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for risk data

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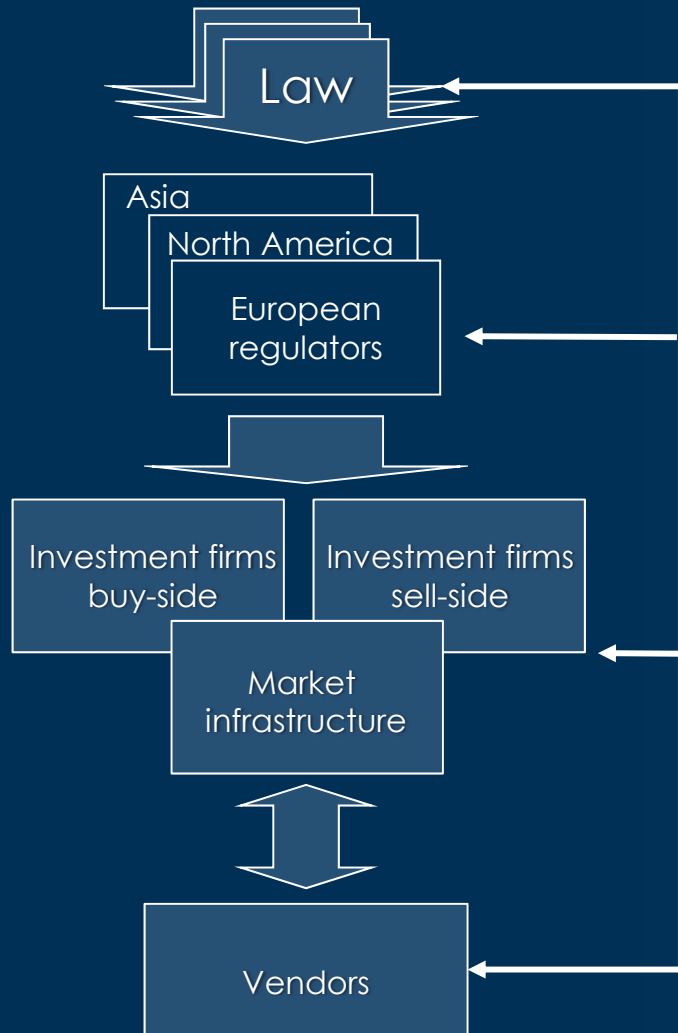
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*A debate about firms' risk management priorities for 2011*



# JWG: an independent think-tank



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- ▶ Mapping the operational heat from 250,000 pages of FS regulations
- ▶ Mirroring, shaping, defining global standards
- ▶ Facilitating regulator, firm and supplier collaboration

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**Making sense of financial service regulation since 2005**



# 2010 research focus



## Trading (2006)

Analysing global market infrastructure regulatory change



## Reference data (2008)

ISO MPG, AFME, FOA



## Risk (2008)

Global risk implementation priorities



## Systemic risk (2009)

Plumbing research with FS KTN and TSB



# The new business of risk management



JWG research summary

9 November 2010



# Executive summary

## Strategic risk management targets



- ▶ 2010: **business proposition** for better risk management unclear
- ▶ Lots of **box-ticking** to produce new reports
- ▶ Approaches being **revisited in 2011**, but resources not yet secured
- ▶ The **sprint for best capital ratios** begins in earnest by 2H 2011
- ▶ Fears of greater **penalties** (buffers, fines) for inadequate risk infrastructures by 2013
- ▶ The leaders are starting to tackle the **big issues now** ...  
Benchmarks looming?

The risk priorities for next year are currently uncertain





# Our research has found some serious gaps



## Getting risk information right

What it takes to get workable risk datasets

October 2010



- ▶ 39% indicated that data consistency, accuracy and their ability to aggregate were **insufficient to meet the new risk management requirements**
- ▶ 89% indicated that they **struggle to set the right risk management strategy** and allocate financial resources to exposure management
- ▶ It is **unclear whether the average spend is sufficient** (£3.4 million for a large bank, £117,000 for a small bank or branch)



# There are many regulatory-driven fears

## ► Risk

- **Basel III** will increase the cost of capital for many investment firms and may increase data requirements to calculate ratios
- The Joint Forum recently criticised the effectiveness of **risk aggregation models (RAM)** across financial firms
- There is a renewed focus on **operational risk**
- What is the right form of **governance** to produce good risk data
- ...

