas for the year ahead
- Continued focus on investigating individuals
- Slow progress of investigations
 - ► 646 open FCA investigations in 2020 up from 247 as recently as 2016
 - The average FCA case length in 2020 was 23.9 months
 - Where disciplinary action was pursued by the FCA and the case settled, it took an average of over **three** years (**37.4** months). By contrast in 2015, the average settled case took just **16** months so it has more than doubled

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