



# Redefining an Effective Responsible Sourcing Program

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## TRENDS IN ASIA FROM A BSCI PERSPECTIVE

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# About BSCI

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- Membership association, founded in 2003 with the goal of harmonizing Social compliance auditing for European retailers
- In 2014 added Environmental aspects
- In 2015 harmonized Social and Environmental programs into a Sustainability programme

# Trends from the BSCI Perspective

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## Solid Trends

- Selected Audit Data
- Migration of Sourcing
- Seasonality
- Growth
- Capacity Building

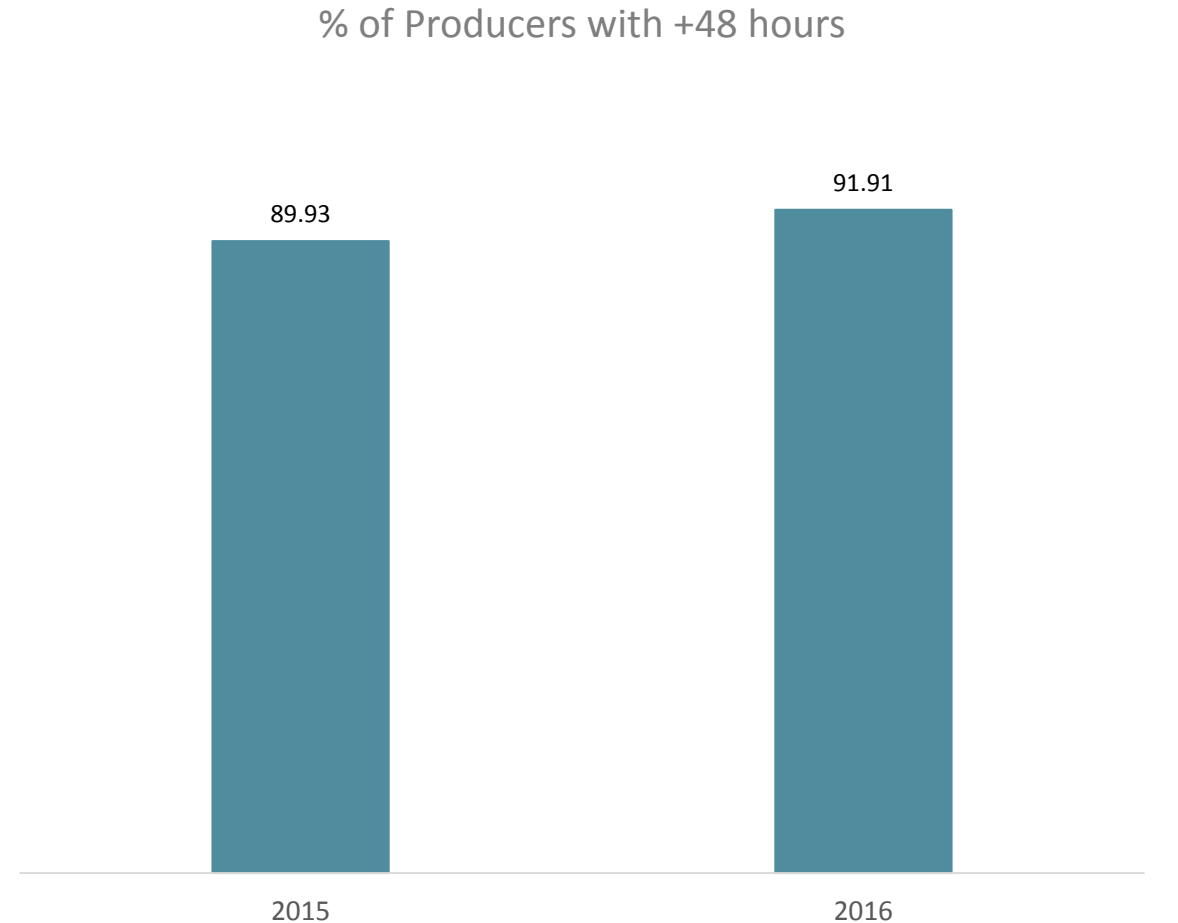
## Possible Trends

- Supplier Ownership
- “Big Data”
- Beyond Tier 1

