

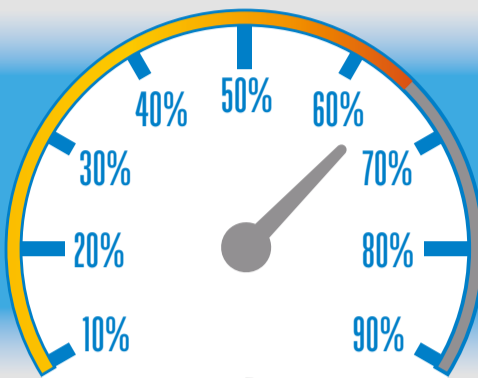
# DueDiligence2022

## M & A IN THE DIGITAL AGE

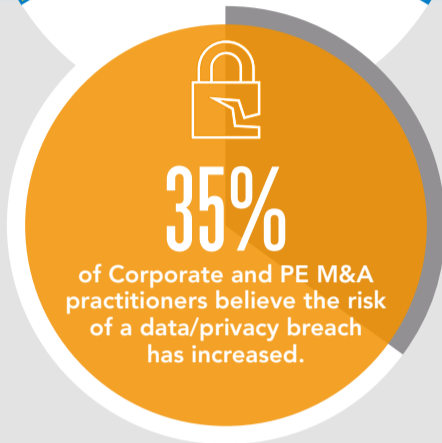
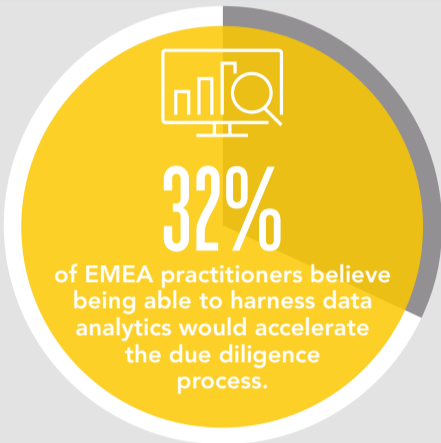
M&A due diligence is faster, more secure and technology-enabled than it has ever been. Over the next few years, the due diligence process will continue to evolve. Though regulatory change will have some impact, technologies from AI and machine learning to data analytics and even blockchain will have the biggest influence. By 2022, due diligence is expected to be even faster, more secure and sophisticated than ever before.

### 2018 THE STATE OF DUE DILIGENCE IN EMEA

Most EMEA M&A practitioners (64%) say due diligence takes less than three months – from sourcing a deal to completion – for a successful transaction.

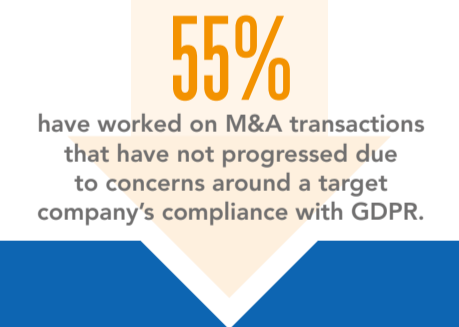
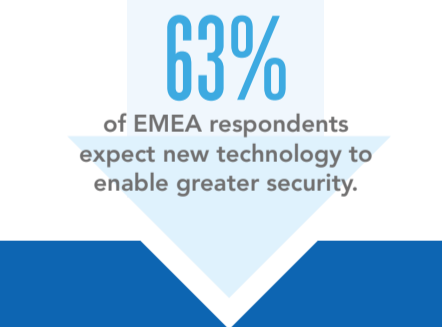
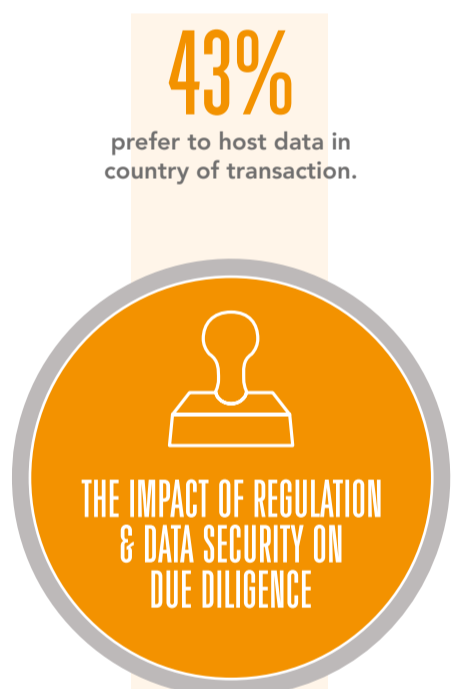
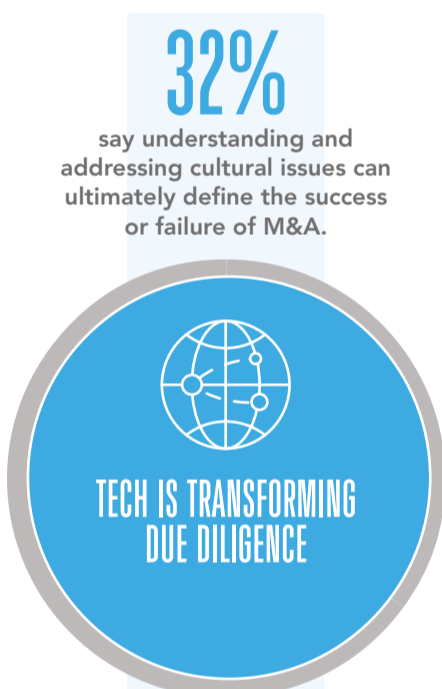
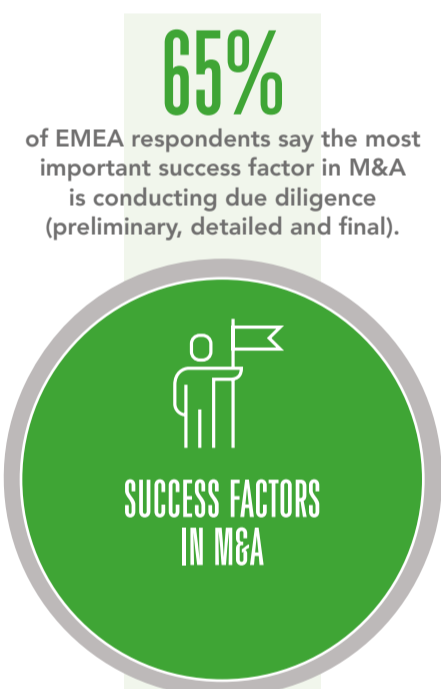


