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The Emerging Role of Governance, Risk Management and Compliance (GRC)

In the emerging 'post High-tech' economic paradigm, eFinance, as well as Governance, Risk Management and Compliance (GRC) are often seen as the strategic engines of industrial and commercial growth, innovation and social renewal. Moreover, in the current financial environment, the attention of investors and stakeholders focuses on the corporate ability to maintain a strong capital position that protects it from financial crises. All these factors imply the critical importance of new innovation players, such as central banks, government regulatory bodies and investment funds, which in the past were not necessarily seen as primary industry innovation engines.

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