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# Deloitte Thailand leadership message<sup>1</sup>

To our clients and stakeholders:

Audit quality is at the heart of our profession and serves as the foundation of our Audit & Assurance business. In addition, audit quality is a strategic priority and core to our purpose in serving others, especially the public interest. Our dedication to professional excellence and continuous improvement enables us to play a pivotal role in upholding the integrity of the capital markets. Our unwavering commitment to ethical behavior and adherence to the highest standards of objectivity, professional judgment, and skepticism are fundamental to everything we do.

The ongoing enhancements to our system of quality management after the effective implementation of International Standard for Quality Management 1, Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Statements (ISQM 1) is a key element of Deloitte's audit quality strategy. Our proactive approach to managing quality management processes demonstrates our commitment to continuous improvement and innovation. We collaborate with leaders across the firm, as well as the broader network, to further enhance our proactive approach to managing the quality of engagements performed—identifying and addressing risks to audit quality and driving continued advancements in quality control management.

We also instill these values in our people, who are our greatest asset. With the accelerating pace of change in the marketplace, we are working to transform our talent model by building a skills-based organization fueled by meaningful career development opportunities and pathways to learn, grow, and develop. We remain committed to driving high quality, delivering a world-class talent experience focused on professional development and advancing diversity, equity and inclusion in our business and our profession.

Our people are aided by the significant investment we have made to innovate our delivery model to enhance audit quality and meet the evolving needs of the investing public and the capital markets. Technology is changing at a rapid pace, and we continue to assess, understand, and incorporate technological advancements into our Audit & Assurance business. For example, we are focused on incorporating advancing technological capabilities, such as artificial intelligence, into our business processes and methodologies. We are excited by the opportunities that lie ahead for our professional and committed to harnessing the power of transformation to enhance the quality of our audit and assurance services.

This 2024 Transparency Report provides an in-depth look at our structure, governance, and our approach to delivering high-quality audit and assurance services, all supported by our robust system of quality management. We are pleased to share this information about our business and our commitment to the public interest with a broader group of stakeholders.

Sincerely,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Throughout this report, the terms "Deloitte, we, us, and our" refer to one or more of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited, its network of member firms, and their related entities. For more information about the Deloitte network, please see page 3 or About the network (deloitte.com).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Subhasakdi was appointed as Non-Executive Chair, Deloitte Thailand effective October 1, 2024.

# Deloitte network

# **Deloitte Thailand: legal structure and ownership**

In Thailand, services are provided by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Jaiyos Audit Co., Ltd. and its affiliates ("Deloitte Thailand"). Deloitte Thailand is connected to the Deloitte network through Deloitte Southeast Asia ("Deloitte SEA").

For the purposes of transparency reporting, this report contains information about Deloitte Thailand, relevant to its Audit & Assurance business.

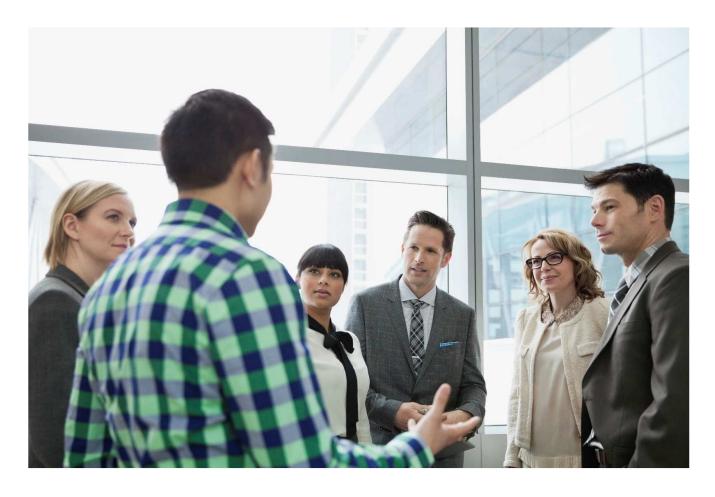
## **Deloitte Southeast Asia**

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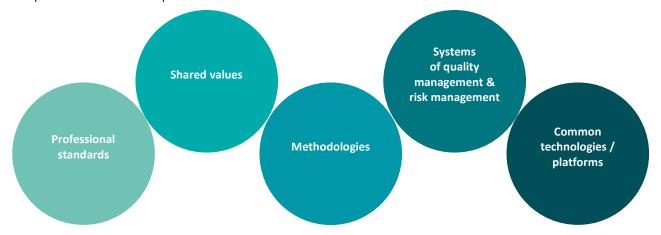
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The Deloitte network

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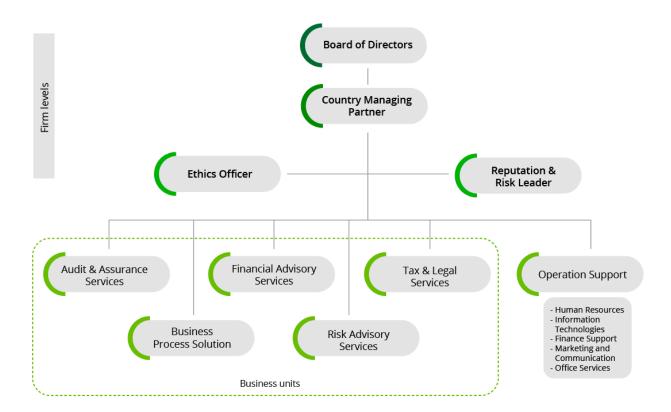
# Deloitte Thailand: governance - leadership in action

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Jaiyos Audit Co., Ltd. is a limited liability company incorporated in Thailand, with registered office at AIA Sathorn Tower, 23rd - 27th Floor, 11/1 South Sathorn Road, Yannawa, Sathorn, Bangkok, 10120, Thailand. Deloitte Thailand facilitates the coordination of the activities of Deloitte affiliated entities in Thailand and has a management structure and a Board of Directors to provide governance across the organization.

The Board of Directors provides oversight and guidance to the Firm's management regarding operation and long-term strategy. The Board also reviews and approves actions on a variety of governance, operational and administrative matters. Deloitte Thailand has the full support and commitment of its Board of Directors and management team for its focus and dedication towards Audit Quality.

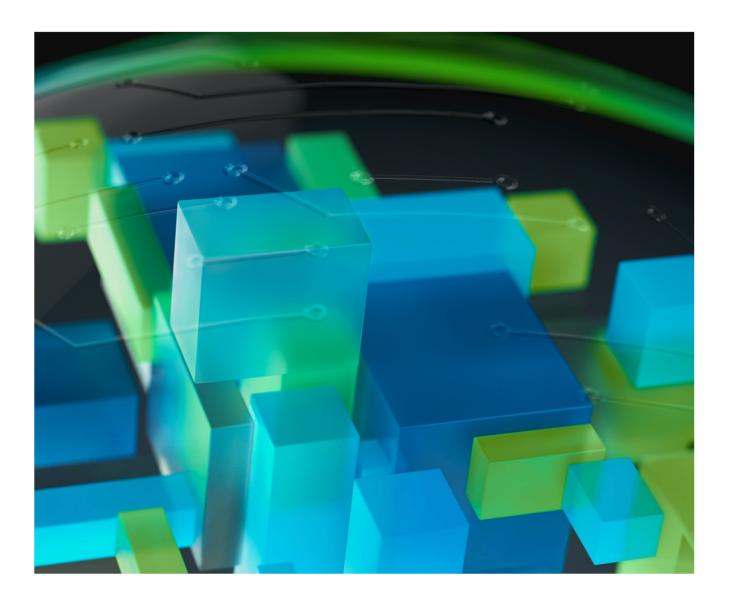
The Board is the governing body to facilitate sound governance, the implementation of local rules and regulations and the implementation of DTTL, Deloitte AP and SEA policies and procedures. There are five members of the Board, one of whom is a non-executive director who is independent and not involved in the business operations of the Firm.