The expectation is that the speed of diligence could accelerate if key challenges are addressed.



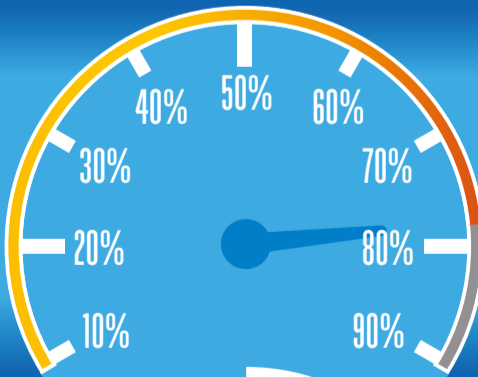
Overall, most EMEA practitioners say accessing, gathering, verifying and reviewing documents, information and data is the factor that slows the due diligence process the most.

### WHAT IS HELPING AND HINDERING M&A DUE DILIGENCE IN EMEA

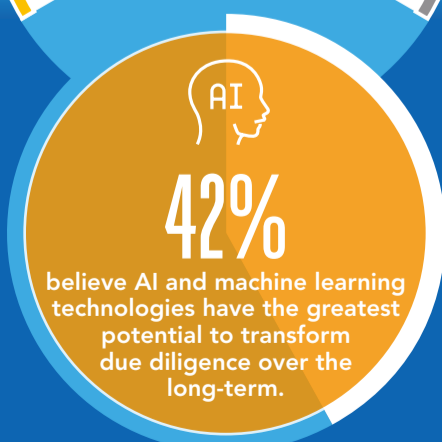
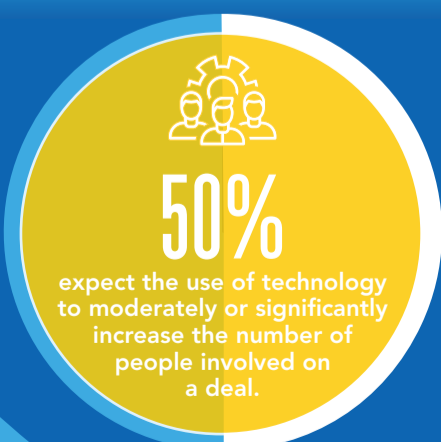


### 2022 THE FUTURE OF DUE DILIGENCE IN EMEA

EMEA M&A practitioners expect due diligence to accelerate in the future, with 78% believing it will take less than three months by 2022.



But diligence will not only accelerate, technology will also deliver greater security, analytical capability and simplicity to the entire process.



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