



# Banking Fraud Risks

**The multi-faceted threat of fraud: Are banks up to the challenge?**

July 2019

# Survey: Purpose & Scope



## Purpose:

To gain insight into global trends and regional differences in how banks are identifying, assessing and addressing fraud risk.



## Scope:

KPMG's Global Banking survey was conducted between November 2018 and February 2019 across 43 retail banks.

18 have annual revenues in excess of US\$10 billion & 31 each employ more than 10,000 people across the globe.



# Key Findings

## Typologies



Card not present  
("CNP")



Identity theft



Scams



Cyber/ online fraud

## Security in a Digital World



Increasing products delivered via  
digital channels



Rules, machine learning  
techniques/AI and robotics



High volume of false  
positives

## Investment vs Costs



Complex operating  
models



Non-agile processes



Customer education



'Here and now' as opposed to  
predicting emerging trends

## Fraud Operating Model



Lack of a documented  
Fraud Operating Model  
and enterprise wide Fraud  
Risk Assessment



Failures to detect impact  
management information  
and investment decisions



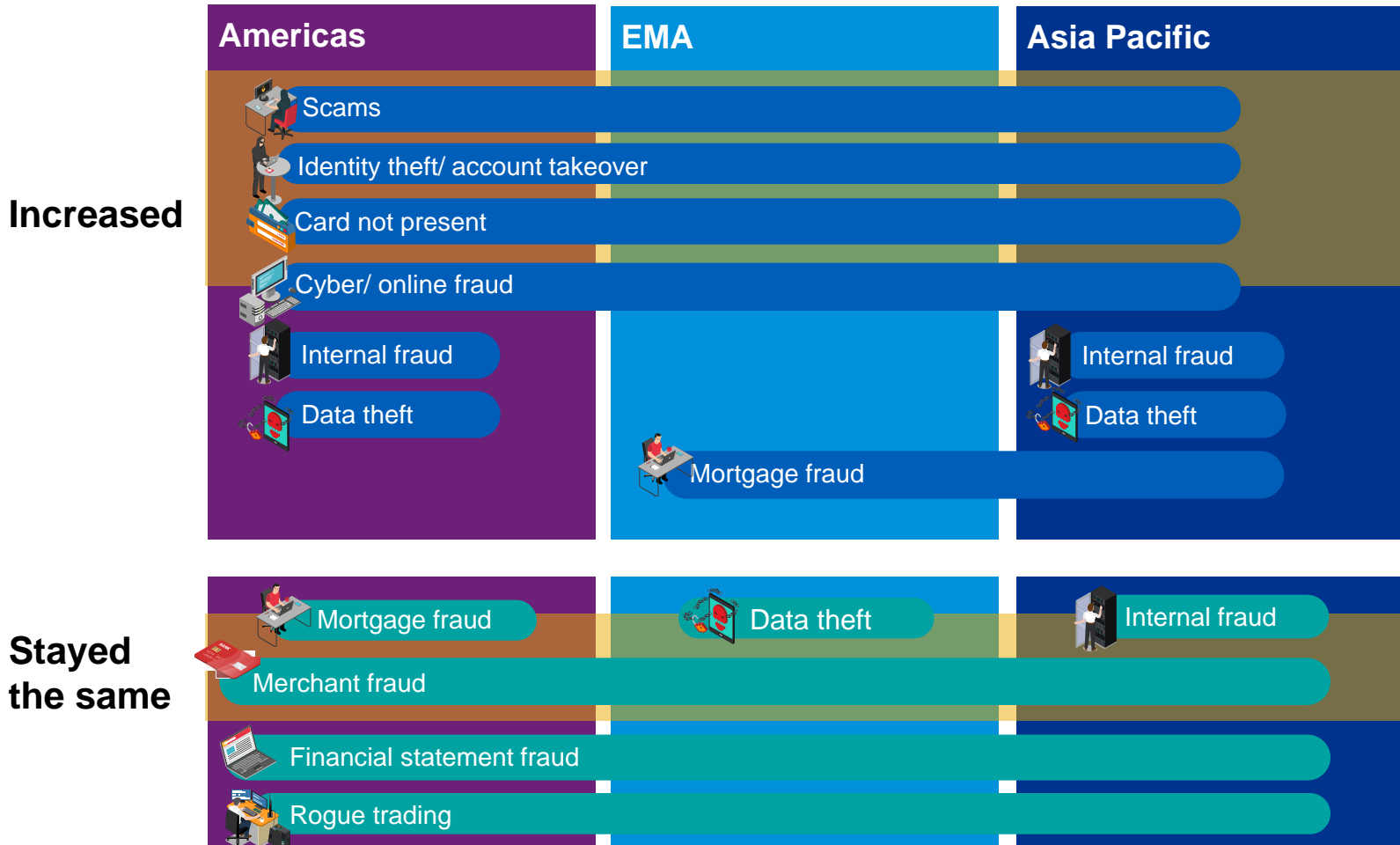
Optimizing  
technology  
versus  
headcount



