

# The Great Reboot

What will Corporate Treasury look like in the future?

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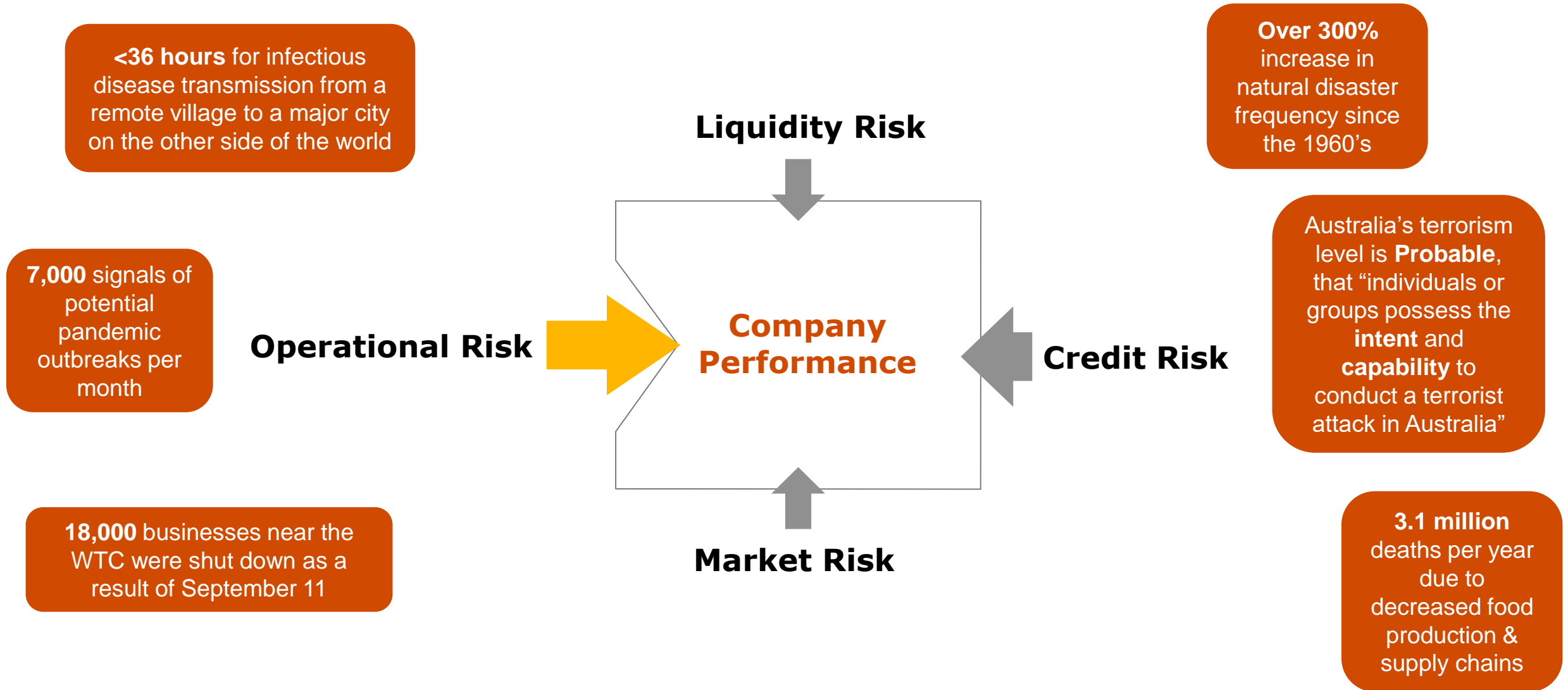


