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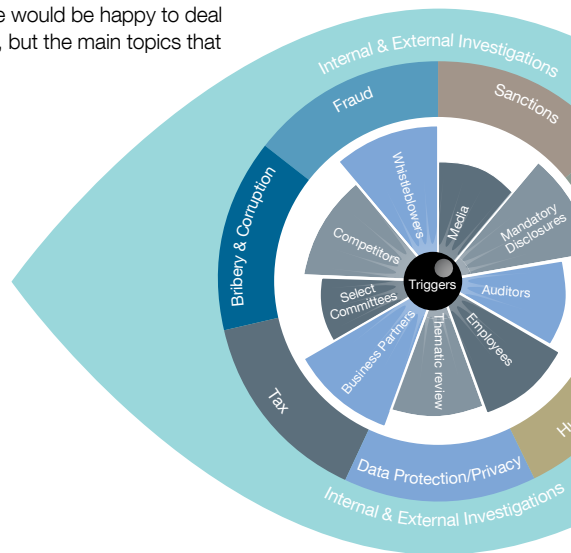
Investigations – a fact of corporate life

- Investigations, often on a cross border basis, are now a fact of corporate life. They are no longer exotic or unusual.
- Many triggers can lead to an investigation, both internal and external, ranging from potential irregularities spotted by employees, to requests from regulators or other authorities.
- Seemingly insignificant and isolated issues can mushroom into detailed and wide-ranging investigations as more facts are uncovered.
- Whether an investigation is instigated proactively by a business or opened by a regulator or prosecuting authority, failure to carry out the investigation promptly and carefully can result in significant liability for the company and senior management. Conversely, if handled correctly from the outset, the investigation can be crucial in minimising the damage.

How we can help

We would be delighted to visit you and deliver a seminar focusing on the key practical issues for conducting and managing investigations, using case studies to demonstrate how apparently small matters can develop into significant regulatory and reputational episodes. We would be happy to deal with any specific issues of particular interest to you, but the main topics that we would intend to cover include:

- key practical tips for any investigation;
- effective preservation and gathering of evidence;
- dealing with aggressive regulators; and
- crisis management.



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