## ► Market

- **Central clearing** of **OTC derivatives** may well increase the cost of collateral
- **Increased transparency** for OTC derivatives and non-equities will require firms to report more data about their transactions
- **MiFID review** may increase the cost and complexity of trading
- New **HFT/algo** rules are on the horizon
- ...



# Could 'greed' trump 'fear'?

## Greed

- ▶ CEOs want to conduct beauty contest to the CFAs to **improve reputation**
- ▶ Smarter allocation of capital through better FTP and CVA makes **more money**
- ▶ **Cut operational costs**
- ▶ **React faster** than competitors to changes in market conditions
- ▶ Look good to regulators winning **investor confidence**

## Fear

- ▶ Risk of **reputational damage** from regulatory fines
- ▶ **Increased buffers** and capital levels are demanded by regulators
- ▶ **Cost/income** ratio increases
- ▶ **Quality of MI** is not sufficient to make the right business calls
- ▶ **Auditors** and lawyers start raising issues



# Solution = 'optimal granularity' for risk data

Interest rate offered on a loan

ALM

Credit risk

Cost of funds

Pure cost of funds that the branch would lend

Credit premium

Accurate assessment of expected loss from credit default

Mark-up

The margin that makes the loan profitable for the branch

Cost of operations

Total cost of activities conducted at the bank (at branch and head-office levels)

CRM

There are many components that play a part in the overall price offered to, and profit generated from, any particular customer.

Better information can increase the accuracy of the process, especially in aggregate, allowing firms to make better judgements and thus make more money, safer. But at some point the increased costs will outweigh the benefits.

So what is the 'optimal granularity' for each part of the business? The answer depends on what the information is needed for, who needs it and how one gets it.

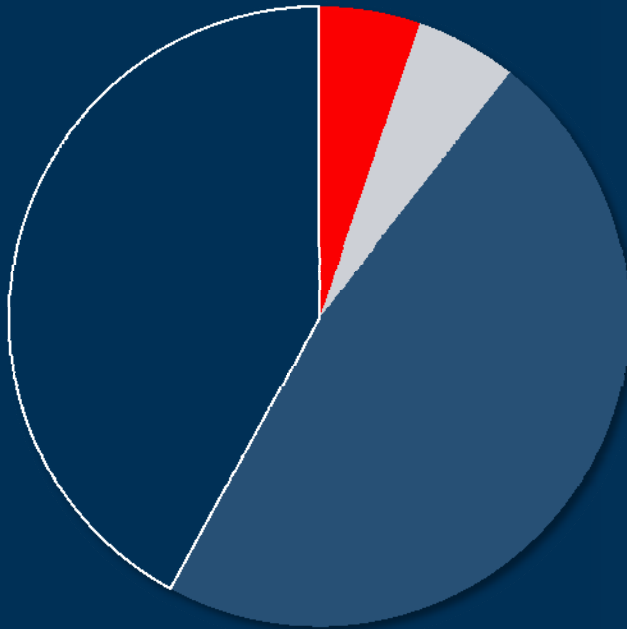
Source: FSA presentation 5 October

'Risk Aggregation and Transfer Pricing – Getting it Right'

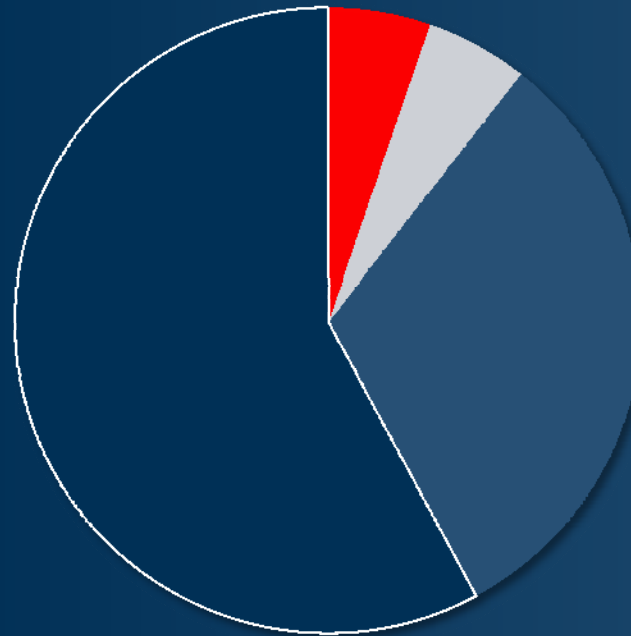


# 1. Most claim to know what they're doing

I feel my firm fully understands the business and regulatory imperatives for better risk information



