

# Report 2028

Quality is how we make a difference

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# **KPMG Values**

KPMG is committed to quality and service excellence in all that we do, helping to bring our best to clients and earning the public's trust through our actions and behaviors both professionally and personally.

Our Values guide our behaviors day-to-day, informing how we act, the decisions we make, and how we work with each other, our clients, companies that we audit, and all of our stakeholders.



#### **Our Values are:**



**Integrity** We do what is right.



# Excellence

We never stop learning and improving.

Courage

We think and act boldly.

**Together** 

We respect each other and draw strength from our differences.



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# Committed to delivering quality

Quality is as much an outcome as it is the standard for which we hold ourselves to account. It is the gateway to building trusted relationships with clients, stakeholders, and between KPMG personnel across the global organization. Providing high-quality services is what allows people at KPMG to continuously earn and re-earn the trust that has underpinned the global organization for more than 150 years.

At KPMG, building trust is the key to our success and it starts with quality — even more so as the world evolves at a pace unrivaled in recent memory. Businesses are integrating technology in ways once unimaginable, shifting geopolitical winds and economic uncertainty have displaced norms, and businesses need to mobilize action against societal threats like the climate crisis.

The pace and scale of dramatic change happening around us only strengthens our resolve to ensure the quality, consistency and adaptability of our services are fit for this new future. Audit and assurance quality remains the highest priority at KPMG. KPMG firms have taken a consistent risk-based approach to their System of Quality Management to drive audit quality and meet the requirements of the International Standard on Quality Management (ISQM) 1.

We're investing significant resources across our global organization to stay ahead of the curve. This significant investment has occurred in tandem with greater investments in tools, technology and talented people across the organization - all to create a more seamless, integrated approach across borders. Within KPMG firms across the global organization:

- We've transformed the audit experience by delivering a fully digital audit approach that is more efficient, more consistent and more adaptable.
- We're utilizing powerful technologies, including artificial intelligence, and leaning on our alliances with technology leaders to further enhance quality and provide even more value through deeper analysis of businesses, big and small, across the world.
- We're upskilling KPMG people and building teams that are fluent in ESG assurance reporting to help our clients meet the goals necessary to build a more sustainable future.

No process, technology or investment is foolproof, but our commitment and focus on ensuring that we uphold our standards and those of our profession is unyielding. We learn from shortcomings and constantly look for opportunities to improve our performance and quality.

KPMG has a responsibility to so many people, businesses and institutions across the world. By utilizing the breadth of our organization and the expertise of our people, KPMG firms are here to serve their clients and stakeholders to safeguard the public interest. At KPMG we will never waiver from our commitment to deliver high-quality audit and assurance services.

We encourage you to read this report to learn more about how we're working to ensure you can trust KPMG to deliver professional excellence and quality.



Budi Susanto Managing Partner



Cahyadi Muliono Head of Audit and Assurance

# Audit quality\_

is fundamental to maintaining public trust and is the key measure on which our professional reputation stands.

We define "audit quality" as the outcome when audits are executed consistently, in line with the requirements and intent of applicable professional standards within a strong system of quality management.

All of our related activities are undertaken in an environment of the utmost level of objectivity, independence, ethics and integrity.

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# Who we are

#### **Our business**

KPMG in Indonesia is affiliated with KPMG International Limited (KPMG International), a private English company limited by guarantee. Today, with more than 1,269 Indonesian and expatriate professionals (as of 30 September 2023), we are one of the largest professional services firms in Indonesia with a balanced mix of international and local clients.

We deliver Audit, Tax, Advisory and Legal services. Our audit and assurance services in Indonesia are delivered through Siddharta Widjaja & Rekan - Registered Public Accountants, License No.: 916/KM.1/2014 (the Firm). Full details of the services offered by us can be found on our website.

One of our key priorities is to have a respectful and trusted relationship with audit and other regulators as we have a common interest in building public trust by promoting audit quality and, in consequence, the health of the capital markets.

#### **Our strategy**

Our strategy is set by our Board and demonstrates a commitment to guality and trust. Our focus is to invest significantly in priorities that form part of a multi-year collective strategy implementation that is taking place across the global organization.

The Board which, at present, comprises all Equity Partners, has the specific authority and responsibility to oversee management of the Firm by the executive committee (EXCOM) with the objective to protect the interests of the Equity Partners. The Board meetings are held quarterly and attended by the EXCOM who provides updates and other matters in respect of management of the Firm.

#### **KPMG** in Indonesia governance structure

We apply high standards of corporate governance. The Firm is governed and managed by the EXCOM. In addition to the EXCOM, the Firm also has disciplinary committee (DISCOM).

Details about the roles, and responsibilities and composition of each of these key bodies are set out below:

#### **The Executive Committee** 1.

The EXCOM consists of the Managing Partner (MP), Risk Management Partner (RMP), Head of Functions, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Clients and Markets, and Head of People. The EXCOM meets from time to time to undertake certain statutory duties for the Firm, including approving the annual financial statements and the transparency report. The EXCOM is responsible for the long-term growth and sustainability of the Firm. It provides leadership to the organization, sets the Firm's strategy, oversees its implementation and monitors performance against our business plan.

#### 2. **The Disciplinary Committee**

The DISCOM consists of MP, RMP, Ethics and Independence Partner (EIP), The DISCOM consists of MP, RMP, Ethics and Independence Partner (EIP), Head of Functions and other members of Firm management as considered appropriate for the circumstances under review. The DISCOM is responsible for overseeing the disciplinary process for ethics and independence matters. It sets the Firm disciplinary policy and monitor such policy has been communicated to all employees in our Firm.

Throughout this document, "KPMG", "we", "our" and "us" refers to KPMG in Indonesia.

Any references to the KPMG global organization mean the member firms of KPMG International Limited, each of which is a separate legal entity. KPMG International Limited is a private English company limited by guarantee and does not provide services to clients.

No member firm has any authority to obligate or bind KPMG International Limited or any other member firm vis-à-vis third parties, nor does KPMG International Limited have any such authority to obligate or bind any member firm.

KPMG International means KPMG International Limited unless the context requires the reference to mean KPMG International Services Ltd (which provides services, products and support to, or for the benefit of, member firms or KPMG International Limited but not services, products or support to clients) or KPMG International Cooperative (which owns and licenses the KPMG brand).

Throughout this document, references to "Firm", "KPMG firm", "member firm" and "KPMG member firm" refer to firms which are either: members of KPMG International Limited; sublicensee firms of KPMG International Limited; or entities that are wholly or dominantly owned and controlled by an entity that is a member or a sublicensee. The overall governance structure of KPMG International Limited is provided in the 'Governance and leadership' section of the KPMG International Transparency Report.

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Audit and assurance quality is foundational to instilling confidence and public trust in the capital markets and it remains our highest priority.

Across the global organization, KPMG firms have strengthened the consistency and robustness of their system of quality management (SoQM) to meet the requirements of the International Standard on Quality Management (ISQM) 1, issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB). Foundational for quality management, our globally consistent approach to ISQM 1 drives compliance with the requirements of the standard and our efforts to strengthen trust and transparency with our clients, the capital markets and the public we serve.

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KPMG International's global approach to SoQM and ISQM 1:

- Sets policies and procedures to support KPMG firms' effective SoQM in accordance with ISQM 1 issued by the IAASB;
- Establishes for each SoQM component globally consistent quality objectives, risks and responses;
- Provides KPMG firms with a **risk assessment framework** that they have agreed to use in identifying incremental KPMG firm specific quality objectives, risks, and controls;
- Supports KPMG firms with guidance, tools, and training to drive consistent and effective firm SoQM operation;
- Includes monitoring activities over KPMG firms' SoQM to drive global consistency.

Our globally consistent approach to ISQM 1 drives the robustness of our responses to the risks of achieving the quality objectives set out in the standard. For each component in the standard, we have established minimum required quality objectives, quality risks and responses for all KPMG firms.

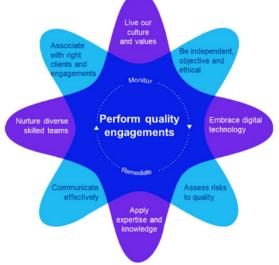
KPMG International has established a risk assessment process required to be used by KPMG firms in identifying additional firm specific quality objectives, quality risks, and responses and requirements for testing and evaluation of their system of quality management together with guidance, tools and templates to support the consistent implementation of ISQM 1 across KPMG firms.

The globally consistent approach is used by all KPMG firms across the global organization. The objective of this centralized approach is to drive consistency, robustness, and accountability of responses within KPMG firms' processes.

To provide more transparency on what drives KPMG audit and assurance quality, this report is structured around the KPMG Global Quality Framework. For KPMG, the Global Quality Framework outlines how we deliver guality and how every KPMG professional contribute to its delivery.

The drivers outlined in the framework are the ten components of our KPMG SoQM. In line with ISQM 1, our SoQM also aligns with the requirements of the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA), which apply to professional services firms that perform audits of financial statements.

Sections 3-12 of the Transparency Report describe how we effectively operate each SoQM component. This Transparency Report summarizes how our SoQM effectively supports the consistent performance of quality engagements. This report may also be useful for stakeholders interested in KPMG firms' Tax and Advisory services, as certain aspects of our firm's SoQM are crossfunctional and apply equally as the foundation of quality for all services offered.



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It's not just what we do at KPMG that matters, we also pay attention to how we do it. Our Values are our core beliefs, guiding and unifying our actions and behaviours. Shared across every level and in every country, jurisdiction and territory in which we operate, they are the foundation of our unique culture.

