

AUDIT COMMITTEE FORUM VOLUME 6

# Fraud Risks: Challenges for Audit Committees

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### Failure in the past



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#### **Fraud Survey**

**Potential impact of fraud** 

**Roles & Responsibilities of the Audit Committee** 

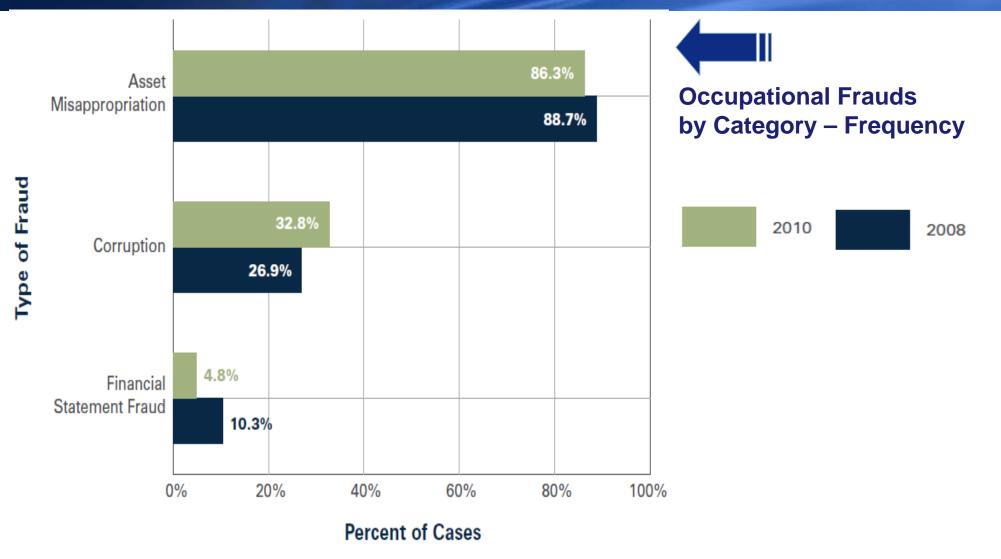
Fraud risk management

The Fraud Triangle & Case study





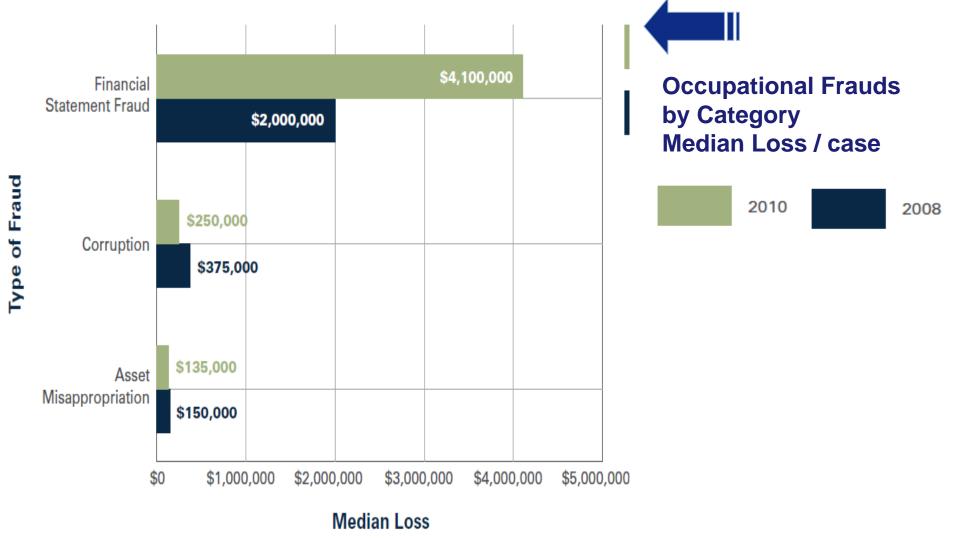
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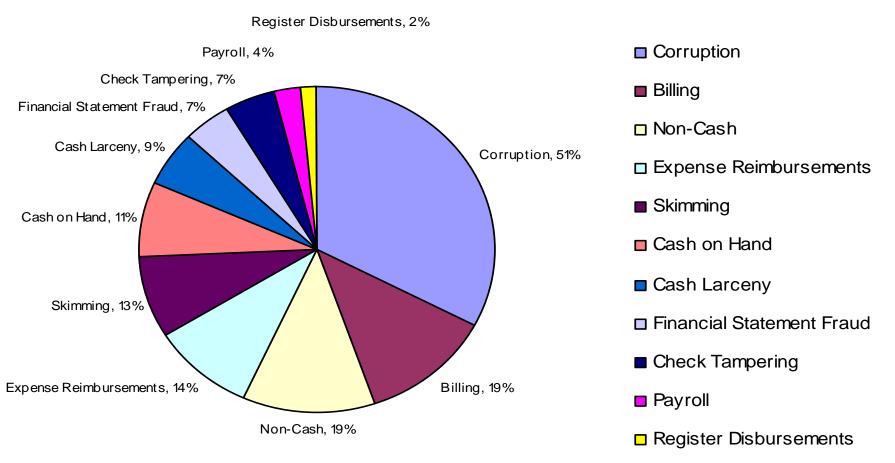
