

# **Navigating the COVID-19 Outbreak**

**M&A Considerations**

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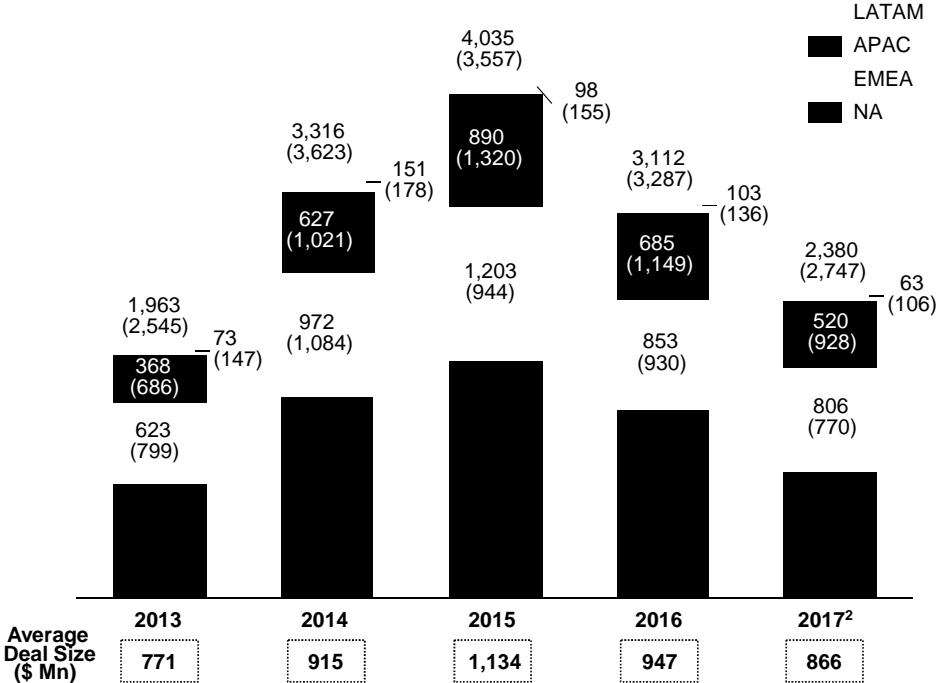
# Key Summary of the Current Covid-19 situation and possible scenarios

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- 1 COVID-19 has been going on for a few months now and has financially impacted many companies and organisations
- 2 In times of crisis and flux, there will be an increase in opportunities whereby distressed companies are looking for investments and capital injections
- 3 Companies that are keen to ramp up inorganic activity need to consider the increased uncertainty and risks that stem from this crisis

# Deal activity has been on a decline since 2015 levels

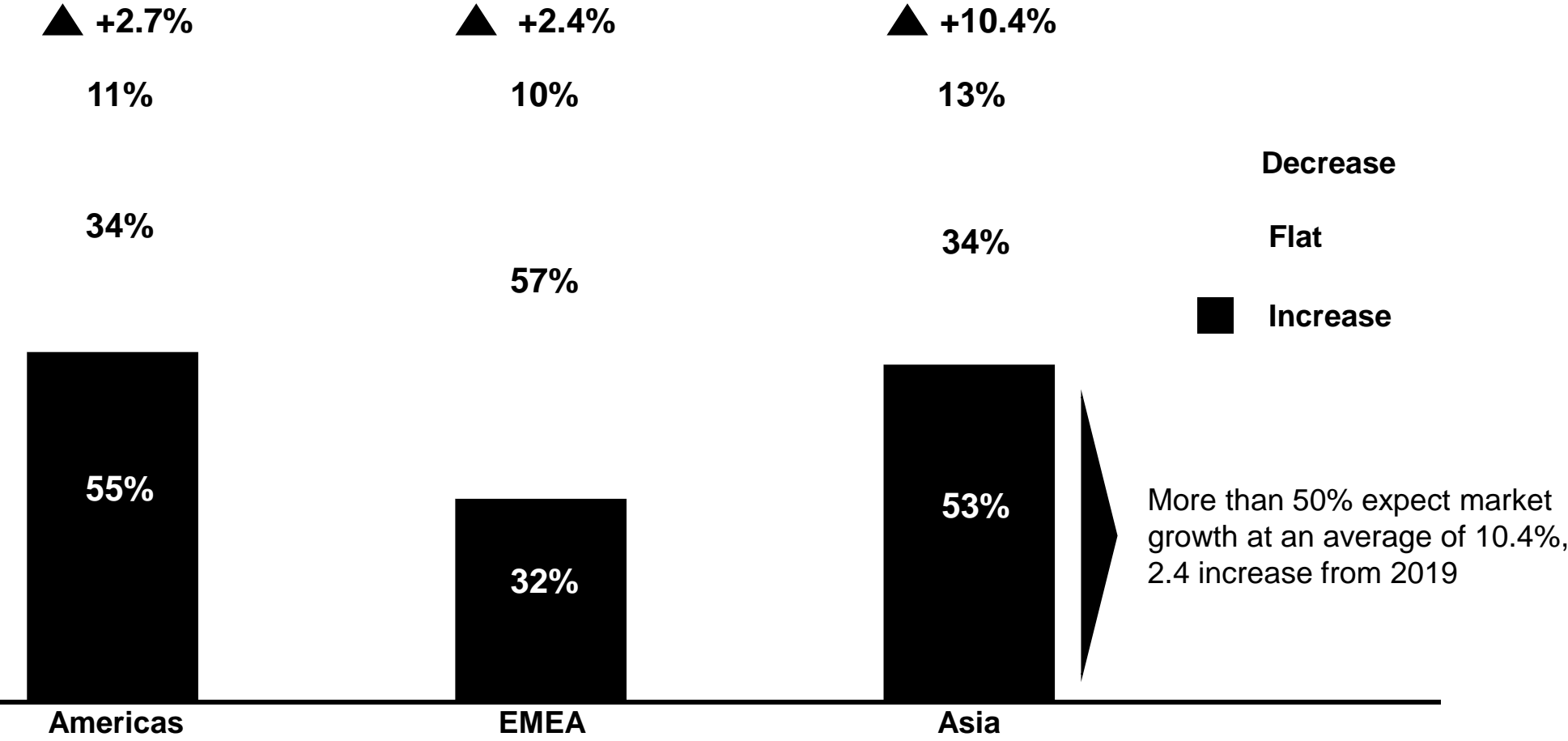
Global M&A size (Bn) and volume<sup>1</sup> (2013 to 2017 – excluding December 2017)