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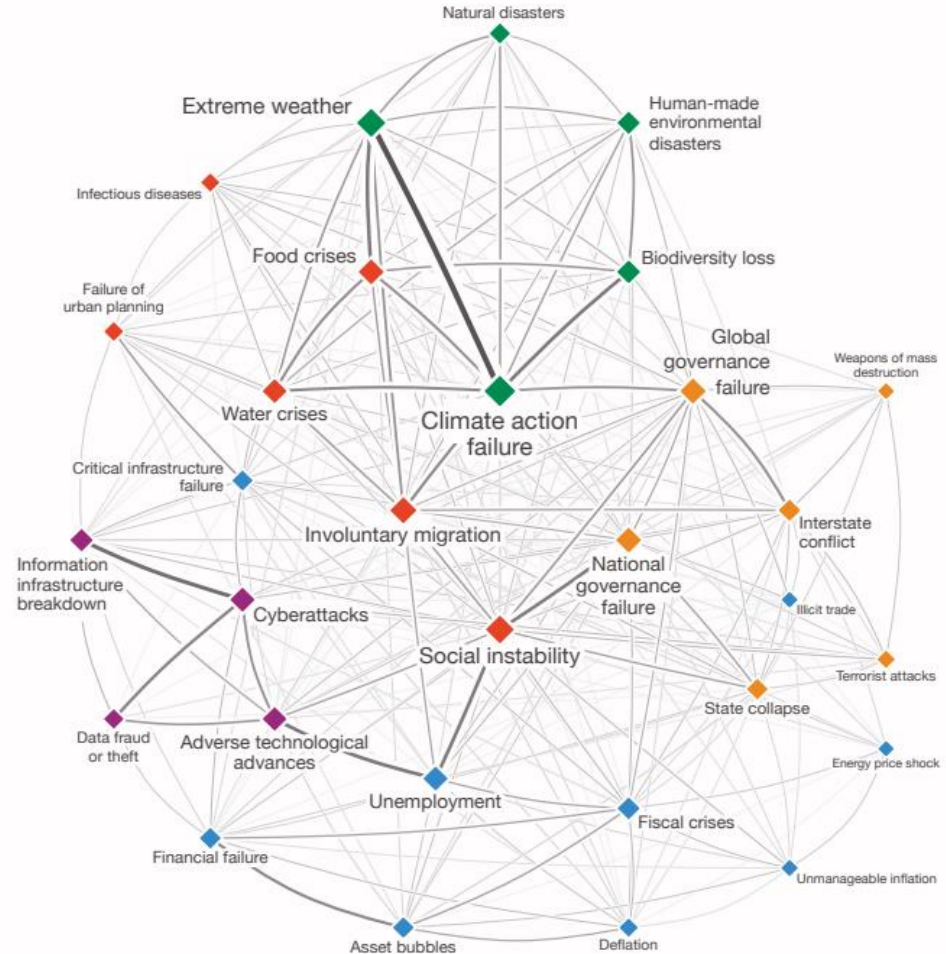
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# 1 Introduction

# What headwinds could a Corporate Treasury face?



# Interdependencies of Risk



As shown, there is a known correlation between risks, both financial and non-financial.

We recognise that when we manage one risk, we can introduce another (e.g using an IRS to manage interest rate risk increases the counterparty & settlement risk).

These principles apply in our responses to disruption (e.g reduce operational risk through technology but introduce cyber & third party risks).

**What do these risks mean for your Treasury?  
How do you directly or indirectly for manage and deal with it?**

Under these scenarios, the 'natural hedge' is to build and increase strategic **Operational Resilience**.



