Wirecard – the house that Jack built?

SOCIETY’S 6 LINES OF DEFENCE

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**Wirecard Summary**

**TIMELINE**

- **1999**: Founded by Austrians, based in Bavaria, providing internet payment services via its UK subsidiary Wirecard Solutions, with offices in Singapore, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Turkey, USA, Brazil.
- **2015**: FT starts its House of Wirecard series, revealing red flags also highlighted by short-sellers.
- **2016**: Investigating journalists and short-sellers are constantly under hacking attacks.
- **2018**: Despite non-compliance with basic governance requirements, enter the DAX.
- **2019**: Accounts not signed off by EY, Wirecard auditors for a decade; unable to reconcile €1.9billion.
- **June 2020**: Bafin files a criminal complaint against FT journalists and short-sellers citing market manipulation.
- **Sep. 2020**: Wirecard collapses as fraud could be €3.2billion. Markus Braun, former CEO, under arrest with three other former top managers for fraud. The COO, Jan Marsalek is on the run (mugshot attached).

**LINES OF STAKEHOLDER DEFENCE**

1. **The Company**
2. **The Auditor**
3. **The Regulator**
4. **The Shareholder**
5. **The Government**
6. **The Journalist**

agreement to a German parliamentary committee inquiry because the Bundestag finance committee has not obtained satisfactory answers about Bafin’s role in Wirecard’s collapse.