#### Fostering the right culture, starting with tone at the top

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#### Tone at the top

KPMG global leadership, working with regional and member firm leadership, plays a critical role in establishing our commitment to quality and the highest standards of professional excellence. A culture based on integrity, accountability, guality, objectivity, independence, and ethics is essential in an organization that carries out audits and other services on which stakeholders rely.

At KPMG in Indonesia we promote a culture in which consultation is encouraged and recognized as a strength. We communicate our commitment to clients, stakeholders, and society at large to earn the public's trust.

Our Values lie at the heart of the way we do things. To do the right thing, the right way. Always. They form the foundation of a resilient culture ready to meet challenge with integrity, so we never lose sight of our principal responsibility to protect the public interest. And they propel us forward — through our work and the example we set as we inspire confidence and empower change throughout the world.

We are committed to quality and service excellence in all that we do, helping to bring our best to clients and earning the public's trust through our actions and behaviours both professionally and personally.

Outlined in KPMG's Global Code of Conduct ("the Code") are the responsibilities all KPMG personnel have to each other, the public and our clients. It shows how our Values inspire our greatest aspirations and guide all our behaviours and actions. It defines what it means to work at and be part of KPMG, as well as our individual and collective responsibilities.

Everyone at KPMG is held accountable for behaviour consistent with the Code and is required to confirm their compliance with it. All KPMG personnel are required to take annual training covering the Code. We are committed to holding ourselves accountable for behaving in a way that is consistent with the Code. Individuals are encouraged to speak up if they see something that makes them uncomfortable or that is not in compliance with the Code, or our Values.

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Everyone at KPMG is required to report any activity that could potentially be illegal or in violation of our Values, KPMG policies, applicable laws, regulations or professional standards.

To safeguard this principle of holding each other accountable, we are required to establish, communicate and maintain clearly defined channels to allow KPMG personnel and third parties to make inquiries about, raise concerns in relation to, provide feedback on, and notify, reportable matters, without fear of reprisal, in accordance with applicable law or regulation.

The KPMG International hotline is a further mechanism for KPMG personnel, clients and other third parties to confidentially report concerns they have relating to certain areas of activity by KPMG International, activities of KPMG firms or KPMG personnel. We take reports received by the International hotline seriously, and for each of them we respond, and take appropriate action.

All KPMG firms and personnel are prohibited from retaliating against individuals who have the courage to speak up in good faith. Retaliation is a serious violation of the Code, and any person who takes retaliatory action will be subject to their firm's disciplinary policy.

The Global People Survey provides our leadership and KPMG International leadership with results related to upholding the KPMG Values. KPMG in Indonesia and KPMG International monitor the results and take appropriate actions to communicate and respond to any findings.



### Leadership responsibilities for quality and risk management

We demonstrate commitment to integrity, quality, objectivity, independence, and ethics, and communicates our focus on quality to clients, stakeholders, and society. Our leadership plays a critical role in setting the right tone and leading by example — demonstrating an unwavering commitment to the highest standards of professional excellence and championing and supporting major initiatives.

Our leadership team is committed to building a culture based on integrity, quality, objectivity, independence, and ethics, demonstrated through their actions.

We are required to seek input from the chair of the relevant Global Steering Group or his/her delegee on the performance of certain leaders within KPMG in Indonesia whose role most closely aligns with the activities of the Global Steering Group. Input is sought as part of the annual performance process and is based on an assessment of the leader's performance, which includes matters of public interest, audit quality and risk management activities.

The following individuals have leadership responsibilities for quality and risk management at KPMG in Indonesia:

Managing Partner and Head of Audit and Assurance 1. The MP oversees strategy implementation, protects and enhances the KPMG brand and oversees management of the Firm. In accordance with the principles in Indonesian Standard of Quality Control 1 (SQC 1) (equivalent to ISQC 1), at KPMG in Indonesia, the MP assumes ultimate responsibility for our system of quality control and is accountable for the quality of service delivered in the Audit Practice. The Head of Audit and Assurance (HOAA) is responsible for the execution of the risk management, quality assurance and monitoring procedures within the framework set by the RMP. These procedures make it clear that at the engagement level, risk management and guality control is ultimately the responsibility of all professionals. Our MP and the HOAA also actively participate in interactions with the ASEAN Audit Regulators Group (AARG) to facilitate the consideration of audit quality matters across the region.

#### 2. Risk Management Partner

Operational responsibility for the system of quality control, risk management and compliance at KPMG in Indonesia has been delegated to the RMP, who is responsible for setting overall professional risk management and quality control policies and monitoring compliance across all business practices – Audit, Tax, Advisory and Legal. The RMP is supported by a team of professionals in each of the practices. The RMP has a seat on the EXCOM and has a direct reporting line to the MP. Within the Audit Practice, the HOAA with the RMP are responsible for setting the framework for performance of high quality audits, including expected behaviours.

#### 3. Department of Professional Practice (DPP)

The role of the DPP is crucial in terms of the support that it provides to the Audit Practice. The DPP, made up of senior professionals with extensive experience in audit and financial reporting and led by a partner, is the national center of technical excellence responsible for: conducting technical research, interacting with local and global professional standard-setters and regulators, and providing technical financial reporting and auditing guidance and support to our people in the field. The DPP works closely with Learning & Development (L&D) on technical training matters.



#### 4. Audit Quality Partner

The Audit Quality Partner is responsible for assisting the HOAA and RMP to roll-out compliance measures for the Audit Practice. Specifically, the responsibilities of Audit Quality Partner include:

- Reviewing the proposed significant audit initiatives ensuring the objectives and outcomes align with maintaining or enhancing audit quality;
- Recommending the strategic prioritization, resourcing and timetabling of audit initiatives as they impact audit quality;
- Confirming the robustness of our monitoring activities as consistent with our audit quality priorities.

#### 5. Audit Methodology and Deployment Partner

Our Audit Methodology and Deployment Partner disseminates to audit team guidance and information relating to our interpretations of auditing standards and national initiatives to enhance quality, identify improvement opportunities and lead our methodology coaches.

#### 6. System of Quality Management Partner

Whilst the Firm's MP is ultimately accountable for the implementation of ISQM 1, the System of Quality Management (SoQM) Implementation Leader is responsible for driving the SoQM implementation within the member firm. The SoQM Implementation Leader in the member firm is responsible for overseeing, coordinating, and supporting the execution of the tasks necessary to implement the controls that make up the SoQM components: the Firm's risk assessment process, governance and leadership, relevant ethical requirement, acceptance and continuance of client relationship, engagement performance, resources (human, intellectual and technological resources), information & communication and monitoring & remediation. To oversee the SoQM implementation process, the Firm has established SoQM steering committee that consists of MP, HOAA, RMP, Audit Quality Partner, and Head of People.

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# Applying expertise and knowledge

We are committed to continuing to build on our technical expertise and knowledge recognizing its fundamental role in delivering quality audits.

### Methodology aligned with professional standards, laws and regulations

Our audit and assurance methodology, tools and guidance enable a consistent approach to planning, performing and documenting audit procedures over key accounting processes:

- Globally consistent and fully compliant with the applicable standards, including International Standards on Auditing (ISA), Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) and the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) and are supplemented to comply with local auditing standards and regulatory or statutory requirements by KPMG firms;
- Inclusive of KPMG methodology interpretations that drive consistency in areas where the applicable standards are not prescriptive in the approach to be followed;
- Centered on identifying risk, focusing on risks of material misstatements and the necessary audit response;
- Made available to all KPMG audit and assurance professionals and required to be used, where necessary;
- Applied even where local auditing standards may be less demanding than the ISAs; and
- Based on the requirements of the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) and aligned to assurance products in response to the growth of ESG reporting.

The KPMG audit methodology is set out in the KPMG Audit Execution Guide and includes KPMG interpretation of how to apply ISAs, which we believe enhance audit quality.

The KPMG Assurance Manuals, which will be replaced with KPMG Execution guide for Assurance, provide the requirements and guidance for a consistent approach to performing assurance engagements, in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000, Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information. The audit and assurance methodologies emphasize applying appropriate professional skepticism in the execution of procedures and require compliance with relevant ethical requirements, including independence.

Enhancements to the audit and assurance methodologies, guidance and tools are made regularly to maintain compliance with the applicable standards and address emerging auditing and assurance areas of focus and audit quality results (internal and external). For example, the current focus on ESG assurance is driving updates to our assurance methodologies, tools and guidance.

We have added local requirements and/or guidance to the globally prescribed minimum requirements in the KPMG Audit Execution Guide and the KPMG Assurance Manuals to comply with additional local professional, legal, or regulatory requirements.

#### Deep technical expertise and knowledge

#### Access to specialists network

Specialist expertise is an increasingly important part of the modern audit. Our engagement teams have access to a network of KPMG specialists – either within their firm or in other KPMG firms. These specialists receive the training they need to ensure they have the competencies, capabilities and objectivity to appropriately fulfil their role on our audits. They also receive a global annual update on global quality performance issues.

The need for specialists to be assigned to an audit engagement in areas such as information technology, tax, treasury, actuarial, forensic and valuations is considered as part of the audit engagement acceptance and continuance process, as well as during the planning and conduct of the engagement.