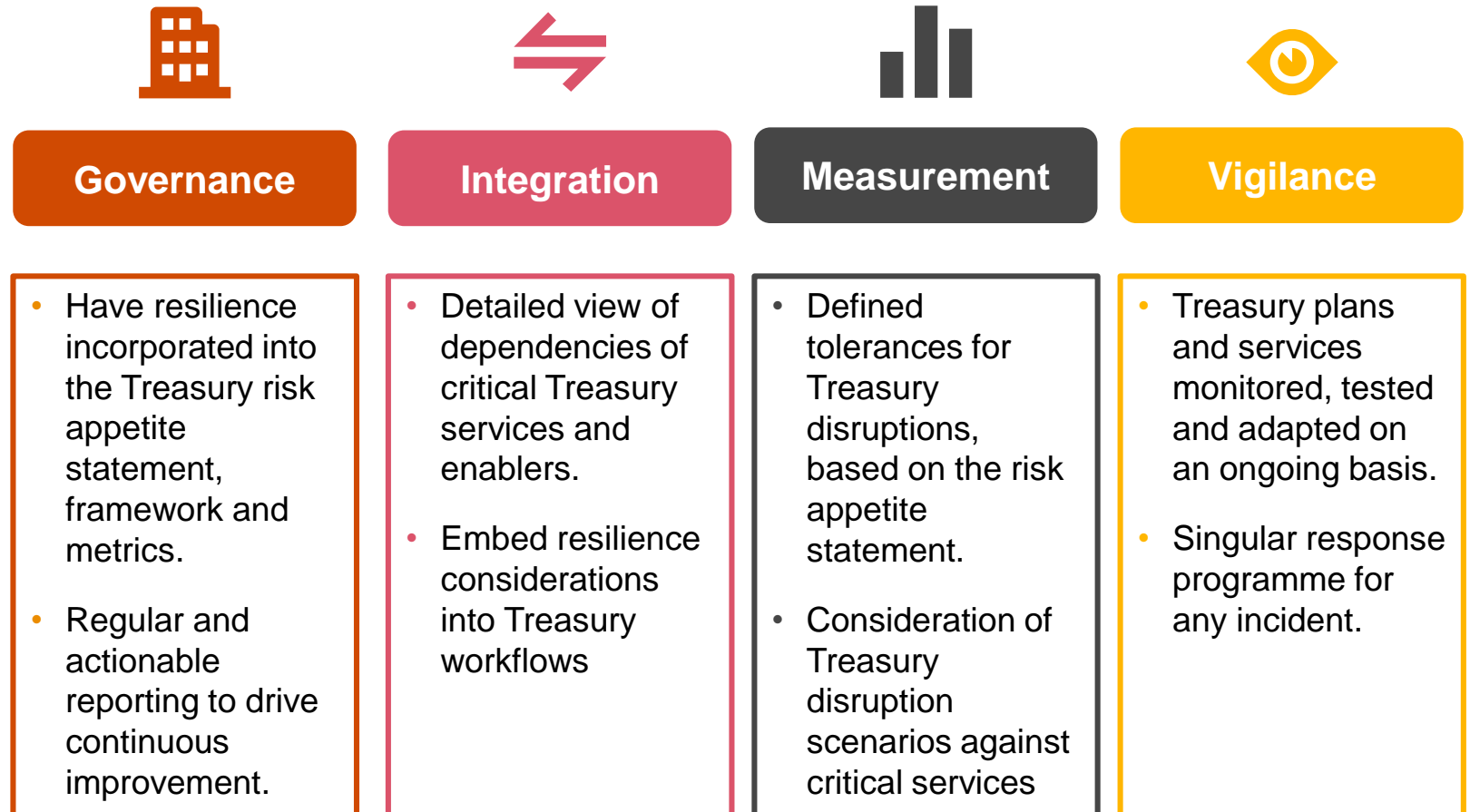
Source: World Economic Forum

# Operational Resilience in a Corporate Treasury

*“The ability of firms and the financial system as a whole to absorb and adapt to shocks, rather than contribute to them” –  
Bank of England*

The ability of an Treasury department to continue to deliver Treasury services and activities in the face of adverse operational events by; anticipating, preventing, recovering from, and adapting to such events.

**Operational resilience is the foundation of a strategic treasury**



# 2 Observations & Considerations

Inability to sign legal documents digitally

Systems and network drives not available remotely to those who require it

Increase in bespoke and/or enhanced reporting requests. Difficult where reporting is manual and excel based.

Significant increase in cyber security risks especially with payments

Centralised contact lists and BCP were out of date or insufficient

Multiple physical versions of documents and confirmations

# What have we seen?

Limited resources to cover key treasury roles

More frequent requests reporting and analysis made difficult by lean teams and remote working

Dealing with documents arriving in the mail/fax

Shared services teams at capacity and can only provide minimal assistance

Staff wellbeing and mental health impacts, as they manage work, children, partners, isolation etc.

