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AUDIT COMMITTEE CONFERENCE 2021

**Agility, Empathy and Resilience:
How the Audit Committee will
Thrive in the New Normal**

15 & 16 March 2021 (Monday & Tuesday), 9.00 am – 1.15 pm

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND THE CONFERENCE

At the end of this conference, you are expected to be able to:

- Keep the audit committee agenda focused on priority matters
- Understand how technology is impacting the finance function's and organisation's talent, efficiency, and value add
- Gain insights into leading practices that can help to enhance the effectiveness of the Audit Committee
- Be cognisant of emerging business risks and developments in critical enterprise risks
- Understand the role in setting the tone on ESG oversight and communicating the value of ESG knowledge assurance
- See how whistle-blower programmes can be an effective platform for managing increased risks

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Audit Committee Members
- C-Suite Executives
- Internal Auditors
- Aspiring Directors
- Chief Audit Executives
- Future Audit Committee Members are encouraged to attend as well

Audit and governance are exceptionally tricky in today's environment of tremendous uncertainty and economic volatility. In synergy with their boards, Audit Committees must formulate an imperative agenda that aligns their enterprise, its processes, talent and technology capabilities with the expectations of the new business normal.

This Conference aims to empower the Audit Committee to steer a path through uncommon circumstances, guided by a clear and realistic vision of accountability, integrity and trust, through the adoption of good practices in ESG (Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance), risk management and controls.

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

DAY 1

8.30 am PARTICIPANTS LOGIN TO JOIN THE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

9.00 am WELCOME REMARKS
DR VEERINDERJEET SINGH | President, MIA

9.10 am KEYNOTE ADDRESS
AGILITY, EMPATHY AND RESILIENCE: THRIVING IN THE NEW NORMAL

9.55 am **PANEL DISCUSSION**
2021 AUDIT COMMITTEE AGENDA
Prioritising an effective Audit Committee agenda is never easy even in the best of times. Figure out which material issues should be prioritised for Audit Committee effectiveness and how to customise your own unique Board audit agenda for good governance and trust amidst a highly volatile, risky, and uncertain environment unfolding in 2021.

11.05 am BREAK

11.20 am **PRIORITISING ESG FOR BETTER DISCLOSURE**
As businesses integrate their ESG systems into their business models, the Audit Committee is likely to play a greater role in setting the tone on ESG oversight and communicating the value of ESG knowledge assurance. This session provides guidance on how ESG risks are defined, ranked, and integrated into the priorities and practices of disclosure. It is especially important that Audit Committees collaborate with management to reassess and oversee the scope and quality of the company's ESG/sustainability reports and disclosures.

12.05 pm **PANEL DISCUSSION**
AGILE AND RESILIENT: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE
Organisations are facing a record number of extraordinary circumstances during the COVID-19 pandemic. This discussion explores how these have affected Audit Committees and how the state of their relationships with the Board and management has shaped their responses toward the crisis, and shares their insights and experience in these unprecedented times.

PANELLIST
HIDY CHAN | Chair, Audit Committee, China Brilliant Global (CBG) Limited

1.15 pm END OF DAY 1

DAY 2

8.30 am PARTICIPANTS LOGIN TO JOIN THE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

9.00 am WELCOME REMARKS
REPRESENTATIVE FROM IIA MALAYSIA

9.10 am **THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S ROLE IN ANTICIPATING AND MANAGING EMERGING RISKS**
The COVID-19 pandemic has heightened the risks and challenges faced by Boards. It is important that Audit Committee members provide effective oversight on risk management practices in the organisation, without duplicating the efforts from the Risk Management Department and leveraging on internal audit as an effective third line of defence. To reinforce audit quality, Audit Committees are advised to engage with external and internal auditors to understand and manage the impacts of COVID-19 on their processes and performance.

SPEAKER
PROF. HERNAN HUWYLER | Compliance Program Director, IE Business School, Denmark

9.55 am **PANEL DISCUSSION**
INVESTING IN A COMPETENT FINANCE FUNCTION
Finance plays a critical role in delivering business intelligence and ensuring business continuity. Audit Committees need to take the lead in identifying and addressing the challenges and/or bottlenecks at the Board level in approving budgets for finance function investment, in order to strengthen the competency of the finance function as well as the quality and reliability of financial reporting. The panel will also discuss the technology imperative in shaping the finance function's talent and efficiency to enhance competency and value add.

MODERATOR
SIMON TAY | Executive Director, Professional Practices & Technical, MIA

PANELLISTS
JENNY TAN | Head, Group Internal Audit, CapitaLand Group, Singapore
JERRY DURANT | Chairman & Founder, Clarity Group Global, Philippines
EXTERNAL AUDITOR

11.05 am BREAK

11.20 am **PANEL DISCUSSION**
SHARPENING THE FOCUS: COMPANY ETHICS, COMPLIANCE, AND WHISTLE-BLOWER PROGRAMMES
COVID-19 has increased the risk of ethics and compliance failure, particularly given the changed control environment, increased fraud risk due to employees' financial hardship, and the pressure on management to meet financial targets. Whistle-blower programmes can be an effective platform for managing these increased risks, provided they are handled effectively. This session recommends simple yet effective policies for enhancing whistle-blowing as a compliance tool e.g. ensuring that Audit Committees see all whistle blower complaints and receive timely reports on the progress and outcomes of these complaints.

