# Contending with fraud in the insurance industry

Are you prepared?

PwC Insurance Club EyeOpener Series



### Agenda

- 2009 PwC Global Economic Crime Survey
- Common Insurance Fraud Schemes
- Fraud Prevention
- Forensic Technology Solutions
- Key Points to Remember

### 2009 PwC Global Economic Crime Survey

- 1 The incidence and cost of economic crime
- 2 The typical perpetrator
- 3 If you look for fraud you will find it
- 4 Economic crime reported by type of organization and industry

### Methodology

- PwC's 5th biennial Global Economic Crime Survey
- 54 countries surveyed
- 3,037 survey respondents globally
- 123 participants in North America
- CEOs, CFOs, other executives
- Participating organizations were of varying sizes and from varying industry groups

### 1. The incidence and cost of economic crime

### Fraud – A Significant and Growing Threat

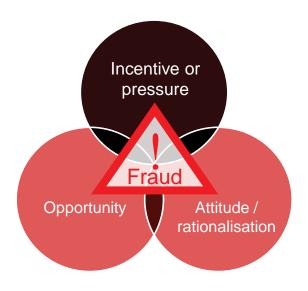
In our survey of over 3,000 organizations in 54 countries 30% of respondents were victims of economic crime in the previous 12 months

In **Canada** economic crime has risen to its **highest** level in the past 6 years.

**56%** of Canadian organizations surveyed reported being victims of economic crime in the previous 12 months — a 10% increase from our 2003 survey

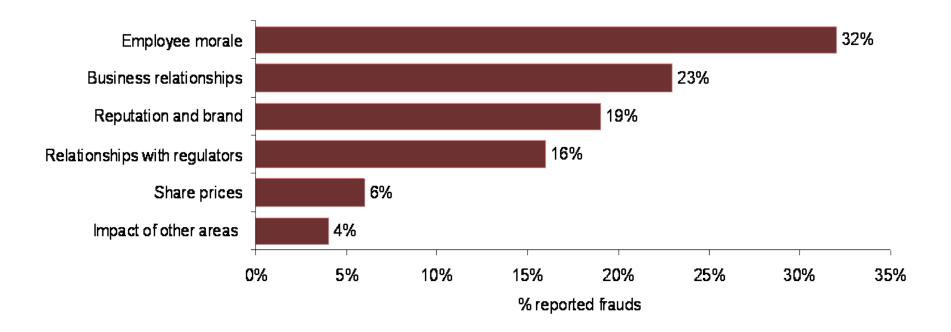
The average loss per organization from economic crime was over US \$500,000





### Non-financial impact of economic crime

Fallout from fraud is not simply the direct costs - collateral damage also arises



Most respondents do not see collateral damage to cause a significant impact, perhaps because it is very difficult to quantify such costs.

### 2. The Typical Perpetrator

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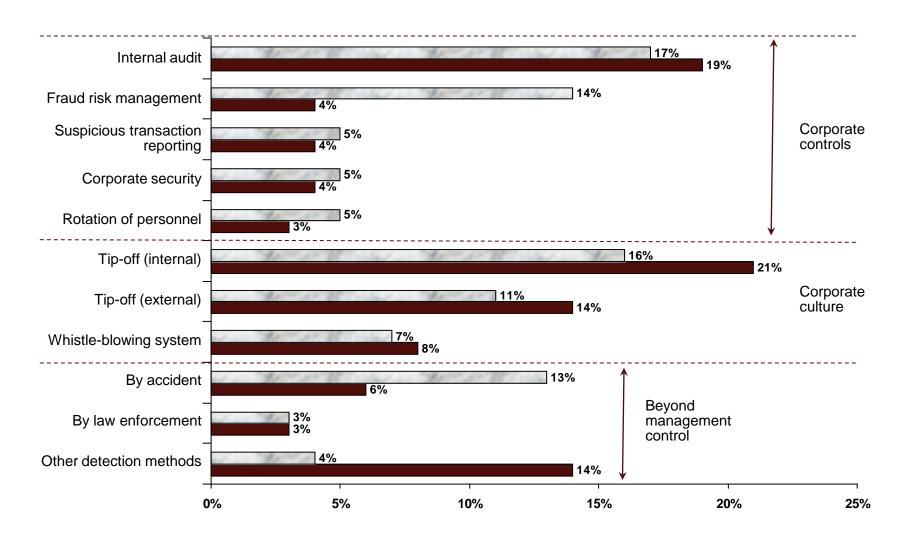
The typical profile of a perpetrator:

