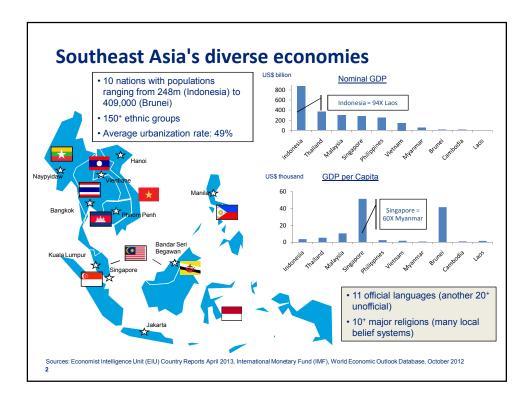
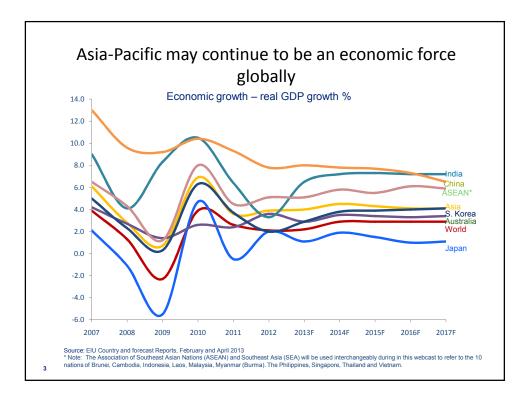




# Aask Advisory Services Pte. Ltd. Corporate Governance, Risk management, Increased shareholder Value

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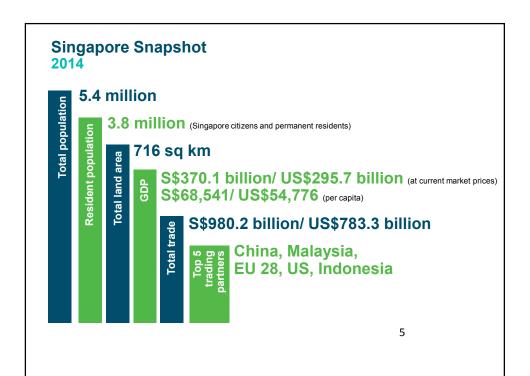


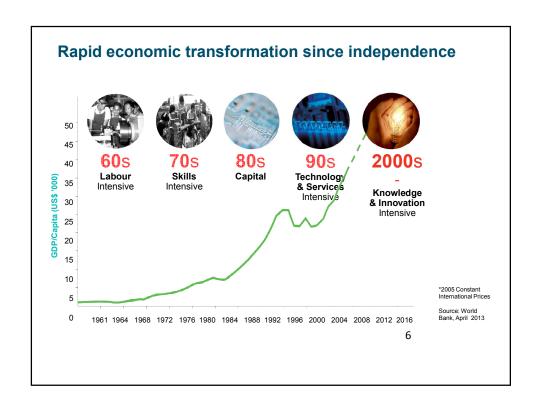


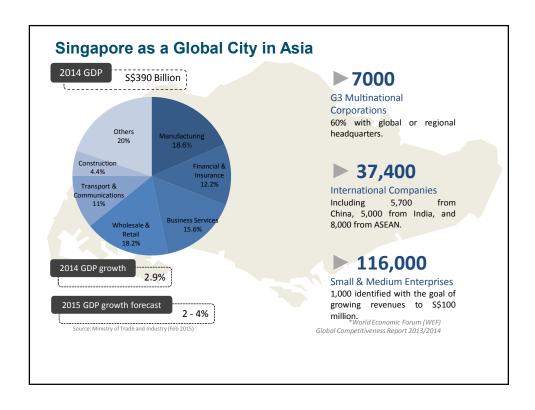
2012	Population	Births	Ages 15-64
	(M)	(M)	(M)
	(% global)	(% global)	(% global)
ASEAN	623	11.6	415
	( 8.8%)	(8.7%)	(8.9%)
China	1,343	16.5	988
	( 19.1%)	(12.3%)	(21.4%)
India	1,205	24.8	785
	( 17.1%)	(18.5%)	(17.0%)
Japan	127	1.0	80
	( 1.8%)	(0.74%)	(1.7%)