## **Deloitte Thailand Structure**



# Our purpose and commitment: instilling trust and confidence

At Deloitte Thailand, our purpose is to make an impact that goes beyond the expected. For Audit & Assurance, this means constantly evolving audit and assurance processes, leveraging leading-edge technology, applying a diversity of skillsets, knowledge, and experience to deliver high-quality services. We take great pride in instilling confidence and trust in the capital markets and are committed to relentlessly raising the standards of quality and always acting with integrity, independence, and transparency. We are continuously building our capabilities to support the delivery of high-quality audit and assurance engagements and making leading contributions to shaping the future of the profession.



# Deloitte Audit & Assurance: Our commitment to serving the public interest

# A focus on quality

Deloitte's commitment to quality permeates everything we do. The independent audit is a central element of the corporate reporting ecosystem, in place to enhance the confidence and trust of investors and other stakeholders, as well as to promote the effective functioning of the capital markets. Deloitte is keenly aware of our obligation to deliver audit and assurance services that meet the challenges and complexities of the current environment, while complying with professional and regulatory standards. For the corporate reporting ecosystem to function as intended, it is vital that the auditor's role be executed effectively.

Deloitte is committed to doing more than simply meeting regulatory requirements and conforming to expectations. Deloitte aims to go beyond the expected to set the standard of excellence for the profession. In keeping with that objective, our commitment to quality is unequivocal.

# **Deloitte Global leadership**

The Deloitte Global Audit & Assurance Executive, which includes the Audit & Assurance Business Leaders from the larger member firms is led by Jean-Marc Mickeler, the Deloitte Global Audit & Assurance Business Leader. His responsibilities include working with the member firms to define and drive the global Audit & Assurance strategy, with a particular focus on:

- Driving key audit and assurance initiatives across the Deloitte network to accomplish quality outcomes.
- Leading transformational initiatives to innovate the way our audit and assurance engagements are executed to meet the evolving needs of our stakeholders.

## The company we keep

As part of Deloitte's Audit & Assurance commitment to supporting the capital markets, we are focused on engaging with entities where it serves the public interest and where we have the capabilities

to perform quality work objectively and in compliance with applicable professional standards and laws and regulations, including those relating to ethics and independence.

The company we keep is a critical foundational aspect of our Audit & Assurance strategy and global shared values that guide our behavior to lead the way, serve with integrity, take care of each other, foster inclusion, and collaborate for measurable impact. Our audit and assurance portfolio risk appetite statement serves as the foundation for the company we keep. The risk appetite statement can be used as a tool to promote robust discussion of risk, and as a basis upon which acceptance and continuance decisions can be debated and challenged effectively and credibly. The statement as shown below sets the tone for our risk culture and aims to drive global consistency in the engagement acceptance and continuance decision making process:

Deloitte's Audit & Assurance portfolio risk appetite underpins our purpose led agenda and reinforces our Principles of Business Conduct, which articulate the standards to which we hold ourselves, wherever in the world we live and work, in order to build and maintain a sustainable business for current and future generations.

Consistent with our commitment to purpose and to act in the public interest, we recognize that taking on a degree of risk is a natural consequence of doing business. In order to deliver high-quality audit and assurance services, we proactively identify and manage risk through our quality management processes, policies, and procedures to make informed decisions aligned to our strategy and values.

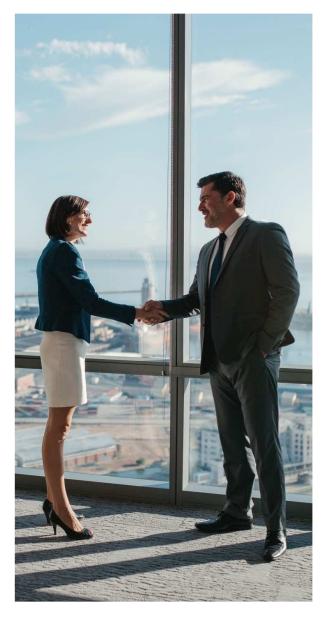
We aspire to have a portfolio of clients that aligns with our shared values, respects our people, recognizes emerging issues and societal responsibilities, and is committed to providing transparency to stakeholders in the corporate reporting ecosystem. We endeavor to have a portfolio that does not include clients that lack integrity, engage in illegal activities, disregard the authenticity of financial accounting and reporting, or are unwilling to establish and maintain sufficient internal controls and related processes.

Deloitte Thailand has detailed policies and procedures in place for the acceptance of prospective clients, the continuance of existing engagements, and the assessment of engagement risk. These policies and procedures are designed with the objective that Deloitte Thailand will only accept or continue with engagements where it:

- Is able to perform the engagement and has the capabilities, including time and resources, to do so.
- Can comply with all relevant professional standards and laws and regulations, including those relating to ethics, independence, and conflicts of interest assessments and considerations.
- Considers the client's management team to act with integrity and in alignment with our shared values.

## Fewer, stronger member firms

Within the Deloitte member firm structure, Deloitte Thailand is part of the Deloitte AP member firm through Deloitte SEA. As a locally registered and regulated audit firm in Thailand, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Jaiyos Audit Co., Ltd. has decision-making authority regarding regulatory matters and professional obligations and maintain ultimate responsibility for the execution of audit and assurance services in accordance with professional standards and local laws and regulations. Deloitte Thailand is responsible for maintaining and operating an effective system of quality management to support the performance of high-quality audit and assurance engagements. As a member of a combined firm within the Deloitte network, we work in close cooperation with the other geographies in Deloitte AP member firm and benefit from additional oversight of quality, risk management, and monitoring activities. This structure fosters shared investment in innovation and resources as well as the sharing of leading practices across geographies, driving standardization and consistency across the audit and assurance business and contributing to our collective aspirations of continuous improvement in quality.



Our people's commitment to integrity, to serve the public interest, and to deliver high-quality assurance over the areas that matter most to our stakeholders is at the core of everything we do.

Our unwavering dedication to quality drives our sustained quality leadership position. We remain focused on excellence across people, process, and technology. Each of these core components helps us to deliver our vision for a better future, creating an impact that goes beyond expectations.

What does this look like? A constantly evolving audit and assurance practice, leveraging bright minds, effective processes, and world-class technologies from across our global organization while drawing on our years of experience. We deliver high-quality services in an efficient and effective way that upholds integrity, builds confidence, and drives value by focusing on what really matters.

The Audit & Assurance transformation and change strategy is focused on the following outcomes:

Transform and technology-enable A&A execution to harness the power of

Continuously evolve Deloitte's A&A products to respond to future stakeholder needs

Transform the talent experience including the use of extended delivery models

Support our people through transformation and change consistently across the globe

# Delivering excellence through process, people, and technology transformation<sup>3</sup>

With The Deloitte Way, Deloitte is bringing standardization, consistency, and efficiency to drive quality into the core of how our engagements are executed: with automation that improves routine tasks and analytics that support audit execution—yielding a deeper and more insightful view into the available data. As a result, we are improving the quality of the services we deliver while also creating a richer talent experience for our people and clients.