- Male
- Age 31 40
- High school level of education or less
- Had been with the company for six years or more

### 3. If you look for fraud you will find it

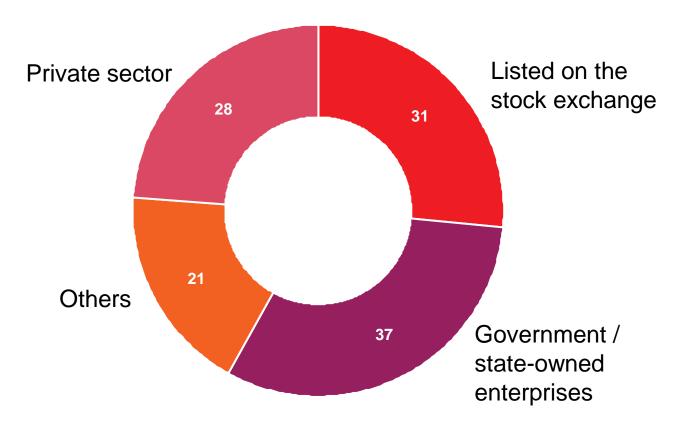
### Fraud Detection Methods (Global Results)





# 4. Economic Crime Reported by Type of Organization and Industry

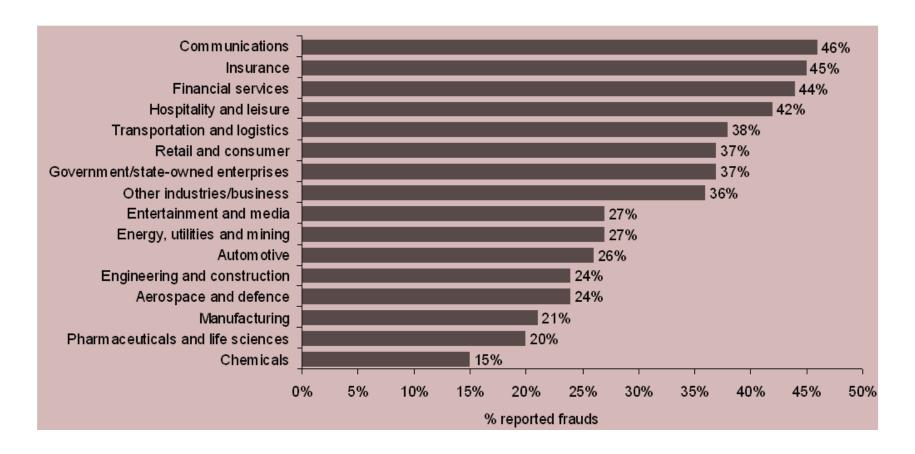
### No type of organization is immune....



% reported frauds

### ....and no industry is immune

### But some report more fraud than others.....



### Common Insurance Fraud Schemes

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#### **External Fraud:**

- Fraudulent claims
- Staged accidents
- Injury claims
- Arson
- Car Fires
- Theft of vehicle accessories
- Vehicle theft
- Vehicle repair fraud
- Theft from vehicle and homes

### Common Insurance Fraud Schemes

#### **Internal Fraud:**

- Employee expense fraud
- Theft of cash / cheques
- Fraudulent vendor payments
- Cash receipt / receivables / premium theft of fraud
- Commission fraud
- Fraudulent sales / underwriting

### Fraud Prevention

### Anti-fraud Regime

Key antifraud controls should include the following:

- 1. Governance Oversight by the Audit Committee and the Board
- 2. Fraud Risk Assessment
- 3. Code of Business Conduct and Ethics; Training and Education
- 4. Incident Reporting Mechanisms
- 5. Investigative Protocol
- 6. Remediation Protocol
- 7. Hiring and Promotion Policies and Procedures
- 8. Management Evaluation and Testing

### Anti-fraud Regime

- All components are inter-related
- Identify areas of heightened risk through fraud assessment and analysis
- Ensure processes, procedures and practices are in place to prevent, detect and react to fraud
- All components of an effective anti-fraud regime are equally important
- On going assessment, analysis, training and testing