### Our commitment to audit quality by responding to significant external events and conditions

Significant external events and conditions, such as the impacts arising from climate change, geopolitical events, volatile interest rates and elevated levels of inflation may have significant financial statement implications, increasing complexity, subjectivity and uncertainty for matters such as management's going concern assessment, asset impairments and asset valuations. KPMG International issues extensive guidance to assist engagement teams in our firms in addressing the financial reporting, auditing and reporting related matters arising from the impacts of these significant external events and conditions.

We also have access to an online financial reporting resource center maintained by KPMG International that highlights the potential financial statement implications of matters arising from significant external events to assist financial statement preparers and other stakeholders in understanding the potential accounting and disclosure implications of matters arising from these significant external events and conditions.

KPMG International's guidance is continually updated as new significant accounting, auditing, and reporting issues emerge.

We are a technology-enabled organization, with technical accounting and auditing resources, guidance, platforms and tools available digitally, which enable our engagement teams to effectively operate in office and remote-working environments.

#### **ESG** assurance quality

KPMG is committed to fulfilling our public interest role in providing robust assurance that can benefit investors and other stakeholders.

We believe the same level of professionalism, quality, consistency and trust should apply to ESG reporting as to financial data. We are making significant investments in putting ESG at the heart of the organization.

During 2023, as part of the global organization's commitments to serving the public interest, KPMG International:

- Released a revised methodology for ESG assurance designed to be flexible and scalable, while enabling high quality, globally consistent assurance engagement delivery that complies with assurance standards and aligns with our financial statements audit methodology. The scope of the execution guide is broader than ESG assurance and is also applicable for all International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 assurance engagements.
- Delivered guidance to be used in conjunction with the methodology that is supported by standardized risks and procedures for Greenhouse Gas assurance engagements.

- Released cloud-based ESG assurance workflow compliant with the revised assurance methodology, built on our smart technology platform — KPMG Clara — that provides our teams, and our clients, with a consistent user experience.
- Released learning curriculum to increase the foundational ESG literacy of KPMG professionals and enable upskilling on the new methodology and KPMG Clara workflow – Assurance.

KPMG in Indonesia has a dedicated cross-functional team of experts. We deliver functional support to the clients for:

#### 1. KPMG-led workshops

We perform workshops to provide an overview of ESG assurance and the current reporting landscape, including common reporting frameworks and highlight what clients need to do to get ready for assurance and to meet external and internal demand.

2.KPMG Ready for Assurance

Our service determines whether the necessary preconditions to perform ESG assurance are present and whether the client is ready for the rigor of a future reasonable or limited assurance engagement. The pre-condition assessment and process understanding determines if the client's criteria for measuring and evaluating ESG information will result in appropriate ESG information relevant to their stakeholders and regulators. We deliver our findings and observations in a report the client can use to be ready for assurance.

3. Assurance on ESG information

We provide external assurance in accordance with (either at a limited or reasonable level of assurance (depending on stakeholder and regulatory needs):

- Standard on Assurance Engagements (SPA) 3000 (2022 Revision) "Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information" issued by the Indonesian Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
- Standard on Assurance Engagements (SPA) 3410 "Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements" issued by the Indonesian Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

This includes formal opinions/conclusions over reported ESG metrics and disclosures or GHG Statements in accordance with mandatory or voluntary frameworks.

#### Quality and risk management manual

KPMG International has quality and risk management policies that apply to all member firms. These are included in KPMG's Global Quality & Risk Management Manual (GQ&RM Manual) which applies to all KPMG firms and all KPMG personnel. KPMG in Indonesia is required to establish and maintain a system of quality management and design, implement, and test the operating effectiveness of quality controls.

# **Embracing digital technology**

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At KPMG, we are committed to serving the public interest and creating value through continuous innovation. We are transforming the audit experience for our professionals and clients by leveraging the data and insights of leading technologies and enhancing audit quality by increasing our ability to focus on the issues that matter.

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All our professionals are expected to adhere to KPMG International and KPMG in Indonesia policies and procedures, including independence policies, and are provided with a range of tools and guidance to support them in meeting these expectations. Our policies and procedures set for audit engagements incorporate the relevant requirements of accounting, auditing, ethical and quality control standards, and other relevant laws and regulations.

#### **Evolving our audit workflows**

We recognize that to deliver quality audits, we need to continually evolve and develop our technology solutions to keep pace with today's digital world.

That is why we reimagined our audit platform, workflows and methodology to provide enhanced consistency and support to our audit engagement teams, deliver detailed insights, and future-proof our systems for the expected continued development of new technologies, such as robotic process automation, machine learning and cognitive technologies.

The release of the KPMG Clara workflows and revised audit methodology is an important milestone in KPMG's journey to innovate, digitalize and transform the audit experience. It is a significant investment that underlines our commitment to audit quality, consistency and innovation.

#### **KPMG Clara**

KPMG Clara is our smart and intuitive technology platform that is driving globally consistent audit execution. As a fully integrated, scalable, cloud-based platform, it enables the enhanced audit methodology through data-enabled workflows.

The platform integrates new and emerging technologies, with advanced capabilities that leverage data science, audit automation, and data visualization.

The digital audit is increasingly integral to how KPMG member firms perform quality audits and interact with their clients. Policies and guidance are in place to establish and maintain appropriate processes and controls regarding the development, evaluation and testing, deployment and support of technology in our audits.

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KPMG Clara is helping auditors see meaningful patterns across a business, whether conducting risk assessment, tracing transactions through a complex revenue process, or simply adding up the accounts. Examples of current capabilities include:

- Analysis of account balances and journal entry data;
- Automation of 'period on period' balances comparison and 'time series' evolution information;
- Analysis of sub-ledger, transactional data over certain business processes and accounts; and
- Integration (where applicable) with industry-specific digital procedures and solutions.

#### Our vision of the future

KPMG Clara was developed to be a foundational technology platform to deliver audit quality. It evolves with technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), data & analytics and cognitive capabilities transforming how audits are delivered.

Al plays an increasingly significant role in delivering audits; for example the alliance with <u>MindBridge</u> is helping to better identify high-risk transactions, allowing us to obtain audit evidence and insights into client data.

The KPMG organization's procurement and global alliance relationships with Microsoft were recently renewed and expanded. The multi-year agreement further integrates data, automation and AI enablement into KPMG Clara to develop deeper, increasingly relevant insights, freeing up KPMG teams to focus on higher-risk areas of audit.

#### KPMG Clara workflows

Our previous platform, eAudIT, is being replaced with new workflows embedded with our revised audit methodology and enabled by the KPMG Clara smart audit platform. Global transition completed in 2023.



The web-enabled KPMG Clara workflows guide audit teams through a series of steps in a logical sequence aligned to the applicable professional auditing standards with a clear display of information, visuals, and guidance available, and with embedded advanced digital audit and project management capabilities. The workflows and revised audit methodologies are scalable – adjusting the requirements to the size and complexity of the audit engagement. KPMG Clara workflows significantly enhance the execution of an audit by KPMG professionals and drive audit quality and global consistency.

Using data mining and tracking of relevant engagement level data indicators, the KPMG Clara workflows can also facilitate monitoring of audit execution at the engagement level.

We continue to enhance the KPMG Clara smart audit platform to accommodate evolving security demands, further integrate existing audit applications, and develop new capabilities to digitalize additional audit processes.

### Client confidentiality, information security, and data privacy

The importance of maintaining client confidentiality is emphasized through a variety of mechanisms, including the KPMG Global Code of Conduct.

We have policies on information security, confidentiality, personal information and data privacy. We have a document retention policy concerning the retention period for audit documentation and other records relevant to an engagement in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and professional standards.

KPMG provides training on confidentiality, information protection and data privacy requirements to all our personnel annually.

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- Audit & Assurance including ESG
- Global, risk-based methodology

- Enhanced two-way communication
- Tailored scoping
- Group auditor access to component

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- "Risk-to-response" analytics
- Al-driven coverage
- Tailored to client

- Real-time alerts and task tracking
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# Nurturing diverse skilled teams

Our people make the real difference and are instrumental in shaping the future of audit at KPMG. We put quality and integrity at the core of our audit practice. Our auditors have diverse skills and capabilities to address complex problems.

#### Recruiting appropriately qualified and skilled people, including specialists, with diversity of perspective and experience

One of the key drivers of quality is ensuring that KPMG professionals have the appropriate skills and experience, motivation, and purpose to deliver high-quality audits. This requires the right recruitment, development, reward, promotion, retention, and assignment of professionals.

#### Recruitment

We have invested in understanding how we can attract the talent we need now and in the future across the organization. This requires the right recruitment, development, reward, promotion and assignment of professionals. This includes to building an extraordinary people experience for all current and prospective partners and employees.

Our recruitment strategy is focused on drawing entry-level talent from a broad talent base, including working with established universities, colleges, and business schools. We also recruit significant numbers at an experienced hire level.

All candidates apply and are employed following a variety of selection processes, which may include application screening, competency-based interviews, psychometric and ability testing, and qualification/reference checks. These leverage fair and job-related criteria to ensure that candidates possess the appropriate skills and experience to perform competently, are suitable and best placed for their roles.

We recruited over 175 new graduates in the year ended 30 September 2023 (2022: 217).

Where individuals are recruited for senior grades, a formal independence discussion is conducted with them by the EIP or a delegate. We do not accept any confidential information belonging to the candidate's former firm/employer.