Innovation and technology enablement are an expectation in today's fast-changing world, and this expectation holds true for the profession as well. Today's complex business environment requires that the audit and assurance we deliver is dynamic, multidimensional, and insightful. There is a demand for real-time, relevant information, and we are evolving our audit and assurance services as Deloitte clients innovate their businesses and processes. Leveraging evolving technology and data, Deloitte delivers deeper insights to create more consistent and transparent audit and assurance for our stakeholders.

Deloitte is committed to the continued investment in emerging technologies and diversity of thought that enables the delivery of enhanced quality, insights, and value to our clients and the markets. Deloitte's global audit platforms, Deloitte Omnia and Deloitte Levvia, demonstrate our commitment to delivering digital, high-quality engagements of all sizes and levels of complexity. Deloitte Omnia is our cloud-based, end-to-end delivery platform for large and complex engagements, while Deloitte Levvia delivers a streamlined, right-sized digital experience for low risk, less complex entities. Ongoing enhancement and global deployment of both platforms are well underway and will continue as we embed further innovation for a differentiated client and auditor experience.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For more information about Deloitte audit innovation, please refer to Deloitte <u>Global Impact Report</u> and <u>Audit innovation</u> and <u>Audit & Assurance: the Deloitte</u> <u>way</u> pages on Deloitte.com.

## Deloitte A&A's GenAl strategy

Deloitte A&A is continuing to invest in artificial intelligence innovation, and we have already made significant progress on transforming the delivery of our work with our innovative technologies, Deloitte Omnia and Deloitte Levvia. We are focused on ethical and responsible use of GenAI for both clients and our people:

- Within the entities we audit, we are evaluating the impact of AI implementation on financial reporting and other disclosures, as well as the entity's assessment and response to AI-related risks (including related internal controls). We expect that companies will begin to adopt and incorporate AI into their business processes, and we will be ready to consider any relevant implications to the financial reporting processes.
- We are assessing how we can use Gen Al in our audits and remain focused on harnessing the power of cognitive technologies within our Deloitte Omnia and Deloitte Levvia platforms. Current Al solutions being used include predictive analysis in guided risk assessments and smart matching capabilities. Going forward, we believe Gen Al will further support our auditors in delivering high quality audits including supporting further risk-sensing, identification of potential issues, and automation of certain processes. Professional skepticism and the skill set that we rely on as auditors today will however continue to be critical to responsible use and evaluation of Al, specifically Gen Al.
- Finally, we are investing heavily in learning and development for Deloitte A&A practitioners and professionals, training them on the impact of Gen AI, its risks, limitations, and expectations about how to use Gen AI effectively on their engagements.

## Sustainability reporting<sup>4</sup>

The foundations of business are changing rapidly—long-term resiliency and the ability to create enduring value is directly linked to alignment with the values and expectations of society. Market participants and other stakeholders are calling for greater insight into how organizations are building, protecting, and enhancing enterprise value over time, and are specifically demanding enhanced transparency around climate-related and broader environmental, social, and governance (ESG) impacts and the dependencies of an entity's business model and strategy.

Specifically, Deloitte recognizes that climate change poses a risk to financial stability and impacts businesses in many sectors with increased disclosure and reporting expectations from various stakeholders. Deloitte's audit approach is designed to promote consistent and appropriate consideration of climate related risks and opportunities that enable a deeper understanding of potential impacts of climate change on the financial statements to enable evaluation and well documented conclusions. We continue to emphasize this with our people through learnings, guidance, and other resources.

The evolution from traditional financial reporting to broader corporate reporting is happening at pace, with significant standard-setting activity driving companies to ready themselves for new or enhanced disclosure requirements. The IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards published by the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) create a global baseline for sustainability reporting. Other jurisdictions have passed their own corporate reporting requirements, notably the EU's Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD), which mandates reporting in accordance with European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS) and has significant extraterritorial reach, and the US SEC's climate disclosure rule, which requires registrants to disclose climate related risks.

Deloitte is a strong advocate for enhanced sustainability reporting and recognizes the important role we play in raising awareness of these new requirements through active stakeholder engagement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> For more information about Deloitte's alignment with sustainability reporting, please refer to Deloitte <u>Global Impact Report</u>.

Corporate reporting standards and regulatory requirements are intended to drive better connectivity between financial and non-financial reporting and to help users of corporate disclosures better understand and compare information about entities. To be effective. these standards need to enable corporate reporting that is comparable, based on a global baseline, and supplemented by local considerations where warranted. Given the comprehensive nature of certain sustainability reporting requirements and the pace at which it has been developed, further guidance and interpretation is needed in the marketplace to support both preparers and users of the information. As these standards are brought into regulation around the world, so too are the associated enforcement, monitoring, governance and controls, assurance, and training mechanisms. It is critical that the entire sustainability reporting ecosystem—including standard-setters, policy makers, and regulators—work together to limit fragmentation in support of consistent, comparable disclosures.

The developments in standard-setting and rulemaking make clear that information in financial reporting and information contained in sustainability reporting together are essential inputs to inform a stakeholder's view of an entity's value. Therefore, there is a growing demand for companies to integrate climate-related and other ESG considerations into internal control policies and procedures, enhancing the maturity of systems, processes, and governance over climate-related and other ESG information. Those charged with governance (e.g., audit committees, boards) are increasingly incorporating ESG considerations in their oversight responsibilities of an organization's management, its reporting, and their data-collection processes and controls.

Deloitte understands that given the increased risks associated with climate change, it is important for climate-related factors to be properly incorporated into corporate reporting. Today some stakeholders' expectations may not be met by financial statements prepared in accordance with current accounting frameworks. As corporate reporting continues to evolve and stakeholders accommodate and adapt to market shifts and public sentiment, it is important to allow for appropriate due process to develop robust standards applied consistently across the globe and to drive reporting that is responsive to the growing asks of investors and other stakeholders.

Deloitte remains committed to engaging in meaningful and transparent conversations with investors, standard-setters, regulators, and other relevant stakeholders. We continue to support reduced standard and regulatory fragmentation and look forward to greater market confidence as consistency in standards is realized globally.

## **Assurance**

With the heightened focus and scrutiny of ESG reporting also comes the need for confidence over the quality of disclosures in the form of independent assurance. Assurance over sustainability reporting is increasingly becoming mandatory, as demonstrated by the corporate reporting regulations passed in the European Union that require limited assurance with an expectation to move to reasonable assurance in future years.

The growing demand for sustainability assurance highlights the importance of professional standards that enable consistent, high-quality execution globally. Deloitte is supportive of the IAASB's work to develop a global sustainability assurance standard, ISSA 5000, i.e., as a global baseline for sustainability assurance. Widespread adoption of ISSA 5000 is critical to avoid the undue complexity and cost associated with fragmented assurance standards.

Deloitte is well positioned to deliver high quality assurance on ESG information. As auditors, we uphold the core tenets of integrity, credibility, and objectivity and abide by professional requirements regarding competence, independence, and systems of quality management. Our audit work and related systems are subject to oversight and inspection as well as professional liability mechanisms to ensure that credible assurance is delivered to the market.

Below are specific actions that Deloitte is undertaking to support execution of high-quality assurance that appropriately addresses both voluntary ESG reporting and mandatory reporting requirements:

- Developing and enhancing guidance for performing ESG assurance through Deloitte's global sustainability assurance methodology, which includes supplemental guidance for specific sustainability reporting standards and frameworks.
- Building capacity through global and localized learning focused on ESG.
- Developing and starting to deploy technologyenabled solutions, such as a tool to evaluate a company's sustainability disclosures against common ESG standards.