### Forensic Technology Solutions

### What is Forensic Technology?

- Data Analysis
- Cyber Investigations and Digital Forensics
- E-Discovery
- Electronic Records Management and E-Discovery Readiness
- Software Asset Management
- Software Licensing Compliance

### Use of Forensic Technology

- Investigative support
- Data retrieval, preservation, analysis
- User files, email, servers
- Prepare for legal proceedings

#### Preventative

- Data mining
- Survey of internal records to identify exceptions
- Efficient / effective analysis
- Prompts additional review investigation

### **Key Points to Remember**

- Fraud is prevalent within the insurance industry
- Impact of economic crime on reputation, brand image and staff morale can be more important than the direct financial loss
- Deterrence, detection and prevention of fraud is an ongoing process
- Insurance companies should consider the use of forensic technology tools
- A robust anti-fraud regime provides timely information to identify areas of risk and allow you to react and mitigate those risks

### Thank you

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Benchmarking the General Insurance Industry on Fraud Management Best Practices

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### Agenda

- 2011 PwC Jamaica Survey on Fraud Management
  - Methodology
  - Findings
  - Implications
  - Closing the gaps

### Methodology

- 9 general insurance companies in Jamaica (hit rate of 90%)
- Surveys were completed by Financial Controllers / CFOs, CEOs, Claims Managers, Operations Executive et al
- Participating companies had total gross written premium income of approximately J\$23.4B (figures were extrapolated from the Jan to Dec 2009 – Insurance Association of Jamaica numbers)
- Companies were benchmarked against 6 best practice categories for fraud management – practices taken from PwC's world class Global Best Practices database (www.globalbestpractices.com)
- A total of 30 questions across the 6 categories were included in the survey

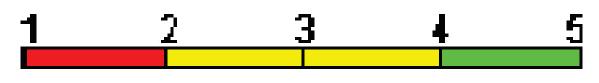
#### **Potential Limitations**

- Survey responses were received from senior individuals, but may not always have been challenged by other stakeholders in the company to further validate the assigned responses
- A few questions had one or two possible interpretations which could have led to less to incorrect responses being given

### Scope of the Survey Questions – the 6 Categories

- A. Cultivate antifraud awareness throughout the organization.
- B. Deter fraud with robust controls and transparent business processes.
- C. Leverage proactive fraud risk assessments to design strong antifraud controls.
- D. Solicit employee tips and concerns about fraud and malfeasance.
- E. Mitigate supply chain and third-party fraud.
- F. Formalize fraud investigation and remediation procedures.

### Summary of Findings – Jamaica Industry Level



Jamaica Industry Level Rating is 3.62 (average of all 6 categories)

#### **Implications of the Rating:**

- A rating of 3.62 means there is *medium (caution)* risk exposure in terms of likely frauds in the local general insurance industry
- More work is therefore needed to get the score up to at least 4.0 which would suggest
  a low (healthy) fraud risk environment
- Some companies fall below the average score of 3.62 and therefore would have higher fraud risk exposures and hence more work would be required
- The highest score achieved by any company is 4.13 and the lowest is 2.69
- An independent validation of the survey responses could see some scores increasing or falling to below 2.0 which suggests a *high fraud risk (danger) environment*

# The incentive for closing the gaps and moving towards a score of at least 4.0 (healthy / low risk)

- 1. According to the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE), the equivalent to 6 % of the average American company's revenue is lost due to "occupational fraud"
  - 1. The Insurance Association of Jamaica reported that Gross Premium Income written for the period for the industry in 2009 was J\$24.2B
  - 2. Assuming similar fraud rates apply to Jamaica this would mean that J\$1.45B is lost to the local insurance industry each year
  - 3. This would imply that on average J\$132M is lost per general insurance company in Jamaica each year does this seem credible or incredible?

# The incentive for closing the gaps and moving towards a score of at least 4.0 (healthy / low risk)

Occupational fraud according to the ACFE is:

"The use of one's occupation for personal enrichment through the deliberate misuse or misapplication of the employing organization's resources or assets."