Profiles of KPMG audit personnel	30 September 2023	30 September 2022
No. of audit partners and partner equivalents	37	35
No. of client service audit staff (excluding partners and partner equivalents)	694	712
Staff/partner ratio	18.76	20.34

Average years of experience	30 September 2023	30 September 2022
Partners and partner equivalents	20.38	21.56
Senior manager and manager	7.95	7.34
Senior team member	3.52	3.34
Team member	1.03	0.76

#### Inclusion, diversity & equity programs

We are committed to building a diverse and equitable firm that is inclusive to all.

Inclusion, diversity, and equity (IDE) is core to our very existence – helping us build great teams with diverse views that represent the world we live in. It leads to better decision making, drives greater creativity and innovation, and encourages us to stand up, live our Values, and do what is right. We recognize our firms' global position working with clients around the world affords us a privileged place. With that comes an opportunity and responsibility to achieve more and push for a fairer, more equitable society.

Our KPMG Global Inclusion, Diversity & Equity Collective Action Plan outlines the actions that are necessary to advance inclusion, diversity, and equity at KPMG in Indonesia and across all KPMG firms.

For more about inclusion & diversity at KPMG read here.

#### **Reward and promotion**

We have compensation and promotion policies that are informed by market data, clear, simple, fair and linked to the performance review process. This helps our partners and employees understand what is expected of them, and what they can expect to receive in return. The connection between performance and reward is achieved through calibration process where relative performance across a peer group is discussed and used to formulate reward decisions.

Reward decisions are based on consideration of both individual and firm performance.

The extent to which our people feel their performance has been reflected in their reward is measured through the annual Global People Survey, with action plans developed as required.

The results of performance evaluations directly affect the promotion and remuneration of partners and employees and, in some cases, their continued association with KPMG.

#### **Partner remuneration**

There are two elements to partner remuneration: a base component reflective of role and seniority and a performance related bonus, rewarding high performance against previously agreed goals and achievement of Key Performance Indicators which include compliance with various metrics and audit quality. Compensation is based on factors including results of internal and external inspections, risk management and independence monitoring, leadership, quality client impact, delivering on our strategy, coaching and developing staff and living the Values of our firm.

#### Assigning an appropriately qualified team

We have procedures in place to assign engagement partners and other professionals to a specific engagement on the basis of their skill sets, relevant professional and industry experience, and the nature of the assignment or engagement. Function heads are responsible for the partner assignment process. Key considerations include partner experience and capacity – based on an annual partner portfolio review – to perform the engagement taking into account the size, complexity and risk profile of the engagement and the type of support to be provided (i.e. the engagement team composition and specialist involvement).

Audit engagement partners are required to be satisfied that their engagement teams have appropriate competencies, training and capabilities, including time, to perform audit engagements in accordance with our audit methodology, professional standards, and applicable legal and regulatory requirements. This may include involving specialists from our own firm, other KPMG member firms or external experts.

When considering the appropriate competence and capabilities expected of the engagement team as a whole, the engagement partner's considerations may include the following:

- Understanding of, and practical experience with, audit engagements of a similar nature and complexity through appropriate training and participation;
- Understanding of professional standards and legal and regulatory requirements;
- Appropriate technical skills, including those related to relevant information technology and specialized areas of accounting or auditing;
- Knowledge of relevant industries in which the client operates;
- Ability to apply professional judgment;
- Understanding of KPMG in Indonesia's quality control policies and procedures; and
- Quality Performance Review (QPR) results and results of regulatory inspections.

### Investing in data centric skills — including data mining, analysis and visualization

KPMG is strategically investing in our talent pipeline by partnering with world-class institutions to sustain our strong leadership, while also looking forward to cultivating the skills and capabilities that will be needed in the future. We are recruiting and training professionals who specialize in software, cloud capabilities and artificial intelligence and who can bring leading technology capabilities to our smart audit platform. We provide training on a wide range of technologies to ensure that field professionals not only meet the highest professional standards but are also upskilled in new technology. With this approach we are bringing together the right people with the right skills and the right technology to perform exceptional audits.

# Focused learning and development on technical expertise, professional acumen, and leadership skills

### Commitment to technical excellence and quality service delivery

All our professionals are provided with the technical training and support they need to perform their roles. This includes access to internal specialists and the professional practice department for consultation. Where the right resource is not available within KPMG in Indonesia, the firm accesses a network of highly skilled KPMG professionals in other KPMG firms.

At the same time, audit policies require all KPMG audit professionals to have the appropriate knowledge and experience for their assigned engagements.

#### Lifetime learning strategy

Formal training



Annual training priorities for development and delivery are identified by the Audit Learning and Development steering groups at global, regional and, where applicable, KPMG firm level. Mandatory learning requirements for audit professionals across the KPMG organization are established annually. Training is delivered using a blend of learning approaches and performance support.

	No. of hours			
Types of training	FY2023	FY2022		
Technical (e.g. accounting and auditing, quarterly updates, IFRS, US GAAP, etc.)	51,908	74,209		
Risk management (e.g. independence, etc.)	4,634	7,213		
Industry (e.g. energy, financial services, food and beverages, etc.)	2,426	3,082		
Continuing professional education (CPE) training	1,324	1,317		
Soft skills (e.g. milestone workshops, project management, business development skills, etc.)	3,094	2,774		
Others	6,739	5,980		
Total*	70,125	94,575		

\*Decrease in the number of hours was due to composition of the headcount; update in the training curriculum and schedule.

#### Mentoring and on the job training

Learning is not confined to a single approach — rich learning experiences are available when needed through coaching and just-in-time learning, available at the click of a mouse and aligned with job specific role profiles and learning paths.

Mentoring and on-the-job experience play key roles in developing the personal qualities important for a successful career in auditing, including professional judgment, technical excellence, and instinct.

We support a coaching culture throughout KPMG as part of enabling KPMG professionals to achieve their full potential and instil that every team member is responsible for building the capacity of the team, coaching other team members and sharing experiences.



#### Continuing professional education

We require all our client service partners with an Indonesian CPA license to maintain the Indonesian Institute of Certified Public Accountants (IAPI) standard of CPE. They must obtain a minimum of 40 CPE hours annually and at least half of the hours must cover accounting or auditing, including the capital market and banking sectors for CPAs practicing in these areas.

	FY2023	FY2022
Number of client service partners and partners	29	26
equivalent with an Indonesian CPA license		

In addition, our policy requires all partners and staff to achieve a minimum of 30 CPE hours per year and a minimum of 120 CPE hours over three years. To assist our people in maintaining their CPE records, we record attendance using our internal training tracking system.

#### Licensing and mandatory requirements for IFRS<sup>®</sup> Standards and US GAAP engagements

#### Licensing

All of our professionals are required to comply with applicable professional licence rules and satisfy the Continuing Professional Development requirements in the jurisdiction where they practice. Our policies and procedures are designed to facilitate compliance with licence requirements. We are responsible for ensuring that audit professionals working on engagements have appropriate audit, accounting and industry knowledge, and experience in the local predominant financial reporting framework.

### Mandatory requirements — IFRS Standards and US GAAP engagements

In addition, we have specific requirements for partners, managers and Engagement Quality Control (EQC) reviewers working on IFRS engagements in countries where IFRS Standards are not the predominant financial reporting framework. Similar policies apply to engagements performed outside the US to report on financial statements or the financial information prepared in accordance with US GAAP and/or audited in accordance with US auditing standards, including reporting on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting (ICOFR). These require that at a minimum, all partners, managers and, if appointed, the EQC reviewers (and for engagements conducted in accordance with US GAAP and/or US auditing standards engagements, the engagement partner, engagement manager, engagement in-charge and, if appointed the EQC reviewers) assigned to the engagement have completed relevant training and that the engagement team, collectively, has sufficient experience to perform the engagement or has implemented appropriate safeguards to address any shortfalls.

#### **Recognizing quality**

Our approach to performance development, 'Open Performance Development', is built around the 'Everyone a Leader' performance principles, and includes:

- Global role profiles (including role profiles specific to audit quality accountabilities and responsibilities);
- A goal library (including audit quality content); and
- Standardized review forms (with provision for audit quality ratings).

Open Performance Development is linked to the KPMG Values and designed to articulate what is required for success — both individually and collectively. We know that by being clear and consistent about the behaviours we expect and rewarding those who demonstrate them, we will continue to drive a relentless focus on audit quality.

At the same time, KPMG is driving a shift in our performance-driven culture, supported by and enacted through leading technology that allows us to embed audit quality into the assessment of performance and the decisions around reward, as well as drive consistency across the global organization.

We consider quality and compliance metrics in assessing the overall evaluation, promotion, and remuneration of partners, directors, senior managers and managers. These evaluations are conducted by performance managers and partners who are able to assess performance. Applying Embracing expertise and digital knowledge technology

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# Associating with the right clients and engagements

Rigorous global client and engagement acceptance and continuance policies are vital to being able to provide high-quality professional services.

### Following the client and engagement acceptance and continuance policies

The KPMG client and engagement acceptance and continuance policies and processes are designed to identify and evaluate potential risks prior to accepting or continuing a client relationship or performing a specific engagement.

KPMG firms are required to evaluate whether to accept or continue a client relationship or perform a specific engagement. Where client/engagement acceptance (or continuance) decisions pose significant risks, additional approvals are required.

#### Accepting appropriate clients and engagements

#### **Client evaluation**

We undertake an evaluation of every prospective client.