- Engaging in shaping the capital market infrastructure for sustainability reporting tied to enterprise value through collaboration on climate and ESG standard setting reporting, and assurance initiatives, such as the IFRS Foundation, the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB), and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA).
- Actively participating in various global platforms such as the World Economic Forum and the 2023 UN Climate Change Conference (COP28).

Deloitte supports the continued collaboration of all participants in the corporate reporting ecosystem, working together to develop and implement common standards upon which to measure, disclose, and ultimately assure ESG information.

# **Deloitte's commitment**

Further, to help the world achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement<sup>5</sup>, Deloitte is committed to <u>WorldClimate</u>, a strategy to drive responsible climate choices within the Deloitte network and beyond.

Refer to the upcoming issuance of the 2024 Deloitte Global Impact Report for the complete report on this important initiative.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The <u>Paris Agreement</u> is a legally binding international treaty on climate change. It was adopted by 196 parties at the United Nations (UN) Climate Change Conference (COP21) in Paris, France, on 12 December 2015 and was entered into force on 4 November 2016. Per the UN, its

overarching goal is to hold the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

## Multidisciplinary model (MDM)

Deloitte's MDM brings the breadth and depth of services across Deloitte's businesses, connecting many different disciplines to provide expertise and broad perspective. The MDM is a core strength of Deloitte and will remain the foundation of our strategy. Our current strategy and business model have a positive impact on quality.

Specifically, the scope of corporate reporting is expanding and transforming considerably every day with the emerging voluntary and mandatory disclosure requirements around ESG, cyber, AI, data privacy, and more. Deloitte prides itself on having a deep bench of independent specialists who can be deployed around the world on audit and assurance engagements to provide subject matter expertise and new, insightful perspectives.

Other strengths of the MDM include:

- The possibility to develop industry or thematic insights (e.g., climate, governance, corporate strategy, etc.)
   through multiple lenses, which enhances auditors' understanding of business risks relevant to conducting audit and assurance services.
- The breadth of the MDM creates richer career paths and mobility for our people making the business attractive to candidates who may not want to limit their career options to providing audit and assurance services only.
- The global scale of the MDM brings greater resilience to each Deloitte business line, including audit and
  assurance, allowing continued investment in technology, methodology, and process to support delivery of highquality, cross-border services.

Deloitte leadership recognizes that each Deloitte business line is important and critical to the organization's ability to deliver on its public interest responsibilities. Management's attention and investment allocation are not limited to the business lines with the highest growth rates.

Deloitte acknowledges the possibility and perception of conflicts of interest, and therefore has robust conflicts and independence policies and systems to help ensure that Deloitte's strategy is executed in alignment with regulatory and professional requirements. In some areas, Deloitte policies are more stringent than professional standards, laws, or regulations.

While we are always evaluating ways to improve Deloitte's ability to deliver on our public interest mandate, we remain confident that Deloitte's MDM and our shared purpose and values make us well-positioned to navigate future challenges while continuing to lead with quality.

We recently embarked on a thoughtful process to modernize and simplify Deloitte's storefront and go-to market strategy. Regarding Audit & Assurance, we are confident this modernized storefront will further enhance the quality of the engagements we deliver, align core skillsets and capabilities, and provide vibrant career paths for our people.

# Shaping the future of the profession

The provision of relevant and reliable financial and, increasingly, non-financial information is critical to both the capital markets and broader society. Policy makers, regulators, investors, company directors, audit committees, and auditors all have an important role so that users of corporate information have a clear and robust picture of uncertainties and risks in a company's business model to help support their informed decision making.

Uncertainty and complexity are set to remain a central theme over the coming years, driven by heightened global challenges and the rapid advancement of technology.

In today's environment, a sharpened awareness regarding the heightened risk of fraud, the presence of emerging or evolving risk factors, and the need for effective internal control environments remains critical. Although the existing accounting frameworks have provisions for uncertainties, financial statement users and regulators should continue to expect a high degree of market and economic volatility in the near term.

Deloitte has consistently welcomed public statements and guidance issued by regulators that recognize uncertainties and emphasize the importance of high-quality, forward-looking corporate disclosures. Greater transparency benefits the public, just as raising awareness about these issues, especially when all corporate reporting ecosystem stakeholders participate. More clarity about the unique and complementary responsibilities of management, audit committees, entities, auditors, regulators, and other stakeholders enables the investing public to hold accountable theses parties in a way that effectively serves the public interest.

The value of high-quality audit and assurance services is not diminished in the midst of global unrest. Rather, investors and other stakeholders continue to call for professional services based on independence and objectivity-based principles and practices to engender trust and inspire confidence in the capital markets—and Deloitte is committed to leading the way.

Deloitte Thailand's commitment to serving the public interest—especially as it relates to behaving according to the highest standards of ethics, integrity, independence, and transparency is steadfast. Deloitte is keenly aware of the gravity of responsibility that comes with meeting professional obligations and discharging its role as

auditors within the corporate reporting ecosystem globally. The following principles remain at the forefront and are continuously reinforced with Audit & Assurance practitioners:

- Exercise professional skepticism and due professional care.
- Critically evaluate the quality of audit evidence obtained and determine whether it is sufficient and appropriate to address relevant risks.
- Make well-reasoned professional judgments supported by clear documentation.
- Foster a culture of excellence and consultation.
- Demonstrate commitment to integrity and ethical behavior, including compliance with regulatory and professional obligations.
- Stay connected and support one another.

Deloitte is committed to establishing a meaningful vision for the future of the profession which addresses the shifting needs of society.

We are continually innovating to improve our effectiveness through technology, data, and ways of working. In parallel, the role of audit and assurance in the corporate reporting ecosystem, its responsibility to act in the public interest, and its evolving contribution to societal value remains at the forefront of our work in this area. Through proactive engagement with a range of stakeholders, we seek to understand today's rapidly developing issues faced by society (e.g., ESG, cyber, AI, data privacy, etc.) and the role that audit and assurance can play in responding and driving change for the better.

We strive to engage with these parties, both formally and informally, to share, offer, and debate ideas that foster our collective ambition to ensure the ongoing and growing relevance of audit and assurance to the capital markets.

# Professional development and performance management

Deloitte's culture of excellence and the design of learning programs place people at the forefront<sup>6</sup>. Deloitte practitioners are technically proficient with high levels of ethics, integrity, professional skepticism, and objectivity, applying their judgment and experience with passion and commitment. We are continuously enhancing our skillsets, knowledge, and experience to go beyond the expected and deliver meaningful impact.

Deloitte is committed to delivering an unrivalled talent experience, developing practitioners, and furthering their careers by creating a life-long learning environment—advancing education, skillsets, and flexible career options that appeal to auditors of today and tomorrow.

Deloitte practitioners bring diverse backgrounds, knowledge, and skills that enhance capabilities as an organization in delivering the highest quality. We support and empower our people to achieve their full potential by valuing and demonstrating diversity, equity, inclusion, and wellbeing.

Deloitte recognizes and rewards its Audit & Assurance practitioners and professionals and makes meaningful investments in their futures.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> For more information about Deloitte's commitment to its people, please refer to <u>Audit & Assurance People page</u> on Deloitte.com.