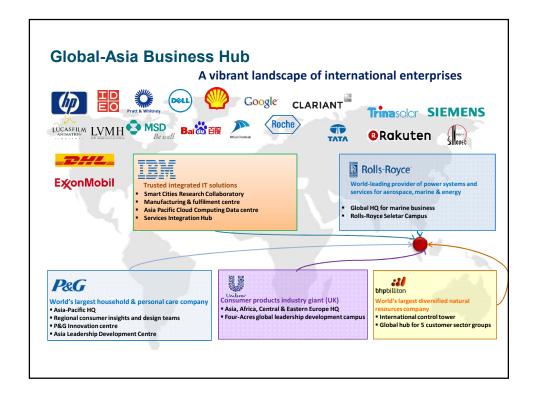
2012	GDP (US\$B) (% global)	GDP per capita (US\$) (Global rank)	GDP Growth (y-on-y)	
ASEAN	2,305 ( 3.5%)	3,745 (108 <sup>th</sup> )	5.7%*	
China	8,277 ( 11.5%)	6,076 (87 <sup>th</sup> )	7.8%	
India	1,824 (2.5%)	1,492 (141st)	5.4%	
Japan	5,964 (8.3%)	46,731 (14 <sup>th</sup> )	2.2%	

<sup>\*</sup> Per IMF, "ASEAN 5 "only – Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam Sources: EIU Country Reports April 2013, IMF World Economic Outlook Database, October 2012, U.S. Census International Databases





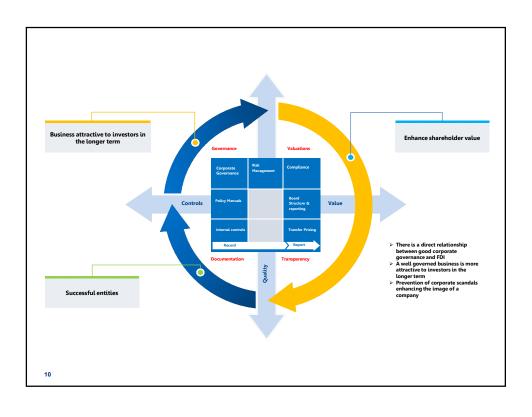




# Corporate governance

The system of rules, practices and processes by which a **company** is directed and controlled. **Corporate governance** essentially involves balancing the interests of the many stakeholders in a **company** - these include its shareholders, management, customers, suppliers, financiers, government and the community.

- Businesses cannot exist without law and corporate governance. If management is about running a business, corporate governance is about seeing that the company is run properly. Advise boards on Corporate Governance, Risk Management, Strategic Business Development and Tax structuring (amongst other services) Assistance in a wide range of corporate issues, helping our clients improve their efficiency and grow their businesses
- Corporate governance applies to all types of organisations not just to private companies but also to public sector. NGO's, schools, pension funds, state owned enterprises etc.
- > Enhancing shareholder value.



# Pillars of good corporate governance

Accountability

- > Ensure management is accountable to the board
- > Ensure board is accountable to shareholders

**Fairness** 

- > Protect shareholders rights
- > Treat all shareholders including minorities equitably
- Effective redress for company violations

Transparency

Leadership

- > Nothing to hide
- Processes and procedures should be available to outside parties
- > Timely accurate disclosure of all material aspects of the company
- > Values and principles on the way business should be done
- > Develop the right culture to drive the strategy of the firm
- Independent directors and advisers

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# Why Boards don't succeed

**Board Mix** 

- > Not having the right people e.g. people with finance or IT background
- Not understanding their roles and responsibilities
- $\,\succ\,\,$  Not understanding technical issues which may affect the bottom line

Risk management

- > Not recognizing the risks that affect the business on time
- Lack of discipline in reading risks early
- Neglecting compliance e.g. tax matters, transfer pricing

Poor direction

- > Poor decision making due to lack of adequate information
- Not having the right advisors on your side

Conflicts

- > Lack of teamwork between BOD's, management and CEO
- > Not knowing rules of the organization leading to disputes

Following up

- Not following up on strategy
- Complex group structures where companies are running like franchises
- > Lack of market research, due diligence, tax structuring etc.