This involves obtaining sufficient information about the prospective client, its key management, and significant beneficial owners and then properly analyzing the information to be able to make an informed acceptance decision. This evaluation includes an assessment of the client's risk profile, and obtaining background information on the client, its key management, directors and owners. If necessary, we obtain additional information required to satisfy applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

#### **Engagement evaluation**

Each prospective engagement is also evaluated to identify potential risks in relation to the engagement. A range of factors are considered as part of this evaluation, including potential independence and conflict of interest issues (using Sentinel<sup>™</sup>, KPMG's conflicts and independence checking system), intended purpose and use of engagement deliverables, public perception, whether the services would be unethical or inconsistent with our Values, as well as factors specific to the type of engagement. For audit services, these include the competence of the client's financial management team and the skills and experience of KPMG professionals assigned to staff the engagement. The evaluation is made in consultation with other senior personnel and includes additional reviews as required.

Where audit services are to be provided for the first time, the prospective engagement team is required to perform additional independence evaluation procedures, including a review of any non-audit services provided to the client and of other relevant business, financial and personal relationships.

Similar independence evaluations are performed when an existing audit client becomes a public interest entity or additional independence restrictions apply following a change in the circumstances of the client.

Depending on the overall risk assessment of the prospective client and engagement, additional safeguards may be introduced to help mitigate the identified risks. Any potential independence or conflict of interest issues are required to be documented and resolved prior to acceptance.

A prospective client or engagement will be declined if a potential independence or conflict issue cannot be resolved satisfactorily in accordance with professional standards and our policies, or if there are other quality and risk issues that cannot be appropriately mitigated.

#### **Continuance process**

We undertake an annual re-evaluation of all our audit clients. The re-evaluation identifies any risks in relation to continuing association and any mitigating procedures that need to be put in place (this may include the assignment of additional professionals such as an Engagement Quality Control (EQC) reviewer or the need to involve additional specialists on the audit).

Recurring or long-running non-audit engagements are also subject to periodic re-evaluation.

In addition, clients and engagements are required to be re-evaluated if there is an indication that there may be a change to the risk profile, and as part of the continuous independence evaluation process, engagement teams



are required to identify if there have been any changes to previously identified threats or if there are new threats to independence. The threats are then evaluated and, if not at an acceptable level, are eliminated or appropriate safeguards are applied to reduce the threats to an acceptable level.

#### Withdrawal process

Where we come to a preliminary conclusion that indicates that we should withdraw from an engagement or client relationship, we consult internally and identify any required legal, professional, and regulatory responsibilities. We also communicate as necessary with those charged with governance and any other appropriate authority.

#### Managed portfolio of clients

Our leadership appoints engagement partners who have the appropriate competence, capabilities, time and authority to perform their role for each engagement.

They review each audit engagement partner's client portfolio in individual discussions with the audit engagement partner. The reviews consider the industry, nature and risk of the client portfolio as a whole along with the competence, capabilities and capacity of the audit engagement partner and wider team to deliver a quality audit for every client.



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Appendices

# Being independent and ethical

Auditor independence is a cornerstone of international professional standards and regulatory requirements.

#### Acting with integrity and living our Values

KPMG International's detailed independence policies and procedures, incorporate the IESBA Code of Ethics. These are set out in the KPMG GQ&RM Manual, which applies to all KPMG firms. Automated tools, which are required to be used for every prospective engagement to identify potential independence and conflict of interest issues, facilitate compliance with these requirements.

These policies are supplemented by other policies and processes to ensure compliance with additional local independence standards. These policies and processes cover areas such as firm independence, personal independence, firm financial relationships, employment relationships, partner rotation and approval of audit and nonaudit services.

The Head of the Global Independence Group is supported by a core team of specialists to help ensure that robust and consistent independence policies and procedures are in place at KPMG firms, and that tools are available to help the firms and their personnel comply with these requirements.

We have a designated EIP who has primary responsibility for the direction and execution of ethics and independence policies and procedures in KPMG in Indonesia. The EIP is responsible for communicating and implementing KPMG International policies and procedures and ensuring that local independence policies and procedures are established and effectively implemented when they are more stringent than the KPMG International requirements. The EIP fulfils this responsibility through:

- Implementing/monitoring the ethics and independence quality control process and structure within the firm;
- Overseeing the processes related to the evaluation of specific independence threats in connection with clients and prospective clients;
- Participating in the development and delivery of training materials;
- Implementing procedures to address non-compliance; and
- Overseeing the disciplinary process for ethics and independence matters.

Amendments to KPMG International's ethics and independence policies are included in regular quality and risk communications with all KPMG firms. KPMG firms are required to implement changes as specified in the communications, and this is checked through the internal monitoring programs described in the "Monitoring and remediation" section of this report.

Our partners and employees are required to consult with the EIP on certain matters as defined in the GQ&RM Manual. The EIP may also be required to consult with the Global Independence Group, depending upon the facts and circumstances.

### Maintaining an objective, independent and ethical mindset, in line with the Code

#### Personal financial independence

KPMG International policies require that KPMG firms and KPMG professionals are free from prohibited financial interests in, and prohibited financial relationships with, KPMG firm audit and assurance clients (by definition, 'audit client' includes its related entities or affiliates), their management, directors, and, where required, significant owners. All KPMG partners — irrespective of their firm or function — are generally prohibited from owning securities of any audit client of any KPMG firm.

KPMG firms use a web-based independence compliance system (KICS) to assist KPMG professionals in complying with personal independence investment policies. This system contains an inventory of publicly available investments and provides a tracking mechanism for required users to report acquisitions and disposals of their financial interests. The system facilitates monitoring by identifying and reporting impermissible investments and other non-compliant activity (i.e. late reporting of an investment acquisition).

All partners and manager grade or above client-facing employees are required to use the KICS system prior to entering into an investment to identify whether they are permitted to do so. They are also required to maintain



a record of all of their investments in publicly available funds and securities registered on recognized or regulated exchanges in KICS, which automatically notifies them if any investment subsequently becomes restricted. Newly restricted investments are required to be disposed of within five business days of the notification. KPMG monitors partner and manager compliance with this requirement as part of our program of independence compliance audits of professionals. The Global Independence Group provides guidance and required procedures relating to the audit and inspection by KPMG firms of personal compliance with the KPMG independence policies. This includes sample criteria including the minimum number of professionals to be audited annually.

#### **Employment relationships**

Any of our professional providing services to an audit or assurance client irrespective of function is required to notify the firm EIP if they intend to enter into employment negotiations with that client. For partners, this requirement extends to any audit client of any KPMG firm that is a public interest entity.

Former members of the audit or assurance team or former partners of KPMG in Indonesia are prohibited from joining an audit or assurance client in certain roles unless they have disengaged from all significant connections to KPMG in Indonesia, including payments which are not fixed and predetermined and/or would be material to us and ceased participating in our business and professional activities.

Key audit partners and members of the chain of command for an audit client that is a public interest entity are subject to time restrictions (referred to as 'cooling-off' periods) that preclude them from joining that client in certain roles until a defined period has passed.

We communicate and monitor requirements in relation to employment and partnership of our professionals by audit and assurance clients.

#### Firm financial independence

KPMG firms are required to also be free from prohibited interests in, and prohibited relationships with, audit clients, their management, directors and, where required, significant owners.

In common with other KPMG firms, we use KICS to record our own direct and material indirect investments in listed entities and funds (or similar investment vehicles) as well as in non-listed entities or funds. This includes investments held in associated pension and employee benefit plans.

Additionally, we are required to record in KICS all borrowing and capital financing relationships, as well as custodial, trust and brokerage accounts that hold member firm assets.

On an annual basis, KPMG in Indonesia confirms compliance

with independence requirements as part of the KPMG Quality & Compliance Evaluation program.

#### **Business relationships/suppliers**

We have policies and procedures in place that are designed to ensure our business relationships with audit and assurance clients are maintained in accordance with the IESBA Code of Ethics and other applicable independence requirements, such as those promulgated by the SEC.

#### Independence clearance process

In addition to the standard acceptance evaluation performed for every engagement, which includes an evaluation of independence, we follow specific procedures to identify and evaluate threats to independence related to prospective audit clients that are public interest entities; these procedures, also referred to as 'the independence clearance process,' are required to be completed prior to accepting an audit engagement for these entities.

The 'KPMG Independence Checkpoint' tool is used to automate and standardize the procedures that comprise the independence clearance process.

#### Independence training and confirmations

All our partners and client facing professionals, as well as certain other individuals, are required to complete independence training that is appropriate to their grade and function upon joining KPMG in Indonesia and on an annual basis thereafter.

New partners and client facing employees who are required to complete this training are required to do so by the earlier of (a) thirty days after joining KPMG in Indonesia or (b) before providing any services to or becoming a member of the chain of command for, any audit client.

We also provide all partners and employees with annual training on:

- the Global Code of Conduct; and
- bribery and compliance with laws, regulations, and professional standards.

New partners and employees are required to complete this training within three months of joining the firm.

All KPMG partners and employees are required to sign, upon joining the firm, and thereafter, an annual confirmation stating that they have remained in compliance with applicable ethics and independence policies.

#### Non-audit services

All KPMG firms are required, at a minimum, to comply with the IESBA Code of Ethics and applicable laws and regulations related to the scope of services that can be provided to audit clients.



In addition to identifying potential conflicts of interest, Sentinel<sup>™</sup> facilitates compliance with independence requirements. Certain information on all prospective engagements, including detailed service descriptions, deliverables and estimated fees are required to be entered into Sentinel<sup>™</sup> as part of the engagement acceptance process. When the engagement is for an audit client, an evaluation of potential independence threats and safeguards is also required to be included in the Sentinel<sup>™</sup> submission.