# Selected Audit Data – Working Hours

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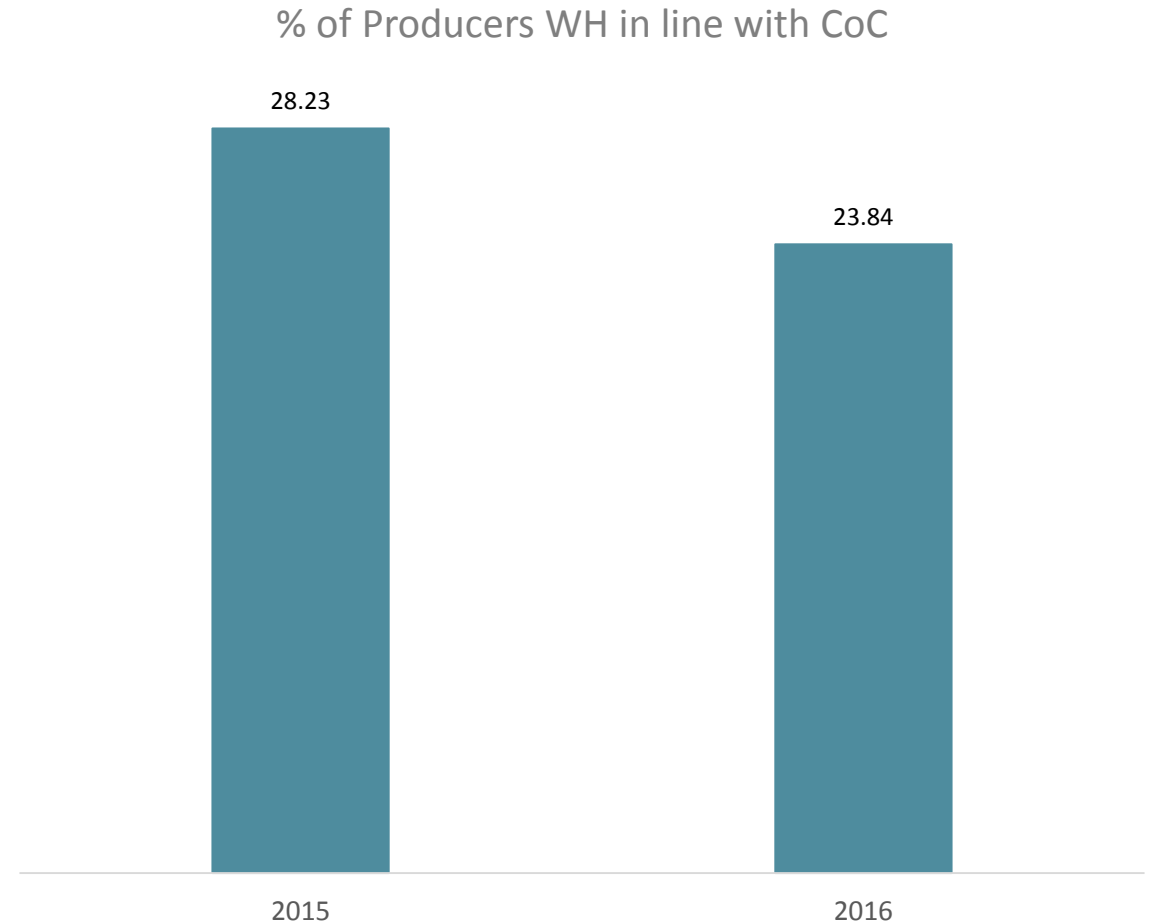
- Very little change in the underlying metric
- However - Factory progress may be hidden by new factories entering the system



# Selected Audit Data – Working Hours

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- This is **not** a negative trend by Producers
- Rather it may be an indication of an increase in the sophistication of auditors



# Migration of Sourcing

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- Shifting of sourcing is not a new trend
  - 1990s – China
  - 2000s – China +1
  - 2020s – China + x

# Migration of Sourcing

- “Homeshoring”
- Asia Burden rate
  - Costs
  - Transport time
    - Romania – Berlin: 2 days
    - Shenzhen – Berlin: 6 weeks



# Migration of Sourcing – Different Directions

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## European Buyers:

