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# Executing Audits in the Current Environment

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# Topics

**1** Areas of Audit Focus

**2** Remote Working

**3** Technology

**4** Other Considerations

# Areas of Audit Focus due to the impact of COVID 19

- ▶ Fair value measurement
- ▶ Impairment of assets
- ▶ Going concern evaluation
- ▶ Expected credit losses re-assessment
- ▶ IFRS 16- Leases- Rent concessions and impact on changes of lease terms
- ▶ Internal controls over financial reporting
- ▶ Group audits - Scoping of audit to include components significantly affected by COVID-19

# Remote Working & Audit Execution

- ▶ Inventory count observations
- ▶ Project management & use of milestones
- ▶ Coaching and supervision
- ▶ Training of staff and clients
- ▶ Signing reports and engagement agreements
- ▶ Technology in Audit Execution

# Technology & Audit Execution

- ▶ Client communication – collaboration tools
- ▶ Shared Service Centres
- ▶ Big data and use of data analytics tools
- ▶ Smart forms/evidence- Intelligent checklists, electronic confirmations
- ▶ Knowledge repositories
- ▶ Digital audit implementation with data first approach

# Other Considerations

- ▶ Fraud Considerations
- ▶ Cyber Security Risks
- ▶ Climate Risk Considerations
- ▶ Regulatory Changes