# **Learning and development initiatives**

Deloitte's transformed approach to delivery is changing the experience for practitioners. Teams are empowered by advanced tools and technologies and more extensive use of data and analytics within a guided workflow to execute the end-to-end audit. For Deloitte practitioners, this means focusing on how the engagement is planned, executed, and managed consistently across the globe using our innovative techniques and capabilities. It also offers opportunities to enhance their technical and professional skillsets and competencies. For example, the following skills remain as important as ever-enhanced data analytics, project management, critical thinking, communication, professional judgment, and the application of accounting and auditing principles to work more effectively and deliver high-quality engagements. As capabilities and skillsets are enhanced, we build greater confidence and become ever-better evaluators of risk.

Deloitte has made substantial investments in talent and learning strategies and transformed the technical curriculum to build the refreshed skillsets and proficiency required by level:

- At the core, Deloitte has a single, global mandatory audit technical learning curriculum, tailored for learners by level, using a dynamic blend of live instructor-led, digital on-demand courses, and onthe-job activities.
- All client service practitioners are required to follow the firm's learning requirements for their roles and complete sufficient continuing professional education (CPE) each year and over a cyclical three-year period to ensure both compliance with regulatory standards and Deloitte internal policies. All audit partners and professional staff are required to complete a minimum of 20 hours of structured learning per year and 120 hours of structured learning in every three-year period (i.e., an average of 40 hours per year). This is achieved through structured, formal learning programs, such as internal or external courses, seminars, or e-learning covering all areas of the competency model (e.g., shared competencies, function-specific technical competencies, and competencies in areas of specialization).
- Thailand Federation of Accounting Professions also requires all auditors to complete at least 40 hours of CPE each year which consist of 20 hours of formal CPE and 20 hours of informal CPE.
- All client service practitioners have clearly defined role expectations and global Talent Standards which outline the capabilities that are required of practitioners at each level.

Deloitte has also established specific learning opportunities for specialists working on engagements to support their knowledge and understanding. In addition, our assurance learning offering is being expanded to respond to emerging business needs.

The objective of the Deloitte Thailand's professional development program is to help partners and practitioners maintain and enhance their professional competence and ensure consistency of execution. To supplement on-the-job development, Deloitte Thailand provides formal continuing professional development programs in relevant subject areas consistent with the Deloitte Global Audit & Assurance Curriculum. Please see HR Excellence Awards 2024 below.

# **Deloitte University**

Deloitte actively cultivates the collective knowledge and skills of Deloitte people globally through continued investment in Deloitte Universities (DU), the cornerstone of our organization's commitment to leadership development and technical training for Deloitte people around the world. These are state-of-the-art learning and development centers focused on Deloitte culture and founded in the principles of connectedness and leadership in a highly inclusive learning environment<sup>7</sup>. Since opening the Westlake, Texas location in 2011, we've launched additional facilities in Brussels, Hyderabad, Mexico City, Paris, Singapore, and Toronto, and have a new site under construction in Beijing. Being together for "moments that matter" is critical as we develop the next generation of leaders, as well as create—and strengthen—the connections that are so important to succeeding in a global organization serving multinational clients.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> For more information about Deloitte Universities, please refer to Deloitte <u>Global Impact Report</u>.

# **Audit & Assurance Leadership appointments**

Critical Audit & Assurance leadership roles are clearly defined. A role profile and key performance indicator framework provide a basis for consistent leadership appointments and evaluations across the Deloitte Audit & Assurance network and align member firm and Deloitte Global Audit & Assurance strategic objectives. Deloitte has introduced globally consistent standards for member firm Audit & Assurance leaders, including Audit & Assurance Business Leaders, Audit & Assurance Quality Leaders, and Audit & Assurance Risk Leaders through clearly defined roles, responsibilities, and expected success outcomes. These inform objective setting and evaluation processes and reinforce Deloitte's culture of quality and excellence. Robust monitoring of succession planning helps ensure Deloitte is developing and appointing the appropriate individuals with the capabilities to achieve these consistent standards.

### Remuneration

Execution of high-quality is expected from all practitioners and is embedded across the Deloitte network. This is recognized through reward and recognition programs and is built into performance standards at every level, against which practitioners' overall evaluations are measured.

In accordance with global policies, Deloitte Thailand's partners are evaluated on a yearly basis, and depending on the outcome of the evaluation, the remuneration of partners may increase or decrease. Specifically, partner evaluations take the following factors into account:

- Quality Leadership Demonstrates strict adherence to regulatory and risk compliance as well as consistent uncompromised delivery of quality client service.
- Business Leadership Successful growth of firm revenues and enhancing profitability.
- As One Supports and leads firm's strategies and initiatives, contributes as a leader in the firm.
- Talent Leadership Demonstrates exemplary commitment and contribution to the attraction, development and retention of talent.
- Client Leadership Retains, strengthens, and expands strategic client relationships and consistently delivers high-quality client work.
- Brand & Eminence Leadership Demonstrates a strong contribution to firm reputation and eminence building.

Metrics related to the sale of non-audit & assurance services are excluded when evaluating or compensating Audit & Assurance ("A&A") partners.

Our A&A partner performance and remuneration framework creates a strong link between audit quality and partner remuneration. All A&A partners receive a

quality and risk rating as part of their performance management, which includes granular feedback relating to audit quality (e.g., internal engagement monitoring and external inspection findings, compliance with firm policies including independence, audit quality indicators).

These quality and risk ratings are assessed independently by the National Professional Practice Director ("NPPD") and Audit Risk Leader. An A&A partner's quality and risk ratings may result in an overall increase or decrease in the partner's overall performance evaluation rating.

At Deloitte Thailand, audit quality is a key leadership benchmark for all A&A partners. Partners are rewarded for going above and beyond expected risk protection, quality and ethical behaviors and for promoting such behaviors to their fellow partners and/or teams. As part of their annual evaluation, the NPPD and Audit Risk Leader consider A&A partners who have evidenced significant positive contributions to the quality and risk agenda as well as exceptional quality and risk leadership. Such partners are the beacon of audit quality to their fellow partners and/or teams. Positive behavior is rewarded through a variety of options including monetary awards or improvement in overall evaluation ratings (which can result in increase of annual adjustment, increase in base remuneration or both).

Findings from the Securities and Exchange Commission of Thailand ("SEC Thailand") inspections are an important input, amongst other quality measures, into an A&A partner's quality and risk rating. In considering SEC Thailand inspections findings, we have regard to the nature and severity of the SEC Thailand findings. We also consider whether the findings are indicative of an issue which requires a broader firm response or whether they are unique to the engagement or partner circumstances.

There have been financial consequences for partners in relation to poor quality and risk ratings. Financial penalties include monetary fines to decreasing annual evaluation ratings (which can result in either loss/reduction of annual adjustments, reduction in base remuneration or both). Financial penalties aside, the said A&A partner would be supported by the firm leadership through reduced audit portfolio, removal from audits of public interest entities and other firm-wide responsibilities to enable the partner to focus on his/her remediation process.

Following the implementation of ISQM 1 and ISQM 2, the firm has also enhanced the above evaluation framework by including positive and negative outcomes on A&A partners arising from their role in monitoring ISQM 1 and as Engagement Quality Reviewers ("EQR") respectively.

