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# *Perspective on Trends, Challenges and Hot Topics of Internal Audit*

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# Overview

- What is the CBIA?
- Some recent topics of focus:
  - SWIFT Customer Security Program (CSP) Compliance
  - Cyber Resilience
  - Three Lines of Defense
  - Outsourcing Risks



# What is the Central Bank Internal Auditors?

- Heads or Deputy Heads of Internal Audit
- Composition reflects the BIS Economic Consultative Committee
- Mandate
  - share and foster best practice for internal audit within central banks;
  - contribute to discussions on issues related to corporate governance, risk management, control and compliance in central banks, as appropriate;
  - identify, research and report on emerging risks; and additionally analyse key trends affecting internal auditing in central banks;
  - provide input to relevant BIS based groups and/or committees; and
  - contribute to the advancement and development of internal auditing in the financial sector.





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# Recent Topics of Focus



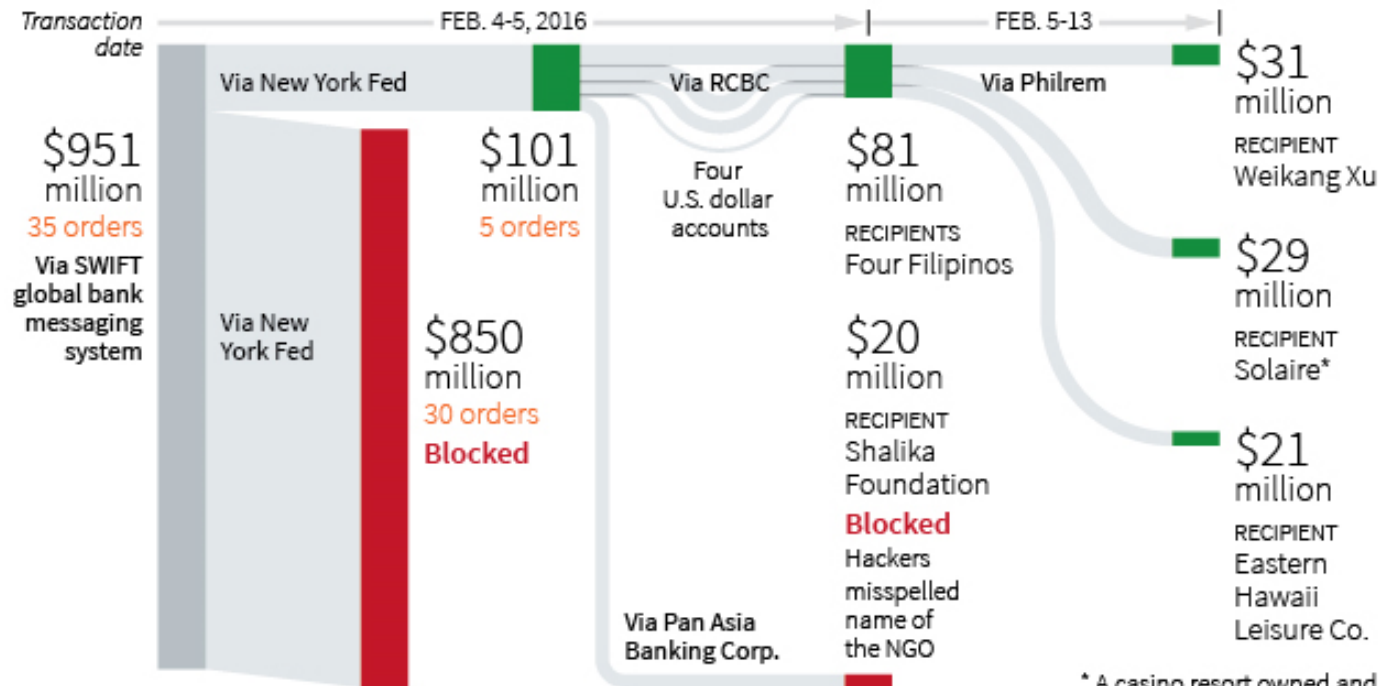
# SWIFT CSP Compliance

## Thefts via SWIFT or other financial messaging / payment systems

### Bangladesh Bank heist

In one of the largest cyber heists in history, hackers ordered the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to transfer \$81 million from Bangladesh Bank to accounts in the Philippines.