- Eastern Europe
- Turkey
- Western Europe
- Morocco

## Asian Buyers:

- Myanmar
- Bangladesh
- Cambodia
- Western China



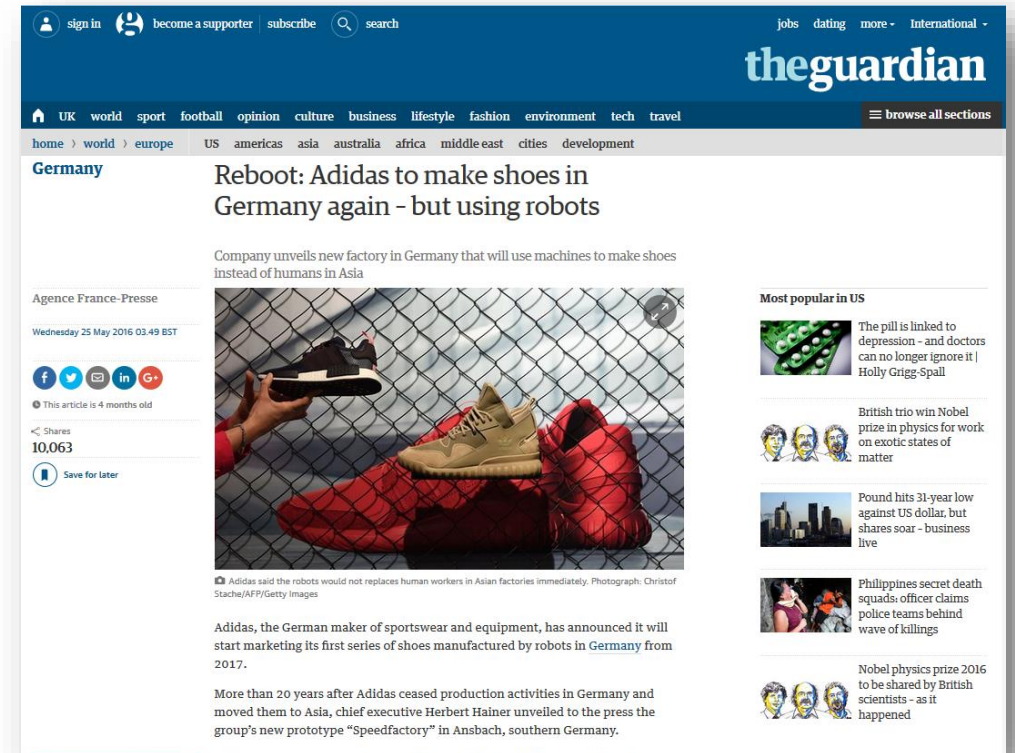
# Migration of Sourcing – Automation

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- Manufacturing of selected commodities is becoming increasingly automated
- 3D printing, inexpensive robotics is accelerating this trend
- Problematic industries will find their sourcing disappearing

# Migration of Sourcing – Automation

- New shoe sites in Germany, UK and France
  - Increase in margin
    - From 6.6% to +10%
  - Decrease in delivery time
    - From 6 weeks to 48 hours



<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/may/25/adidas-to-sell-robot-made-shoes-from-2017>  
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-3118006/Robots-restore-Made-Germany-label-Adidas-shoes.html>

# Migration of Sourcing – Government Enablers

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- Western governments are encouraging businesses by providing clarity and legal frameworks
  - UK Modern Slavery
  - Partnership for Sustainable Textiles
  - Dutch Covenant