Financial  
crime  
operations in  
silos

# Regional fraud trends by typology

Survey fraud typology trends by region 2017-2018 based on the most common response



# Challenges facing banks globally in mitigating fraud risk



## AMERICAS

1. Cyber and data breaches
2. Faster payments
3. Open Banking (equal third)
4. Evolving digital channels (equal third)
5. Virtual currencies (equal third)

## EMA

1. Cyber and data breaches
2. Faster payments
3. Evolving digital channels
4. Payments Services Directive 2 (PSD2) / Open banking
5. Social engineering

## ASIA PACIFIC

1. Cyber and data breaches
2. Social engineering
3. Faster payments
4. Evolving digital channels
5. Open Banking

Source: Global Banking Fraud Survey, KPMG International 2019

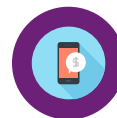
We look at these challenges in more detail below



**1. Cyber and data breaches**



**2. Social Engineering**



**3. Evolving digital channel & Faster payments**



**4. Open Banking**

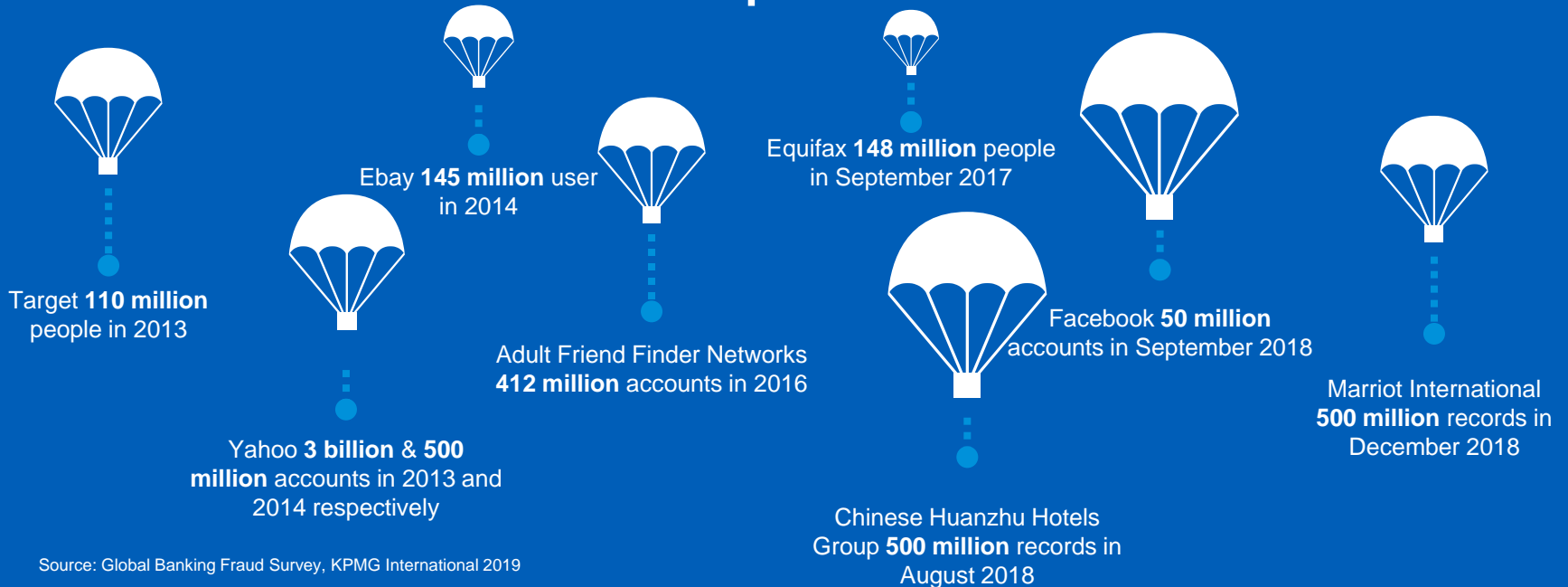
# 1 Cyber & data breaches

Cyber criminals are obtaining access to personal data, via data breaches, and using personal information to gain a customer's trust in scams or takeover their account.



Digital transformation is changing fraud typologies. To respond banks need to be agile to update their fraud risk frameworks, hone technology & look to next gen prevention & detection solutions.