#### THE MONEY TRAIL



Sources: Philippines Court of Appeals documents; Reuters

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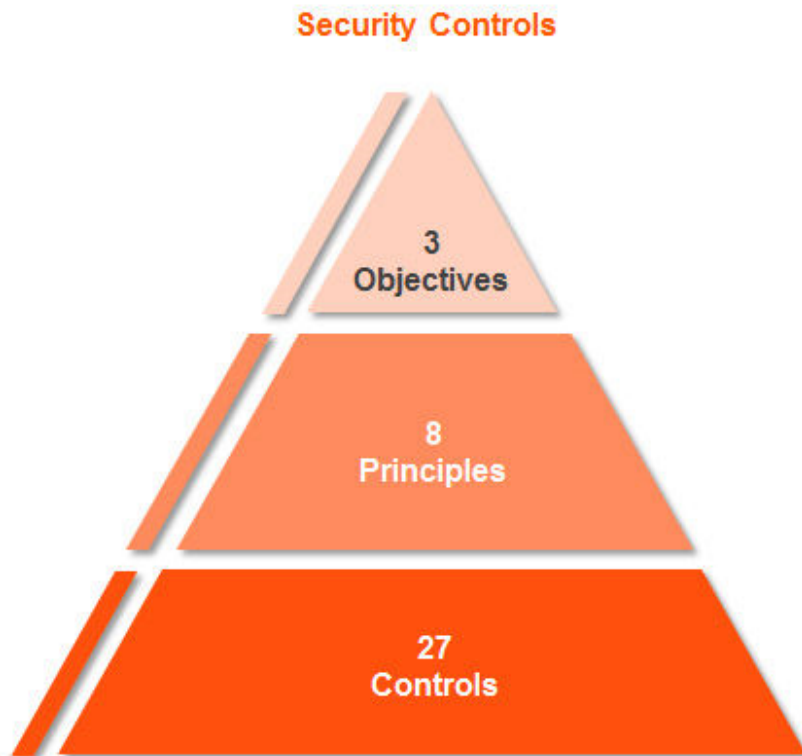
\* A casino resort owned and operated by Bloomberry Resorts

REUTERS



# SWIFT CSP Compliance

## The Controls Framework



<b>SWIFT Customer Security Controls Framework</b>	
<b>Secure Your Environment</b>	1. Restrict Internet access
	2. Protect critical systems from general IT environment
	3. Reduce attack surface and vulnerabilities
	4. Physically secure the environment
<b>Know and Limit Access</b>	5. Prevent compromise of credentials
	6. Manage identities and segregate privileges
<b>Detect and Respond</b>	7. Detect anomalous activity to system or transaction records
	8. Plan for incident response and information sharing

Source: Swift.com

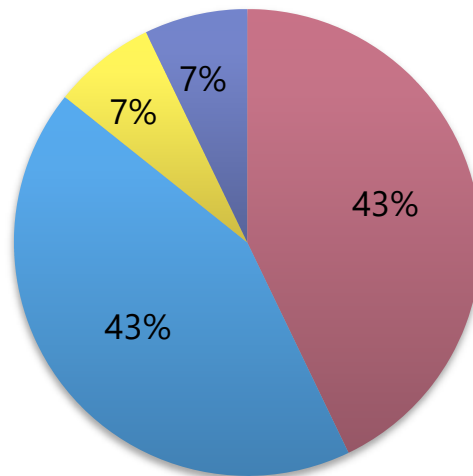


# SWIFT CSP Compliance

## Individuals Signing off the Attestation - 2017

### Individuals Selected to Sign off the Compliance Attestation

- CISO or Equivalent
- IT Management
- Business Management
- Senior Management and Internal Audit



- In all respondent institutions, the Board (or at least some members or other top managers) have been kept informed of the process and/or content of the attestation.
- All attestations have been submitted in 4-eyes in the KYC application. More frequently by IT people, but also by business people.

