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### What does the Future Hold for Virtual Meetings? A BoardRoom webinar in partnership with Lumi



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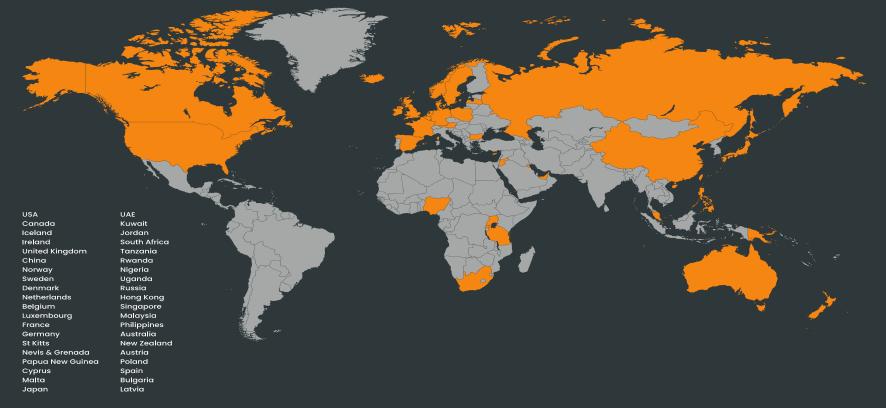
### A global perspective

#### Richard Taylor, CEO





#### Lumi has run virtual meetings in 40 countries worldwide in 2020



## Key trends

**1**. The Covid-19 impact has created a greater degree of comfort with and expectation of digital.

2. Rise in importance of the retail shareholder and level of expectations around governance.

**3.** Greater move towards an integrated end-to-end digital AGM experience.

**4**. The distinction between shareholder services (compliance) and investor relations (active shareholder engagement)

is becoming more blurred.





## So what?

**1.** The 2020 move to virtual meetings is just the thin end of a thick wedge.

2. One size will not fit all.

**3.** Successful service providers must combine skill-sets across corporate services, technology, event management and

investor marketing.





### Singapore

#### **Broad based themes & observations for SGX Listed Companies**







- ✓ Attendance
- ✓ Demographics
- ✓ Key themes around impact of pandemic

- ✓ Broadcast of meetings
- ✓ Pre-registration online
- ✓ Authentication of shareholders
- ✓ Live QnA
- ✓ Live Remote Poll Voting

- ✓ New Entrants
- ✓ Heightened Cybersecurity
- ✓ Market Participation to drive change

## Having delivered more than 40% of meetings during the April peak season, we found commonalities in every success story

- Clearly defined guiding principles as a "North Star"
- Principles to be driven by shareholder experience, inclusion, security & governance..etc
- Contingency Plans
- Socialise contingency "Internally" and "Externally"
- Infrastructure resilience & data security protocols
- Test, Test, Test
- Dry runs to replicate live event
- Ensure minimal deviation between "test" and "actual"

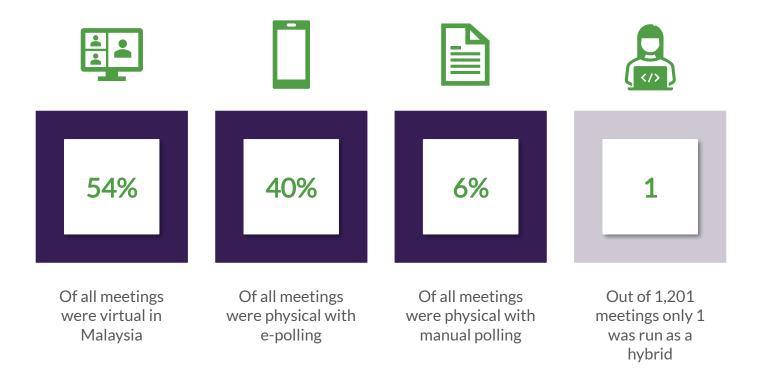


- Transversal collaboration
- Grp Secretariat, Investor Relations, Share Registrar, Polling Agent, Webcast Provider

- Know your Shareholders
- Gain leverage by understanding who your key shareholders are (i.e., Demographics, Values..etc)
- Change Management
- Create and build a digital storyline to enable buy-in & ease of transition
- Manage friction

### Malaysia





\*includes AGM, EGM and special meeting. Source : Bursa's website, as of 12 March 2021



#### 2021 appears to be accelerating this trend Jan - Feb 2021 Data

94%

Of all meetings held thus far have been virtual

(81 meetings)

*It is important to note that Malaysia is still under various stages of a Movement Control Order which will be influencing this figure* 



# 3 key trends we're seeing across Malaysia





Time Period	No. of PLC's who adopted Virtual Meetings* by Market Capitalisation Category					
	Small	Medium	Large			
	(below RM499M)	(RM500M to RM1B)	(Above RM1B)			
June – Dec 2020	436	56	152			
	(68%)	(8%)	(24%)			
Jan – Feb 2021	57	11	13			
	(70%)	(14%)	(16%)			

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#### Trend 2: Board & Shareholder Engagement Continues

Despite relatively lower number of meeting participants



of listed companies said shareholders posed more questions during fully virtual AGMs compared to physical AGMs

48%

said no. of questions posed were more or less the same





Source : SC's CG Monitor 2020



Participation preference/ Age	30 and below	Between 31 and 40	Between 41 and 50	Between 51 and 60	Between 61 and 70	71 and above
Online	48%	45%	38%	40%	21%	30%
Physical • Would like to have the option to participate in the meeting remotely (online)	52%	55%	62%	60%	79%	70%
	82%	65%	69%	71%	56%	43%

### Hong Kong

### The landscape in Hong Kong

Companies Ordinance does not allow for fully virtual meetings

COVID-19 accelerated adoption of hybrid meetings Adoption is still limited by companies constitutions





## What are the trends we're seeing in Hong Kong?

Hesitation around of hybrid meetings

Hybrid Meetings are actively encouraged by regulators

• HKICS, SFC & HKEX have been encouraging the use of hybrid meetings since April 2020

#### Article of Associations amendments

2. We're seeing an increased appetite for adoption of hybrid meetings with several requests coming in for changing Article of Associations amendments



### Australia

# The ongoing impact of COVID-19





### What needs to shift?

Key barriers for future adoption

#### **Expectations & Requirements**

Features and production of virtual or hybrid meetings differ greatly from one company to another

De-mystify hybrids and provide options

2. There is a common misconception that hybrids are double the effort & double the cost



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