

The Game Series: Investigations

In Part Two of StoneTurn's Game Series, we look at the parallels (and differences) between another classic board game and corporate investigations. Just like the game, it requires strategy and good decision-making on which resources to deploy—and when—at critical junctures of the investigation.

However, investigations are not child's play. Key to the success of any investigation are the commitment and leadership of the management team, with the expertise and contributions of other stakeholders including external counsel, experienced investigators, and communication experts.



Where an investigation diverges from the board game lies in the interaction between the various stakeholders: collaboration, not competition, is essential. Each stakeholder has an important role to play, yet none can succeed without working together towards the common goal. This adds other considerations to the 'game':

- While it may be possible to deploy several consecutive pieces onto the board, this may not always be the best strategy.
- Move a piece that is already in play too soon and it could be counterproductive, working against another stakeholder, and the overall objective.
- Have too many pieces in play and it could obstruct other stakeholders.

Investigations are complex, and often we do not have a 'full board view' to help us navigate uncharted territory. But, with the right strategy, experience and collaboration, we can work toward the right outcome.