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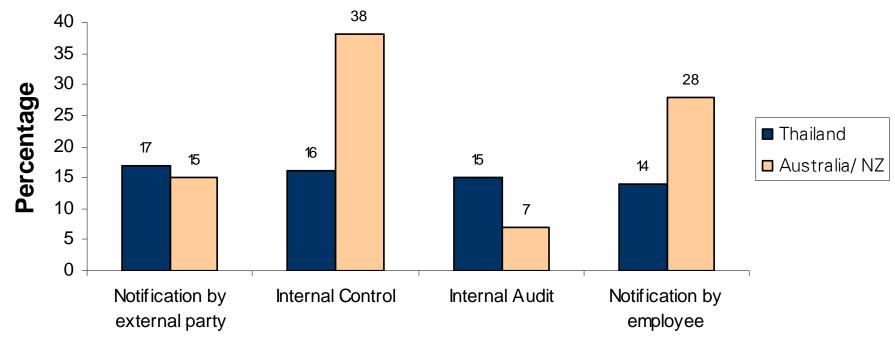


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### **Fraud Survey- Global**

#### **Fraud Notification**



#### **Sources of Fraud Notification**

Sources: KPMG Fraud Survey – Thailand 2007



### **Potential Impact of Fraud**

- Financial loss
- Reputation damage
- Loss of shareholder value
- Potential job losses
- Morale damage
- Investigation costs
- Management time and resources
- Credit ratings downgrade



