# What's at Stake for 2022: Politics and Pandemic

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Develop strategies to align client business objectives and government policy goals

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Identify and assess current and emergent

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Illuminate political and commercial power

dynamics

# AGENDA

- Recap of 2021
- 2022 Political and Policy Outlook
- Implication to Businesses in Malaysia



# RECAP OF 2021

- COVID
  - MCO and Emergency Declaration
  - Vaccine rollout
- Politics
  - State of flux and the opposition-government compact
  - Challenges to Legitimacy
    - Floods, EPF/demands for aid
  - New dynamics (MUDA, UNDI18)
- Policy
  - Healthcare
  - 12<sup>th</sup> MP, MyDIGITAL



# POLITICAL AND POLICY OUTLOOK

- Continued uncertainty
  - COVID-19 response
  - Elections and their outcomes
  - UNDI18
- Political reform: Quo vadis?
  - Anti-hopping legislation, Parliamentary Services Act
  - How long can the truce hold?
- Policy
  - Trade policy
  - Impact of recent oil price increase
  - Healthcare



# IMPLICATIONS TO BUSINESS

- Be proactive
  - Assess impact on proposed activities
  - Plan appropriate timelines
- Be prepared
  - Contingency plans
  - Keep track of developments (i.e. boosters)







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