Improving risk information is a high priority within my firm



- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

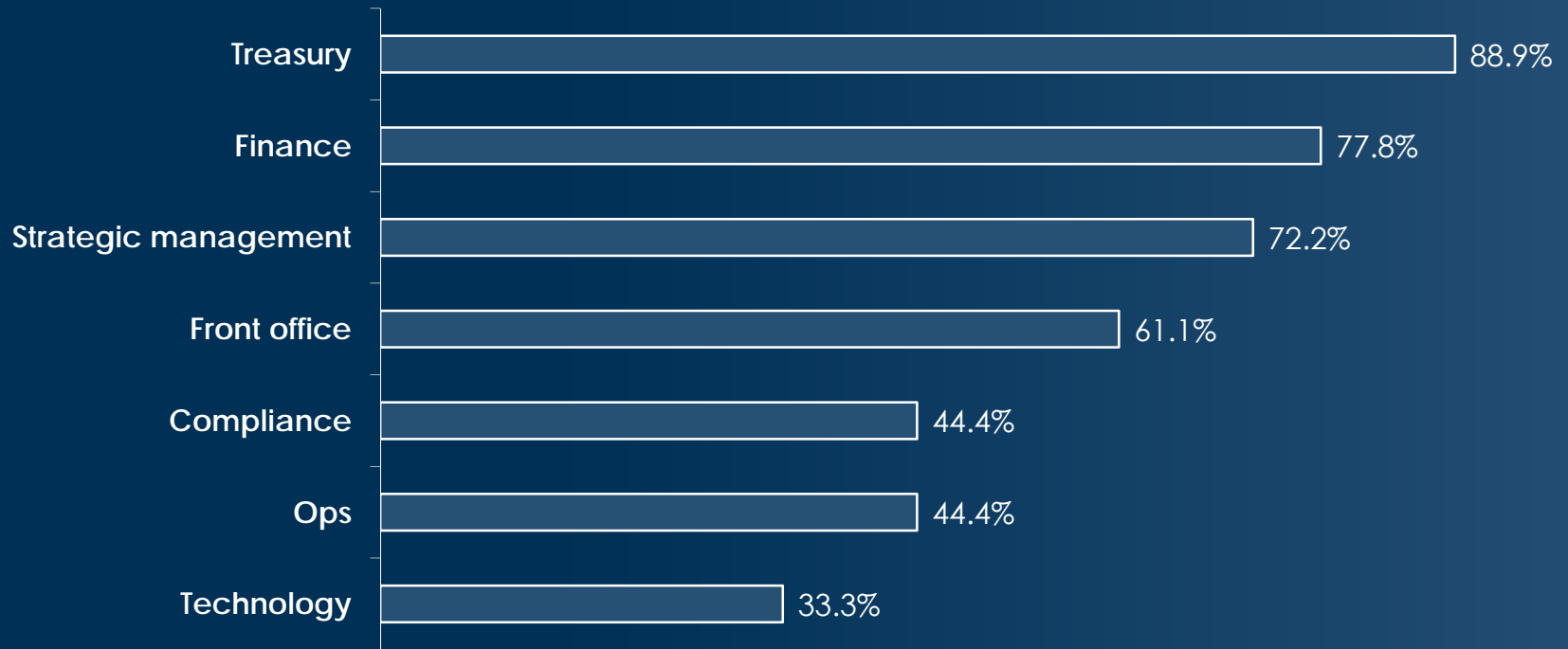
Source: October survey of 19 financial firms

90% agree that their firm understands the imperatives



## 2. Although who benefits is more uncertain

Which functions, other than risk, stand to benefit from better risk information?

