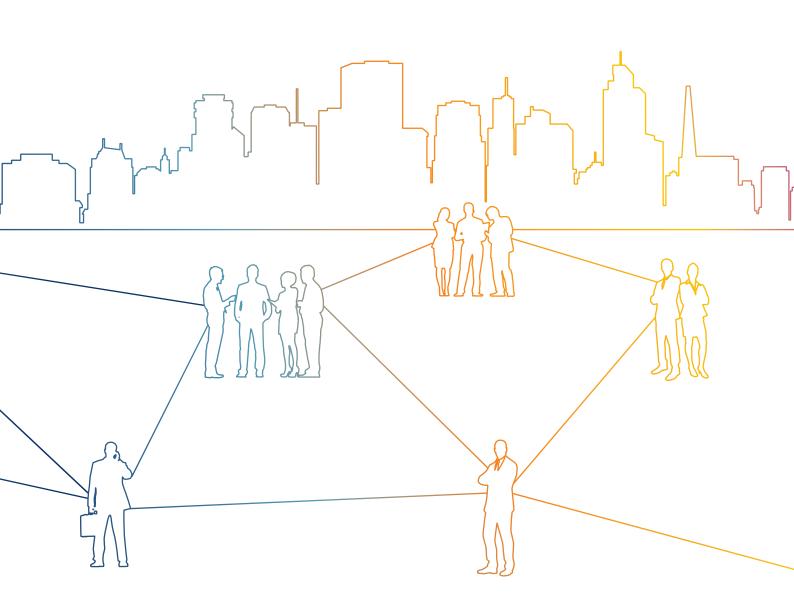
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# 2018 APAC WORKFORCE INSIGHTS

The Value of Values





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### INTRODUCTION

Much has been said about the new world of work with rapid changes being driven by technological, demographic and cultural factors. Employees today have a growing demand for meaning and purpose and are looking to work for organisations that provide autonomy, agility and mobility, enabling staff to feel a sense of purpose and to have more control over their conditions, working style and development. Employers will now face a variety of challenges involving a diverse and polarising workforce, and juggling the need for increased productivity and efficiency with resources through economy of scale.

With this evolving workforce trend in mind, PERSOLKELLY embarked on quantitative research through an online survey with hiring managers and candidates between the ages of 20 – 70 years old, across a wide range of industries and nine regions in Asia Pacific (APAC) from October – November 2017.

The survey, commissioned across Australia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, obtained 9,295 responses.

The primary objective of this survey is to explore the key insights of the changing workforce amongst different generations and sectors, and how these trends might create impact in the employment scene across the APAC region in 2018 and beyond. These insights will help employers creatively respond to the changing workforce needs in attracting more relevant talent and retaining valuable employees.

# **APAC WORKFORCE INSIGHTS SURVEY 2018**

To what extent do employees take their organisation's values into account when considering their career opportunities?





Almost 2/3 agree that a manager's values, more than the organisation's, are the main point of reference for employees considering whether to stay or seek opportunities elsewhere.



of Hiring Manager believe their values can influence their team members' career decisions.



of Indonesian workers place greater importance on their manager's values than any other country's respondents.

INDUSTRY WITH HIGHEST LEVELS OF AGREEMENT

**60%** ▲



Services

Legal



**High Tech** 



Generation Y are most likely to agree people generally take their manager's values into account more than the company's values.

Why do some people take a manager's values into account more than the company's?



want to fit into their team and culture and feel a sense of belonging

What is the impact of people taking their manager's values into account more than the company's values?



Organisations need to make sure that managers are embedding the company values, so there is consistency across the business (53%)



Increased employee satisfaction and productivity when an employee's values match their managers (49%)

**ORGANISATIONS** 

**EMPLOYEES** 

## What is the biggest challenge facing jobseekers today?

'Competition and finding the right 'fit'. There is no longer a prescribed set of attributes or skills that will guarantee you a job in most industries - even a degree has less weight than it used to. So now employers are looking for someone with the right values & attitude as well as some intangible 'things'.'

Candidate

### **SUMMARY**

Organisational culture is becoming increasingly important and is more visible than ever before. Technology has resulted in a rebalance of power from employers to employees. Networking tools enable people to easily monitor the job markets for new opportunities, and details about an organisation's culture are freely available online with both positive and negative insights shared widely.

