

### Governance and Risk Equilibrium

**Eqhwan Mokhzanee** 



25 May 2015

# D

#### **Overall Theme**



- 1 Current Pressures
- 2 Impact of Lapses / Non-Compliance
- Challenges towards Effective Defence Framework
- 4 Way Forward?

- → Perennial conflict between business and lines of defence
- → Prevalent pressures exacerbating present dilemma
- → Both sides need to attain equilibrium





#### 1. Current Pressures





**Laws and Regulations** 



#### **Increasing Emphasis**

- 1 Shariah Governance
- 2 Risk Management
- 3 Compliance
- 4 Legal
- 5 Internal Audit

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> lines of defence

Prevailing Sentiments

Economy

Expectations

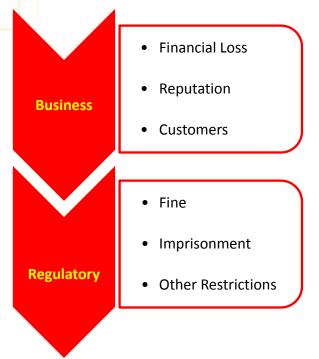
Business driven by number\$\$ and cost management

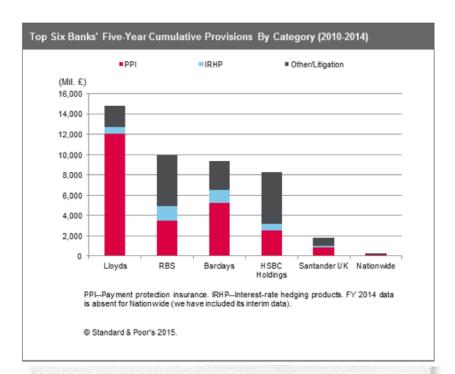




#### 2. Impact of Lapses / Non-Compliance







Lessons to learn: Prevention is better than cure



Standard & Poor's has estimated that on top of £42bn of charges in the five years to 2014, the UK's big four high-street banks face another £19bn of conduct and litigation charges by the end of 2016 as they continue to pay the price for past mistakes

The Guardian





## 3. Challenges towards Effective Defence Framework



#### Challenges

- Lack of comprehension of Shariah principles which underpin values of Islamic banks
- Misconception that Islamic banks are primarily only about Shariah related risk management and compliance
- Laws and regulations
- Increasing complexities in business environment
- Expectations gap between business and lines of defence
- Talent crunch
- Cost



- Inadequate or complex policies and procedures
  - Breakdown in controls
- Flight risk (i.e. customers and employees)







#### 4. Way Forward?



- ⇒ Design of policies and procedures must be mindful of operating environment
- **⇒** Practical
- ⇒ Cross-fertilisation between business and lines of defence
- **⇒** Capabilities
- ⇒ Human dimension
- **⇒** Culture : Risk management and compliance is everybody's business
- ⇒ KPI

Relevant for both Business and Lines of Defence