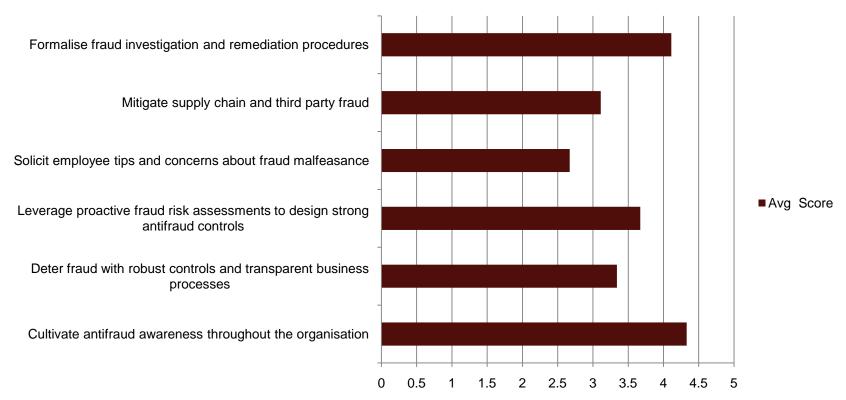
The breadth of this definition includes a wide range of misconduct by executives, managers and employees of organizations ranging from sophisticated investment swindles to petty theft.

# The incentive for closing the gaps and moving towards a score of at least 4.0 (healthy / low risk)

- 1. What if your company, through improving its fraud management risk practices could save 10% (J\$13.2M), or 20% (J\$26.4M) or 30% (J\$39.2M) of the reputed J\$132M being lost due to fraud by the average general insurance company in Jamaica?
- 2. The cost of the required treatments to get you to a lower fraud risk environment is certainly likely to be less than the cost savings above
- 3. Even if the numbers discussed above are 50% accurate the financial incentives to bring down your fraud risk would still be compelling!

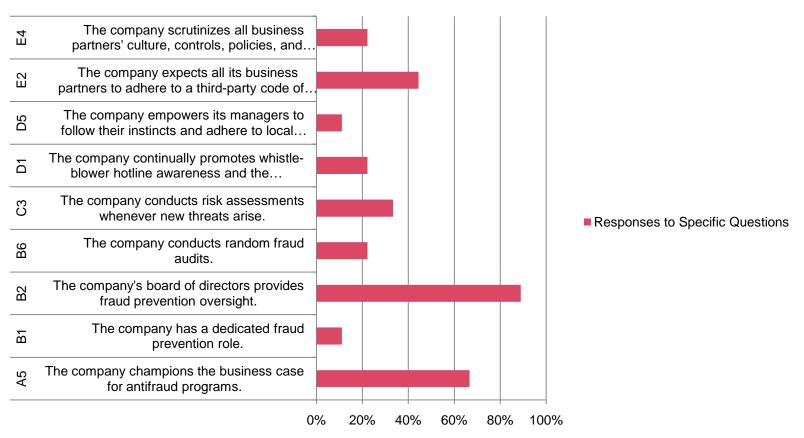
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### Fraud Risk Ratings by Best Practice Categories



# Plugging the holes that led to the 3.62 industry level risk rating

#### **Responses to Specific Questions**



#### The incentive for soliciting employee tip offs:

- 1. According to the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE), whistle-blower hotlines are the single most effective tool against fraud. The 2008 ACFE Report to the Nation on Occupational Fraud and Abuse attributes 46 percent of fraud discoveries to whistle-blowers.
- 2. PwC 2009 Global Economic Crime Survey reports that *34% of fraud detection was due to tips offs* (internal, external and whistle blower systems)

#### Specific actions you can take:

Establish a whistle blower system consistent with Jamaican culture (GOJ is considering whistle blower legislation – see 2008 Green paper on the subject)

#### 2. Minimise barriers to whistle blower cooperation

- To alleviate whistle-blower concerns about confidentiality, many companies contract with *independent, third-party organizations* to manage their reporting hotlines.
- They *publicize these arrangements*—stressing the neutrality of the hotline operator—to foster greater cooperation.

#### Specific actions you can take:

- 3. Minimise barriers to whistle blower cooperation
  - Network, Inc., an Atlanta area ethics consulting firm says roughly 50 percent *of hotline calls occur in the evening or on weekends*, according to a research that it did. This means:
  - External providers typically offer 24-hour, year-round hotline availability to accommodate individuals with reservations about voicing their concerns from the workplace.
    - Should Jamaican insurance companies could use similar overseas sources due to our cultural challenges?