VPN or internet bandwidth limitations

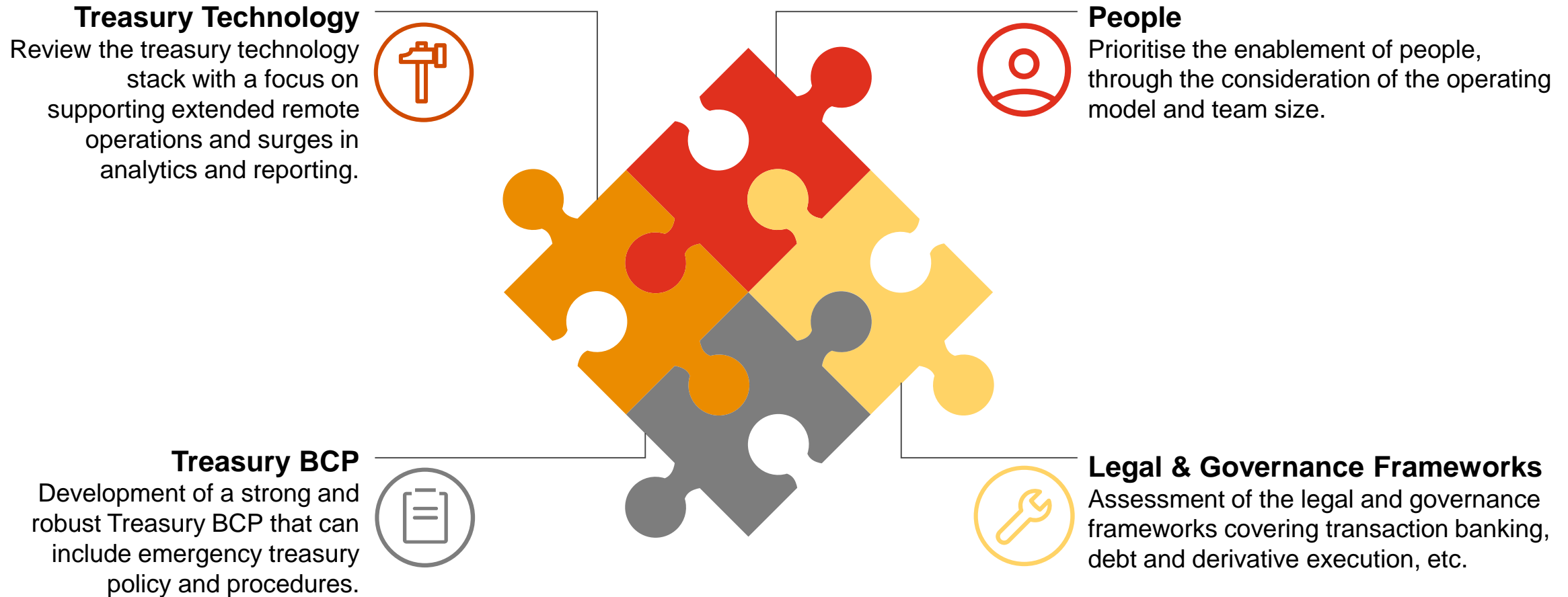
Reduced availability or accuracy of exposures from the business units



# How can Treasury embed operational resilience?

Need to look at it from two perspectives:

- Tactical – what are the quick fixes that can be implemented to ensure you are better prepared next time
- Strategic – what from a policy, technology and process perspective needs to change to improve operational resilience



# Treasury Technology



**Over 80%** of Treasurers agree cost is the biggest hurdle of technology adoption

## Treasury A

### Description

- 1-3 dedicated Treasury staff
- Excel and paper based
- Smaller counterparty panel
- Cash management focused
- Outsourced Treasury tasks
- Minimal &/or vanilla derivatives

### Challenges

- Limited bandwidth to stretch
- Excel file management
- Manual cash visibility & operations
- Increased risk of manual error
- Limited remote working capability
- Treasury administered solutions

### Potential Solutions

- Integrate an Excel user framework
- Leverage the existing broader stack
- Adopt complementary technology
- Consider cloud or co-authoring
- Engage IT & other business units
- Perform gap analysis

# Treasury Technology



**3x** more likely  
to upgrade a  
TMS than  
change

## Treasury B

### Description

- 5-7 dedicated Treasury staff
- Likely TMS based
- Semi-integrated ecosystem
- Excel for cash & reporting
- Dedicated Treasury Accountant/s
- Increased use of derivatives

### Challenges

- Older or Phase I TMS implemented
- “Black box” solutions & connections
- Workflow for the sake of workflow
- Manual data tasks still exist
- Outdated Excel models
- Irritating amount of paperwork

### Potential Solutions

- Review & document the ecosystem
- Reconcile the TMS & capabilities
- Implement a task scheduler
- Standardise & consolidate
- Adopt specialised technology
- Undertake digitisation review

# Treasury Technology



**92%** consider Operational Resilience an important driver for Treasury technology adoption

## Treasury C

### Description

- 8-15 dedicated Treasury staff
- Well developed ecosystem
- BI reporting & analytics
- Integrated TMS backbone
- Enhanced STP enabled
- More integrated into the business