## Customer data/records now in public domain



Source: Global Banking Fraud Survey, KPMG International 2019

# Staying a step ahead of fraudsters....

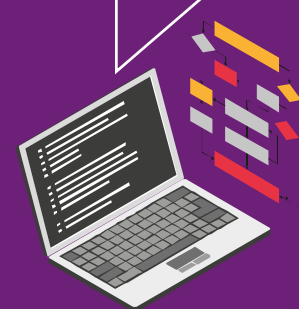


## Fraudsters are catching on to:

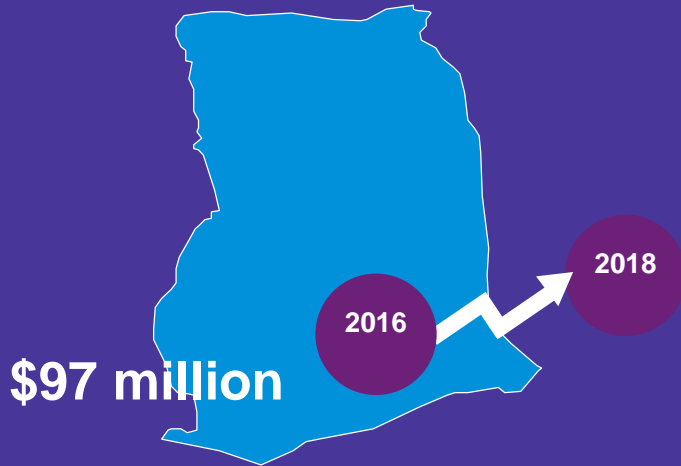
- 1 Data security
- 2 Step up SMS authentication with phone porting
- 3 IP masking
- 4 Phone spoofing of legitimate business
- 5 Voice recognition via technology developed to replicate voice and scammers have attempted to record victim's voices to bypass voice recognition
- 6 Finger print biometrics and customer personal data, sourcing these from cyber market places
- 7 Phishing, scams to increase their success rate/ returns via attacks at scale

## What is next gen fraud detection?

- Combined technologies to form a robust prevention & detection, supported by a robust fraud operating model
- Real time rules and machine learning
- Behavioural biometrics, including to the extent this can be used for scam detection
- Educating customers



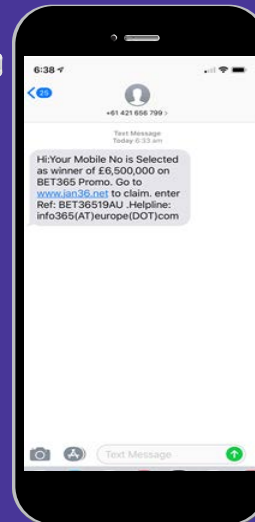
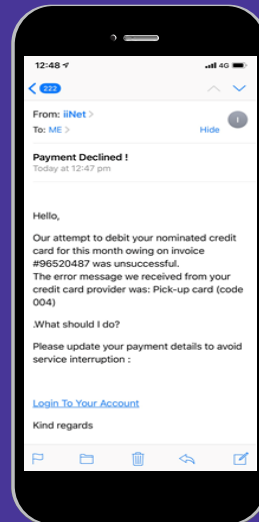
## 2 Social engineering: a spotlight on scams



Ghana lost US\$97m to cybercrime related activities between 2016 – 2018, with only 5.7% of the reported fraud cases undergoing investigations, Director of the Cyber Crime Unit of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Dr. Herbert Gustav Yankson, has revealed

Source: BF&T October 2018

- 2018 almost half a billion in scam losses
- New tricks are being employed by fraudsters
- Scam victims vary
- Banks are often blamed, dedicating significant resources to manage customer scam situations & finding conflict when customers are convinced of a scams legitimacy.
- In Ghana, there is no clear liability framework, and different approaches are being taken by banks – to compensate or not to compensate, that is the question.





## 2 Social engineering: a spotlight on scams (cont.)

Authorized  
Push Payments  
(APP) Fraud

Value  
£354.3m

50%

Volume  
84,624

93%

A total of £1.66 billion of unauthorised fraud was prevented by the banking and finance industry in 2018.

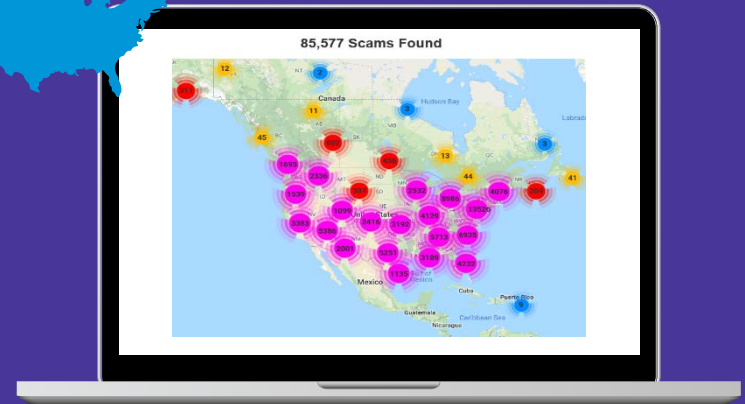
However, a total of **£1.2 billion** was stolen by criminals committing fraud last year, comprised of:

- £354 million in authorised fraud (scams)
- £845 million in unauthorised fraud

Source: UK Finance report 'Banking industry prevented GBP1.66 billion of fraud in 2018'

Contingent reimbursement model code for APP scams

- Code in Force from 28 May 2019
- Agreed principles for greater protection of customers and the circumstances in which they will be reimbursed.
- Reimbursement will occur if the customer was a victim of an APP scam, followed standards expected by customer but provider did not.