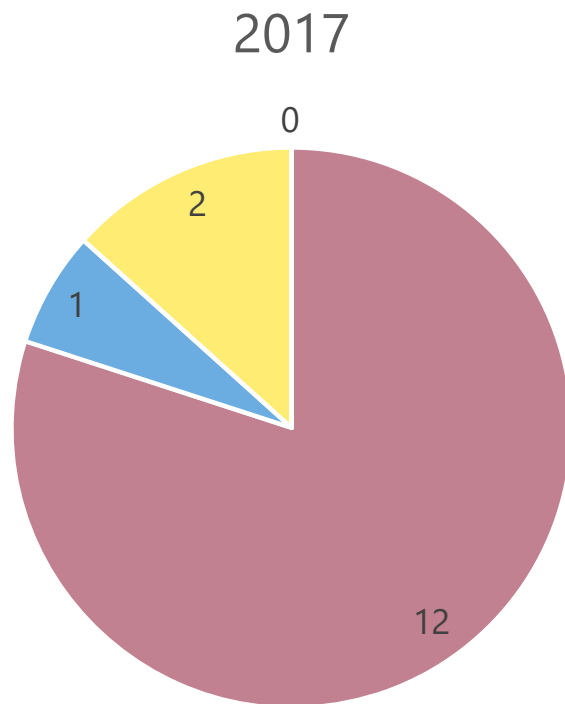
Source: CBIA: 2018, Implementing the SWIFT Customer Security Program



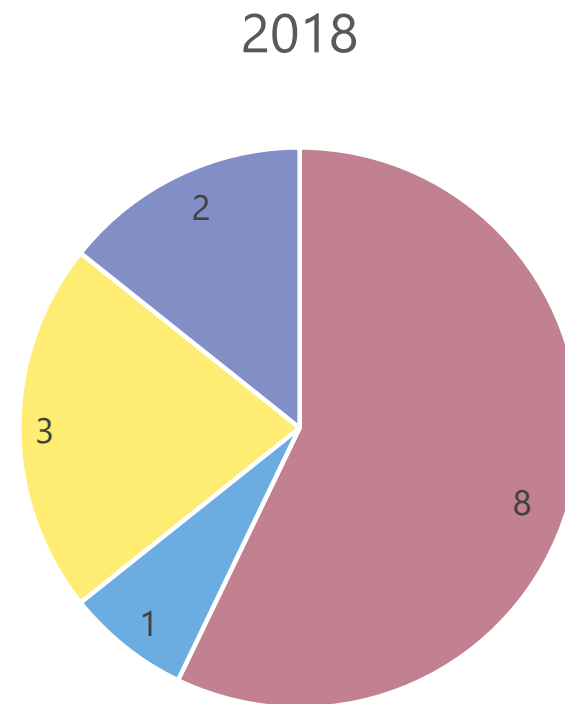


# SWIFT CSP Compliance

## Central Bank Assessment Types



■ Self-assessment   ■ Internal Advisory  
■ Internal Assurance   ■ External Assurance



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Source: CBIA: 2018, Implementing the SWIFT Customer Security Program

Source: CBIA: 2019 Survey



# SWIFT CSP Compliance

## CBIA Main Takeaways and Conclusions - 2017

### CSP security controls implementation

- Variety of methods to achieve CSP control objectives
- Mandatory controls reported largely in compliance
- Advisory controls were less compliant than mandatory
- Projects were mainly limited to the local SWIFT infrastructure to achieve compliance

### CSP compliance assessment

- Mainly self-assessments, different degrees of evidence gathered
- For 2018 and future: more internal/external audit involvement anticipated

### CSP compliance attestation

- Mainly signed-off by CISO and IT mgmt.
- Slow take-up of compliance attestation exchanges with business counterparties