- 1 High valuations
- 2 Macro-economic and geopolitical uncertainty
- 3 Commodity industry slump

# However, surveys indicate that there's an increase in positive M&A sentiment in Asia – which we expect as well

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# Typical Reasons for M&A



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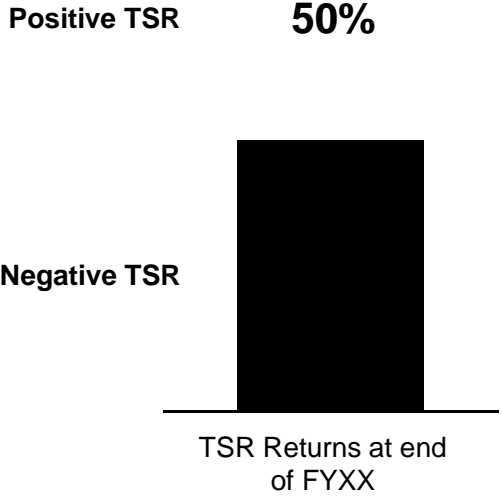
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# Typical Reasons for Deal Failure

**50% of the deals result in loss of shareholders value**

40+ companies



**66% of all merger failures can be attributed to failure in integration**

Reasons for loss of deal value



Source: CapitalIQ, Mergermarket, EY Analysis

TSR: Total Shareholder Return, TSRs for each company weighted against its Market Cap for the year.

A list of deals based on deal value and which got completed between FYXX and FYXX were identified. This was further segregated based on their post acquisition change in TSR and separate list were created for deals with positive and negative TSRs based on which further analysis were conducted

# Typical M&A related risks and Mitigation Strategies – Buy Side

	Description and Impact	Possible Mitigation
<b>1</b> <b>Overpaying for deals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insufficient Financial due diligence rigor</li> <li>• Insufficient Operational due diligence rigor</li> <li>• Bidding and price war with competitors</li> <li>• Inaccurate synergy calculations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rigor in synergy quantification</li> <li>• Rigor in due diligence activities (Financial, Operational and Legal)</li> </ul>
<b>2</b> <b>Misaligned Strategy &amp; Deal Rationale</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inability to extract synergies post-deal</li> <li>• Acquisition targets do not align with the buyer's strategic objectives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that acquisitions are in line with the company's strategic objectives</li> <li>• Ensure that strategic vision and objectives are set for short, medium and long run</li> </ul>
<b>3</b> <b>Deal Failure due to Integration Challenges</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural challenges</li> <li>• Lack of an Integration plan</li> <li>• Insufficient integration activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a strong Post Merger Integration Plan from Day-0</li> <li>• Set-up Integration Management Office to manage integration activities</li> </ul>
<b>4</b> <b>Legal &amp; Regulatory Challenges</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weakly drafted SPA</li> <li>• Non-compliance with regulatory regimes</li> <li>• Insufficient legal or contract protection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rigor in legal due diligence activities</li> <li>• Contractual negotiations</li> <li>• Engage reputable law firms with proven experiences in transactions and deals advisory</li> </ul>
<b>5</b> <b>Post Deal Loss and Liabilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No warranties given</li> <li>• Limited time warranties</li> <li>• Tax and other fraud-related liabilities surfacing, post deal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rigor in operational due diligence activities</li> <li>• Avoid transactions that</li> <li>• Consider W&amp;I insurance to transfer liabilities and risks to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party</li> </ul>