Lead audit engagement partners (LAEPs) are required to maintain group structures for their public interest entity and certain other audit clients including their related entities or affiliates in Sentinel<sup>™</sup>. They are also responsible for identifying and evaluating any independence threats that may arise from the provision of a proposed non-audit service and the safeguards available to address those threats. For entities for which group structures are maintained, Sentinel enables LAEPs to review and request revision to, approve, or deny any proposed services for those entities worldwide. For approved proposed services, Sentinel designates a timeframe during which the approval remains valid. Upon expiration of the established timeframe, the services are required to be complete or be re-evaluated for permissibility; otherwise, the services are required to be exited.

We are required to establish and maintain a process to review and approve all new and significantly modified services that are developed by us. Our EIP is involved in the review of potential independence issues related to these new or modified services.

KPMG global independence policies prohibit KPMG firm audit partners from being evaluated on, or compensated based on, their success in selling non-audit services to their audit clients.

#### Fee dependency

KPMG International's policies recognize that self-interest or intimidation threats may arise when the total fees from an audit client represent a large proportion of the total fees of the KPMG firm expressing the audit opinion.

These policies require firms to consult with their Regional Risk Management Partner where it is expected that total fees from an audit client will exceed 10 percent of the annual fee income of the member firm for two consecutive years. If the total fees from a public interest entity audit client and its related entities were to represent more than 15 percent of the total fees received by a particular KPMG member firm in a single year, this would be disclosed to those charged with governance at the audit client. Where the total fees continued exceed 15 percent for two consecutive years, the KPMG member firm would engage a partner from another KPMG member firm be as the EQC reviewer and the fee dependency would be publicly disclosed. No audit client accounted for more than 10 percent of the total fees received by KPMG in Indonesia over the last two years.

#### **Resolving conflicts of interest**

Conflicts of interest can arise in situations where our partners or employees have a personal connection with the client that may interfere, or be perceived to interfere, with their ability to remain objective, or where they are personally in possession of confidential information relating to another party to a transaction. Consultation with the RMP or the EIP is required in these situations.

All KPMG firms and personnel are responsible for identifying and managing conflicts of interest, which are circumstances or situations that have, or may be perceived to have, an impact on a firm's and/ or its partners' or employees' ability to be objective or otherwise act without bias.

All KPMG firms are required to use Sentinel<sup>™</sup> for potential conflict identification so that these can be addressed in accordance with legal and professional requirements.

We have risk management resources who are responsible for reviewing any identified potential conflict and working with the affected member firms to resolve the conflict, the outcome of which is required to be documented.

Escalation and dispute resolution procedures are in place for situations in which agreement cannot be reached on how to manage a conflict. If a potential conflict issue cannot be appropriately mitigated, the engagement is declined or terminated.

KPMG International policies are also in place to prohibit KPMG personnel from offering or accepting inducements, including gifts and hospitality to or from audit clients, unless the value is trivial and inconsequential, is not prohibited by relevant law or regulation and is not deemed to have been offered with the intent to improperly influence the behaviour of the recipient or which would cast doubt on the individual's or the member firm's integrity, independence, objectivity or judgment.

#### Independence breaches

All our personnel are required to report an independence breach as soon as they become aware of it to the EIP. In the event of failure to comply with our independence policies, whether identified in the compliance review, self-declared or otherwise, professionals are subject to an independence disciplinary policy. All breaches of independence requirements of the IESBA Code of Ethics or other external independence requirements are required to be reported to those charged with governance as soon as possible, except where alternative timing for less significant breaches has been agreed with those charged with governance. Associating with the right clients and engagements Being independent and ethical Performing quality engagements Assessing risks to quality quality Communicating effectively

We have a documented and communicated disciplinary policy in relation to breaches of independence policies, incorporating incremental sanctions reflecting the seriousness of any violations. Our DISCOM oversees policies and procedures in relation to ethical matters and breaches of requirements.

Matters arising are factored into our promotion and compensation decisions and, in the case of engagement leaders and managers, are reflected in their individual quality and risk metrics.

#### Partner rotation

KPMG International partner rotation policies are consistent with the requirements of the IESBA Code of Ethics and require all member firms to comply with any stricter local applicable rotation requirements.

Our partners are subject to periodic rotation of their responsibilities for audit clients under applicable laws, regulations, independence rules and KPMG International policy. These requirements place limits on the number of consecutive years that partners in certain roles may provide audit services to a client, followed by a 'time-out' period during which time these partners may not:

- Participate in the audit;
- Provide quality control for the audit;
- Consult with the engagement team or the client regarding technical or industry-specific issues;
- In any way influence the outcome of the audit;
- · Lead or coordinate professional services at the client;
- Oversee the relationship of the firm with the audit client; or
- Have any other significant or frequent interaction with senior management or those charged with governance at the client.

We monitor the rotation of audit engagement leaders (such as the engagement partner, the engagement quality control reviewer and any other key audit partner role, where there is a rotation requirement) and develop transition plans to enable allocation of partners with the necessary competence and capability to deliver a consistent quality of service to clients.

#### Zero tolerance of bribery and corruption

Compliance with laws, regulations and standards is a key aspect for everyone at KPMG in Indonesia. We have zero tolerance of bribery and corruption.

We prohibit involvement in any type of bribery - even if such conduct is legal or permitted under applicable law or local practice. We also do not tolerate bribery by third parties, including by our clients, suppliers or public officials. KPMG International requires KPMG firms to have appropriate internal controls in place to mitigate the risk of involvement in bribery by the firm and its partners and employees.

All KPMG firm partners and employees are required to take training covering compliance with laws, regulations and professional standards relating to anti-bribery and corruption, including the reporting of suspected or actual non-compliance.

Further information on KPMG International anti-bribery and corruption policies can be found on the <u>anti-bribery and</u> <u>corruption site.</u>

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# Performing quality engagements

How an audit is conducted is as important as the result. Our partners and employees are expected to demonstrate behaviours consistent with our Values and follow all policies and procedures in the performance of effective and efficient audits.

#### **Consulting when appropriate**

#### Encouraging a culture of consultation

KPMG encourages a culture of consultation that supports engagement teams at KPMG firms throughout their decision-making processes and is a fundamental contributor to audit quality. We promote a culture in which consultation is recognized as a strength and that encourages all KPMG professionals to consult on difficult or contentious matters.

To assist audit engagement professionals in addressing difficult or contentious matters, protocols have been established for consultation and documentation of significant accounting and auditing matters, including procedures to facilitate resolution of differences of opinion on engagement issues. In addition, the KPMG GQ&RM Manual includes mandatory consultation requirements where certain matters are identified, such as concerns over client integrity.

#### Technical consultation and global resources

We provide consultation support on auditing and technical accounting matters to our audit professionals through professional practice resources (referred to as Department of Professional Practice or DPP). This resource also assists engagement teams where there are differences of opinion either within teams or with the EQC reviewer. Unresolved differences are required to follow a prescribed escalation protocol for final resolution.

The International Standards Group (ISG) is available for consultation when required. Technical auditing and accounting support is available to all member firms and their professionals through the KGSG (formally referred to as the Global Service Centre (GSC)) and the ISG as well as the US Capital Markets Group for SEC foreign registrants.

### Critically assessing audit evidence using professional judgement and skepticism

On all KPMG audits, the nature and extent of the audit evidence we gather is responsive to the assessed risks. We consider all audit evidence obtained during the course of the audit including contradictory or inconsistent audit evidence. Each team member is required to exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit engagements. Professional skepticism involves a questioning mind and alertness to contradictory or inconsistencies in the audit evidence. Professional judgement encompasses the need to be aware of and alert to biases that may pose threats to good judgements.

#### Direct, coach, supervise and review

#### Embedding ongoing mentoring, supervision and review

To invest in the building of skills and capabilities of KPMG professionals, we promote a continuous learning environment and support a coaching culture.

Ongoing direction, coaching and supervision during an audit involves:

- Engagement partner participation in planning discussions;
- Tracking the progress of the audit engagement;
- Considering the competence and capabilities of the engagement team, including whether they have sufficient time to carry out their work, whether they understand their instructions;
- Whether the team understands its instructions and the work is being carried out in accordance with the planned approach to the engagement;
- Helping engagement team members address any significant matters that arise during the audit and modifying the planned approach appropriately; and
- Identifying matters to review and discuss with more experienced team members during the engagement.

The timely review of the work performed so that significant matters are promptly identified, discussed and addressed is also used as a coaching opportunity.





#### Engagement quality control (EQC) reviewers

The EQC review is an important part of KPMG's approach to quality. An EQC reviewer is required to be appointed for audit engagements, including any related review(s) of interim financial information, of all listed entities, non-listed entities with a high public profile, engagements that require an EQC review under applicable laws or regulations, and other engagements, including certain assurance engagements, as designated by the RMP or country Head of Audit and Assurance.

An EQC review is an objective evaluation of significant judgments made by the engagement team and its related conclusions, performed by the EQC reviewer, and completed on or before the date of the report. The EQC reviewer's evaluation of significant judgements includes an evaluation of the engagement team's assessment of significant risks, including fraud risks, the related responses and whether the related conclusions are appropriate. The EQC review is completed only after the EQC reviewer is satisfied that all significant matters they raised have been resolved, though the engagement partner is ultimately responsible for the resolution of accounting and auditing matters.

EQC reviewers are required to meet training, knowledge and experience criteria to perform the EQC review for a particular engagement. Reviewers must be objective, cannot be members of the engagement team and must be independent of the audit client.