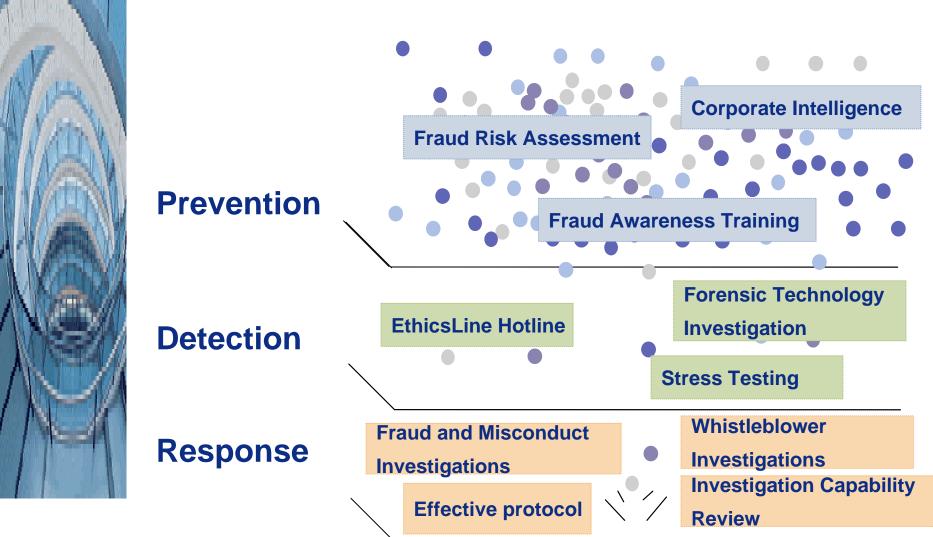


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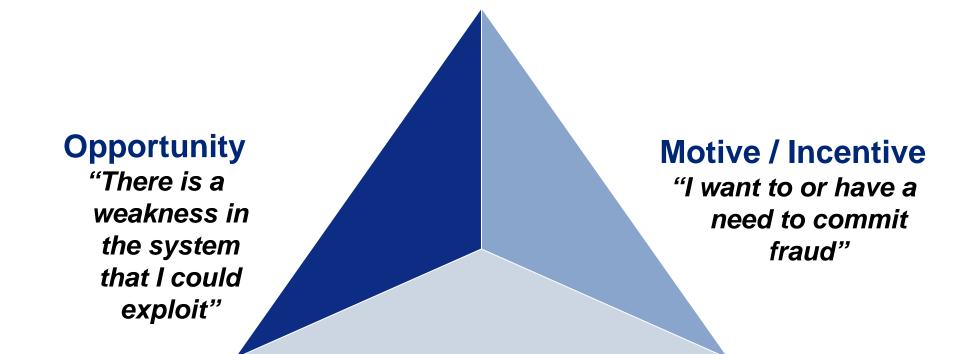


### Fraud risk management





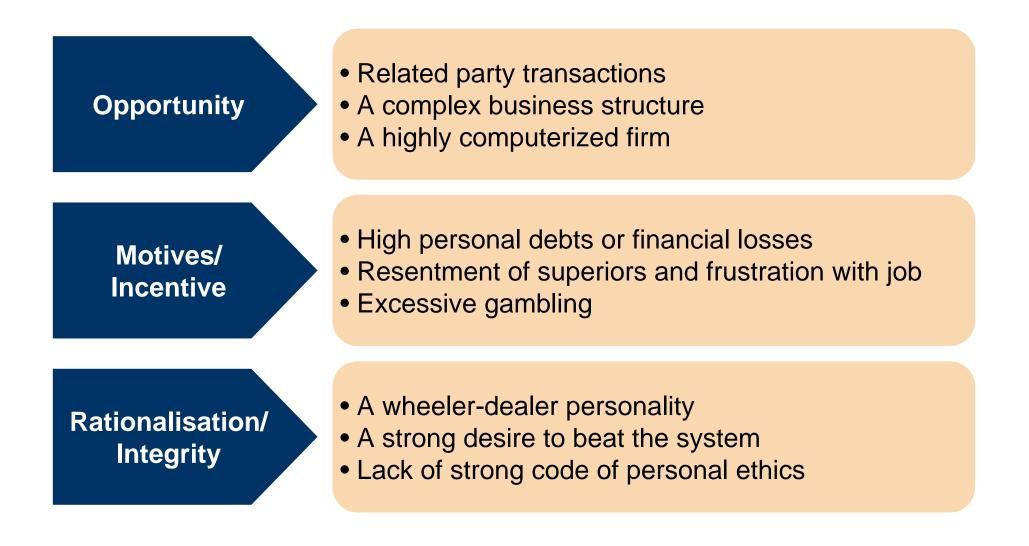
### The Fraud Triangle



#### Rationalisation / Integrity "I am convinced that it is worth the risks"



#### **Red Flags**





## Examples of Fraudulent Activities What KPMG Thailand has seen in the last year

- Fictitious, inflated and / or duplicate invoices
- Fictitious customers
- Conflicts of interest
- Lapping
- False or inflated reimbursement submissions
- Ghost employees
- Duplicate purchasing and reimbursement scheme
- Revenue or expense smoothing





### Case study 1

• A **Managing Director** transferred funds from his company's securities accounts to his personal accounts where he used it to make highly speculative investments for his own gain. He hid his crime by creating false broker account statements.

• Which elements of the fraud triangle may be present?