Source: BBB scams tracker reporting North America & Canadian scam incidents reported by victims & potential victims between 1 May 2017 to 1 May 2019

### AVERAGE AMOUNT LOST PER SCAM

By Type

Investment	\$8,648	Fake Invoice	\$441
Romance	\$6,003	Credit Repair/Debt Relief	\$388
Moving	\$3,993	Online Purchase	\$365
Cryptocurrency*	\$3,147	Fake Check/Money Order	\$341
Home Improvement	\$2,895	Tech Support	\$255
Nigerian/Foreign Money Exchange	\$2,133	Credit Card	\$231
Business Email Compromise	\$1,717	Government Grant	\$218
Family/Friend Emergency	\$1,219	Health Care/Medicaid/Medicare	\$170
Counterfeit Product	\$1,210	Scholarship	\$155
Travel/Vacation	\$887	Utility	\$106
Advance Fee Loan	\$716	Debt Collection	\$98
Charity	\$708	Yellow Pages/Directory	\$91
Identity Theft	\$683	Phishing	\$44
Rental	\$662	Tax Collection	\$31
Employment	\$598	Other	\$746
Sweepstakes/Lottery/Prize	\$547		

\*Denotes a category first tracked in 2018

SOURCE: BBB SCAM TRACKER™, 2015 TO DECEMBER 2018

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### 3 Evolving digital channels & faster payments

— The survey found 78% of respondents reported over 25% of their products & services are delivered via digital channels.

#### 26th Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) Africa Regional Conference – June 2019, Accra

Ghana Will Tackle Cyber Attacks, Digital Fraud - President Assures – Ghanaian Times, 19 June

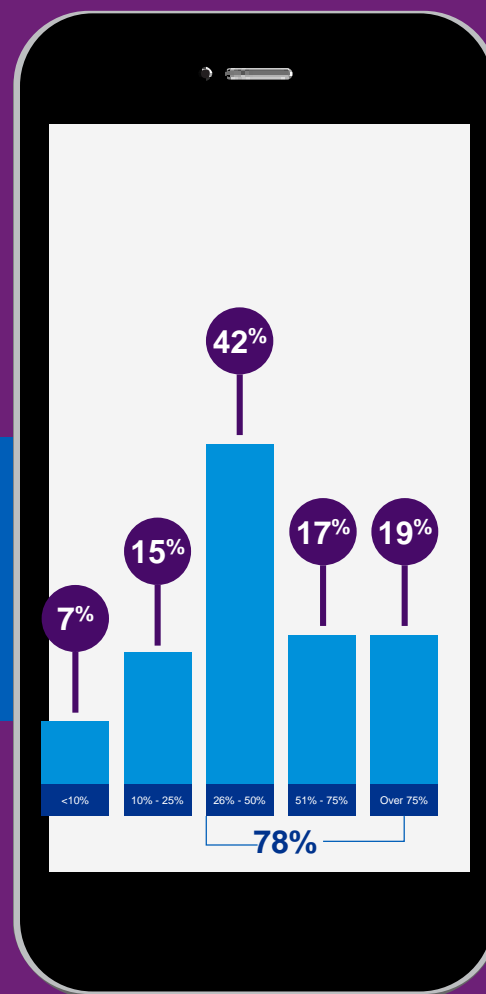
“ He said for instance, mobile money penetration in Ghana was the second in Africa, with mobile money transactions amounting to GH¢213 billion in 2018, up from GH¢78.8 billion in 2016.”

— Reducing the face to face interaction between banks and their customers, which is being exploited by organized criminals and fraudsters to commit fraud across borders.

+ Providing a rich data set of customer digital behavior, making it easier to spot potentially fraudulent payments.

— Dr. Ernest Addison, the Governor of the Bank of Ghana, on Tuesday said the Payment Systems and Services Act 2019 will help to create an enabling environment for the on-going digitisation processes in the economy. He said the implementation of the Act would help liberalise the country’s payment system further and allow for the entry of non-banks, direct licensing of FinTechs by the Bank of Ghana and ultimately promote financial inclusion to facilitate electronic means of payment.

— With a move to pull payments, vigilance to increased fraud is required. Particularly as lower recovery rates are expected given the velocity of faster payments.