Well-embedded values and behaviours drive culture and many organisations have adopted around five or six values as being important to their success. Many also link those values to the behaviours they expect from their employees, some also go further and identify the behaviours that aren't accepted or supported in relation to each value. But how many organisations can say that their values are so deeply embedded into their DNA that those values become part of the organisation's way of life? Not many. Too many announce their values and rarely refer to them again. Most don't include them as part of their employee induction or build them into their recognition or reward systems.

At the manager level however, things are very different with values and behaviours much more visible and tangible. The best managers know what they value and recognise the importance of ethical behaviour. They exhibit both their values and their ethics in their management style and actions. These ethics and values are visible because they live them in their actions every single day.

In most cases, candidates apply for a role with an organisation, rather than a role with an individual manager but once on board, to what extent do employees take their organisation's values into account when considering their career opportunities? Given the close working relationships employees usually have with their immediate team, are the values held by their manager more important?

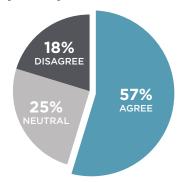
The PERSOLKELLY 2018 APAC Workforce Insights show that a manager's values, more than an organisation's, are indeed the main point of reference for employees considering whether to remain with an organisation or to seek opportunities elsewhere. This is driven by a need to belong and a desire to fit into the team culture. This is largely perceived as positive but it does have a number of important implications for businesses.



Good managers form positive relationships with their staff, act as role models and show employees how the organisation strategy and values should be exemplified. They act as a conduit for information and as a facilitator to the rest of the organisation.

### **AGREEMENT BY COUNTRY**

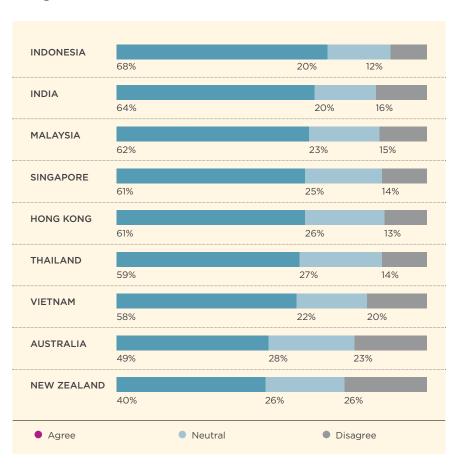
There is a high degree of variability by country.





### **Indonesian**

workers place greater importance on their manager's values than any other country's respondents.



### **TRENDS**

**KEY TAKEAWAY** 

### AGREEMENT BY INDUSTRY

### **AGREEMENT BY ROLE**

HIGHEST LEVELS OF AGREEMENT **60%** ▲



Banking & **Financial Services** 



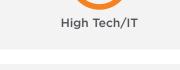


19% **55%** 26%

CANDIDATES



Agree Neutral Disagree









Agriculture/ **Natural Resources** 





of Hiring managers believe their values can influence their team members' career decisions.

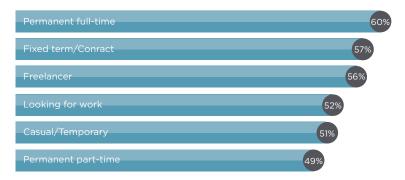
# What is the biggest challenge facing jobseekers today?

'Connecting to the right organisation, one that demonstrates a good fit to the candidate's culture, values and ways of working.'

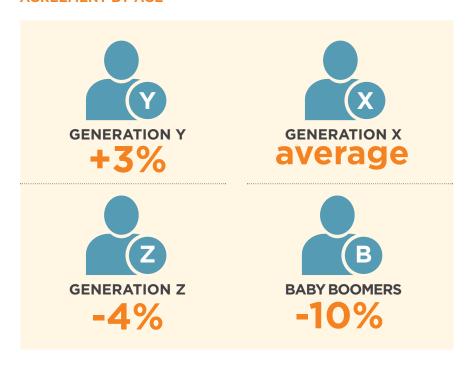
Candidate

### **AGREEMENT BY WORK STATUS**

Significantly more full-time than part-time staff agree they take the manager's values into account over the organisation's. This suggests face time may have a big influence on how much significance a worker places on their manager's values.



