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Technology Trends And Innovation In Due Diligence

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Three persistent trends have emerged for both asset owners and fund managers in 2021:

- Better technology is being adopted across all facets of the firm and its no longer considered an option is a manager wants to compete effectively. One prime example is in the deal origination and approval process where collaboration across the firm is key.
- Firms are getting better at managing their data and extracting value from it. Creating a 'single source of truth', data integrity / maintenance and applying advanced analytical solutions to extract information from the data are important initiatives for the industry.
- Automation is increasing. As a fund manager grows in size and clients, automating manual tasks where ever possible, including in the due diligence function, will be key to successfully scale their businesses.
 Fund managers allocate a lot of manpower to the due diligence process and it's not sustainable as a manager grows.

Cybersecurity is no longer just a box-ticking exercise anymore for allocators.

There has been a notable shift in focus for investors to better understand how a manager thinks about and implements their cybersecurity program including what cybersecurity insurance they carry.

Large managers continue to get larger as boutique managers face a lot of pushback from allocators.

A lot of capital moves across larger managers – less so to boutiques. That being said, as part of the due diligence process, allocators recognize smear managers are not going to have the same breadth of resources and process as their larger competitors.

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