In the autumn of 2017, we spoke with more than 500 UK multinationals about their attitudes to compliance. We found that a ‘connected’ approach – where organisations work in a collaborative, agile, strategic and effective manner – offered the greatest return to the wider business. This year, for the second edition of Connected Compliance, we have expanded our research internationally, gathering data from 800 business leaders across the US, Canada, Brazil, Hong Kong, China, Spain and Germany. Here, we explore the connectivity of teams globally and we examine where regional and cultural differences are affecting attitudes to compliance.
Companies have **acquired or made investments** in companies with significant compliance issues that were:

- **63%** of general managers encourage employees to **apply their own moral compass** to compliance decisions rather than relying on static policies and procedures.
- **64%** believe that compliance is **solely the responsibility** of the compliance team.
- **52%** say that supply chain partners could pose **unknown compliance risks**.

**52%** are aware of compliance issues that have **yet to be discovered by a regulator**.

**56%** feel **overwhelmed by the risk** exposure of their business.

**57%** expect compliance breaches to rise as regulation becomes more complex.

**63%** of compliance heads say compliance standards vary **widely** across different countries or locations.

Only **20%** manage compliance in a **broadly integrated** way.

**51%** say their organization is either **very or somewhat siloed**.