### AGREEMENT BY AGE





# In today's environment of change, ...

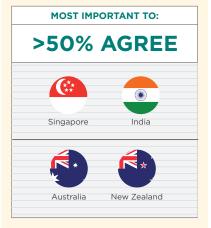


### WHY DO SOME PEOPLE TAKE A MANAGER'S VALUES INTO **ACCOUNT MORE THAN THE COMPANY'S?**



### **DRIVERS BY COUNTRY**

They want to fit into their team culture and feel a sense of belonging

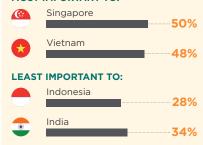


They want to be part of a harmonious and productive team



They don't want to work with a manager who doesn't value the same things as they do

### **MOST IMPORTANT TO:**



They want their personal circumstances to be recognised by the person they are working for

### MOST IMPORTANT TO:

<b>=</b>	Thailand 49%
<b>©</b>	Singapore 41%

A manager's values are more real/tangible than a company's

### MOST IMPORTANT TO:

*	Vietnam	46%
•	Thailand	44%

They want their time at work to be rich and fulfilling

### MOST IMPORTANT TO:

	India	33%
<b>F</b>	Australia	28%

They want their cultural background to be valued by the person they are working for

### MOST IMPORTANT TO:

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*	Vietnam 30%	
	Malaysia	
	29%	

### **DRIVERS BY INDUSTRY**

They want to be part of a harmonious and productive team



+5%

Medical/Health Care/ Life Sciences

They don't want to work with a manager who doesn't value the same things as they do



+6% Banking & **Financial Services** 



Transport/Logistics/ Warehousing

They want their personal circumstances to be recognised by the person they are working for



+5% Non-Profit



**-7%** 

Accounting & Finance

They want their time at work to be rich and fulfilling



+7% Legal



-4% Arts/Entertainment

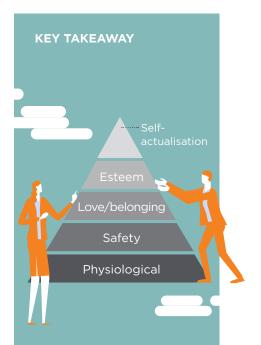
They want their cultural background to be valued by the person they are working for



+15% Legal



-6% Science



# Considering...

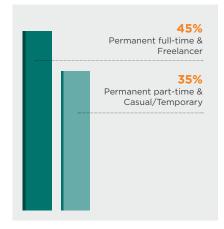
# **KEY DRIVERS BEHIND THE TRENDS**

# **KEY TAKEAWAY** Leaders at all levels...

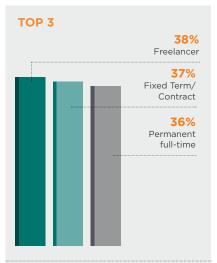
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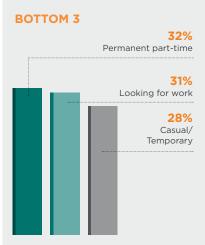
### **DRIVERS BY WORK STATUS**

They don't want to work with a manager who doesn't value the same things as they do



A manager's values are more real/ tangible than a company's

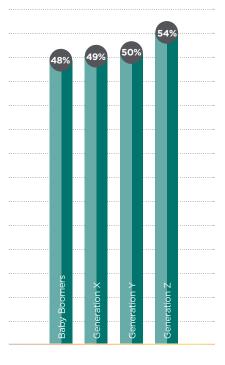




### **DRIVERS BY AGE**

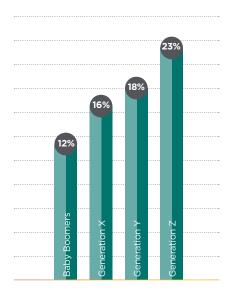
They want to fit into their team culture and feel a sense of belonging

### Importance decreases with age



They want their cultural background to be valued by the person they are working for

### Importance decreases with age





The results show that organisations need to harness the power that high-performing managers have with regards to employee engagement; at the same time there is a risk to the organisation when managers are not reflecting the sanctioned values and behaviours.

- Organisations need to make sure that managers are embedding the company values, so there is consistency across the business
  - 53%
- Increased employee satisfaction and productivity when an employee's values match their manager's
- Managers need to be transparent about their culture and values
- Managers need to identify new employees' values to ensure they are consistent with those of the team
- If staff are less connected to the organisation's values, there may be problems if the manager leaves
  - 37%
- Decreased employee engagement if the manager's values are not authentica

### **IMPACT BY COUNTRY**









### **IMPACT**

# What is the biggest challenge facing jobseekers today?

'People tend to highly focus on salary but incline to ignore their other needs when they look for work today. *In other words, people would concentrate on salary* offered by the company rather than the company background, values, etc.'