# **Attraction and retention**

The current environment for talent is extremely competitive and attraction and retention of our people is a strategic priority for Deloitte. Deloitte is focused on transforming the Audit & Assurance talent experience, including reimagining the ways of working to improve retention and further advance the diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), and wellbeing of Deloitte people. We are looking at opportunities to collectively expand the talent experience. This focus on our people and retention of top talent enhances Deloitte's ability to deliver high-quality.

Deloitte continues to receive recognition and awards across the globe for its commitment to delivering an unrivalled talent experience for its people <u>Awards and recognition</u> | <u>Deloitte Global</u>.



# Deloitte's priority focus on quality

Deloitte's commitment to quality is central to everything we do. We consistently deliver on this commitment by instilling a culture of quality, integrity, and excellence across the network, establishing business and financial priorities, and developing effective processes, tools, and technologies applied in the execution of engagements. Deloitte's brand is defined by the high-quality audit and assurance services delivered and by the unwavering commitment to continuous improvement of our systems of quality management. Keeping pace with emerging economic, business, and regulatory conditions, as well as technological advances, is critical to the continual enhancement of Deloitte's role in protecting the public interest and supporting the effective functioning of the corporate reporting ecosystem.



# Leadership commitment and tone at the top

Deloitte's culture of quality, integrity, and excellence begins with a strong tone from the top—from senior leadership through to the leaders in all our offices and audit and assurance engagements. This commitment is demonstrated through the direct involvement of leaders in initiatives emphasizing that quality and professional behavior is the highest priority for audit and assurance practitioners at all levels and consistent messaging that reinforces the importance placed on executing high-quality engagements. Deloitte sets high ethical standards for the conduct of all its professionals and embeds integrity expectations into the Deloitte Global Principles of Business Conduct.

Deloitte's relentless pursuit of quality defines not just what we do, but who we are.

## System of quality management (SQM)

Deloitte believes an effective SQM is crucial for the consistent performance of high-quality engagements, and we continue to make significant investments in our people, processes, and technologies that underlie Deloitte's quality management processes.

Regulators and standard setters in Thailand and globally are also focused on the effectiveness and continued improvements in firms' SQMs. Deloitte Thailand complies with ISQM 1 which requires annual evaluation of the SQM.

ISQM 1 introduces a risk-based approach to the SQM that require firms to respond to quality objectives and risks to our ability to execute high-quality audits in the following areas:

- The firm's risk assessment process;
- Governance and leadership;
- Relevant ethical requirements;
- Acceptance and continuance of client relationships and specific engagements;
- Engagement performance;
- Resources;
- Information and communication; and
- The monitoring and remediation process.

The effective implementation of ISQM 1 has been and remains a key element of Deloitte's global audit and assurance quality strategy.

As part of the implementation of ISQM 1, quality objectives, quality risks and responses were formalized and brought together in a globally consistent technology platform to facilitate the design and maintenance of the system, as well as the operation through tri-annual self-assessments by business process owners and reporting capabilities to support the required annual evaluation.

Deloitte Thailand continues to work with leaders across the firm, as well as the broader network, to further enhance our proactive approach to managing the quality of engagements performed—identifying and addressing risks to quality and driving continued advancements in quality management processes serves us well into the future as the environment within which we operate continues to evolve and become increasingly complex.

Consistent with Deloitte's culture of continuous improvement and innovation, Deloitte Thailand's efforts relating to ISQM 1 and our SQM provide us the opportunity to continually challenge ourselves—examining those areas where we can further enhance and transform our SQM. Quality is always front and center, and robust quality monitoring processes play an integral role in our ability to continually improve.

ISQM 1 requires an annual evaluation of the SQM. Deloitte Thailand performed its annual evaluation of its SQM as of 31 May 2024.



# Conclusion on the effectiveness of the SQM

Deloitte Thailand is responsible for designing, implementing, and operating a SQM for audits or reviews of financial statements, or other assurance or related services engagements performed by the firm, that provides the firm with reasonable assurance that the objectives of the SQM are being achieved. The objectives are:

- The firm and its personnel fulfill their responsibilities in accordance with professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements, and conduct engagements in accordance with such standards and requirements; and
- Engagement reports issued by the firm or engagement partners are appropriate in the circumstances.
- Deloitte Thailand conducted its evaluation in accordance with the ISQM 1.

Deloitte Thailand concluded that the SQM provides the firm with reasonable assurance that objectives of the SQM are being achieved as of 31 May 2024.

Reasonable assurance is obtained when the SQM reduces to an acceptably low level the risk that the objectives of the SQM are not achieved. Reasonable assurance is not an absolute level of assurance, because there are inherent limitations of a system of quality management.

## Independence, objectivity, and professional skepticism

The execution of high-quality audit and assurance engagements requires independence, objectivity, and professional skepticism. This means a continuous and tangible focus on Deloitte's critical role in serving the public interest, including creating a culture of quality where doing the right thing is of paramount importance. Deloitte consistently reinforces the important role of auditors as independent evaluators who must maintain a mindset of professional skepticism throughout the conduct of our work. This approach is reflected in Deloitte policies, methods, procedures, and learning, and is reinforced through quality management and accountability measures.

# Audit & Assurance approach

Deloitte's approach to performing a high-quality engagement involves the use of audit and standards-based assurance methodologies, common across the Deloitte network, supplemented by tools for use by our practitioners to plan, perform, supervise, review, document, conclude, and communicate the results of each engagement. Deloitte's approach is underpinned by professional standards, as well as the requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

Deloitte's audit methodology is risk-based, focusing on the financial statement account balances, disclosures, and underlying assertions that have a reasonable possibility of being materially misstated. Our methodologies are also dynamic—it evolves continuously to keep pace with the changing demands of investors, companies, and other stakeholders. It recognizes that advances in the availability and management of large data sets and in statistical science are relevant to continuing to enhance the quality of Deloitte engagements.

# Resources to support Deloitte practitioners in the execution of high-quality engagements

The resources applied by Deloitte practitioners in the performance of their work include the proprietary tools, guidance, materials, and practice aids used in conducting engagements, which are available to all our practitioners in the Deloitte Global Technical Library, an extensive online library, and in our audit execution platforms (such as EMS, Deloitte Omnia and Deloitte Levvia). These resources drive greater standardization and consistency across Deloitte firms. Deloitte regularly issues guidance to our practitioners and communicates developments that should be factored into audit risk assessments and responses in order to maintain and drive quality execution.



# Consultation

Quality and risk management considerations are integral to Deloitte's audit and assurance business and to the performance of engagements. That is why Deloitte views consultation as an essential, collaborative process—one that involves robust challenge and helps determine the most appropriate answers to complex questions. Deloitte has identified circumstances where consultation outside of the engagement team is required in order to demonstrate an appropriate level of professional judgment and the exercise of professional skepticism. Deloitte consultation policies require that conclusions are documented, understood, and implemented. Foundational to the effectiveness of the consultation process is Deloitte's investment in consultation resources who have the appropriate skills and expertise. In addition to formal consultations, whenever engagement partners and teams need additional information or perspectives, they are encouraged to seek assistance from the NPPD team, or others in the organization with specialized knowledge.



# External and internal quality monitoring

## Monitoring of quality

A continued focus on quality is of paramount importance to the Deloitte brand. It is critical that a Deloitte engagement is consistently executed and of high-quality, wherever in the world it is performed.

The objective of monitoring and remediation processes are to provide relevant, reliable, and timely information about the design, implementation, and operation of the SQM to leadership in order to enable appropriate and timely actions to be taken to respond to identified deficiencies. This includes the identification of deficiencies and good practices in the SQM and the assessment of the effectiveness of remedial actions in driving improvements in audit quality.