# 4 Open Banking

## Open Banking is likely to impact fraud risk with:



likely higher transaction volumes for fraud detection;



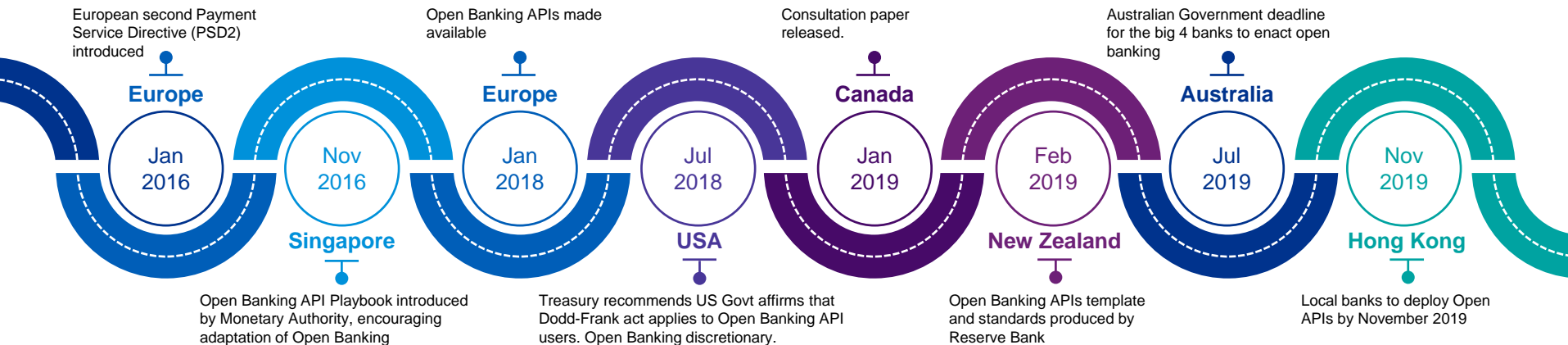
reliance on the security of third parties to protect customer banking information accessed through Application Programming Interfaces (APIs); and



fraudsters who gain access, to gather more sensitive customer data, presenting a more holistic picture of a customer's accounts to target liquid accounts across banks.

On the flip side, for banks this greater transparency of their customers' accounts across banks will likely enable more robust identity verification, the earlier identification of mule/ fraudulent accounts and more efficient fraudulent funds tracing given the visibility of a customer's accounts across banks.

