RiskMinds concluded for PwC on Thursday, December 5, with Eduardo Viegas’ presentation on regulations and their true impact on financial markets.

He spoke about how it is conventional wisdom that financial markets regulation shapes the structure of the markets and as a consequence, regulation should be a key input in driving a bank’s strategy. However, according to research that Eduardo has conducted, he showed that the structure of the markets is driven by fundamentals that are inherent to any market system. As a result, he argues that whereas regulation is important from a tactical perspective, it bears little relevance over the long term market evolution. He also provided a comprehensive analysis of the rationale and benefits of the banking mergers and acquisitions in the US, challenging some of the conventional assumptions.

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