

Experience of an integrated financial supervision system on the German model from the perspective of an insurance regulator

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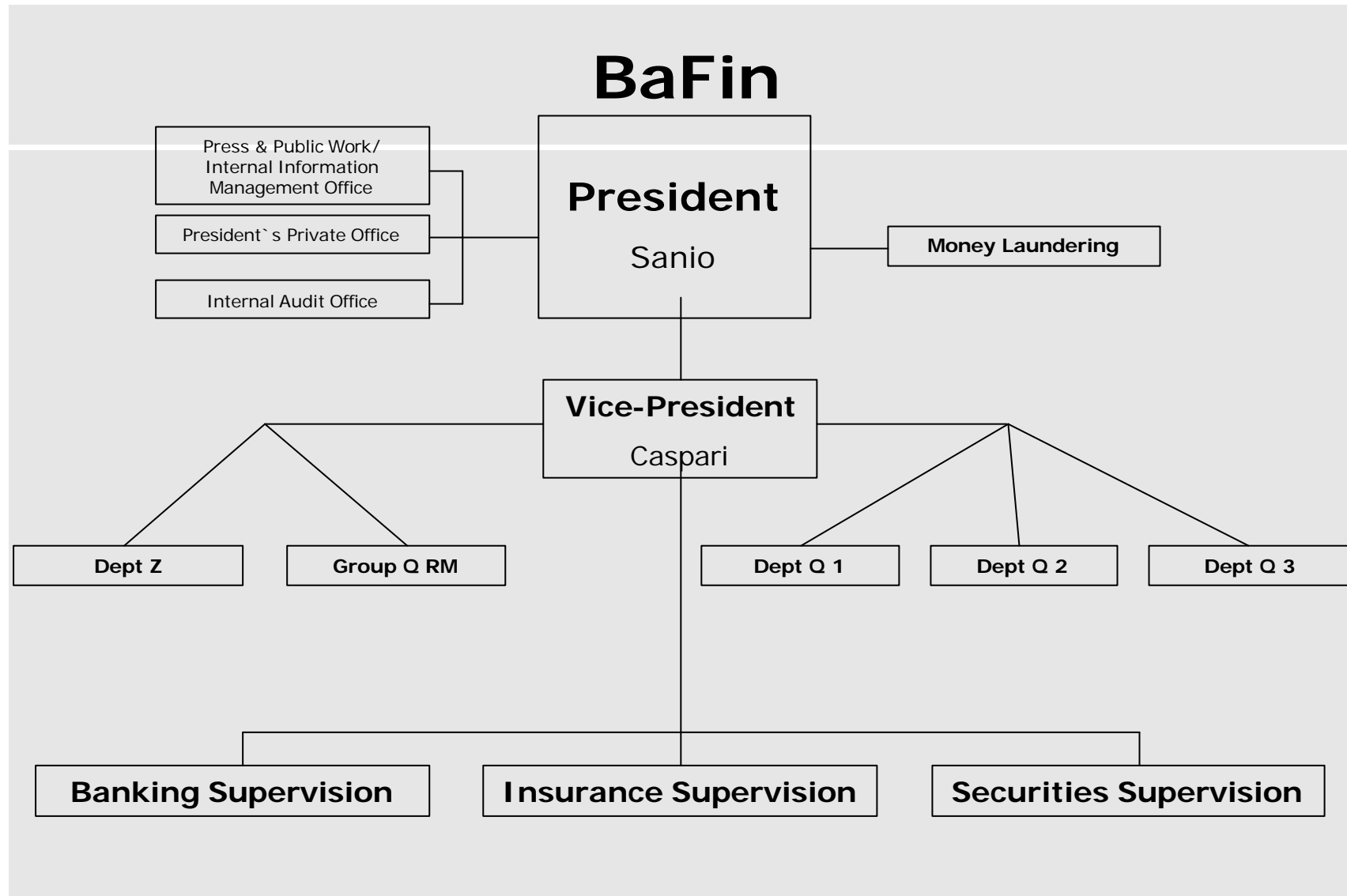
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History of Insurance Supervision

- **1 July 1901 Royal Supervisory Office for Private Insurance in Berlin**
- **1945 collapse**
- **1 April 1951 Federal Insurance Supervisory Office – BAV**
- **1994 Bonn-Berlin Act**
- **October 2000 relocation to Bonn**
- **1 May 2002 BaFin**

Arguments in favour of the establishment of an integrated financial supervisory authority

- **changes in the capital market**
 - **financial conglomerates**
 - **authority has the view of the whole system**
 - **competition with similar or identical products**
 - **boundaries between sectors are breaking down**
- **concept of three separate supervisory authorities was no longer suited to the times !**



BaFin consultative bodies

- **Administrative Council**
- **Advisory Council**
- **Insurance Advisory Council**
- **Forum for Financial Market Supervision**
- **(Securities Council)**
- **(Takeover Council)**

Challenges

- **different histories and cultures**
- **senior management from the banking side**
- **integration of staff**

- **„corporate cultur“**
- **„corporate design“**
- **„mission statement“**

- **suitable and functioning organisational structure**
- **identifying synergies and surplus capacities**
- **two sites – Bonn and Frankfurt**

Disadvantages and advantages of integrated financial supervision

- **disadvantages**
 - **uncertainty of employees about the future**
 - **too many employees in infrastructure units**
- **advantages**
 - **financial conglomerates**
 - **similar products**
 - **better view of system**
 - **BaFin is „central contact point“**
 - **better cooperation with foreign supervisory authorities**
 - **own budget**
 - **employees can switch between operating areas**

Thank you !