#### Appropriately support and document conclusions

#### Reporting

The Indonesian Standards on Auditing and applicable rules and regulations of the Financial Services Authority (for listed entities and all other public interest entities) largely dictate the format and content of the auditors' report that includes an opinion on the fair presentation of the client's financial statements in all material respects. Experienced engagement partners form all audit opinions based on the audit performed.

In preparing auditors' reports, engagement partners have access to extensive reporting guidance and technical support through consultations with our DPP, especially where there are significant matters to be reported to users of the auditors' report.

#### **Engagement documentation**

Our audit documentation is completed and assembled according to the timeline determined by the KPMG firm in accordance with KPMG International policy and applicable auditing standards. We have implemented administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to protect the confidentiality and integrity of client and firm information. KPMG International adopted policies to apply to all KPMG firms to reduce the time period allowed to assemble audit documentation, which is significantly less than the time period required by the applicable auditing standards.

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KPMG International reviews the results of the quality monitoring programs and develops additional global remediation actions as needed.

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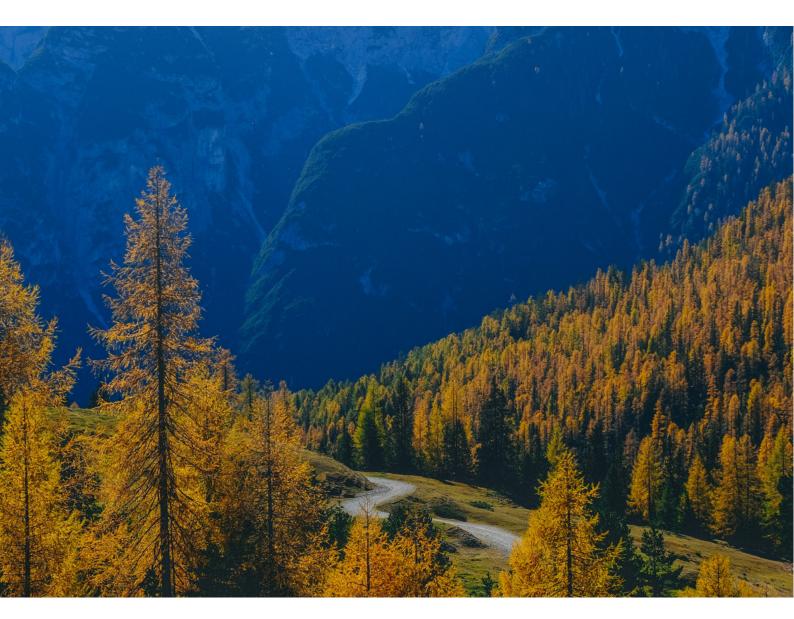
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Global remediation actions developed by KPMG International are aimed at changing behaviour and driving quality and consistency across the global organization. Remediation actions may be implemented through the development of global policies, procedures, training, tools and guidance.



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We recognize that another important contributor to upholding audit quality is to obtain and promptly act upon feedback from key stakeholders.

### Provide insights, and maintain open and honest two-way communication

At KPMG in Indonesia, we stress the importance of keeping those charged with governance informed of issues arising throughout the audit through guidance and supporting resources. We achieve this through a combination of reports and presentations, attendance at Audit Committee or board meetings, and, when appropriate, ongoing discussions with management and members of the Audit Committee.

The role of audit committees is key in supporting quality auditing by overseeing the relationship between company and auditor and challenging what auditors do and how they do it.

#### Board Governance Forum

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In recognition of the increasing demand and importance of roles that the members of board of commissioners and directors (the board) play in the capital markets and of the challenges that they face in meeting their responsibilities, we have established the Board Governance Forum (BGF), a dedicated forum focused on challenges, insights and emerging hot topics that are believed to be of important relevance. Examples include the directors' toolkit, the role of the board in strategy, risk oversight and board committee effectiveness. This forum also aims to help the respective members enhance their awareness, commitment and ability to implement effective governance processes.

Our forum is held on a periodic basis and encourages participants to share ideas on matters of interest to them and gives the opportunity to network with peers. We also regularly share on our <u>BGF website</u> thought leadership on trends and pertinent topics surrounding key challenges faced by board members in implementing adequate and effective mechanisms to discharge their responsibilities.

#### IFRS Standards Institute

KPMG's Global IFRS Institute provides information and resources to help the KPMG in Indonesia Board and Audit Committee members, executives, management, stakeholders and government representatives gain insight and access thought leadership about the evolving global financial and sustainability reporting frameworks.

### Conduct and follow-up on the Global People Survey (GPS)

Only with engaged, talented people can KPMG deliver audits in line with our audit quality expectations. Annually, our personnel are invited to participate in KPMG's Global People Survey (GPS) to share their perception about their experience of working at KPMG. The GPS provides a measure of our people's engagement and insights into areas driving engagement. Results can be analysed by several factors, for example functional or geographic area, grade and gender to provide additional focus for action.

Through the GPS, we gain additional insight on how we are faring on categories known to impact employee engagement. We also cover areas of focus that are directly relevant to audit quality; the survey includes specific audit quality related questions that all individuals who participated in an audit in the previous 12 months are asked to respond to, giving us a particular data set for audit quality related matters.

The survey also provides our leadership and KPMG International leadership with insights related to quality and risk behaviours, audit quality, upholding the KPMG Values, employee and partner attitudes to quality, leadership and tone at the top.

We participate in the GPS, monitor results and take appropriate actions to communicate and respond to the findings of the survey. The results of the GPS are also aggregated for the entire global organization and are presented to the Global Board each year and appropriate follow-up actions are agreed.

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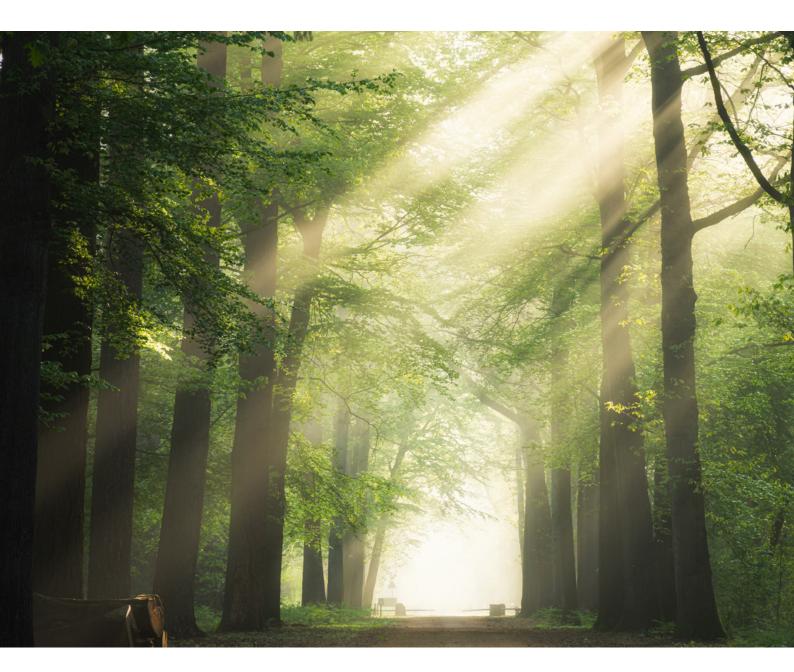
Audit-specific analysis of GPS results is also undertaken, with a particular focus on audit quality. Results and key themes are presented to the Global Audit Steering Group on an annual basis for consideration of appropriate remedial action, if needed.

#### GPS 2023 response received



Most improved areas:

- I do not experience significant barriers to doing my job effectively.
- The leadership of the firm executes a clear business strategy to achieve Trust and Growth in the market.
- I would recommend KPMG as a great place to work.
- The engagement teams I work with are sufficiently staffed to enable them to deliver quality audits.
- KPMG makes a positive impact on society.



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# Monitoring and remediation

Integrated quality monitoring and compliance programs enable KPMG firms to identify quality deficiencies, to perform root cause analysis and develop, implement, and report remedial action plans, both in respect of individual audit engagements and the overall system of quality management.

#### **Rigorously monitor and measure quality**

#### **Commitment to continuous improvement**

KPMG commits to continually improve the quality, consistency and efficiency of KPMG firm audits. The quality monitoring and compliance programs are globally consistent in their approach across all member firms, including the nature and extent of testing and reporting. We compare the results of our internal monitoring programs with the results of those of any external inspection programs and take appropriate action.

#### Internal monitoring and compliance programs

KPMG in Indonesia monitoring programs are created by KPMG International and applied across KPMG firms. The programs evaluate both:

- Engagement performance in compliance with the applicable professional standards, applicable laws and regulations and KPMG International key policies and procedures; and
- KPMG in Indonesia compliance with KPMG International key policies and procedures and the relevance, adequacy and effective operation of key quality control policies and procedures.

Our internal monitoring programs also contribute to the assessment of whether our system of quality management has been appropriately designed, effectively implemented, and operates effectively. These include Quality Performance Reviews (QPR), the KPMG Quality & Compliance Evaluation program (KQCE) and the Global Quality & Compliance Review (GQ&CR) program.

The results and lessons from the integrated monitoring programs are communicated internally and appropriate action is taken at local, regional and global levels.

#### Audit Quality Performance Reviews (QPRs) program

The Audit QPR program assesses engagement level performance and identifies opportunities to improve engagement quality.