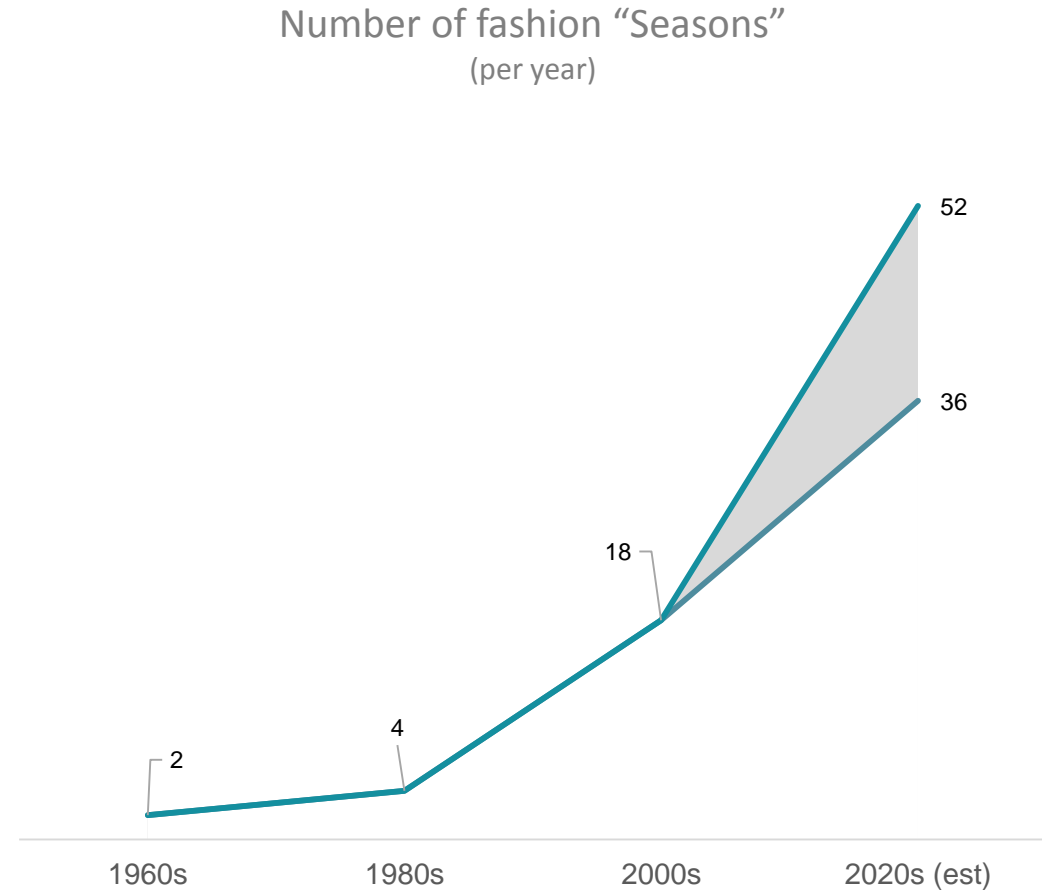
# Migration of Sourcing - SUMMARY

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- Pressure on factories in Asia will increase further
  - Emerging sourcing models
  - Increasing governmental support in Europe and USA

# Seasonality

- In apparel the number of “seasons” per year is increasing
  - Order size = decreasing
  - Order speed = increasing



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Pre-Fall 2016

'Love Story'

See more at 2. floor

# Seasonality - IMPACT

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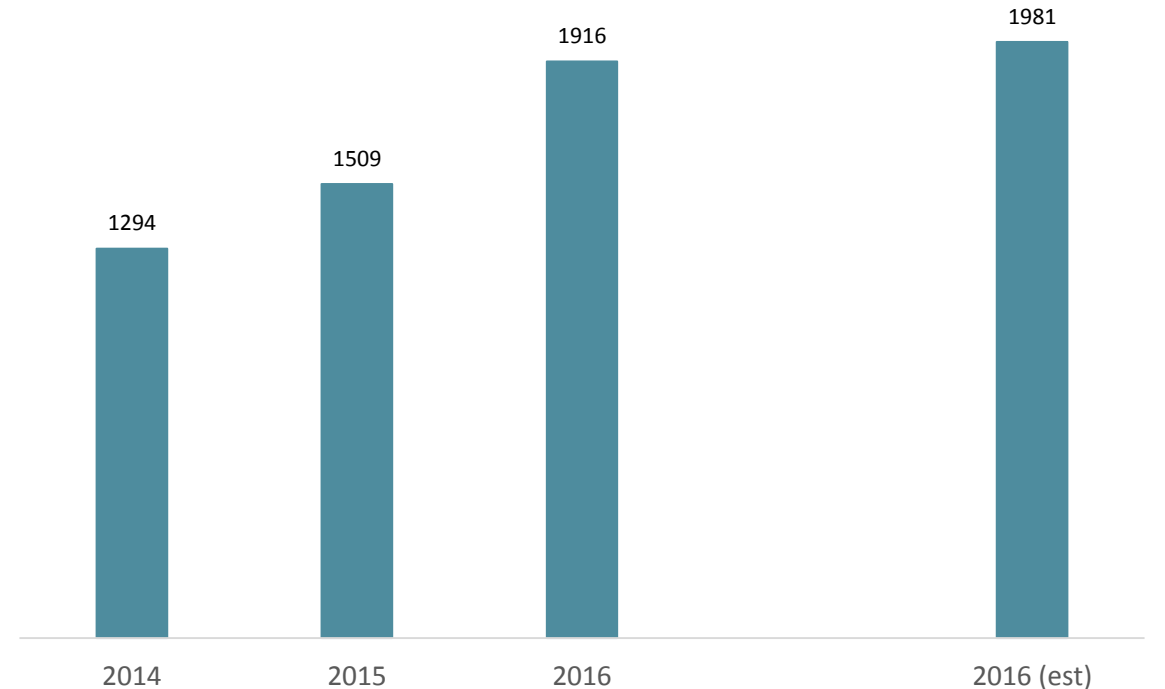
- Increase in speed of sourcing may compromise factory compliance
- Manufacturers ability to deal with longer term sustainability issues may decrease
- Change in monitoring for buyer will require adjustments (prioritized CAP, Time-to-closure)

# Growth – New companies

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- BSCI is growing steadily
- Across 21 different industries
  - 2014: 8 Offices
  - 2016: 14 Offices

Membership Growth  
(FY 2014 to Sept 2016)