### Conclusions

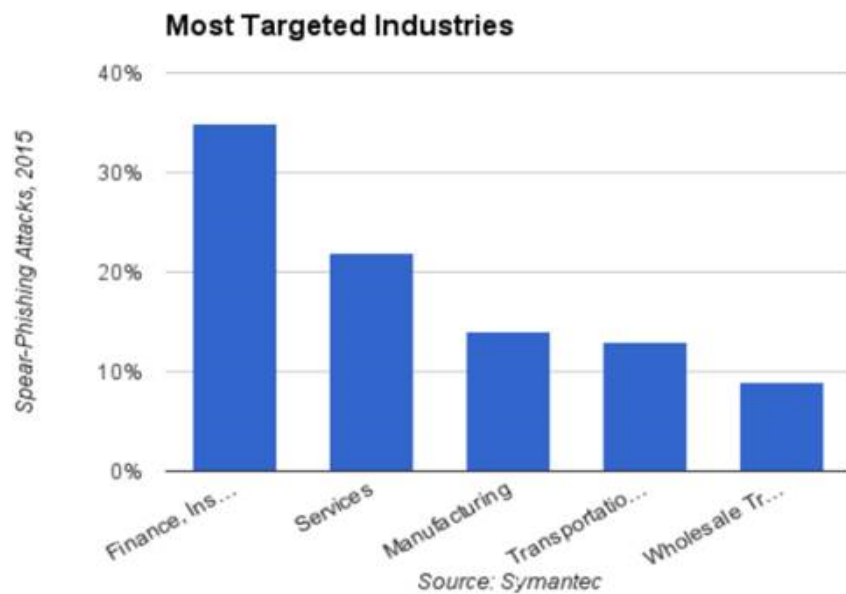
- SWIFT CSP open to interpretation & judgement, limited consistency between CBIA member Banks
- CSP seen as leverage to enhance security of the payment systems

Source: CBIA: 2018, Implementing the SWIFT Customer Security Program



# Cyber Resilience

Cyber security threats are more acute in the world's financial system



Payment execution risks within Central Banks

- Insider threat issues
- Social engineering
- Malware
- Targeted attacks
- Ransomware
- Spear phishing

Source: CBIA: 2017, Cyber Risk



# Cyber Resilience

## Current state of information security risk management in central banks

1. Practices among central banks are diverse
2. Only a few central banks take a holistic view on information security risk management
  - the technical angle of approaching the subject is still very dominant
  - culture and awareness are underestimated as root causes for control failures
3. IT-based audit techniques are scarcely used by auditors
4. Information security breaches can have a significant impact on central banks' information integrity, business continuity, financials and reputation. It deserves to be more frequent on the agenda of management boards, audit committees and supervisory boards

Source: CBIA: 2019, Auditing Information Security Risk Management



# Cyber Resilience

## Detailed recommendations regarding information security risk management in central banks

1. Depending on 3 LoD maturity, continuous auditing approaches should be considered. Using IT-based audit techniques and liaising with the bank's security operations centres
2. Information security risks should more frequently be in the scope of operational audits, not simply IT audits
3. Internal Audit functions should assess their capabilities on the subject and consider hiring experts in cases of deficiencies
4. Internal Audit functions should use standards that are as close as possible to the standards used by the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> line control functions (NIST, SANS Top 20 Critical Security Controls)
5. Customizations to global standards are possible but should not hamper benchmarking exercises

Source: CBIA: 2019, Auditing Information Security Risk Management



# Cyber Resilience

## Detailed recommendations regarding information security risk management in central banks

6. Internal Audit functions should invest in an ongoing dialogue with governance bodies on the subject of information security risk management, audit outcomes and audit recommendations follow-up
7. Internal audits should focus on how the maturity levels for information security risk management are established, reported and challenged
8. Internal Audit functions should pay attention to management's incentives to properly deal with information security, e.g. through relating audit outcomes with management appraisals.

