

# 2021 OUTLOOK: POLITICS AND POLICY

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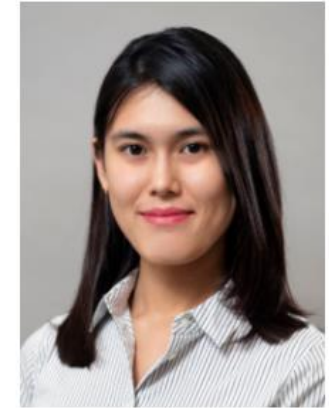
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## SERVICES

### GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS STRATEGY

Develop strategies to align client business objectives and government policy goals

### REGULATORY RISK

Identify and assess current and emergent regulatory risks and trends

### ADVOCACY

Conduct or counsel on engagement with key stakeholders in government, media and civil society

### POLITICAL INTELLIGENCE

Illuminate political and commercial power dynamics

# AGENDA

- Political Outlook
- Policy Outlook
- Implication on Businesses in Malaysia



# POLITICAL OUTLOOK

- MCO and Emergency Declaration
- Revocation of support for Muhyiddin as PM
- Fluid political realignments
  - UMNO – Anwar alliance/ PN
  - Unregistered Muda and Pejuang parties
  - Sabah-based Warisan
- Declaration of support for other PM candidates
  - Potential appointment of new PM vs. GE-15
  - Role of YDPA
- Elections





# POLICY OUTLOOK

- RMK-12 (2021-2025)
- Tax policies – GST, SST
  - Other revenue enhancing measures
- Emergency Ordinance/ Movement Control Orders
- Budget 2022
- Parliamentary Sessions
- Vaccine Roll-out



# IMPLICATIONS ON BUSINESSES IN MALAYSIA



# EMERGENT RISKS

- Political instability
  - Possibility of a GE-15
  - Continued power struggle between political parties
- Continued disruptions due to COVID-19
- Delays to policy rollout
  - RMK-12, Budget 2022, Parliamentary Sessions
- Provisions of the Emergency Ordinance
  - Business sentiment
- Elections



# Q&A

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