# Risk Management

#### Definition of risk

Risk implies future uncertainty about deviation from expected earnings or expected outcome. Risk measures the uncertainty that an investor is willing to take to realize a gain from an investment.

#### Description

Risks are of different types and originate from different situations. We have liquidity risk, sovereign risk, insurance risk, business risk, default risk, etc. Various risks originate due to the uncertainty arising out of various factors that influence an investment or a situation.

#### Finance world

In the world of finance, risk management refers to the practice of identifying potential risks in advance, analysing them and taking precautionary steps to reduce/curb the risk.

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### Risks facing businesses today > Awareness on cyber risks seem to vary from country to country Cyber Security Unauthorised access to data especially in the banking sector > Problem goes well beyond the remit of the IT team and the BOD's is ultimately responsible > Huge issue with planning in Asia due to family run businesses Succession Not adequate time left to identify successors and therefore less transition time planning Create talent pools and consider looking for outside talent – TATA group > strategic, A competitor coming on to the market **Business risks** compliance, Introduction of new tax laws, CRS, health and safety legislation > financial, Non-payment by a major customer ncreased interest charges on a business loan > operational, Breakdown of key equipment Terrorism > Reality in life and cannot always be avoided > Not following up on strategy Following up Complex group structures where companies are running like franchises > Lack of market research, due diligence, tax structuring etc.

# ow to manage risk

Accept it Transfer it Reduce it Eliminate it Not a oneoff exercise Continuous Monitoring Appoint a dedicated risk officer reporting to the BOD's

Maintain a risk matrix by rank, probab ility and impact Quickly recover & resume operations

correctly identified and assess and appropriate controls put in place

# **Business Continuity Programme**

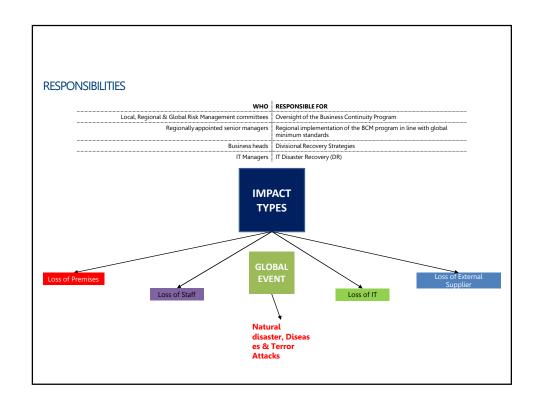
Companies need to recognise the importance of a BCP as an important part of the business cycles and business environment.

- BCP's should be designed to ensure that critical business processes are maintained in the event of a major internal or external incident.
- Duty of care to staff, customers and to protect company assets to minimize the impact of financial, reputational and strategic impact of incidents.
- > BCP must secure the continuation or rapid recovery of critical business activities in a crisis situation
- for companies headquartered in Singapore or Asia and work with PKF.

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## THE CRISIS MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK **ENABLES A RAPID RESPONSE TO DISRUPTIVE EVENTS** Make timely & **Safeguard Protect** prudent customer & employees financial & lives company operational assets assessments Maintain Quickly obligations to recover & the financial resume markets & operations regulators



#### THE CRISIS MANAGEMENT **STRUCTURE**

Country	Crisis at country level	Responsibility country risk management committeess
Regional	Crisis at regional level	Senior managers responsible for regional implementation
Divisional	Crisis at divisional level	Divisional heads responsible reporting to regional heads
Local	Crisis at local level	Local heads

#### **BCP** must incorporate:

- Documentation of procedures to back up and recover critical systems;
- Process to communicate to stakeholders, employees, suppliers etc.;
- Procedures to direct recovery activities asap.

# About AASK

AASK Advisory Services was founded in June 2015 by 2 ex-Deloitte Partners as a Singapore based firm offering advisory services to companies based primarily in Singapore and South East Asia.