# From an investee perspective - Corporate Governance and Disclosure is key to attracting potential investors

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**Local Myanmar companies are struggling to provide the basic level of assurance needed to attract investors and close deals**

## Financial

- Disclosure of financial statements
- Quality of financial statements
- Audited?
- Internal Controls
- Prudent Financial Management

## Operational

- Capability of target company management team
- Employees and Culture
- Cost and Assets
- IT Systems
- Business Processes

## Legal

- Compliance with international regulations (e.g. GDPR)
- Complete due diligence documents

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# Key Takeaways

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Industries are in flux and this provides the optimal conditions for M&A activities

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For companies that are looking to acquire, need to ensure alignment with strategy, de-risking of assets and Integration Strategy – **most deals fail because of integration failure**

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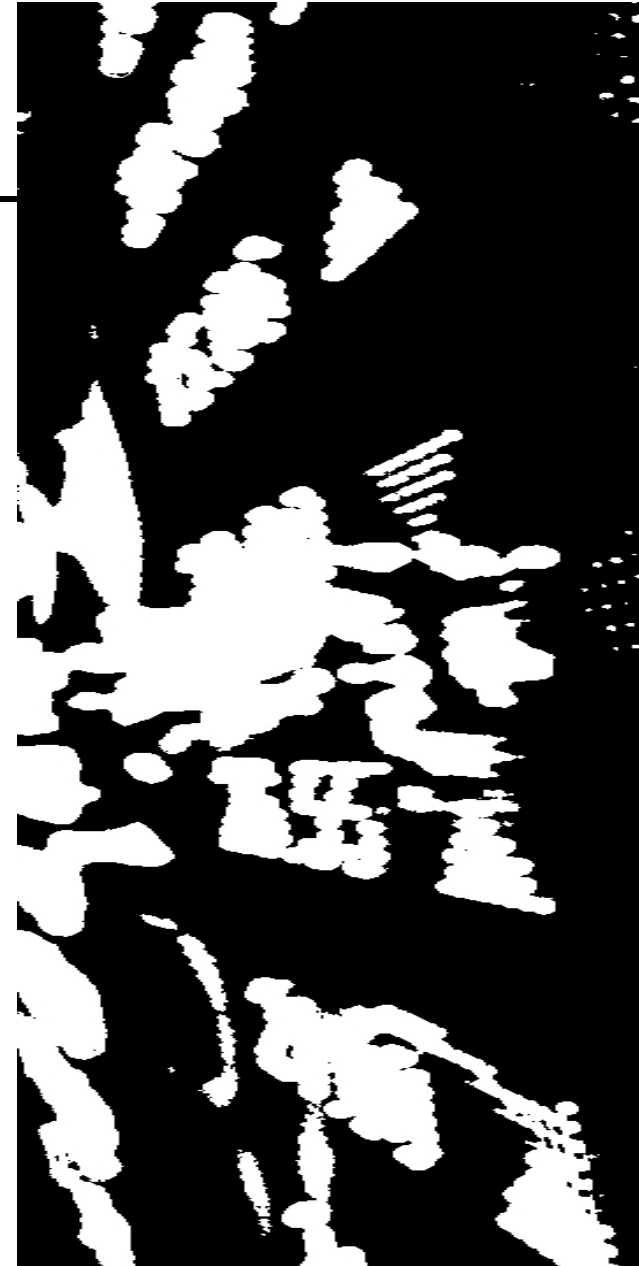
For companies looking for investments – how to position yourself to attract potential investments? – Good Corporate Governance and providing the necessary assurance to investors

# M&A – Navigating the Pandemic

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## Due Diligence – key considerations

- Supply Disruption
- Performance of contracts
- Insurance
- Employment issues
- Solvency risks



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- Warranties – shifting sands
- Pre-closing undertakings – new exigencies
- Walk away
- Force majeure
- Material adverse change
- Signing and Closing



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