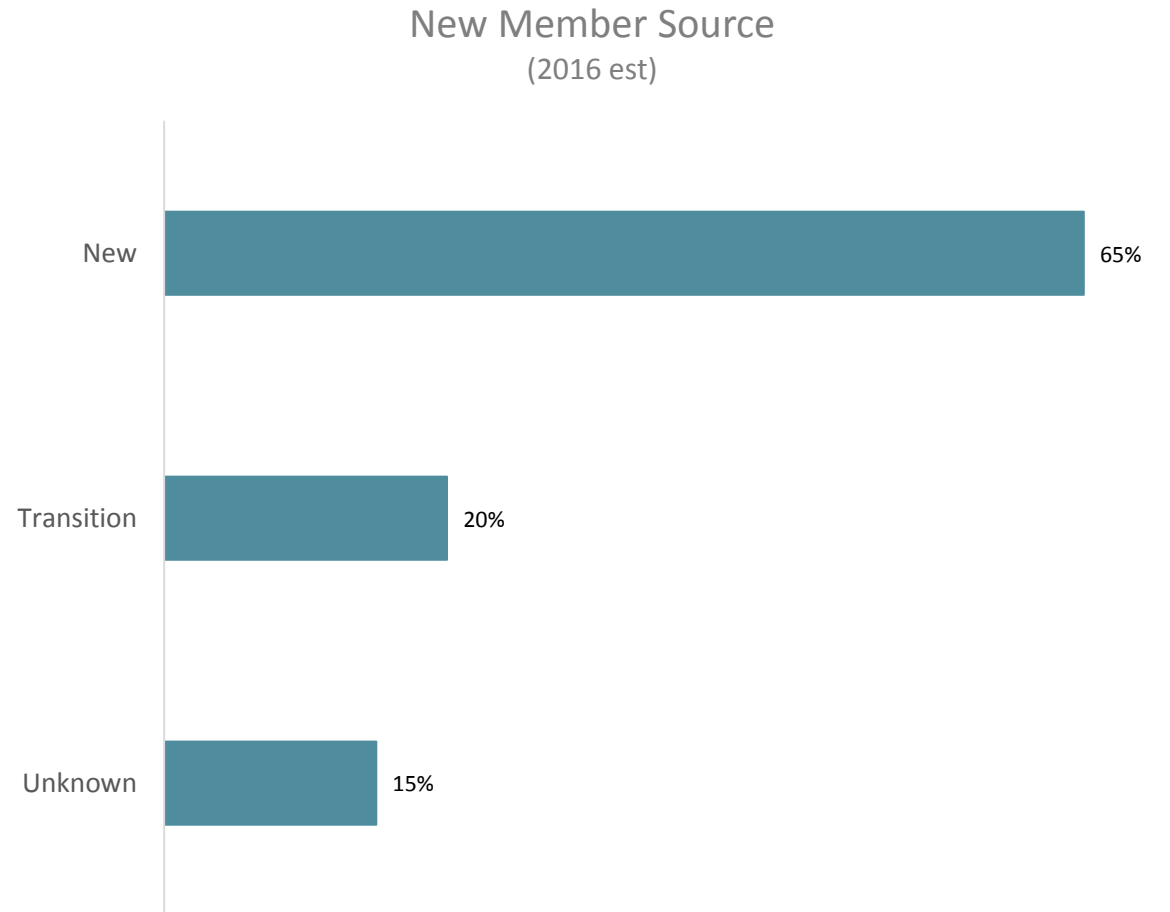




# Growth – New companies

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- Growth is concentrated with companies that are new into the Sustainability area