#### Risk-based approach

Each engagement leader in every KPMG firm is reviewed at least once in a four-year cycle. A risk-based approach is used to select engagements.

We conduct the annual QPR program in accordance with KPMG International QPR instructions. The reviews are performed at KPMG in Indonesia level and are monitored regionally and globally.

#### Reviewer selection, preparation and process

There are robust criteria for selection of reviewers. Review teams include senior experienced lead reviewers that are independent of the engagement under review.

Training is provided to review teams and others overseeing the process, with a focus on topics of concern identified by audit oversight regulators and the need to be as rigorous as external reviewers.

#### Evaluations from Audit QPR

Consistent criteria are used to determine engagement ratings and member firm Audit practice evaluations.

Audit engagements selected for review are rated as 'Compliant', 'Compliant-Improvement Needed' or 'Not Compliant'.

#### Reporting

Findings from the QPR program are disseminated to firm professionals through written communications, internal training tools, and periodic partner, manager and staff meetings.

These areas are also emphasized in subsequent inspection programs to gauge the extent of continuous improvement.

Lead audit engagement partners (LAEPs) are notified of not compliant ratings on their respective cross-border engagements. Additionally, LAEPs of parent companies/ head offices are notified where a subsidiary/affiliate of their client group is audited by a member firm where significant guality issues have been identified during the QPR program.

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Audit QPR Programs	FY2023	FY2022
Number of engagements reviewed	12	12
Percentage of audit engagement partners reviewed	33%	35%
Percentage of reviewers who were from outside KPMG in Indonesia	100%	100%

#### Global Audit Quality Monitoring Group (GAQMG)

The GAQMG is comprised of a team of partners, directors and senior managers experienced in performing QPR program reviews of listed and related entity (LRE) audit engagements. The team also includes partners and professionals with experience in auditing general information technology controls and application controls.

Each of the GAQMG reviewers takes the Global QPR training. The GAQMG team is responsible for performing and overseeing selected QP reviews of LRE audit engagements.

#### KPMG Quality & Compliance Evaluation (KQCE) program (formerly known as Risk Compliance Program (RCP))

KPMG International develops and maintains quality management policies and processes that apply to all KPMG firms. These policies and processes, and their related procedures, include the requirements of the GQ&RM Manual, ISQC 1, and the implementation requirements of ISQM 1 for this transition period.

The objectives of the KQCE program are to:

- Document, assess and evidence KPMG in Indonesia's implementation of ISQM 1, extent of compliance of their system of quality management with the GQ&RM policies and key legal and regulatory requirements; and
- Provide the basis for KPMG in Indonesia to evaluate that the firm and its personnel comply with relevant professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Where exceptions are identified, we are required to develop appropriate action plans and then monitor the status of each action item.

#### Global Quality & Compliance Review (GQ&CR) program

Each KPMG firm is subject to a GQ&CR conducted by KPMG International's GQ&CR team, independent of the member firm, at various intervals based on identified risk criteria.

The GQ&CR team performing the review is independent of the firm and is objective and knowledgeable of GQ&RM policies. GQ&CRs assess compliance with selected KPMG International policies and procedures and share best practices among member firms. The GQ&CR provides an independent assessment of:

- A firm's commitment to quality and risk management (tone at the top) and the extent to which its overall structure, governance and financing support and reinforce this commitment;
- A firm's compliance with KPMG International policies and procedures; and
- The robustness with which the member firm performs its own quality and compliance program (former RCP and, current, KQCE program).

We develop action plans to respond to all GQ&CR findings that indicate improvement is required and agree these with the GQ&CR team. Our progress on action plans is monitored by the GQ&CR central team. Results are reported to the GQ&RM Steering Group and where necessary, to appropriate KPMG International and regional leadership.

### Obtain, evaluate and act on stakeholder feedback

#### Regulators

In Indonesia, the Ministry of Finance through *Pusat Pembinaan Profesi Keuangan* (PPPK) has been carrying out independent inspections for a number of years. Our firm and our partners are subject to an annual inspection by PPPK. The latest inspection report issued in December 2023 did not reveal any findings.

KPMG International has regular two-way communication with the International Forum of Independent Audit Regulators (IFIAR), principally through IFIAR's Global Audit Quality Working Group (GAQ WG), to discuss thematic audit quality issues along with targeted strategies for improvement. We value the open, honest and transparent dialogue that IFIAR facilitates on global audit quality issues.

Every KPMG firm is expected to maintain professional and respectful relationships with regulators, including proactively engaging, responding to questions in a timely manner and taking appropriate remedial actions.



#### **Client feedback**

We proactively seek feedback from clients through inperson conversations and third-party surveys to monitor their satisfaction with services delivered. We endeavour to take this feedback and make dynamic changes at both the engagement level and firm level to meet clients' needs.



Client satisfactory survey done with the audit clients

#### Perform root cause analysis

We conduct Root Cause Analysis (RCA) in respect of audit quality issues and prevent them from recurring, and to help identify good practices as part of our continuous improvement.

In 2023, our RCA team had attended Global RCA training. The training provides a common platform for advancing the practices and skills associated with resourcing, planning and conducting RCA.

From the RCA projects we performed, we have increased visibility of the underlying factors at engagement level that hinder the consistent delivery of high quality audits. This improved visibility allows us to develop more insightful and focused actions. These actions are broader than training, tools and guidance and are designed to address behavioural and structural matters in addition to areas such as technical knowledge and work allocation. Our remedial actions include conducting in-depth coaching to the engagement teams and independent review over selected on-going engagements (called as Second Line of Defence program).

It is the responsibility of all KPMG firms to perform RCA and thereby identify and subsequently develop appropriate remediation plans for the audit quality issues identified.

Our HOAA is responsible for audit quality including the remediation of audit quality issues. The firm's RMP monitors the remediation plans implementation.



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## A.1 Network arrangements

#### Legal structure

In many parts of the world, regulated businesses (such as audit and legal firms) are required by law to be locally owned and independent. KPMG member firms do not, and cannot, operate as a multinational corporate entity. KPMG member firms are generally locally owned and managed. Each KPMG member firm is responsible for its own obligations and liabilities. KPMG International and other member firms are not responsible for a member firm's obligations or liabilities.

Member firms may consist of more than one separate legal entity. If this is the case, each separate legal entity will be responsible only for its own obligations and liabilities, unless it has expressly agreed otherwise.

Our firm and all other KPMG firms are party to membership and associated documents, the key impact of which is that all KPMG member firms in the KPMG global organization are members in, or have other legal connections to, KPMG International Limited, an English private company limited by guarantee.

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Further detail on the revised legal and governance arrangements for the KPMG global organization can be found in section 'Governance and leadership' of the KPMG International Transparency Report.

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#### **Responsibilities and obligations of member firms**

Member firms have agreed with KPMG International to comply with KPMG International's policies and regulations including quality standards governing how they operate and how they provide services to clients to compete effectively. This includes having a firm structure that ensures continuity and stability and being able to adopt global strategies, share resources (incoming and outgoing), service multi-national clients, manage risk, and deploy global methodologies and tools.

Each KPMG firm takes responsibility for its management and the quality of its work. Member firms commit to a common set of KPMG Values.

KPMG International's activities are funded by amounts paid by member firms. The basis for calculating such amounts is approved by the KPMG International Global Board and consistently applied to the firms. A firm's status as a KPMG member firm and its participation in the KPMG global organization may be terminated if, among other things, it has not complied with the policies set by KPMG International or any of its other obligations agreed with KPMG International.

#### Professional indemnity insurance

Insurance cover is maintained in respect of professional negligence claims. The cover provides a territorial coverage on a worldwide basis.

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The key governance and management bodies of KPMG International are the Global Council, the Global Board, and the Global Management Team. Further details on KPMG International's governance structure can be found in the KPMG International Transparency Report.



### A.2 Key legal entities and area of operations

No	Name of the entity	Business of the entity	Area of operation	
1	KAP Siddharta Widjaja & Rekan	Provision of audit and assurance services	Indonesia	
2	PT KPMG Advisory Indonesia	Provision of advisory services focusing on taxation and related business issues	Indonesia	
3	PT KPMG Siddharta Advisory*)	Provision of management consulting and other services except legal services	Indonesia	
4	Roosdiono & Partners *)	Provision of legal services	Indonesia	

\*) Owned and overseen by KPMG LLP, Singapore

### A.3 Details of those charged with governance at KPMG in Indonesia



Budi Susanto Managing Partner



**Eva Basuki** Risk Management Partner



**Cahyadi Muliono** Head of Audit and Assurance



Abraham Pierre Head of Tax



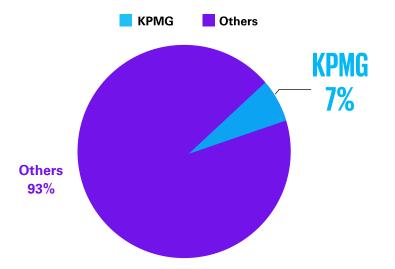
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Tohana Widjaja Chief Financial Officer

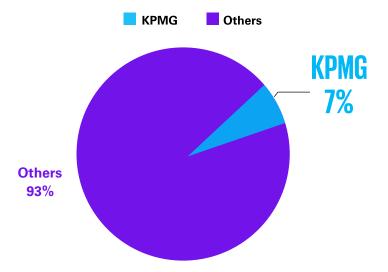


### A.4 Our listed clients



#### Market share by numbers of LQ45 companies as of July 2023

Market share by available audit fees information of top 100 listed companies market capitalization as of 31 December 2022



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