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Post-crisis reforms: Have we done enough?

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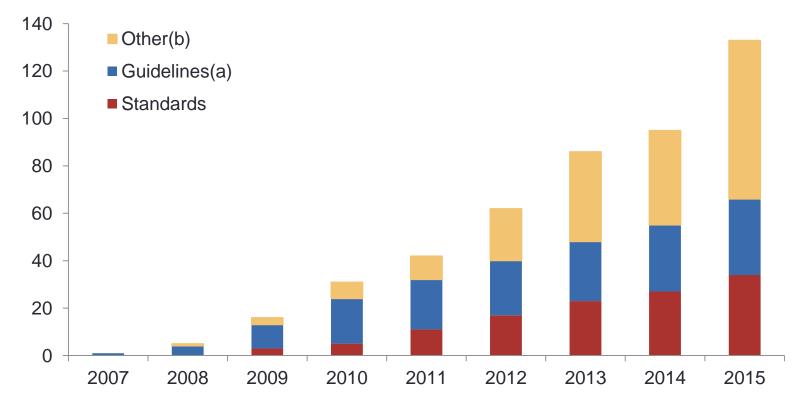
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Three key questions

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

Chart: Cumulative number of finalised publications by the Basel Committee



Source: Basel Committee on Banking Supervision

(a) Includes principles, sound practices and guidance.

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

...which have greatly strengthened banking system resilience

Higher and better quality capital

More robust liquidity regime

Reduced procyclicality

Framework for dealing with D-SIBs

Reduced counterparty risk in OTC derivatives activities

Resolution regime to resolve failing banks in orderly manner

Local implementation remains underway

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

Post-crisis reforms nearing completion

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

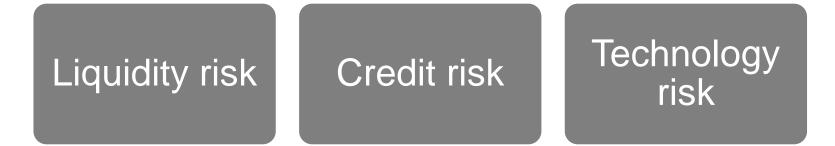
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Shifting focus towards supervision

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

Increased supervisory efforts on areas of greater risk



Conduct issues continue to surface

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

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

Source: HKMA

Regulation is only part of the solution

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

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

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

Culture as a driver of behaviour

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

Promoting sound culture

Sound Culture

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

Assessment & feedback mechanisms (monitor outcomes)

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Keeping up with the times

 A structured framework to guide development of supervisory policies and practices

Balanced and Responsive Supervisory Programme



Effective supervision vis-à-vis market development



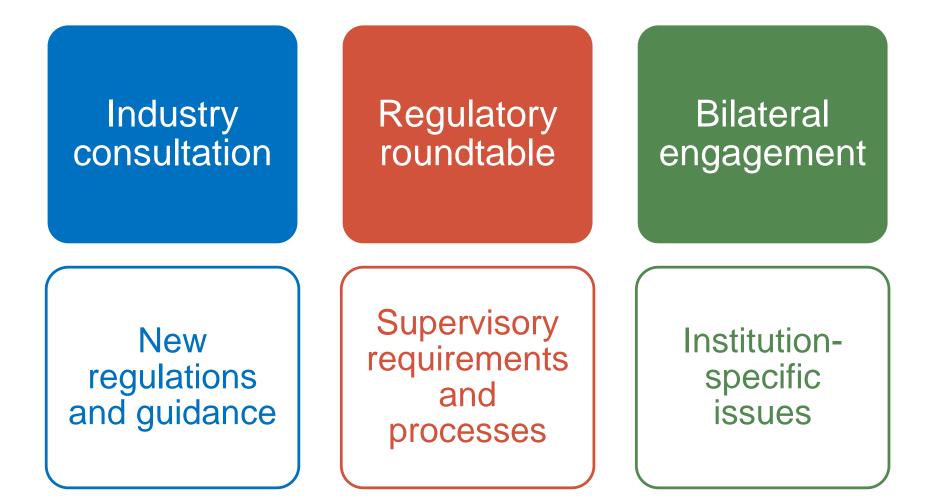
Timely response to changes and challenges

Key components

Reaching out for industry feedback

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

Multiple feedback channels



Pilot cases of BRS Programme

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

Conclusion

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