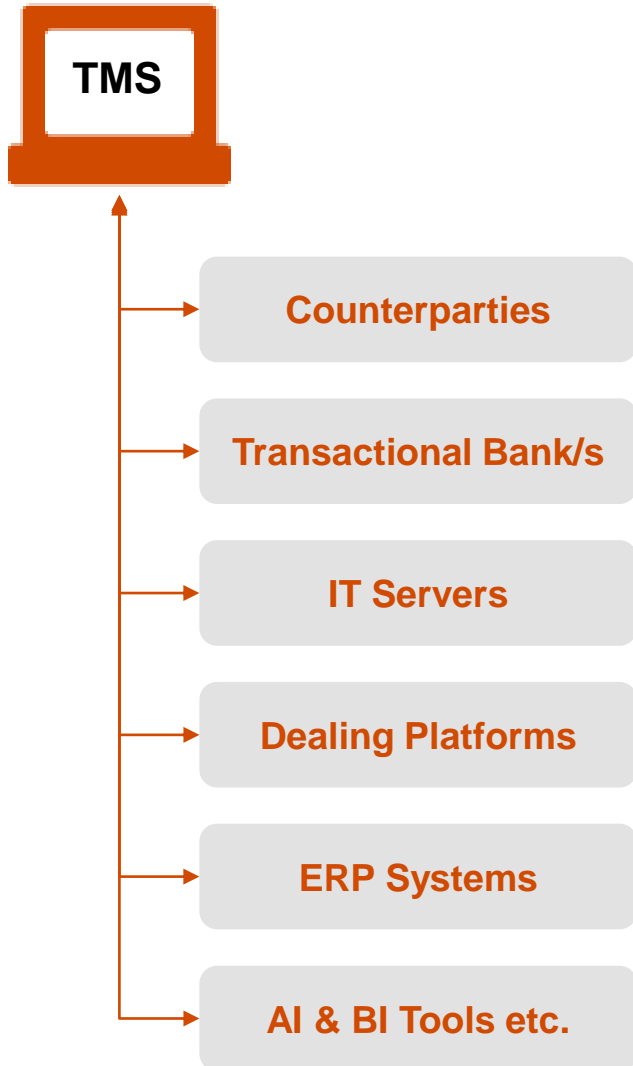
### Challenges

- Multiple vendors & upgrades
- Cyber & 3<sup>rd</sup> (or 4<sup>th</sup>) party risk
- Hosting & DRP obligations
- System interdependencies
- Increased ecosystem management
- Data quality & management issues

### Potential Solutions

- Develop an ecosystem map
- Dedicated ecosystem resourcing
- Potential solution consolidation
- Add multiple data validation checks
- Conduct regular cyber reviews
- Alignment of hosting & DRP duties

# Considerations for enhancing the Treasury ecosystem



- How does each vendor/touch point's DRP relate?
- What happens if a system vendor is taken over or goes under?
- What are the connections between the systems?
- What are the fall backs for services (usually DRP) and connections in the short and long term?
- What is the process and activation triggers for a DRP or BCP and the relationship to the business, IT, 3<sup>rd</sup> parties?

A cyber hack occurs every **39 seconds** on average

Cyber threats have increased almost **500%** for some industries, experts expect a **30-40% increase** in cyberattacks due to increased remote working