#### Specific actions you can take:

- 4. Companies should develop a culture of doing something when the tips are received
  - DuPont compiles case studies from successful fraud and ethics investigations and publishes the information internally in "business ethics bulletins."
  - The one-page bulletins do not contain names.
  - They describe each recent misconduct case, the violated law or policy, the method of detection, *and the punishment*.
  - The case studies also contain *lists of lessons learned from each incident*, including relevant training modules that apply.

#### Cultural challenges that could pose a problem:

- 1. Strong aggression against informers
- 2. Manifested in music (openly and subtlety ("Nah sell out mi friend dem")
- 3. The state not having all the resources required to adequately protect witnesses
- 4. History of witnesses / "informers" being killed
- 5. Multiple parties covering up for each other so no one talks

# Other specific actions for plugging the holes that led to the 3.62 industry level risk rating

- 1. Only 2 or 22% of survey respondents *do random fraud audits* The global benchmark for this category is 40%:
  - These audits will serve as a deterrent to potential fraudsters
  - Audit scope is the high-risk areas of the organization, as identified by whistleblower complaints, previous audits, and the results of fraud risk assessments

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- 2. Only 1 or 11% of survey respondents say their companies have a *dedicated fraud prevention role*:
  - Unlikely to be a full time job can be added to an existing role (e.g. it could be added to the Compliance Officer's job)
  - Provides guidance in identifying and reporting fraud in the company – leads investigations, works closely with internal audit and leads fraud risk assessments
  - This person reports to the audit committee in order to maintain his independence

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- 3. Alcoa's code of conduct is written at an eighth-grade reading level to help ensure everyone understands the code of conduct
- 4. Barclays Bank PLC, uses interactive, e-learning modules to promote antifraud awareness. The e-learning modules are tailored based on fraud specific to banking
- 5. Lockheed Martin Corporation (a defence contractor) gives the Chairman's Award for "Highest Standard of Ethics & Business Conduct"
  - One winner was recognized for deleting a competitor's proprietary information that had been inadvertently e-mailed by a government customer.
  - 2. Another winner was a vice president **who turned down a bribe request** from a foreign official and removed Lockheed Martin from the bidding process for a multimillion-dollar defence contract
  - In addition to a crystal bowl engraved with Lockheed Martin's business principles, the recipients were featured in company communications and recognized at local events.

#### **Conclusion**

- 1. The following represent quick wins for your general insurance companies to start reducing its fraud exposure:
  - 1. Implementing a culturally sensitive tip off or whistle blower system
  - 2. Assigning a responsible person to the fraud prevention role
  - 3. Conducting periodic random fraud audits over inherently high risk areas

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# Fraud Risks & Controls Reviews

How our proven methodology to managing fraud risks can help your business

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### **Objectives**

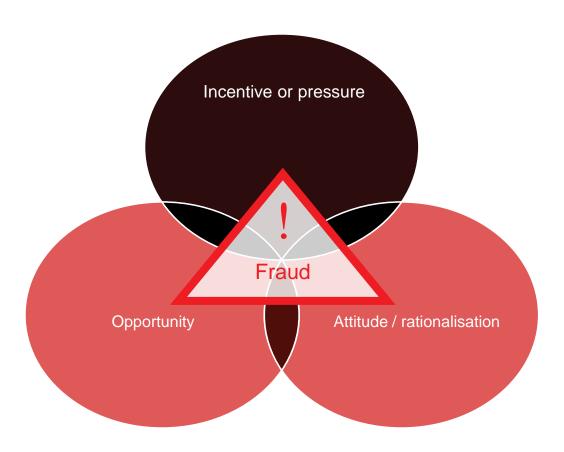
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#### Agenda

- A Proactive and Structured Approach
- PwC's Proven Methodology: Fraud Risks and Controls Reviews:-
  - >Fraud Risk Assessments
  - >Anti-fraud Controls
  - >Fraud Audits

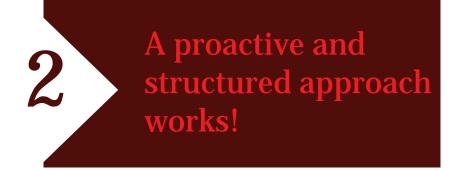
### The Fraud Triangle



- Direct costs (losses, cost of investigation and litigation)
- Indirect (employee morale, business relationships, reputation and brand, regulatory scrutiny, etc.)