### Candidate

### **IMPACT BY INDUSTRY**

Industries with the highest level of agreement for each proposed impact:

Organisations need to make sure that managers are embedding the company values, so there is consistency across the business

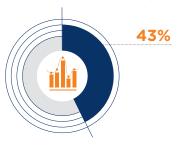
Members need to be transparent about their culture and values

If staff are less connected to the organisation's values, there may be problems if the manager leaves

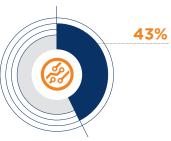




### **BANKING & FINANCIAL SERVICES**



HI TECH/IT



MEDICAL/HEALTH CARE/ LIFE SCIENCES



Managers need to identify new employees' values to ensure they are consistent with those of the team

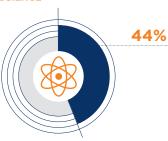
Decreased employee engagement if the manager's values are not authentic

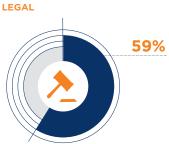


Increased employee satisfaction and productivity when an employee's values LEGAL



SCIENCE



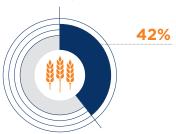


match their manager's

**ENGINEERING** 



AGRICULTURE/NATURAL RESOURCES



### **IMPACT BY WORK STATUS**

Workers across all categories are in agreement with the top two potential impacts, but are split on the need for managers to be transparent about their culture and values:





# What is the biggest challenge facing jobseekers today?

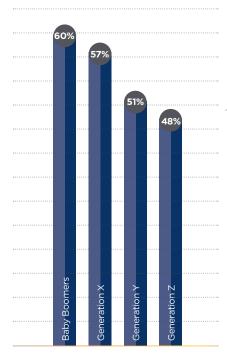
'Finding a job that fits their values and aspirations offering them sufficient monetary compensation and personal satisfaction.'

Candidate

### **IMPACT BY AGE**

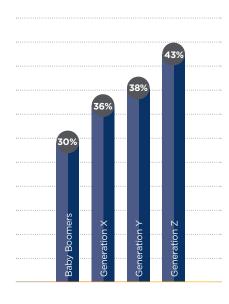
Organisations need to make sure that managers are embedding the company values, so there is consistency across the business

### Importance increases with age



If staff are less connected to the organisation's values, there may be problems if the manager leaves

### Importance decreases with age





# Organisations should ...

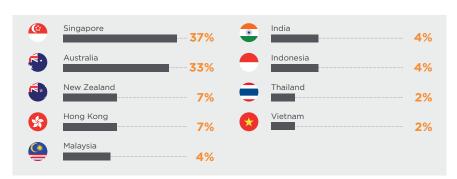
invest in training with their managers to ensure they are embedding the company values, so there is consistency across the business. Effective teams are the building blocks of organisations and are crucial to the successful implementation of organisational strategy. Harmonious teams communicate effectively and support team members to perform well. They work in the best interests of the organisation by ensuring their individual and team performance is high, and that their work contributes to the bigger plan. Productivity, culture and the bottom line are all impacted when an ineffective leader doesn't nurture their team in line with company values.

# **METHODOLOGY**

PERSOLKELLY and Insync undertook quantitative research with hiring managers and candidates across Asia Pacific in October-November 2017. The survey explored the workforce trends that are likely to be impacting employers in 2018 and beyond. The data and insights in this report are based on the responses of 9,295 hiring managers and candidates. Percentages don't always total 100% as respondents could select more than one option for certain questions.

### **WORKFORCE PROFILE**

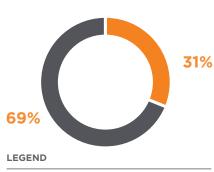
### **COUNTRY**



### **INDUSTRY**



### **ROLE\***



Hiring Manager ..... Candidate

\*Respondents were asked whether hiring staff is a key part of their role. Respondents were then categorised based on their response. Hiring managers were instructed to answer the survey based on their experience of hiring staff for their organisation; whilst candidates were asked to respond based on their personal experience as a worker.

### **WORK STATUS**



### **GENERATION**



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