HAT Technical

MEMO 01/23

To: All firms
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UPDATE TO THE HAT PENSION SCHEMES METHODOLOGY:
AMENDMENTS FOR PERIODS COMMENCING ON/AFTER 15 DECEMBER 2021

The HAT Pensions Methodology has been updated as part of our annual update cycle.

The key driver of the update is the revision to a number of Auditing Standards, with the following being the areas of most significant change:

- ISA (UK) 315 *Identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement*
- ISA (UK) 240 *The auditor's responsibilities relating to fraud in an audit of financial statements*

The changes to the Auditing Standards are effective for **accounting periods commencing on or after 15 December 2021.**

As these changes are most likely to affect clients with a 31 December 2022 year end and onwards (albeit care will be needed with short periods), we have updated the Pensions Methodology and re-named this **Pensions (January 2022).**

For periods commencing prior to 15 December 2021, the HAT Pension Manual (January 2020) should still be used.

The major changes to the Methodology are consistent with the changes made to our Corporate Audit Methodology summarised in TM0422.

All amended documents are annotated as "01/23" in the footer.

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We are always pleased to receive feedback on our manuals. If you have any comments on this Manual then please email david@hatgroup.co.uk