Avoid or minimise the cost of fraud

- Audit, financial risk management 31%
- Tip offs and whistleblower mechanisms – 27%
- By accident <u>only 13%</u>



# Components of a Proactive and Structured Approach

People

**Process** 

**Technology** 

### Components of a Proactive Approach: People

Does the company have the right human resources with the:

- o Knowledge (schemes, controls, detection procedures)?
- O Skills (assess, prevent, detect, investigate, remediate)?
- o Experience?

How strong are your resources at:

- o Business unit & process level (First Line of Defense)?
- o Controller & Finance (Second Line of Defense)?
- Legal, Audit, Compliance (Third Line of Defense) ?



# Components of a Proactive and Structured Approach: Process

PwC antifraud framework Fraud event identification and risk assessment Control environment ■ Board oversight Conduct self-assessment Identify entity Assess likelihood ■ Codes of ethics/conduct at function & local business level scheme Develop & scenario risks ■ Anonymous reporting & impact unit levels a risk ■ Other entity level activities response Continuous Incident response Entity and business process level reassessment & remediation activities control activities ■ Investigate ■ Monitor fraud risk Develop new/ Evaluate Validate ■ Perform root cause analysis factors & indicators enhance existing controls operating ■ Search for other misconduct ■ Audit for 'red flags' controls effectiveness design ■ Enhance controls

# Components of a Proactive and Structured Approach: Technology

- Tools for data analysis
- Investigative tools

Components of a Proactive and Structured Approach: Process



#### Fraud Risk Assessments

### Why Conduct a Risk Assessment?

- Save money by avoiding disaster
  - Invest resources to eliminate events that would cause major adverse impact
- Save money by helping the company make judicious use of finite resources for risk mitigation
  - Keep organisation from using resources to control events with a very low frequency of occurrence
  - Instead of seeking funds to "control" high probability events that cannot be effectively mitigated, risk assessment redirects investment into conducting fraud audits

# PwC's Proven Methodology: Fraud Risk Assessments

- 1. Schemes and/or scenarios:
  - Consider key participants and scheme/scenarios components
  - Consider vulnerability to circumvention through management override, collusion, unauthorised access
- 2. Anti-Fraud Controls
- 3. Red Flags

### PwC's Proven Methodology: Anti-Fraud Controls

- 1. Why good operational controls **#** good anti-fraud controls
- 2. Assessing anti-fraud controls prevention, detection
- 3. Cost of anti-fraud controls
- 4. Need for fraud audits

### PwC's Proven Methodology: Fraud Audits

- 1. Fraud auditing vs. forensic investigation ("Firefighters" vs. Fire Safety Experts)
- 2. Focus on areas where the impact of fraud would be high and the anti-fraud controls are non-existent or are weak
- 3. Maximise the use of technology
  - Data analysis
  - Identify the red flags
- 4. Perform further data and documentation analysis

### How Can this Methodology Help You

Evident from our past successes applying it:

- Sales agent fraud audits success story traditional "hot spot"; after audits improved cash flows, no incidents of fraud or surprises, alerted quickly to red flag behaviours or situations, acts as a deterrent due to constant monitoring
- More robust anti-fraud controls and improved exception reporting
- Better appreciation of exposures and related red flags
- Improved learning/knowledge transfer (IA, management)
- Some "protection" if something major does go wrong

### Why PwC?

- -Vast resources: Local team and overseas resources e.g. we have partnered with PwC Canada and PwC New York for assignments, etc. in the past
- -Experience: We have vast experience in the performance of fraud risks & controls reviews and fraud investigations.
- -Industry knowledge: Our Jamaica team members have specific and in-depth general insurance experience.
- -Multi-skilled local team: Our Jamaica team includes 5 CFEs who possess other important qualifications including Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), Chartered Accountant
- -Expertise and multi-territorial experience in the use of supporting tools e.g. ACL, Encase

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