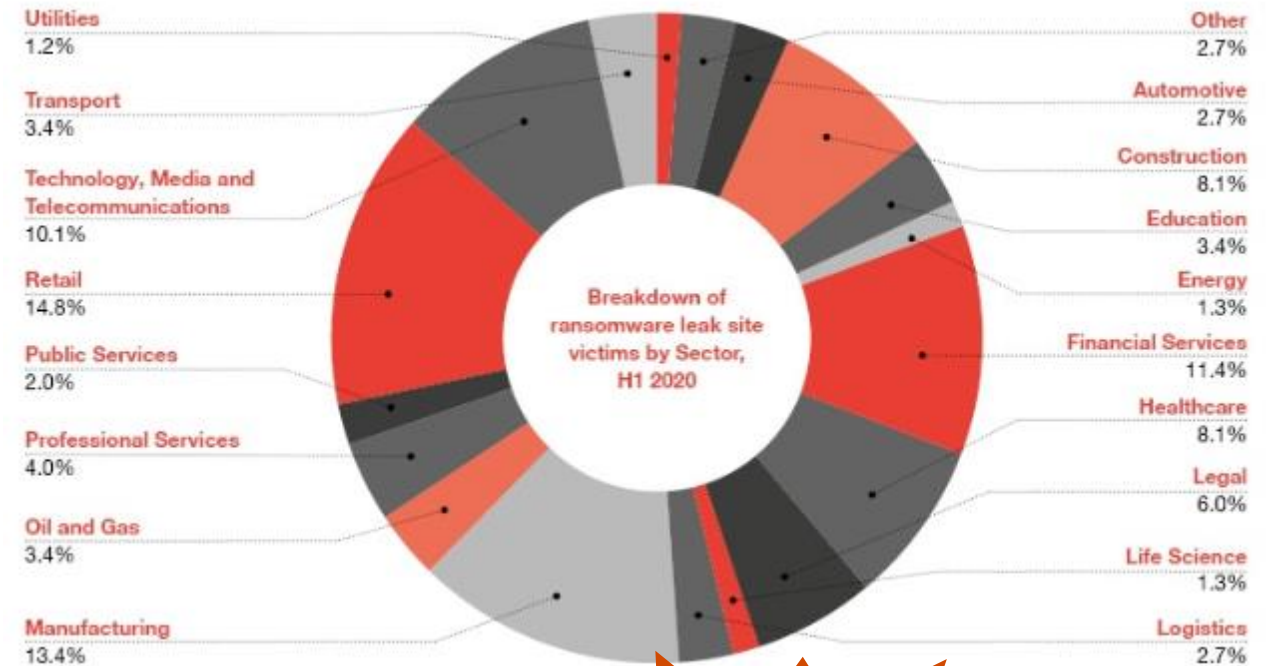
# Increased Cyber Threats

Between 11<sup>th</sup> March - 20<sup>th</sup> May, over 150 global organisations had their data leaked online.

**\$3t** estimated cost of cyber crime against businesses

## What's caused the increase in cyber incidents?

- Espionage actors operating for governments with economic interests at play or increased geopolitical tensions
- Reduced spending from consumers means groups that traditionally go after credit card details need to find new income sources
- Increased opportunity to target organisations in desperate situations
- Ransomware run as affiliate programmes, have triggered growth in the number of affiliates participating in their programmes. Ransom demands are growing, encouraging other actors to enter the market
- Opportunistic reconnaissance identifying vulnerabilities, possibly related to rapidly stood up remote working practices



**This will impact Treasury!**

Source: PwC, Juniper Research

# What cyber threats will you face?

**78%** of treasury organisations surveyed were hit with payment fraud in 2017

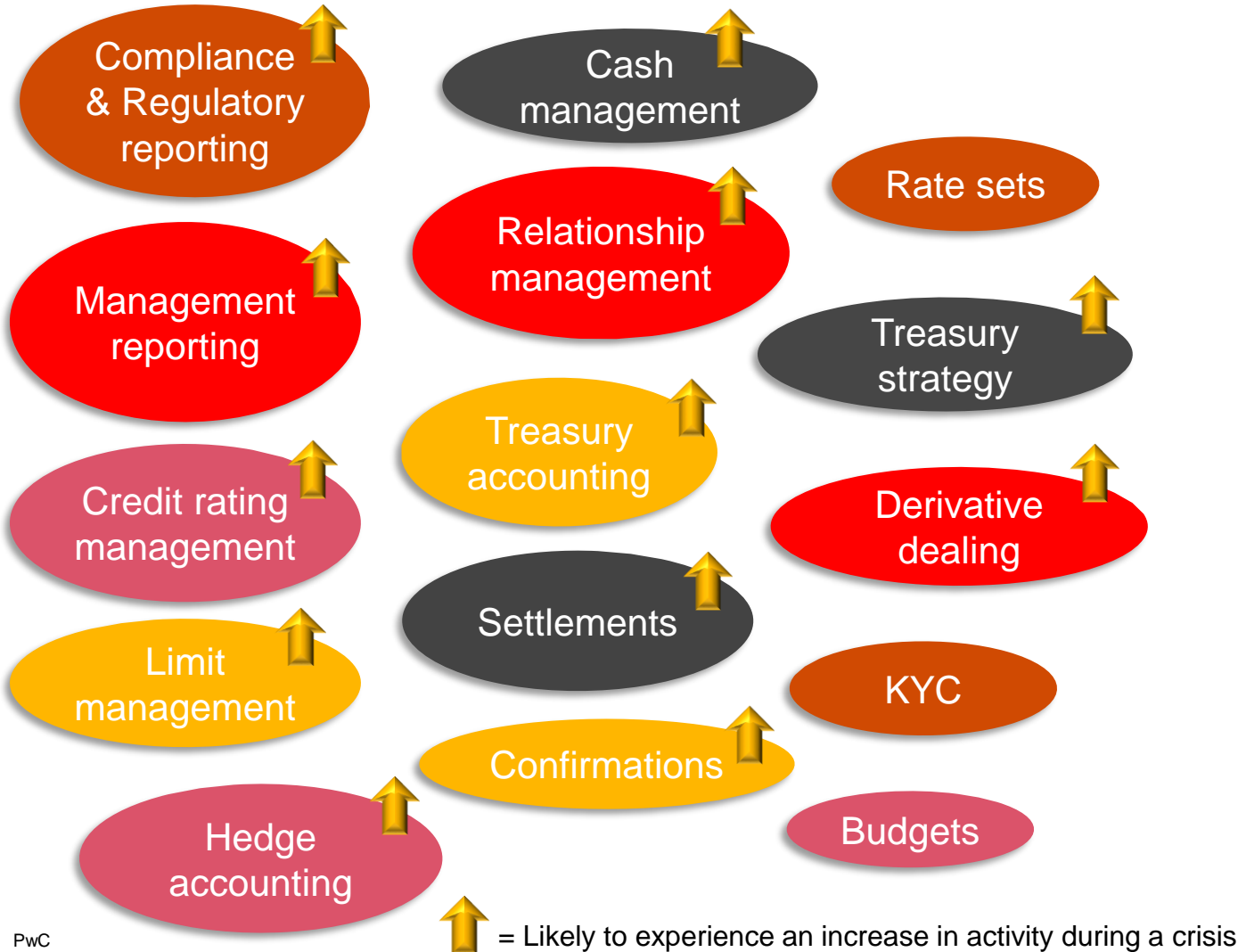
Type of Cyber Threat	Definition	Example
<b>Malware</b>	Leverages a vulnerability to install 'non-approved' software. Includes ransomware, spyware, viruses etc.	Fraudulent email with hidden malware attachment.
<b>Phishing</b>	Involves fraudulent communications that appear to come from a reputable source, usually through email.	Counterfeit request for a payment to a cybercriminal's account.
<b>Zero Day Exploit</b>	A vulnerability is announced but before a patch is implemented.	Treasury software is not immune, and often upgrades are delayed.
<b>Man in the Middle</b>	Hacker inserts themselves into a two-party channel.	Treasurer using airport Wi-Fi.
<b>Denial of Service</b>	Attack systems, servers, or networks with traffic to drain bandwidth.	External attack on Treasury servers.
<b>SQL Injection</b>	Attacker targets a SQL server to extract information.	TMS is likely an SQL database.
<b>DNS or HTTP Tunnelling</b>	The hacker utilises DNS or HTTP protocols to disguise data theft or remote access.	Attackers hide Treasury data to look like browser traffic to a remote web site.