Source: CBIA: 2019, Auditing Information Security Risk Management



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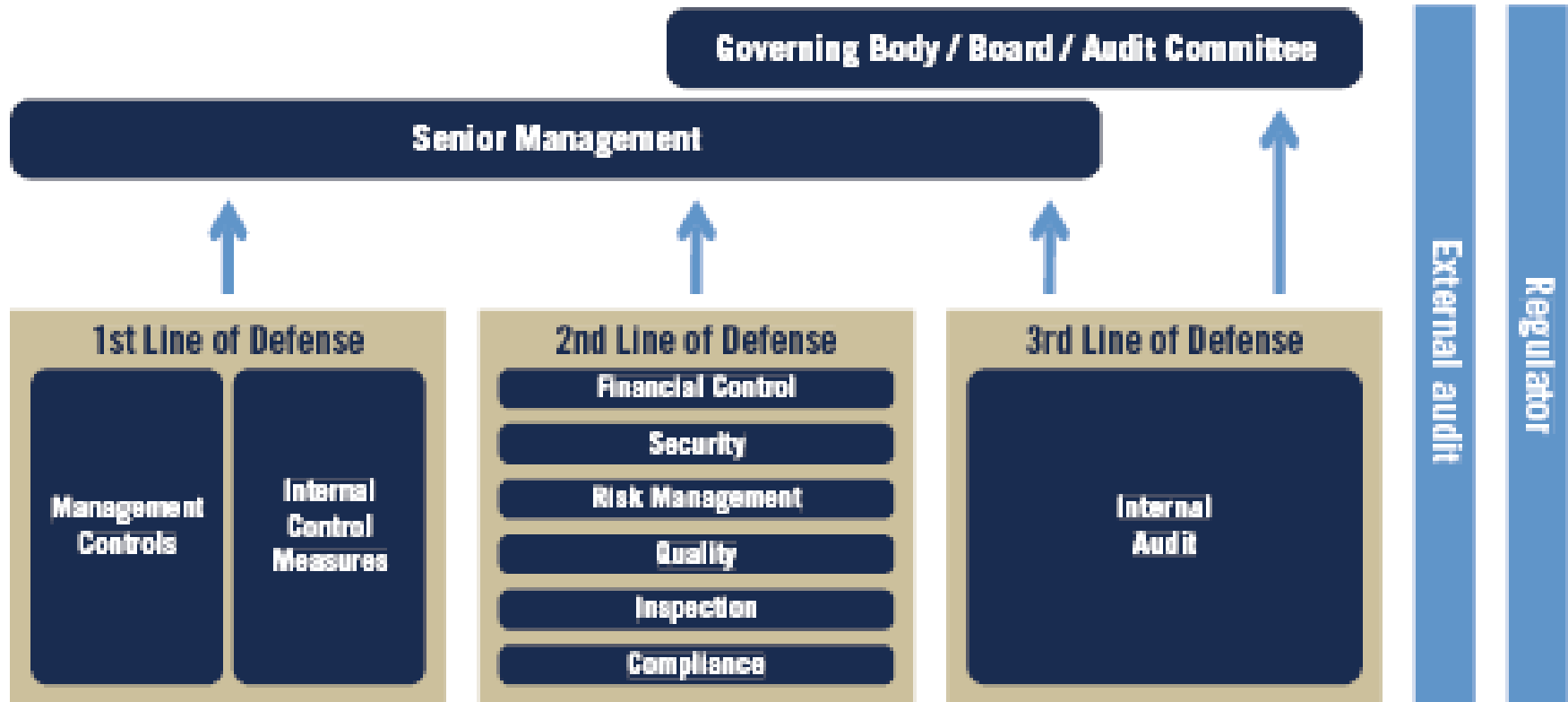
9. Internal Audit functions could enrich their audits on information security risk management by putting more focus on investigating the impact of organizational culture on the behavior of individuals
10. Culture and awareness should be systematically investigated as potential root causes for internal control failures
11. Auditors should stress that in cases of outsourcing of critical business processes, the corresponding information security risks are not automatically outsourced as well
12. Auditors should pay extra attention in case third parties use subcontractors. On-site inspections should be considered

Source: CBIA: 2019, Auditing Information Security Risk Management



# Three Lines of Defense

Three Lines - a "common" picture



Adapted from ECIIA/FERMA *Guidance on the 8th EU Company Law Directive, article 41*





