Audit Adjustments Matter: Upholding Financial Reporting Quality

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Introduction

Audit Adjustments

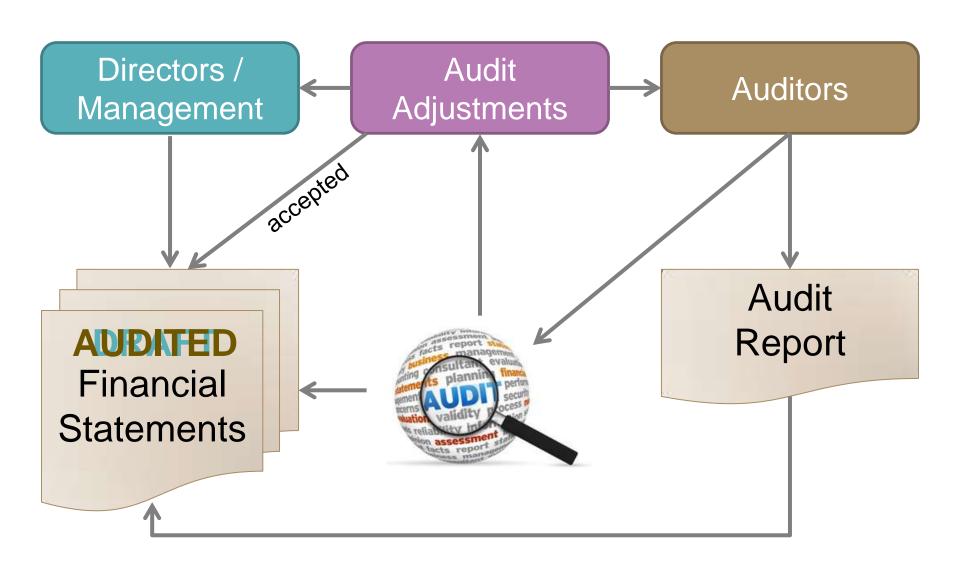
as communicated to those charged with governance for SGX-listed companies with 31 Dec 2013 year end



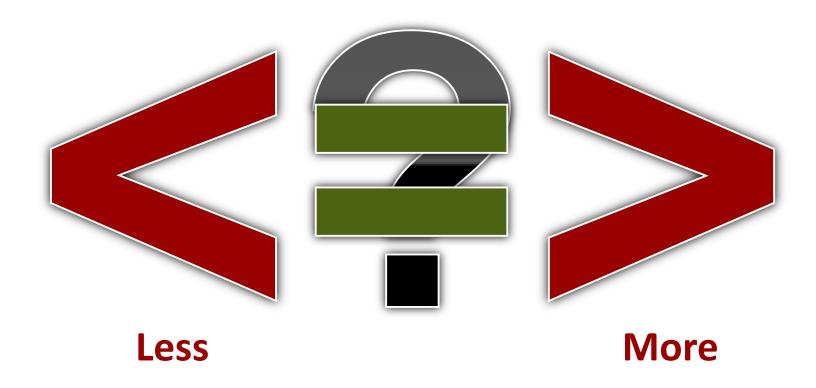
Characteristics, nature and extent of audit adjustments

An indication of the **gap** between financial statements as prepared by management and what is prescribed in the accounting standards

Background: Audit Adjustments



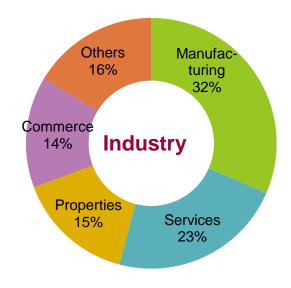
Audit Adjustments: Less is More!