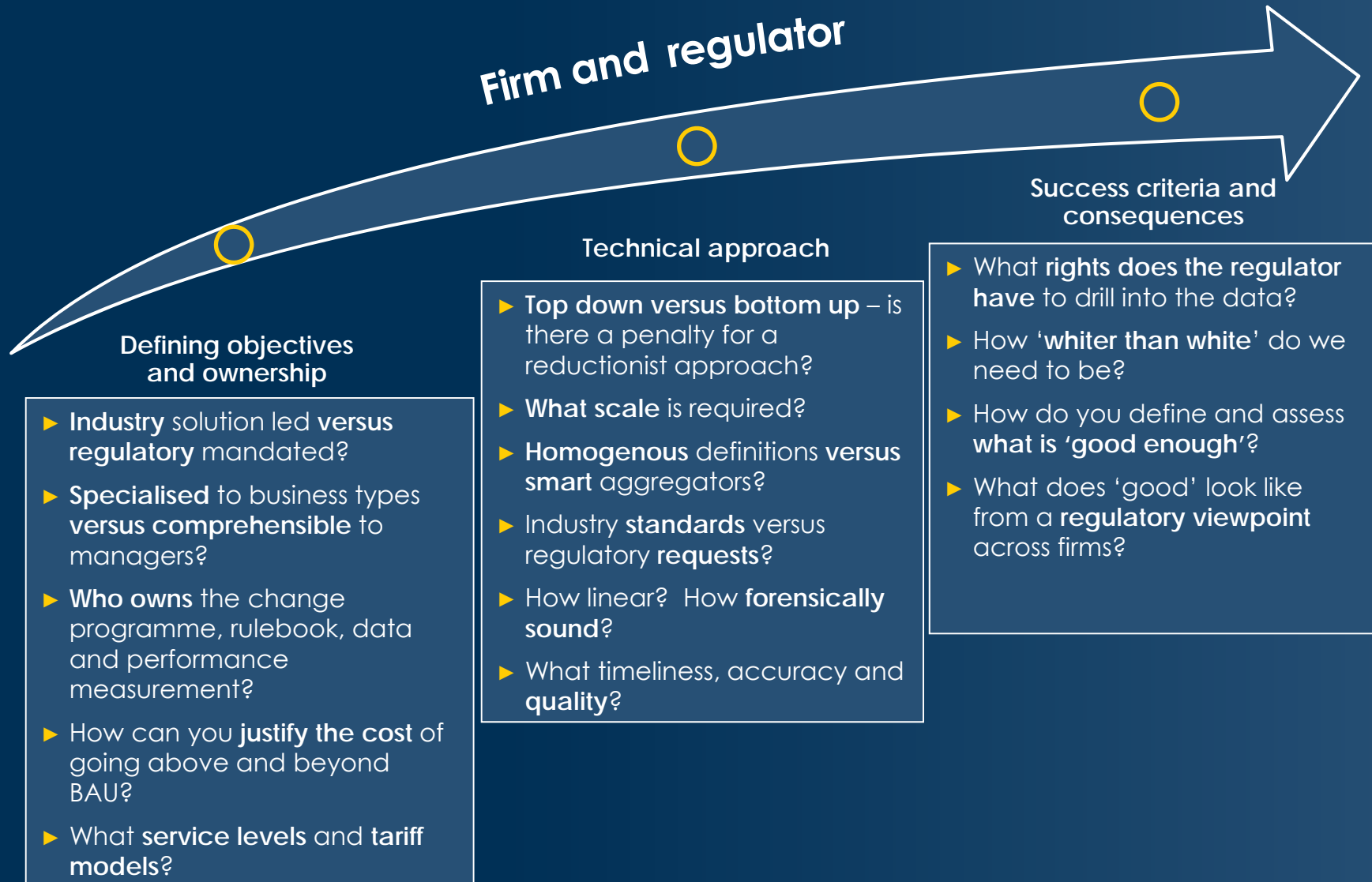


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The majority (69%) do not agree that the drive is purely from compliance



# And how to proceed raises many questions:



- **What are the business implications of Basel III and market restructuring?**
- **How will the combined impact of these changes shift priorities for risk managers?**
- **What does this mean to the way risk is managed across the firm?**
- **How can firms overcome the technical risk barriers that stand in their way?**
- **Will the ‘fear factor’ or the ‘greed factor’ kick in first?**