12.30 pm **TECHNOLOGIES, RISK AND AUDITOR'S FOCUS**
As the use of emerging technologies in the financial reporting process increases, auditors will likely be less able to design traditional substantive tests (e.g. test of details or substantive analytical procedures) that would provide sufficient appropriate audit evidence. This technological shift puts further emphasis on management's internal control over financial reporting and requires that internal auditors exercise heightened judgement and professional scepticism when assessing the sufficiency and source of audit evidence. To deliver good governance and quality disclosure, this session highlights the key issues that internal auditors must focus on with this pivot, namely establishing a holistic technology audit plan; ensuring that technology audits are commensurate with the complexity of technology systems and applications; adequate resourcing and upskilling of the internal audit function on technological competencies; and upholding the independence of the IA function in these changed circumstances.

1.15 pm END OF CONFERENCE

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CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



PROFESSOR HERNAN HUWYLER

Professor Hernan is a governance, risk and compliance executive for multinational companies. He directs the Upper Compliance programme at the IE Law and Business School. He is focussed on developing internal controls to address business risks and legal requirements. He is currently working for Danske Bank in Copenhagen to develop its cyber risk and control practices. He previously worked for ISS and Deloitte in Copenhagen to develop the practice in risk advisory and served as Risk Management and Internal Control Director for Veolia to lead the assurance and governance practices. He also previously worked for ExxonMobil, Baker Hughes and Tenaris. He has an MBA and CPA, as well as, co-chaired the non-financial assurance commission at The Institute of Internal Auditors. Hernan frequently lectures on auditing, compliance, risk management, and data privacy at top universities and business schools.



HIDY CHAN MEI YAN

Hidy is Chair of the Audit Committee at China Brilliant Global (CBG) Limited; Chair of Hong Kong Belt & Road; and Founding Partner at Lincoln Edward CPA. She is a finance expert with over 20 years of professional and commercial exposure in international accounting firm, multinational corporations and listed companies. She was CEO of Global Business Service Provider, Principal of International CPA firm, and was elected in the ACCA Global Council Election in December 2017. She specialises in assisting companies in business start-ups, mergers and acquisitions, pre-IPO consulting, tax, restructuring, business turnaround, ESG and corporate governance. She has been actively involved in business development, belt & road projects and business strategy, assisting companies to define direction. Hidy holds a Bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Hong Kong a Master's degree in business administration from the University of Manchester.



JERRY E DURANT

Jerry is the Chairman and Founder of Clarity Group Global, an internationally recognised advisory and research enterprise. He is an accomplished writer, educator, innovator and applied practitioner with over four decades of experience. In his early career he worked in international audit for a major Fortune 50 enterprise before taking on the position as Division Director for Test Engineering for AT&T. During his audit years he served actively with the IIA at the chapter, international and organisation levels. Jerry has authored numerous management and technological articles and is the author of two books. He is well credentialed holding nine certifications and degrees in Accounting (AS), Management (BS), Computer Science (MSc) and Logistical AI/Robotics (Sc.D). On a regular basis he and his organisation are called upon to serve having done so as a research fellow at the Rockefeller Foundation. His latest interest has involved Intellectual Philanthropy and the Buoyant Equity Fund for struggling enterprises.



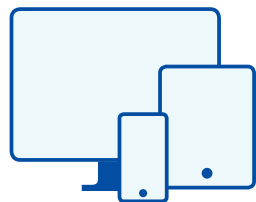
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Simon is Executive Director of the Professional Practices and Technical Division of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA), where he directs and contributes to the technical activities of MIA on areas such as integrated reporting, financial reporting, audit and assurance and taxation and provides technical support to 14 boards/ committees. He has also been involved in numerous speaking engagements on these topics and also on the competency requirements of CFOs and finance functions. Previously, he was an Executive Director at PwC Malaysia and has over 20 years of experience in auditing. He has been involved in instructing courses on audit methodology and conducting public and company-specific workshops on the application of accounting standards during his tenure with PricewaterhouseCoopers. Simon is a member of MIA and CPA Australia.

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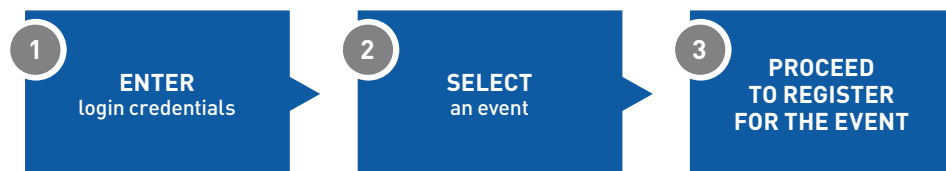
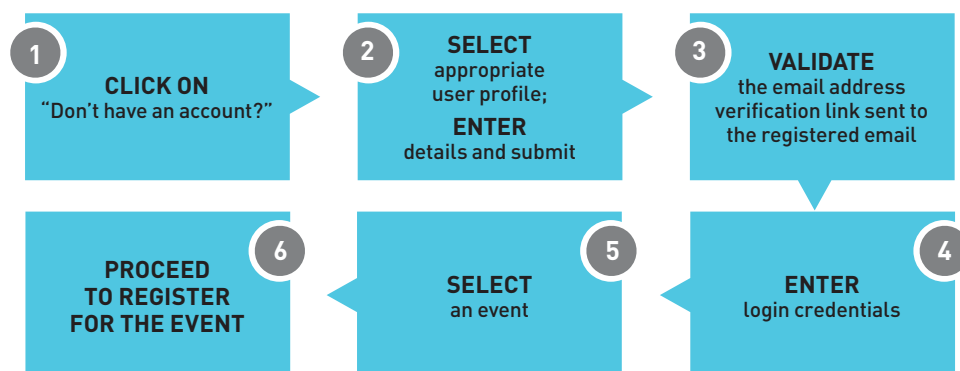
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