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## Post-crisis reforms: Have we done enough?

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- What has been achieved?
- Do we need more regulation?
- A changing role for banking supervisors?

# A plethora of bank regulations introduced in response to the GFC...

Chart: Cumulative number of finalised publications by the Basel Committee



Source: Basel Committee on Banking Supervision

(a) Includes principles, sound practices and guidance.

(b) Includes implementation-related reports and ad-hoc publications.

# ...which have greatly strengthened banking system resilience

Higher and better quality capital

More robust liquidity regime

Reduced procyclicality

Framework for dealing with D-SIBs

Reduced counterparty risk in OTC derivatives activities

Resolution regime to resolve failing banks in orderly manner

#### Local implementation remains underway

- Capital standards
  - Revised securitisation framework
  - Leverage ratio
  - Exposure limits
- Liquidity standards
  - Net Stable Funding Ratio

### Post-crisis reforms nearing completion

- Delayed implementation of or outstanding Basel III reform elements
  - Revised market risk framework
  - SA-CCR
  - IRRBB
  - Revised SA and IRB approaches for credit risk
  - Capital floors

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#### Shifting focus towards supervision

 Assessing compliance with post-crisis banking regulation while taking a more forward-looking approach to prudential supervision

## Increased supervisory efforts on areas of greater risk



#### Conduct issues continue to surface

- Cases of improper practices gone on unnoticed by bank management for a long period of time
- Ineffective internal whistle-blowing mechanism

No. of banking complaints related to conduct issues received by HKMA	
2014	151
2015	252
2016	247
2017 (until Aug)	174

Source: HKMA

### Regulation is only part of the solution

 Rapidly changing markets and products mean regulators will always be playing catch-up

> More fundamentally, I worry that overuse of regulation leads to the equation "Legal = Right." – Onora O'Neill\*

\* Baroness Onora O'Neill, "What is banking for?", Remarks at the FRBNY Conference on "Reforming Culture and Behavior in the Financial Services Industry: Expanding the Dialogue," 20 October 2016

#### Culture as a driver of behaviour

- Ultimately the industry's responsibility to drive behavioural change towards
  - Prudent risk taking
  - High ethical standards
  - Treating customers fairly

#### Promoting sound culture

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Governance (dedicated board-level culture committee) Incentive system (aligned with longer-term interests)

Assessment & feedback mechanisms (monitor outcomes)

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### Keeping up with the times

 A structured framework to guide development of supervisory policies and practices

#### Balanced and Responsive Supervisory Programme



Effective supervision vis-à-vis market development



Timely response to changes and challenges

#### Key components

Reaching out for industry feedback

Tailoring of supervisory policies to local environment Optimising supervisory and compliance practices

#### Multiple feedback channels



#### Pilot cases of BRS Programme

- AML/CFT
  - Enhancement of guidelines
  - Greater use of technology for managing risks and improving customer experience
- Private wealth management
  - Engagement with PWMA to clarify risk-based supervisory approach

#### Conclusion

- Need for change in mindset to outcomedriven approach
  - For banks:
    - Putting customers at the centre
  - For supervisor:
    - Achieving effective and sustainable supervision