# Three Lines of Defense

## Main Challenges

- Unclear definition of roles and responsibilities and ineffective coordination between lines; however, possible solutions include:
  - Clear mission statement/audit charter and definition of clear procedures
  - Agreements between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> lines are in place
  - Discussion of audit plan with 2<sup>nd</sup> LOD
- Unclear definition of risks
- Lack of management buy-in to the model
- Cultural barriers (e.g., siloed approach, information as private property)
- Tone at the top
- Lack of integration between general and granular approach to risk

Source: CBIA: 2018, IA relationships with 2nd line of defense



# Three Lines of Defense

## Current state

- 3LOD model is largely adopted by Central Banks (either formally or substantially)
- Different organisational set-ups are in place to enforce the model but some common patterns could be observed
- Almost all the CBs have a 2<sup>nd</sup> line function which oversee the following risks: Operational, Financial, Compliance, Business Continuity, Cyber
- Risk management and compliance are more frequently organised as a separate staff unit (i.e. totally independent), while operational risk management is hierarchically integrated into business with entity-wide perspective

Source: CBIA: 2018, IA relationships with 2nd line of defense



# Three Lines of Defense

## Current state (cont'd)

- The most recurrent activities carried out by 2LoD regard: providing a risk framework, identifying current and emerging issues, providing guidance and training on risk management processes, facilitating and monitoring effective implementation of risk management practices
- In some cases, 2<sup>nd</sup> line functions provide assurance
- Extensive relations are in place among the lines but very few cases of integration of different risk information are in place (e.g. corporate risk assessment, integrated reporting)
- Several challenges are still perceived and some possible measures to address them have been identified

Source: CBIA: 2018, IA relationships with 2nd line of defense



# Three Lines of Defense

## Current state (cont'd)

- 2<sup>nd</sup> line risk information is used for audit planning and audit engagements
- Auditing the 2<sup>nd</sup> line functions is often a prerequisite to making use of their risk information
- Approximately 25% of CBIA banks do not make use of 2<sup>nd</sup> LOD information. In some cases this is due to: different views on risks, insufficient independence, or insufficient documentation

Source: CBIA: 2018, IA relationships with 2nd line of defense



# Outsourcing Risks

## Reasons for Outsourcing

### **Access to Best Practices**

- Enable focus on core operations.
- Diverse ideas/best practices in non-core areas.

### **Enhanced Quality**

- Accountability in the relationship can resolve quality issues more quickly.



Aligning third parties with your risk appetite requires **focused management of contracts** but can unlock **high value**

### **Cost Savings**

- Efficient access to specialised talent.

### **Flexibility & Scalability**

- Greater ability to expand or contract operations.