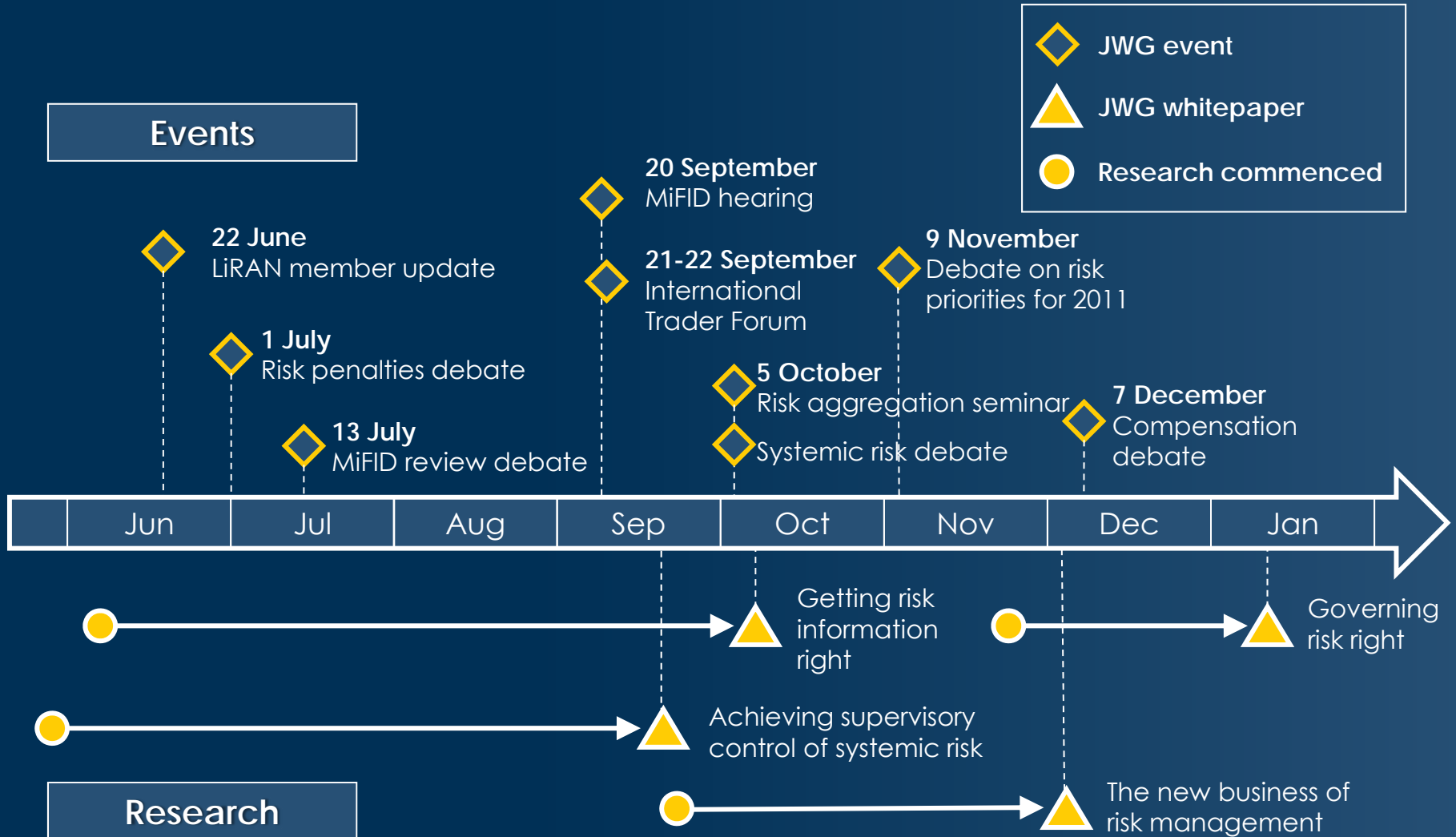


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***What do YOU think?***



# The JWG risk research timeline



Date	Debate
7 December	<b>This house believes the bonus Grinch will be outwitted.</b> A debate about compensation rules and practices in financial firms.



# Thank you

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