**75%** of CFOs view cyber security as a critical concern vs **28%** of Treasurers

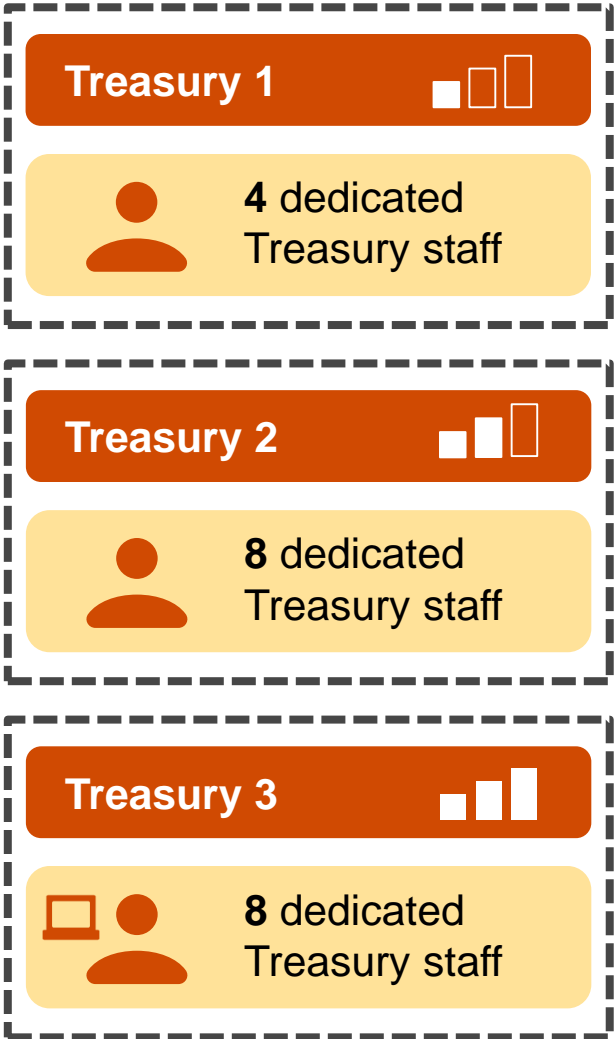
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# People – What’s the issue?

Examples of critical treasury processes



The average corporate Treasury size is **4** dedicated staff



*How will each company deal with staff not being available?*



# People – Potential solutions

## Key Considerations & Observations:

- Safety of staff and customers will remain paramount.
- Acknowledge individual requirements are unique to enable staff.
- Establish strong and effective communication lines.
- Standardise and prioritise workflows where possible.