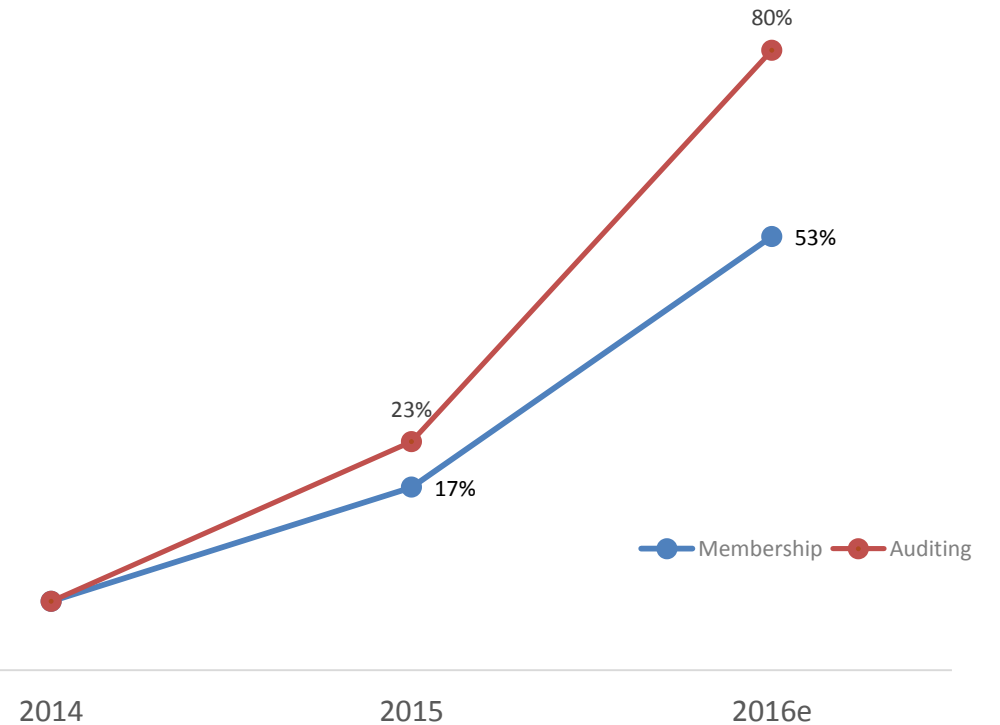


# Growth – Auditing

- Auditing growth is faster than membership

- Changing supply base
- New suppliers
- Increase in SKUs
- Seasonality

Auditing vs Membership



# Growth – IMPACT

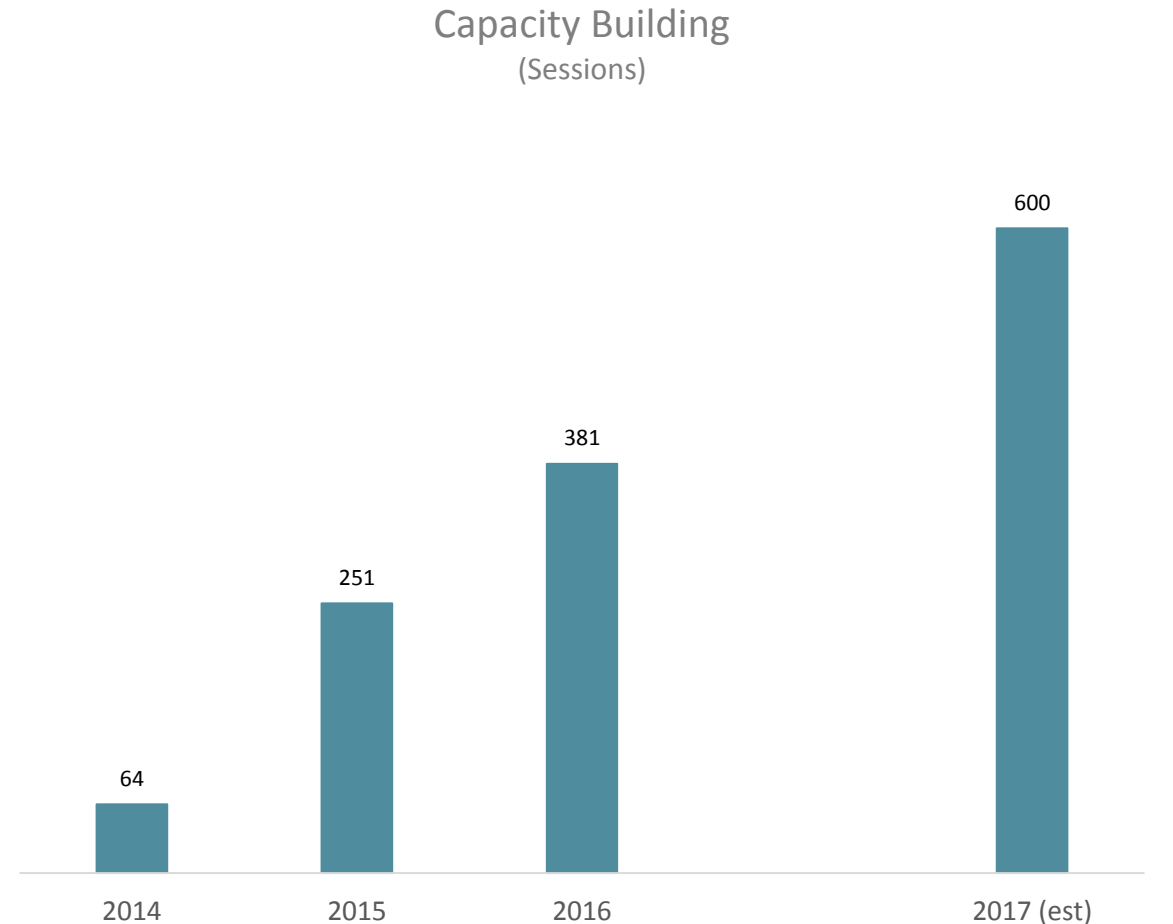
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- Possible shifting of the role of leader from the Buyer to the Factory
- Soft-skills and cross cultural communication become critical for Factory staff