## **Top 5 Third Party Services**

1. Bank Notes
2. Information System Management
3. Real Estate Administration
4. Communications
5. Human Resources

## **Top 5 Key Risks**

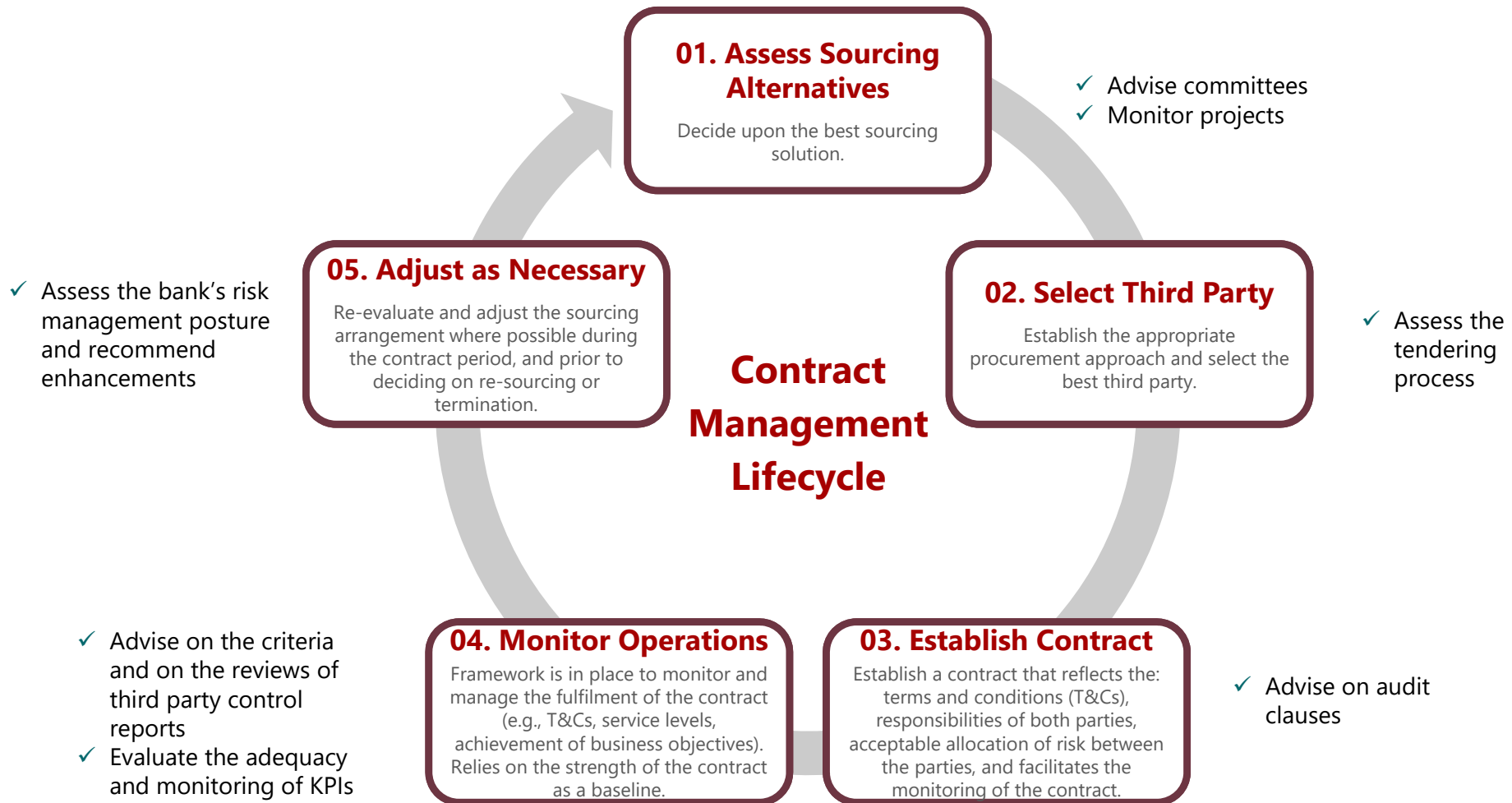
1. Security of Information
2. Security of Assets
3. Reputation
4. Execution
5. Compliance