### A summary Open Banking timeline across the globe



## Preparing for Open Banking from a fraud risk perspective



Data security



Digital identity

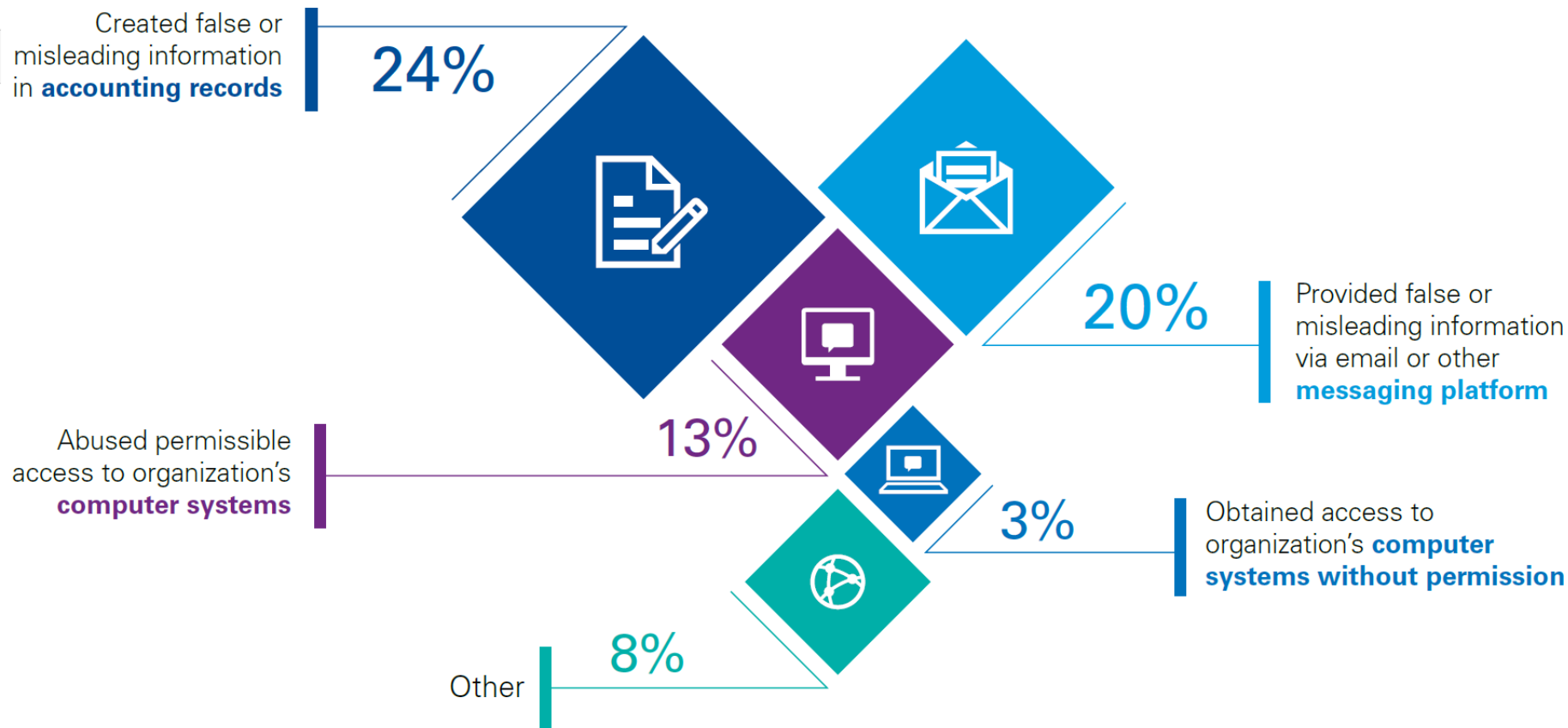


Access management



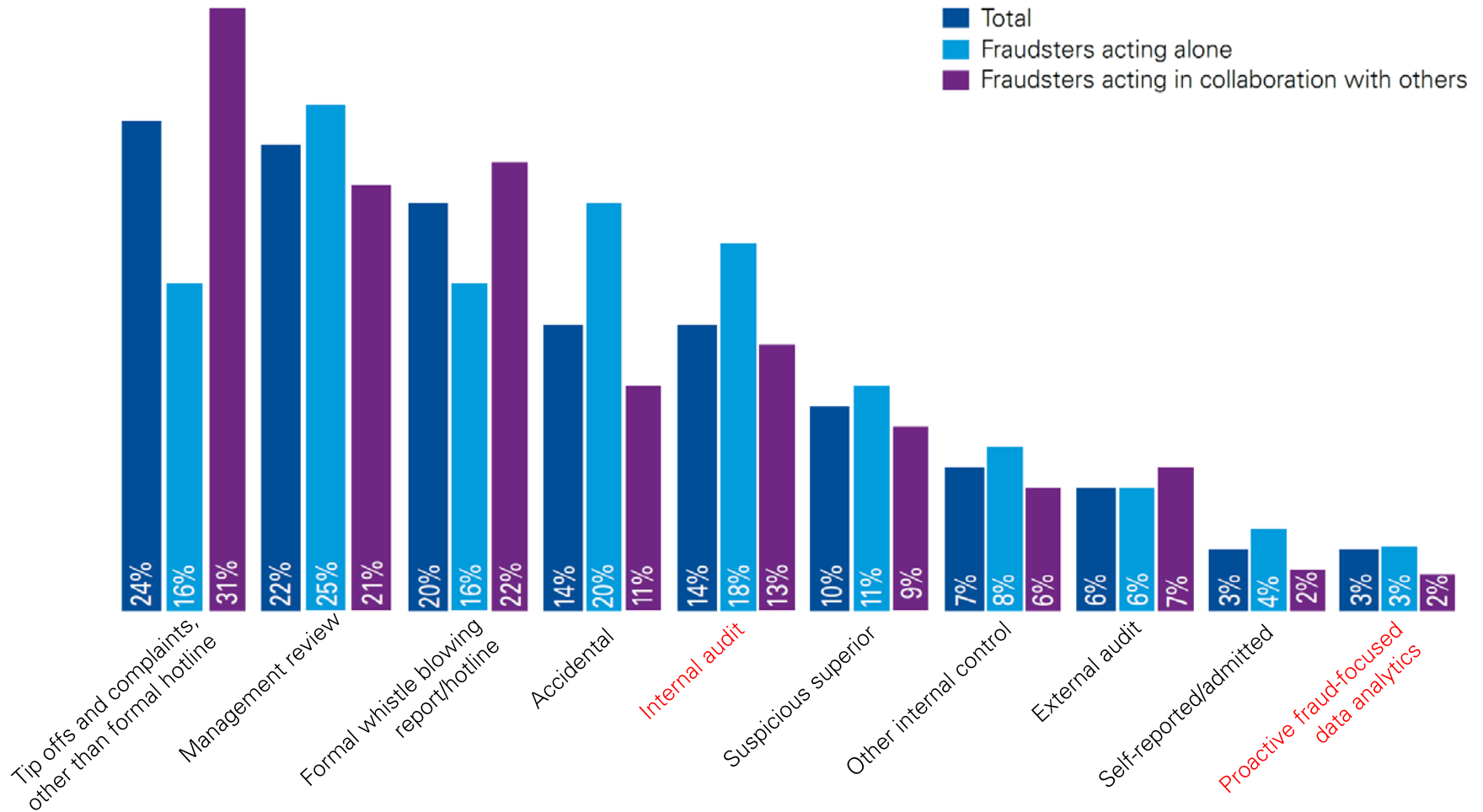
# Fraud Detection

# How technology was used to perpetrate the fraud



Source: *Global Profiles of the Fraudster*, KPMG International 2016

# How the frauds were detected

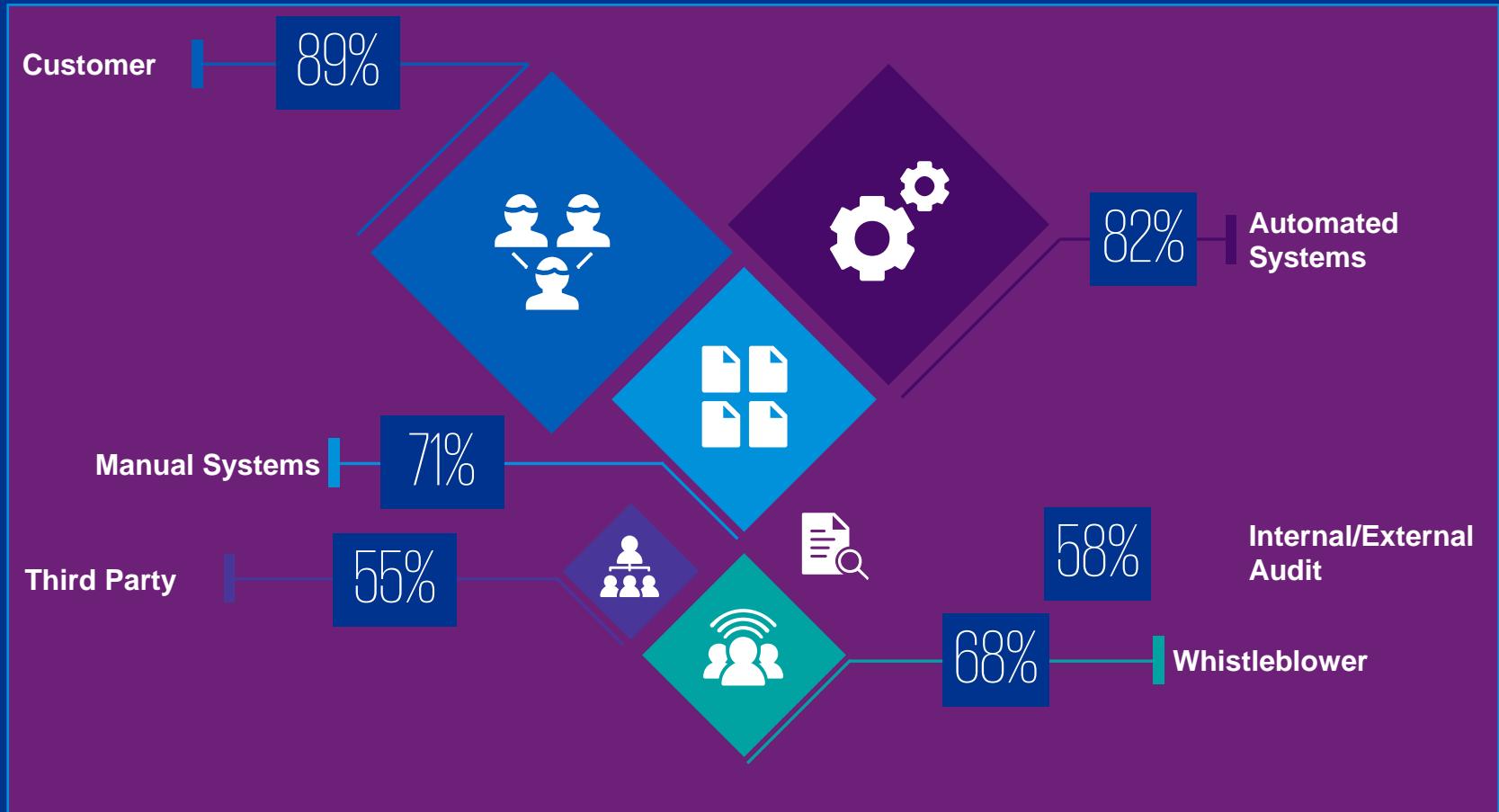


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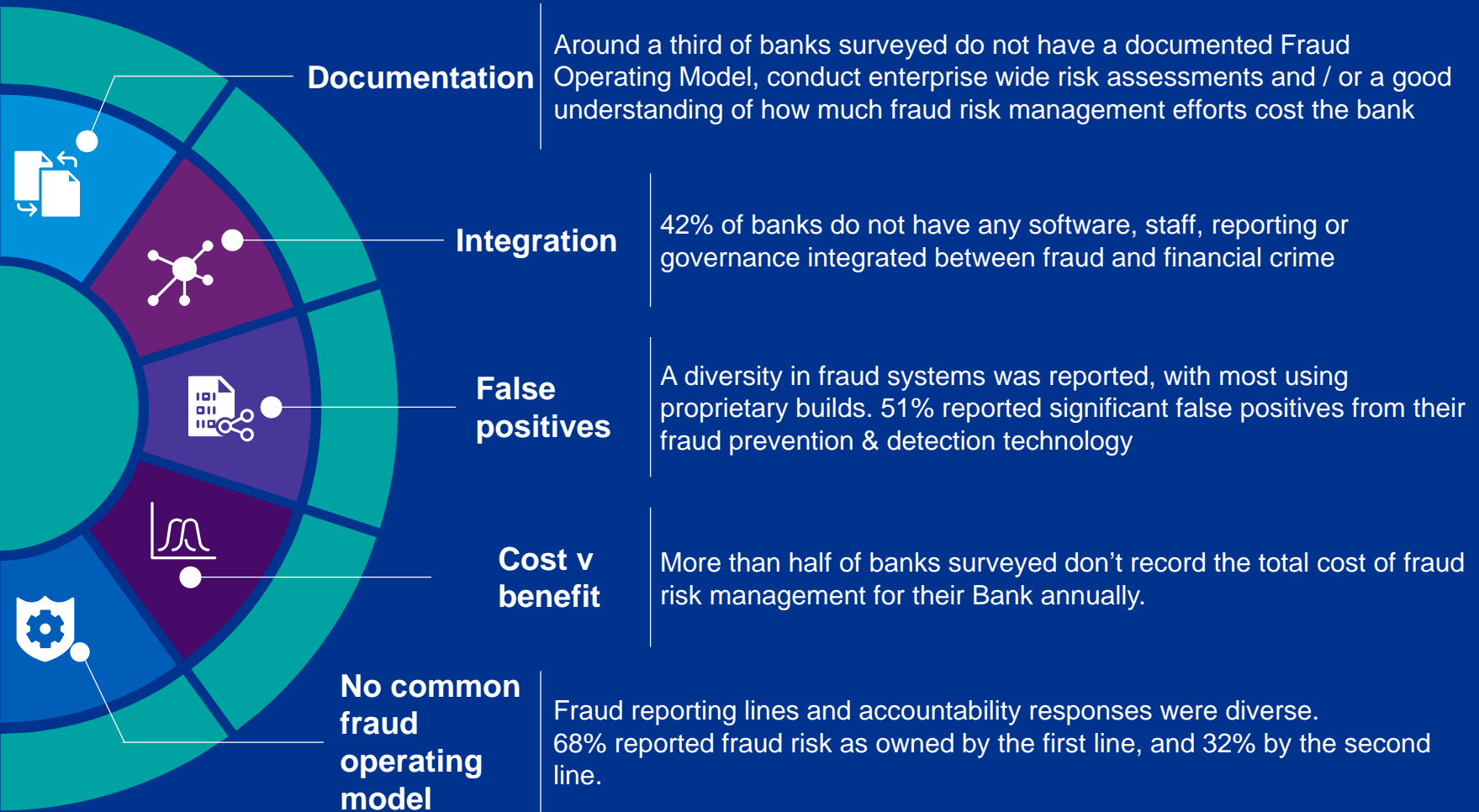
# Fraud detection & customer education

## How do banks identify fraudulent activity?



Source: Global Banking Fraud Survey, KPMG International 2019

# The fraud operating model- survey findings





# KPMG's fraud navigator

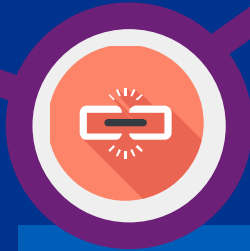
**KPMG has developed a fraud navigator tool to assess the maturity of bank operating models holistically across governance, people, processes & technology.**



# Conclusion

Fraudsters are becoming more sophisticated and agile in their approach to diversify their efforts from CNP & social engineering/ account takeovers to scams where customers are the weak link.

The insider threat can be as great, if not greater than external fraud as they are privy to your systems and customer data.



Technology alone is not enough. There is a necessity to plan outside of technology to obtain efficiency and optimum performance (minimising false positives) across governance, people, processes in support of bank technology.

Banks must enhance their ability to analyse data within an open banking environment and navigate through API's.

77% of respondents plan to invest in the following technologies over the next three years:

- Transaction monitoring technology with machine learning / AI / robotics.
- Fintech / RegTech development.
- Biometrics and greater use of open source and social media data.



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