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KPMG INTERNATIONAL A LEADER IN INFORMATION SECURITY CONSULTING SERVICES, ACCORDING TO INDEPENDENT RESEARCH FIRM

Strategic Advice, Subject Matter Expertise, Flexibility and Delivery of Commitments Cited by Clients as Strengths

KPMG International has been named a Leader in the Forrester Research Inc. report, The Forrester Wave[™]: Information Security Consulting Services, Q1 2016 achieving the highest score for current offering and strategy (tied).

"KPMG has moved cyber security to the heart of its business," according to the Forrester Research report authored by Martin Whitworth. "KPMG [International] recently listed cyber security as one of its six strategic growth initiatives... To bolster this commitment the [organisation] has increased and deepened its range of services, investing heavily in R&D and acquisitions."

According to the Forrester report: "[Clients] identify strategic advice, subject matter expertise, flexibility and adaptability and delivery of commitments as being strengths for KPMG. Larger clients also praise the company's ownership of the I-4 organization, as an excellent peer-to-peer networking opportunity outside of consulting engagements."

The Forrester report also states that, "KPMG has a clear view of the relevant security issues for business executives and technicians." This is backed up by the findings of the KPMG <u>Global CEO Outlook survey</u>, a study of 1,200 of global chief executives, which revealed that only half of respondents said they were fully prepared for a future cyber event.

"The most innovative companies recognise that cyber-security presents opportunities to improve their revenue and customers' experience, not just a risk to be managed," said Lyon Poh, Partner and Head of Digital + Innovation at KPMG in Singapore. "Organisations surveying the current landscape in cyber space or developing a digital proposition would no doubt be concerned about the risks involved in having more of their resources online, especially as the operating environment becomes increasingly inter-connected. Being able to identify and navigate the potential minefields, to not only protect their assets while not eroding their intended value, would be critical.

In the past 16 months, KPMG firms have made five significant cyber acquisitions around the world including First Point Global, a leading identity and access management (IAM) consultancy operating in Australia; Qubera, also an IAM operating in the USA, UK and India; P3 Consulting, a Frankfurt-based security boutique consultancy; Trusteq Oy, a Finnish business which also specializes in IAM services and security transformation and ZINK Security, a leading intelligence and digital surveillance firm in Spain. In addition, the cyber security leadership has been bolstered by partner hires from competitors, as well as a wide range of internal senior level appointments.

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