**78%** of people want to continue working from home in some part

Potential Solution	Definition	Pros	Cons
<b>Internal to Treasury</b>	Onboard a new Treasury professional or Treasury Graduate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dedicated and specialised team member to assist.</li> <li>• Ability to develop with the team.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May not have budget.</li> <li>• Hiring, training and development time/requirements.</li> </ul>
<b>External to Treasury</b>	Utilise people from the finance team or business.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Familiar with the business and currently established.</li> <li>• Ability to invest in career progression &amp; diversify.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently untrained and required to keep them current.</li> <li>• Consideration around their priorities during busy periods.</li> </ul>
<b>Outsourcing</b>	Utilise another firm to supplement the Treasury team and perform selected Treasury functions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to qualified staff.</li> <li>• Ability to leverage as required.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potentially reduced control and synergies.</li> <li>• Introduces 3rd party and alternative operational risks.</li> <li>• Unable to select staff.</li> </ul>

# The Legal & Governance Frameworks

What challenges could I face moving forward?

## Considerations

- What process do I have for digital signatures (including their use and storage)? Will all my counterparties/banks accept these? What about my auditors?
- How will a robust document management process be maintained?
- How can business documents and their certified true copies be supported?

## Example: Transactional Banking

- How do I add new users?
- Who can witness documents remotely?
- Will I need to change the process for opening new bank accounts?
- How will I manage KYC compliance remotely?
- What implications do FATCA, CRS, AML etc. have?

**Engage with your stakeholders (including bank counterparties) with a view to digitise and optimise the process**

# Treasury BCP

A good Treasury Business Continuity Policy (BCP) will enable the elements of technology, people and the legal/governance frameworks to cohesively work together under alternative operating parameters.

## Example considerations of a BCP for Treasury

- **Document management** – approval, history, assumptions.
- **Definitions** – scope, purpose, roles, priorities/systems, activation criteria & authorities, relationship to business BCP.
- **Loss of functions/services** – Detailed actions under each scenario.
- **Contacts** – Embedded or linked internal & external contact lists.
- **Related documents** – Embed (and have embedded) the BCP to necessary supporting documents and templates.

Consider  
emergency  
delegated  
authorities

A strong Business  
Continuity Policy is  
supported by a well-  
structured Business  
Continuity  
Programme

1. Business Continuity Policy

2. Identify Critical Treasury Processes

3. Risk Assessment

4. Build Resilience Plans

5. Training & Awareness

6. Exercising & Monitoring

# 3 The Return

# The Return

The first 30 days...

1

## Staffing

Will staff return at once, staggered or on an alternated roster? What structures will be needed to support this?

How do you continue to maintain social distancing at work? Can you physically do it or will you have to continue as a split team?

2

## Delegation and system access

Likely that system access was modified to support the remote operating environment. Should this be removed and/or linked to the BCP?

Preparing for staff members getting sick for extended periods of time. What is the backup process and what is required to support it? e.g. system access, training etc.

3

## Physical document control

Compile and reconcile hard copies of physical documents issued during the WFH period e.g. confirmations, compliance certificates, facility documents etc.

4

## Communicate with 3<sup>rd</sup> parties

Advise counterparties and vendors of when the return of staff will occur. Also important to communicate any immediate changes, especially if a split team approach is taken or new staff are assigned as back ups.

5

## The honest appraisal

Review how treasury performed during the WFH period and assess if any breaches, missed tasks, unnecessary costs or missed opportunities occurred?

Assess the risk and reporting models to see how they can be improved to incorporate a COVID-19 scenario impact

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## Focusing the team

The world moves on including regulation. Assess all projects put on hold to determine if they need to be restarted. What new issues need to be dealt with e.g. LIBOR replacement.



# The Return – Embedding Operational Resilience in Treasury

Medium term...

## 1. Conduct a high level scan

Perform an end-to-end benchmark scan and gap analysis to identify the structural opportunities.

## 2. Embed operational resilience

Develop a plan and implement solutions to the structural opportunities identified. Ensure that changes consider any other risks that may be introduced.

## Operational Resilience

Operational resilience is embedded from ongoing investment into:

- Treasury Technology
- People
- Treasury BCP
- Legal & Governance Frameworks

These entrench a Treasurer as a strategic partner and an anchor through disruption.

## 3. Run a scenario testing

Perform multiple scenario analyses to test the end-to-end capabilities of the Treasury department's operational resilience.

***“Operational resilience is another area that we should never take for granted”  
– Wayne Byres, APRA Chair***

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