Data Collection



3,222 entries





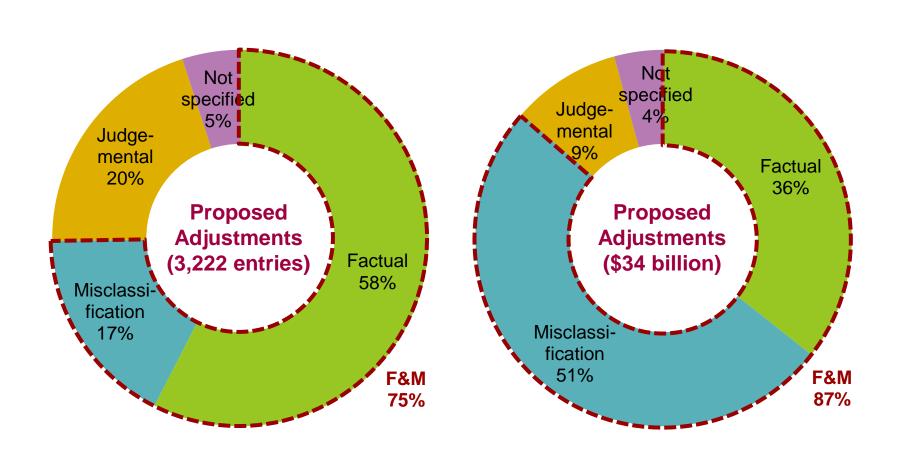
257 companies

\$34b adjustments

7,842 lines

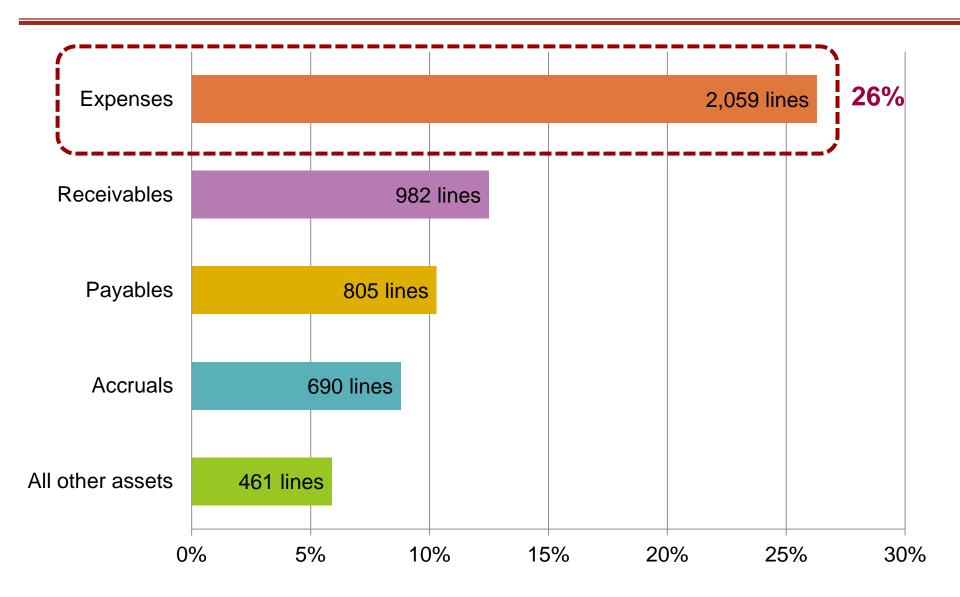
Auditors work hard!





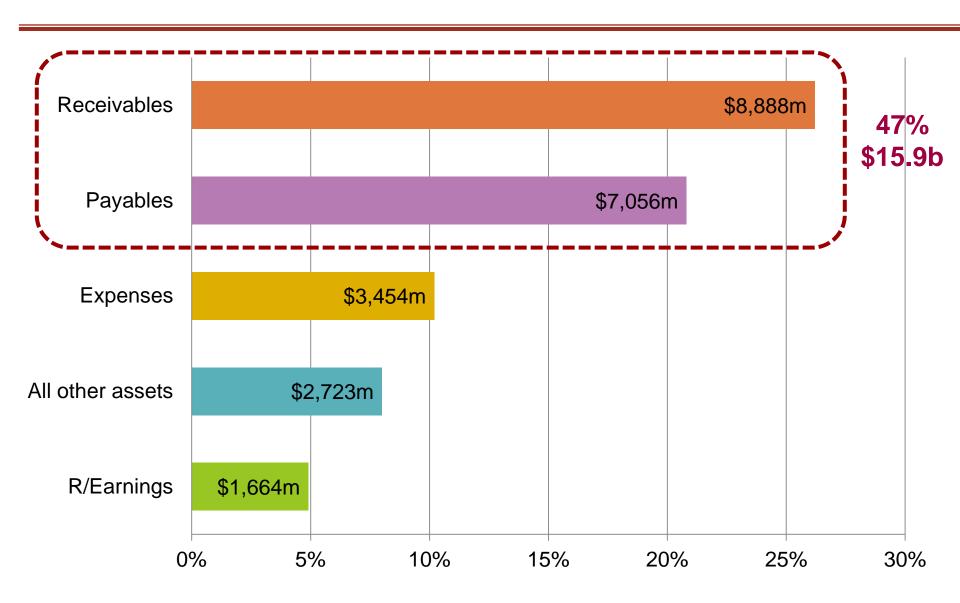
Top 5 Accounts (by lines)