<b>Opportunity:</b>	The MD had been given sole authorization to make such transfers.
Motive:	Personal investment ambitions
Rationalisation:	May have intended to pay back the principal if his investments paid off



#### Case study 2

 A Finance Director colluded with subcontractors to maintain a smooth gross margin by arranging for inflated invoices from a long-time subcontractor in one reporting period and subsequently issuing credit notes to the subcontractor in the next period.

• Which elements of the fraud triangle may be present?

<b>Opportunity:</b>	The Finance Director had a close relationship with the
	subcontractor

- Motive: Financial performance pressure
- Rationalization: There was no theft of money



#### Case study 3

- A Board Member used his position to influence a Procurement Officer to award a lucrative contract to his friend's business even though the business did not meet the supplier selection requirements.
- Which elements of the fraud triangle may be present?

<b>Opportunity:</b>	Inadequate procurement selection controls	
Motive:	Concern of the Procurement Officer for his job security	
Rationalization:	The board member is in a position of authority	



Appendix



### **Examples of Fraud and Misconduct Schemes**

Area of Analysis	Fraud and Misconduct Schemes	Area of Analysis	Fraud and Misconduct Schemes
Accounts Payable	Fictitious vendors	Payroll	Ghost employees
	Fictitious, inflated and / or duplicate invoices		Improper supplemental payments
	Structured payments		Improper bonus or incentive compensation payments
	Conflicts of interest		Inflated salaries
	Kickbacks		Inflated hours
		Travel & Entertainment	False or inflated reimbursement submissions
	Bid-rigging	Expenses	Improper use of corporate credit card
Purchase Cards	Duplicate purchasing and reimbursement schemes		Purchases for personal use
	Unauthorized and / or improper purchases		Duplicate purchasing and reimbursement schemes
	Unauthorized users	Sales	False or inflated sales
Accounts Receivable	Lapping		Fictitious customers
	Credit balance fraud		Revenue recognition abuses including channel stuffing,
	Offsets with unauthorized / improper expenses		liberal return policies and bill and hold schemes
	Fictitious customers	Accruals / Reserves	Unauthorized / improper expenses
Inventory	Fictitious, inflated, duplicate or unnecessary purchase	NCOCIVCO	Fictitious or inflated expenses
inventory			Revenue or expense smoothing
	Theft through improper write-off	Journal Entries	Earnings management
	Excessive shrinkage		Improper management override
	Kickbacks and improper or illegal payments		Improper expense capitalization



#### Some examples:

- An **Accounting staff** submitted copies of the same petty cash expense receipt to two different authorized approvers. She then reimbursed the requestor with one check and pocketed the other.
- An Accounting Manager had her MD sign-off on a check which lacked the "A/C Payee Only" stamp. She then deposited the check into her own account, and subsequently placed the stamp on the photocopy of the check that went into the payment supporting documents.
- A **Procurement officer** opened a supply company in his wife's name and subsequently started hiring them as the sole supplier of certain equipment, despite the questionable qualifications of the supplier.
- A **Finance Director** colluded with subcontractors to maintain a stable gross margin by arranging for inflated invoices from subcontractors in one reporting period and subsequently issuing credit notes.
- A **Finance Manager** got his MD, a foreigner, to sign off on a Thai document allowing him authority to set up a bank transfer token card to wire money to himself. He then wired a series of payments.
- A **Division Manager** ordered high quality materials from a supplier, but accepted low quality materials which were worth less in order to get a kickback.
- An **HR Director** failed to delete a former employee from the company's payroll system. Instead she changed the bank account for the salary payments to be her own.
- A **CFO** issued checks to himself and concealed the transaction from the auditors by falsifying the company's bank statement to make it look like the withdrawal had never occurred.



#### Some common themes:

- Many occurrences of fraud were small, but <u>recurring</u> over a long period of time
- <u>Small companies</u> or small subsidiaries of global companies with a limited number of people in the accounting/procurement divisions
- In many cases several people in the authorization process <u>colluded</u>
- Senior Management <u>failed to monitor</u> what their staff was doing
- Accounting/procurement policies were not strictly followed
- Many of the perpetrators had been in their positions a long time and knew where the weaknesses in controls lay
- Companies that make a lot of <u>cash transactions</u> are particularly vulnerable
- Cases of fraud can occur <u>at all levels</u> of the organization



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