Source: CBIA: 2018, Managing Third Party Risks



# Outsourcing Risks

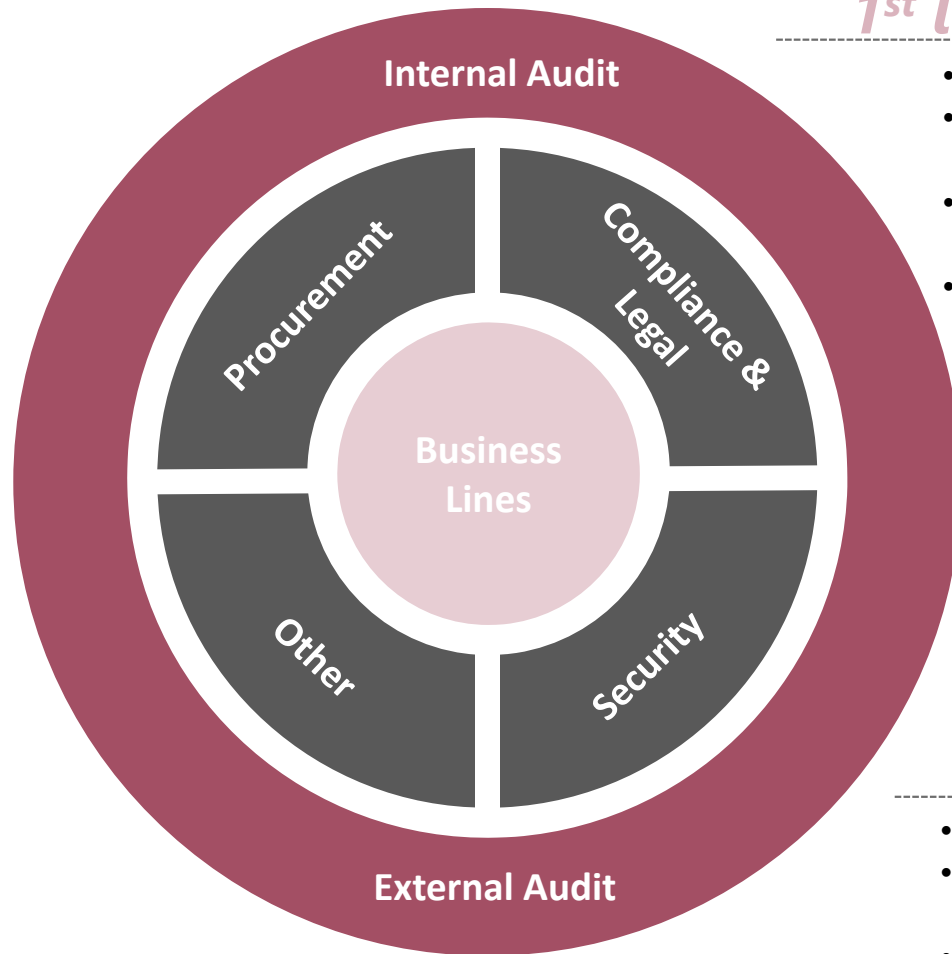
## The contract management lifecycle and audit's involvement



Source: CBIA: 2018, Managing Third Party Risks



# Outsourcing Risks Accountabilities



## *1<sup>st</sup> line of defence*

- Implements established policies
- Execute the contract, manage the third party, and ensure quality
- Ongoing monitoring, escalation, reporting to other lines of defence or stakeholders
- Reviews 3<sup>rd</sup> party control reports

## *2<sup>nd</sup> line of defence*

- Enables contracting
- Establishes policies and standards focusing on risk
- Advises and challenges 1<sup>st</sup> line
- May perform operational monitoring & oversight
- Reviews 3<sup>rd</sup> party control reports
- Conducts targeted reviews

## *3<sup>rd</sup> line of defence*

- Performs focused audits
- Provides independent and objective assurance over 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> line activities
- Reviews 3<sup>rd</sup> party control reports in less mature organizations

Source: CBIA: 2018, Managing Third Party Risks



# Outsourcing Risks

## How can Internal Audit further enhance the value add in the areas of TP/outsourcing?

- Better understand scope of use of TPs across the CB & the strategic and tactical decisions for outsourcing
- Understand risks & have centralized list of respective TP control reports
- Contribute to increase awareness of the importance of a clear and effective governance of the process
- Further develop relationships with 2<sup>nd</sup> LODs [to clarify roles and responsibilities]; open up lines of discussion between business lines (e.g., experiencing similar issues) or with 2nd lines of defense (e.g., when Security or other should be consulted); get involved at the onset
- Determine with management where other audit assurance may be beneficial and how to obtain it (e.g., using IA, external auditors).
- Allocate more resources to this topic (“audit where the risk is”)

Source: CBIA: 2017, Third Party/Outsourcing Risks & the Role of Internal Audit





# Outsourcing Risks

How can Internal Audit further enhance the value add in the areas of TP/outsourcing?

## Provide advisory services on

- what should be included in TP assurance reports, and on where the report is and is not providing assurance
- establishing and monitoring key performance indicators / key risk indicators
- audit clauses in contract

## Provide assurance services on

- outsourcing risk management at a Bank-wide level
- adequacy of the framework and its application
- reasonableness of risk appetite of the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> LODs
- adequacy and effectiveness of 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> LODs
- outsourcing (thematic audits or continuous auditing)
- vendors and their processes - system based approach with extensive testing; exercising rights to audit clauses

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Thank you