- Assisting clients on investing into Africa. AASK has assisted clients in setting up presence in Eastern African Countries through the acquisition of local companies as well as initial set-up through a strategic partnership with local advisors
- Advise boards on Corporate Governance, Risk Management, Strategic Business Development and Tax structuring (amongst other services) Assistance in a wide range of corporate issues, helping our clients improve their efficiency and grow their businesses
- Advising on technical matters, strategic structuring and developing of their business. We have also assisted clients in establishing the right relationships with credible partners in East & Central Africa.

# Our Service Lines

#### Advisory Director roles

- > Enhance shareholder value
- > Communication and resolution of challenges facing C-Suite management
- > Improve revenue generation
- > Advise on corporate governance and risk management

#### Taxation Advisory

- > Tax structuring
- Permanent residency status
- GST and income tax advise
- Incorporation services
- > Incorporating companies in Singapore
- Filing and registration with ACRA
- > Assistance with opening bank accounts and resident Director
- > Maintenance of statutory books
- Business Development
- > Matchmaking and business partners identification
- Preparation of business plans, budgets
- ➤ Support overseas companies here through IE SG

Africa

- > Significant growth expected in Africa focus on East & Central Africa
- > Assistance with market research, due diligence, tax structuring etc.
- Advise on target acquisitions for Singapore companies

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# **Role of Advisory Directors**

- Provide leadership, support and constructive feedback to the executive leadership and company boards.
- Advise on strategy and business development opportunities having an outside perspective, and discussing a company's performance to create added value to our clients
- Working effectively with the larger board of directors on corporate governance, risk management and tax advise.
- Mandate and focus is to work with the Chairman and CEO 's
- Independence

A well governed business is more attractive to investors in the longer term and leads to an increase in shareholder value and valuations

## Our track record

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- Singapore based Private Equity firm investing into India and now in the hospitality sector
- Advising Singapore clients to invest in India and in the different sectors
- Review and preparation of the regional group accounting policy manual in accordance with IFRS
- Preparation and presentation to board members on governance and controls. Resolved issues on governance, accounting and controls in Indian subsidiary.
- Advising the Chairman and CEO on corporate governance enhancing shareholder value.
- Advise on tax structuring for a permanent establishment and all matters relating to compliance in Singapore
- > Advise on cost cutting and restructuring costs in Singapore and South East Asia.

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#### **SANJAY SHARMA**

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Founding partner Sanjay is a Chartered Accountant by profession and has had a distinguished 22 year career with Deloitte having worked in London, Mumbai and Singapore. He has a proven track record of delivering significant growth, building excellent client relationships and developing staff and he also acts as an Advisory Director to several company boards in Singapore. In the UK, he was co-leader of the Japanese Services Group and was responsible for advising and growing large Japanese companies in the UK.

He has a proven record of delivering significant growth for businesses, building excellent client relationships and developing staff. He is responsible for growing and assisting clients regional and international business including Africa and has also led and has experience in M&A and due diligence deals in the region.



### **ROHIT SHAH**

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Rohit has specialized in corporate tax for more than 25 years. He has been based in Singapore since 2001 and was a tax partner with Deloitte until January 2015. Prior to 2001, Rohit was based in London in the tax department of Legal & General Group, a large financial services group.

In the last 15 years, Rohit has been extensively involved in tax advisory assignments involving advising on tax efficient structures for operating companies in the Asia Pacific region, tax due diligence for different industries, tax efficient sale and acquisition of businesses, tax implications of cross border management and technical services and financial products and various tax incentives in Singapore. He has also been involved in advising on setting up business in Singapore, availability of tax incentives to new businesses and assisting with the applications to the relevant authorities.

Rohit has wide-ranging experience of advising funds, fund managers, banks and other financial institutions on tax efficient structures for investment in the Asia Pacific region, including Singapore, Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam. He also has considerable experience in provision of tax support in drafting of the Information Memoranda at the point of flotation of funds and transaction support at the point of acquisition and disposal of investments. He also has a good knowledge of transfer pricing regulations and GST. He is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, UK, a Member of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Singapore and a Member of the Singapore Institute of Accredited Tax Professionals Limited.