# Capacity Building

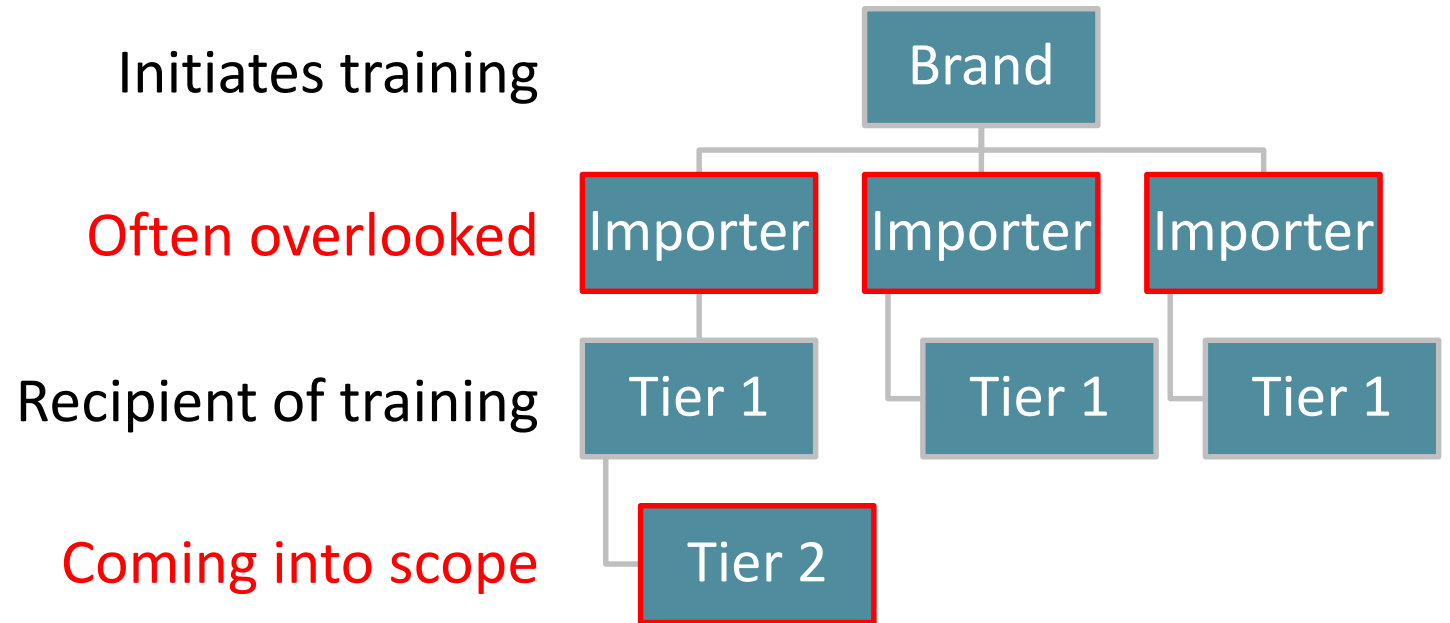
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- Training volume increasing
  - Mix of eLearning, Face-to-Face, seminars
  - Data management allows for linkage to Audit Results, CAP performance



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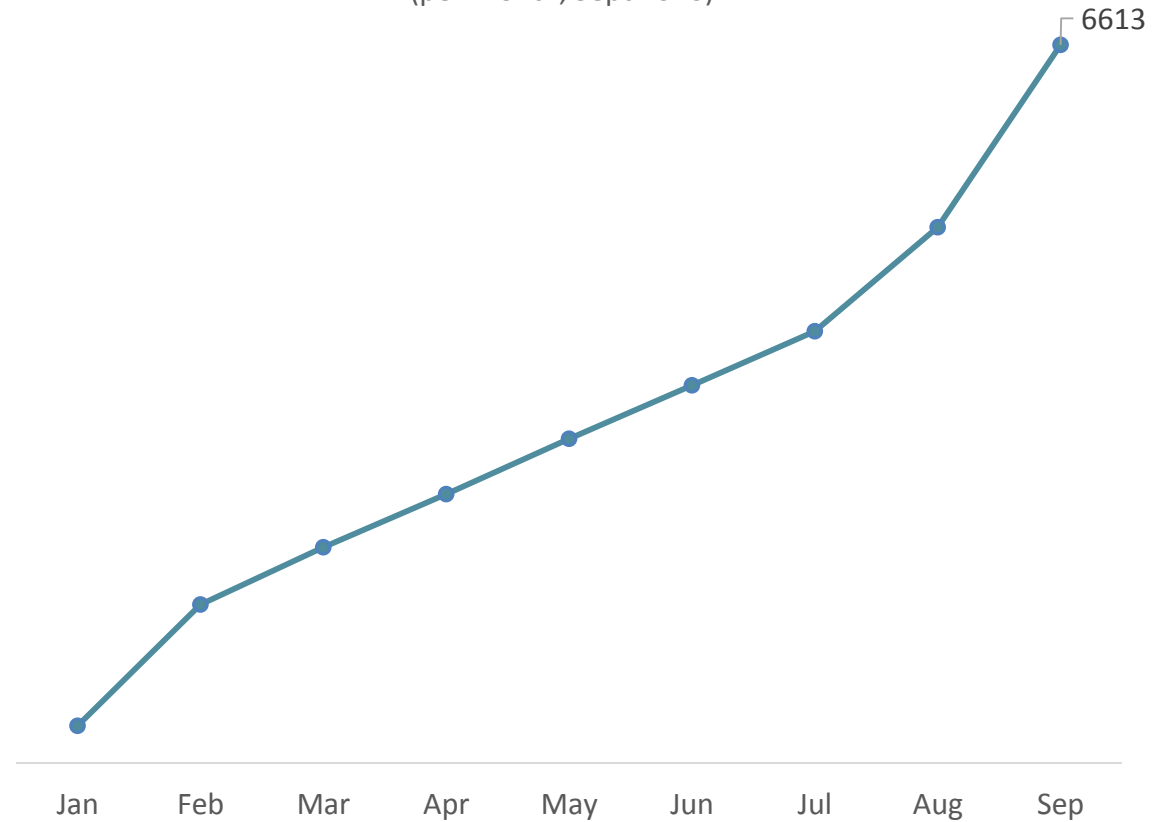
- Companies are looking deeper into their supply chains to build capacity