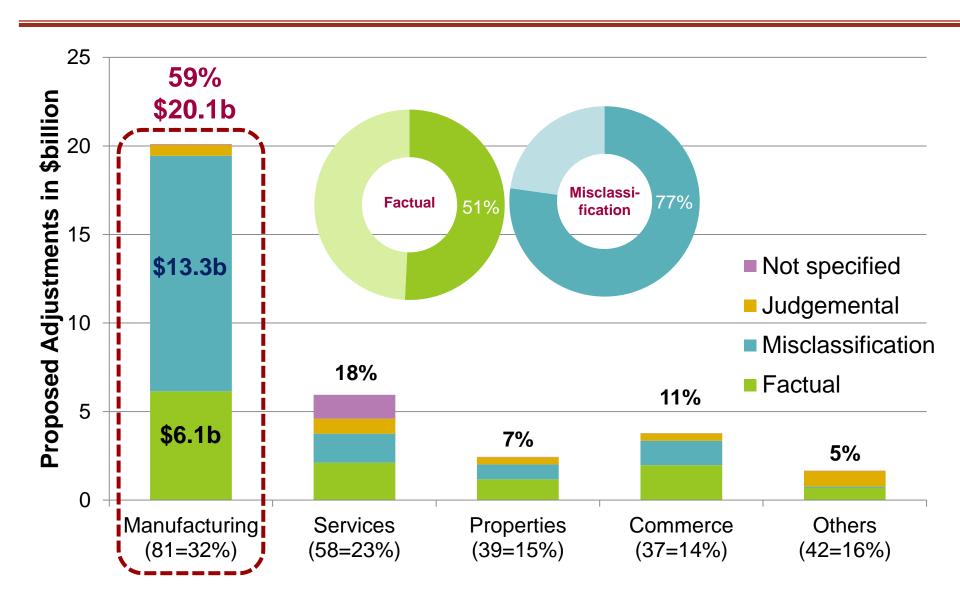
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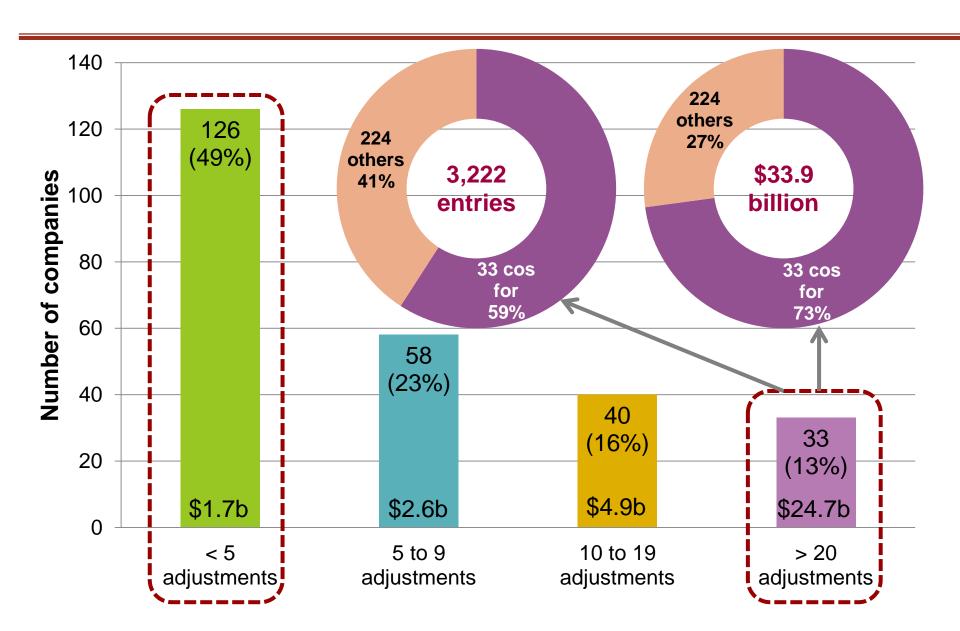
Adjustments by Industry