# SQM monitoring

SQM monitoring is an integral part of Deloitte Thailand's monitoring activities and considers relevant requirements in ISQM 1, as well as evaluating the design, implementation and operating effectiveness of responses that address the quality risks that have been identified for the firm.

Key components of SQM monitoring include:

- Risk-based approach to selecting business processes, quality risks and responses to monitor.
- Mandatory moderation panel to drive consistency in evaluating findings and deficiencies.
- Quality Management Observers and deputies, independent of Deloitte Thailand, who drive global consistency by providing input and sharing best practices for monitoring programs.
- Identifying appropriate resources (from within Deloitte Thailand as well as from other Deloitte geographies or Deloitte Global) with the right experience.

Audit Quality Indicators (AQIs) (see Appendix A) are used in conjunction with other metrics to further assist Deloitte Thailand in developing and monitoring quality action plans and reporting on the progress in its audit quality journey.

# Monitoring of in-process engagements

Continuous quality monitoring by Deloitte Thailand involves the proactive identification of issues on inprocess engagements in order to drive timely solutions and real time corrective actions. This is achieved through the following suite of activities:

- Deployment and monitoring of a series of core diagnostics, enabling engagement partners and teams, as well as Deloitte Thailand audit and assurance quality leader(s) to continuously monitor quality and take immediate action.
- A program of subject matter specific "health checks" to assist Deloitte Thailand PPD in assessing progress and identifying potential issues on in-process engagements.
- Results of monitoring of in-process engagements are evaluated overall to determine whether additional communication and support is needed for engagement teams with respect to adherence to the methodology or updates thereto.



# Inspections of completed engagements

Key components of inspections of completed engagements include:

- Risk-based engagement selection and consideration of all major industries served by Deloitte Thailand while considering all selecting all signing partners or partner equivalents on a cyclical basis.
- Mandatory moderation panel to drive consistency in findings and engagement ratings.
- Quality Management Observers and deputies, independent of Deloitte Thailand, who drive global consistency by providing input and sharing best practices for monitoring programs.
- Identifying appropriate resources (from within Deloitte Thailand as well as from other Deloitte geographies or Deloitte Global) with the right experience and industry knowledge.



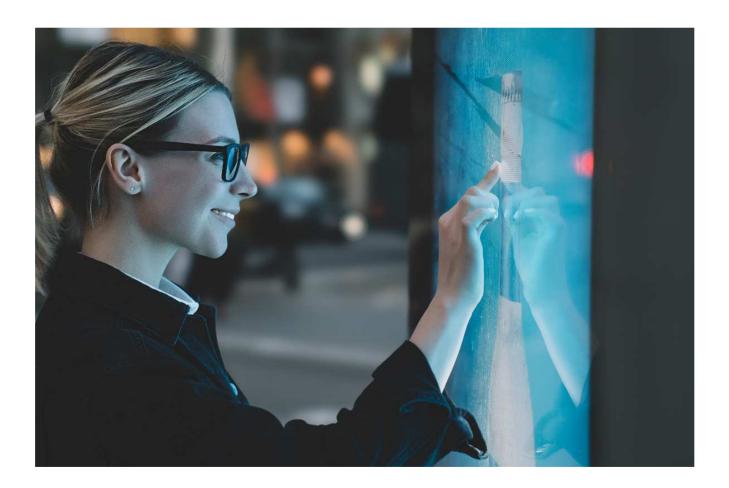
# **External inspections**

In addition to Deloitte Thailand's own monitoring of quality, we are subject to external monitoring by the SEC Thailand. The 2021 review results, which are the latest inspection report issued by SEC Thailand, are as follows:

Component of SQC 1	Result
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Ove	erall Firm Rating	Very Good
1	Leadership Responsibilities for Quality within the Firm	Very Good
2	Relevant Ethical Requirements	Very Good
3	Acceptance and Continuance of Client Relationships and Specific Engagements	Very Good
4	Human Resources	Very Good
5	Engagement Performance	Good
6	Monitoring	Very Good

Deloitte Thailand is appreciative of SEC Thailand's overall rating for the firm of Very Good8, a recognition of our commitment and investment in audit quality. We take SEC Thailand's observations and recommendations seriously. In the component of Engagement Performance, Deloitte Thailand has implemented SEC Thailand's recommendation to have more specialists involved to assist engagement teams in the conduct of audit procedures relating to Thai Financial Reporting Standard No.9 "Financial Instruments". SEC Thailand's recommendation and actions taken by Deloitte Thailand have been communicated to our audit professionals and the firm has also arranged training sessions to reinforce how audit engagement teams may collaborate with specialists during audits and on the accounting technical requirements of the financial reporting standard.



"Good", "Acceptable" and "Need Improvement".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> SEC Thailand classifies quality control systems rating as "Very Good",

# Root cause analysis and remediation

Continuous improvement is essential to Deloitte's culture of quality and excellence. Understanding why engagement level findings and SQM deficiencies occur is critical to being able to design effective remedial actions. When engagement level findings or SQM deficiencies are identified, whether through internal or external monitoring activities, actions are taken to identify gaps and develop appropriate remediation activities. Remediation is imperative to drive continuous improvement in quality and avoid future similar findings. An audit quality plan is prepared by Deloitte Thailand and provides for effective implementation and monitoring of key audit quality priorities.



# Independence, ethics, and additional disclosures

## **Deloitte Global Independence**



Sets **independence policies and procedural expectations** based upon the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants and, where applicable, the independence standards of the US Securities and Exchange Commission and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.

Supports network services that a firm uses in the design, implementation, and operation of their system of quality management, including:



**Technical resources:** Global systems to provide its people with entity information to support compliance with personal and professional independence requirements, including financial interests, scope of service, and business relationship approvals.

**Intellectual resources:** Independence policy, e-learning, confirmation templates, monitoring instructions and other tools, templates, and guidance.

**Human resources:** Technical independence expertise, as required, which also informs potential enhancements to intellectual resources.



Participates In various elements of a firm's **system of quality management** monitoring and remediation process, as determined to be appropriate.



Promotes **independence awareness** across the Deloitte network through active engagement with independence and business leadership groups and periodic communications and alerts.

# **Deloitte Thailand Independence**

Deloitte Thailand has quality responses that address quality objectives and quality risks as they relate to the relevant ethical requirements for independence. These responses include policies and procedures that are based on expectations set out in Deloitte Global Independence policies, and which are supplemented, as appropriate, to reflect additional national or regional requirements that may be more restrictive than Deloitte Global policies. Deloitte Thailand leadership reinforces the importance of compliance with independence and related quality management standards, thereby setting the appropriate tone at the top and instilling its importance into the professional values and culture of Deloitte Thailand. Strategies and procedures to communicate the importance of independence to partners, other practitioners, and support staff have been adopted, emphasizing each individual's responsibility to understand and meet the independence requirements. The Director

of Independence is responsible for overseeing independence matters within Deloitte Thailand, including the design, implementation, operation, monitoring, and maintenance of the system of quality management related to independence.

As part of the firm's system of quality management, Deloitte Thailand has:

- Implemented responses to address quality objectives and quality risks it has identified for its key independence areas;
- Performed appropriate monitoring activities over its key independence areas; and
- Has appropriate independence governance in place.