# Capacity Building

- Advanced tracking of participants
- Possible end to the trend of sending secretaries to training (?)

Unique User Logins  
(per Month, Sept 2016)



# Capacity Building – IMPACT

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- All tiers of the supply chain now in scope for Capacity Building
- Tier 1 suppliers responsibility for their supply chains
- Capacity Building being linked to overall performance

# Possible Trends

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- Supplier Ownership
  - Often talked about
  - Very few examples in the marketplace to-date

## Impact

Required skill sets in factories may have to change



# Possible Trends

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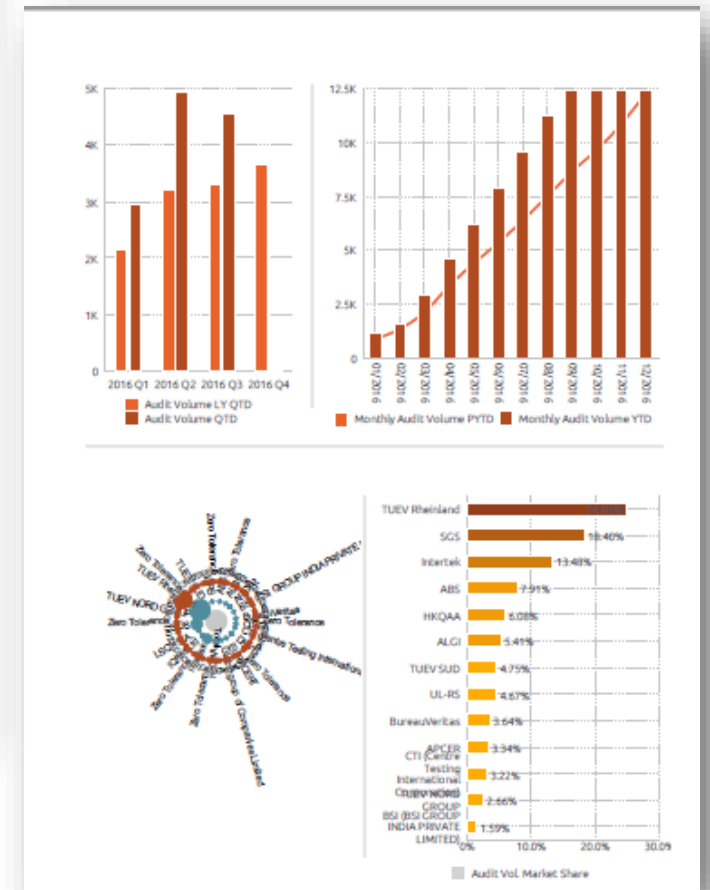
- “Big Data”
  - No agreed-upon definition
  - Starting to live up to the marketing

## Impact

Increased pressure on specific elements – less on general trends

# Possible Trends

- BSCI Example:
  - Detailed information on audit firm performance in real time



# Possible Trends

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- Beyond Tier 1
  - Extremely complex operating environment for brands
  - Consumers no longer differentiating between T1 and Sub-tier

## Impact in Asia

High level of complexity for all parties. Disclosure concerns and changes to the competitive landscape



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