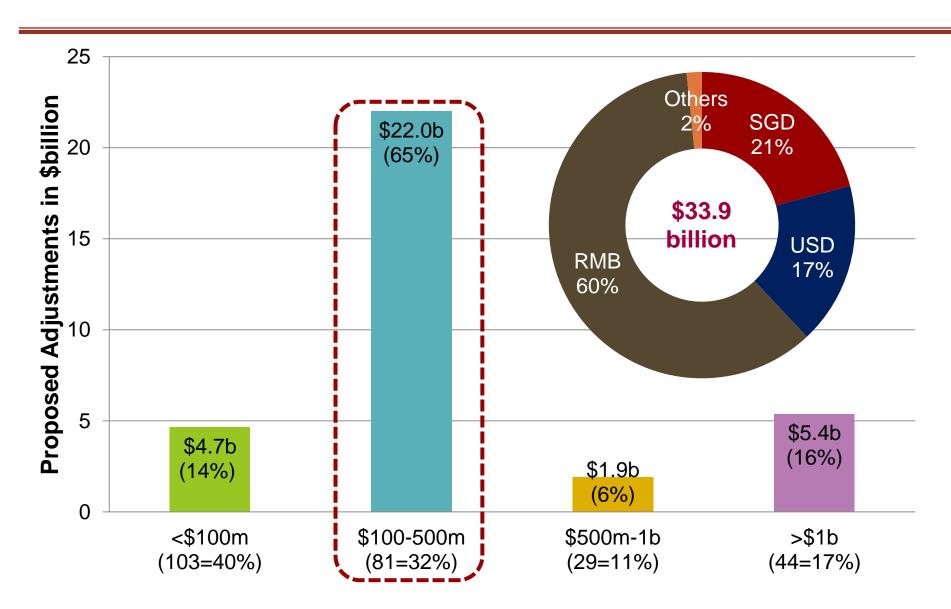
Majority for minority





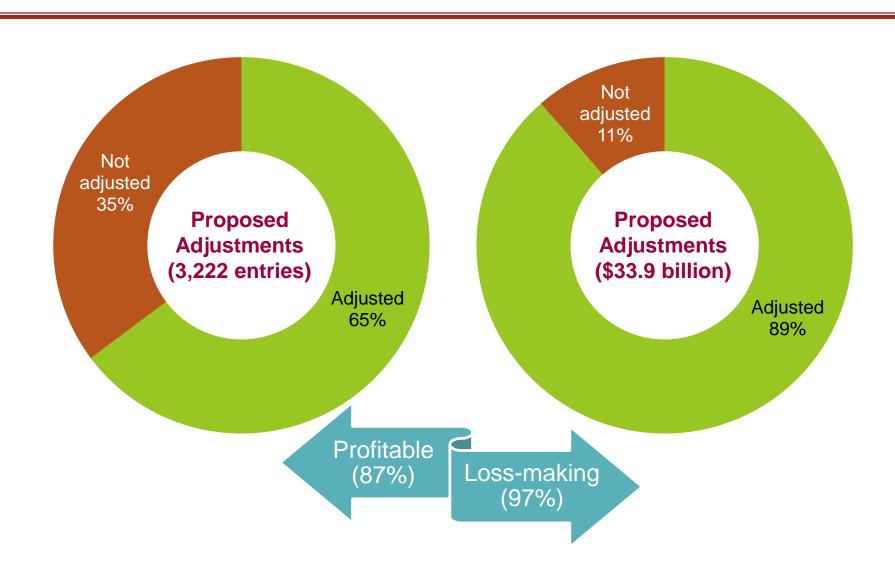
Growing Pains





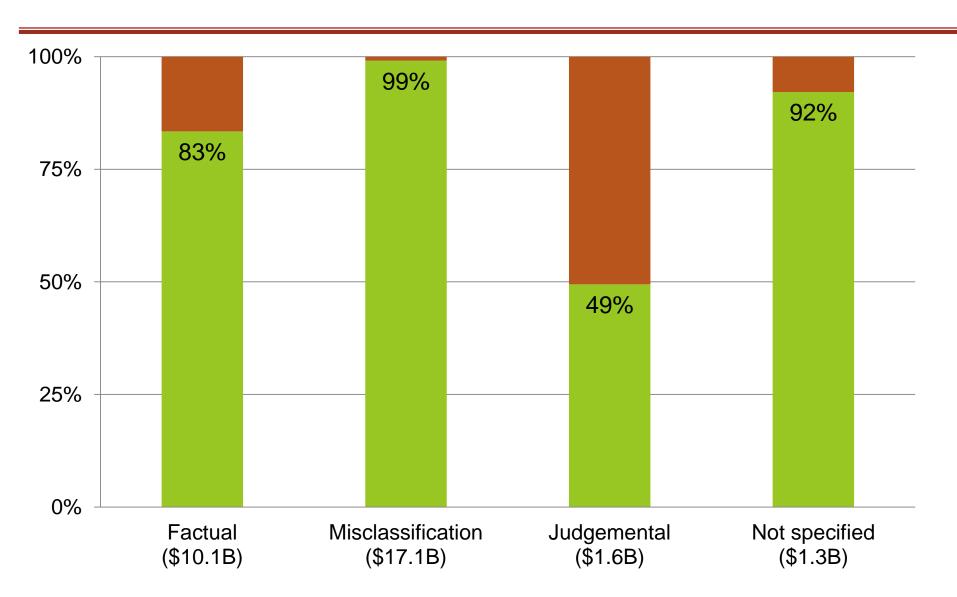
Passed/Accepted Adjustments





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Key Findings & Recommendations

- Companies must take more responsibility for their financial statements
- Companies should pay more attention on expense accounts, receivables and payables
- Manufacturing companies should identify and rectify causes of factual misstatements and misclassifications
- Companies with many audit adjustments should improve their internal control systems and processes
- Growing companies should expand their internal accounting capacity and capabilities
- 6 Auditors should continue to uphold their stance on material adjustments

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