The firm's key independence areas include:

- Client, engagement, and business relationships, including use of the independence business process tools, the Deloitte Entity Search and Compliance (DESC) system, and the Service Request Monitoring (SRM) application
- Firm and personal financial relationships, including the use of the Global Independence Monitoring System (GIMS)
- Employment and other relationships
- Independence confirmations
- Independence consultations
- Independence-related policies, communications, and learning
- Breaches of independence requirements
- Disciplinary measures for failures to adhere to applicable independence requirements



# DESC

**Deloitte Entity Search and Compliance** 

Global, searchable database containing specific entity information relevant in determining personal and professional independence restrictions



## SRM

Service Request Monitoring

Application integrated with DESC that provides a standard business process workflow for submitting and reviewing preapproval requests to provide services to and enter into business relationships with clients



## **GIMS**

Global Independence Monitoring System

Application that contains financial relationship data with relevant independence compliance indicators



# Long association requirements of audit partners and practitioners

Rotation of engagement partners, EQRs and other key audit partners helps provide a new perspective to audit engagements, ensures professional skepticism is maintained, and reduces familiarity and self-interest threats to independence.

All audit partners must comply with Deloitte rotation policies, where applicable, which align with the requirements of the Thailand Federation of Accounting Professions' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

### Ethics

All Deloitte people are expected to act with integrity in accordance with high ethical standards as described in the Deloitte Global Principles of Business Conduct ("Global Code"). The Global Code is embedded into each member firm's Code of Conduct and defines the commitments that all Deloitte people make regarding ethical standards, as well as explaining each individual's responsibilities to their clients, colleagues, and society.

In addition to the Global Code, other foundational elements of Deloitte's ethics program include global policies, a program of training and communications, and established reporting channels supported by defined incident management protocols. For continuous improvement, regular program assessments and reviews are conducted, and feedback is collected from Deloitte people through an annual ethics survey.

Ethics at Deloitte is led by the Deloitte Global Chief Ethics Officer at the global level, and by member firm Ethics Officers at the local level, all of whom are experienced partners with direct access to the member firm's CEO and governing body. Deloitte Global and member firm ethics leaders work together to continually monitor risk and to reinforce compliance with the Global Code.

Deloitte Thailand maintains policies and procedures that build on global policies and are designed to provide reasonable assurance that its people comply with relevant ethical requirements.

The ethical requirements for audit and related assurance services provided by Deloitte Thailand are in accordance with the Thailand Federation of Accounting Professions' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountant. Deloitte Thailand also complies with Deloitte Global policies and procedures, which align with

the requirements and guidance set out in the international Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants, a standard-setting body of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC). When the Thailand Federation of Accounting Professions' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountant are more restrictive than the Deloitte Global policies and procedures, Deloitte Thailand follows the applicable Thailand Federation of Accounting Professions' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountant requirements.

Deloitte Thailand reinforces its commitment to ethics and integrity through communication tools, learning programs, compliance processes, and measurement systems for all people. Learning includes targeted content for onboarding, manager and senior manager promotion, partner admission, independent contractors, and refresher programs every two years. Recent global training topics have included a focus on the importance of owning up to one's mistakes, being an active bystander, navigating personal relationships in the workplace, demonstrating respect, integrity and professionalism on social media, and ethical learning, and courses have included a confirmation that professionals are aware that answers should not be shared with others and doing so would constitute a violation of the Global Code. In addition, Deloitte Thailand conducts ethics reviews for senior leaders and requires all partners, other practitioners, and support staff to confirm annually that they have read and comprehended the member firm's Code of Conduct and understand that it is their responsibility to comply with it.

# **Deloitte Global Ethics**

Deloitte is committed to conducting business with honesty, distinctive quality, and high standards of professional behavior.

**Deloitte's Global Principles of Business Conduct ("Global Code")** outlines Deloitte's ethical commitments as a network and expectations for Deloitte's approximately 460,000 people, giving a strong, principled foundation. The foundations of the network's ethics program are comprised of the following elements:



# Information Security

## Deloitte SEA ISO/IEC 27001 Certification

The network of entities that makes up Deloitte SEA, including Deloitte Thailand, obtained the ISO/IEC 27001 Certification which certifies their operation of Information Security Management System which complies with the requirements of ISO/IEC27001:2013. ISO/IEC 27001:2013 which is the international standard that describes best practice for an Information Security Management System (ISMS). Achieving accredited certification to ISO 27001 demonstrates that organization is following information security best practice and delivers an independent expert assessment of whether data is adequately protected.

# The scope statement of ISO 27001:

The ISO on Information Security Management System (ISMS) relates to management and protection of confidential information received from clients or third parties in connection with the design, development, and provision of audit & assurance, consulting, risk advisory, financial advisory, legal, and tax services, including working papers and deliverables generated from those services.

The information security objectives are covered the following:

- Integrity: protect the integrity of information hosted and managed by Deloitte from unauthorized or accidental modification and protect the accuracy and completeness of this information.
- Confidentiality: preserve the confidentiality of information hosted and managed by the Deloitte from unauthorized access and disclosure.
- Availability: ensure the availability of information hosted and managed by the Deloitte as and when required by the business



# **Talent**

## **HR Excellence Awards 2024**

This international award is granted to the **best in-class HR practices** in Southeast Asia countries. In Thailand, the finalists have been shortlisted from over **50 top leading companies** across industries.



# Silver award for 'Excellence in Agile Talent Mobility'

By leading the way in facilitating talent mobility within our workforce, we enabled our employees to move seamlessly across roles, departments, and geographical areas throughout SEA and AP. We introduced innovative approaches to talent redeployment, skill development, and career progression. Consequently, we have been recognized for our excellent strategy and implementation of Talent Mobility.



Above: The Deloitte Thailand HR team including Khwanta Keeravisaskij, Deloitte Thailand HR Director and Somkrit Krishnamra, Regulatory and Financial Risk Partner.

# Appendix

# Appendix A | Audit Quality Indicators (AQIs)

An integral component of supporting audit quality improvement efforts, the audit quality "indicators" and/or "predictors" provide measurable data on the auditors' ability and commitment to deliver quality audits.

These audit quality indicators help us monitor and measure improvement in audit quality, and to identify factors that may contribute to or cause practice review and/or external inspection findings.

# Our AQIs include the following:

	Partner-Manager involvement in engagements	(E)	Partner and staff experience years
U	Partner-manager Headcount to Field Staff Headcount		EQCR involvement in engagements
ÅÅÄ	Staff turnover	Ø	Delivery of sufficient / appropriate learning

# % Partner-manager time involvement in engagement

	FY22	FY23	FY24
% Partner-manager time involvement in engagement	18.39%	17.97%	18.78%

# Partner-manager Headcount to Field Staff Headcount

	FY22	FY23	FY24
Partner-manager to field staff ratio	1:4	1:4	1:4

# Staff turnover

	FY22*	FY23*	FY24*
% Staff turnover	43%	31%	24%

<sup>\*</sup>Turnover rate = Total employees who left the firm divided by average employee of the firm

# Partner and staff experience (in years)

	FY22	FY23	FY24
Partner experience	20.79	22.07	24.09
Staff experience	3.32	3.35	4.29

# % EQR time involvement/Total engagement hours

	FY22	FY23	FY24
% EQR time involvement/Total engagement hours	1.29%	1.38%	1.60%

# **Training hours**

	FY22	FY23	FY24
Total training hours	92,800	92,400	93,450
Average training hours per person	125	133	116

Note: Deloitte Thailand fiscal year end is 31 May.

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