

Global financial crime

The global financial services risk landscape is ever-changing as bad actors continue to take advantage of rapid changes in technology, exponential growth in virtual assets, heightened geopolitical conflict and continued economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

To keep pace with new risks, the global regulatory environment is becoming more rigorous and complex to navigate. With an estimated US\$800b-\$2t laundered globally every year, the need for more agile and intelligent antimoney laundering (AML) approaches from financial services organizations is increasingly important.

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Source: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), accessed January 2023

AML/counter-terrorism financing (CFT) on-site inspections conducted by CIMA

U\$\$5.48m
in administrative fines issued

1,365 enforcement actions taken

Source: CIMA's AML/CFT Activity Report 2021

Regulation in the Cayman Islands

The Cayman Islands Monetary Authority (CIMA) regulates and supervises the Cayman Islands' financial services industry. The Authority takes robust and prompt action where it finds that regulated entities are not meeting the standards required under the Anti-Money Laundering Regulations (2023 Revision), including the use of enforcement action where appropriate and proportionate.



EY future-forward approach

Our multidisciplinary teams have a depth and breadth of technical and delivery experience, unmatched regulatory credibility and advanced technology-enabled services to help clients evolve their current financial crime operations to the model of the future.

We offer a wide range of services supporting firms to quickly access credible, proven approaches to improve their compliance programs – thus freeing up capital and time for core business strategies and growth. Our well-identified service methods offer sustainable benefits and increased flexibility based on an organization's operational maturity and business needs.



Our financial crime services by the numbers

US\$1b

Ernst & Young Global Limited committed investment in innovative and leading technology

30% cost savings

Access scalable, low-cost service centers and help achieve benefits through automation

70%+ reduction in alert volume

Prevent avoidable alerts from being generated and investigated

80% reduction in rule configuration and deployment time

Quickly run customized rules against large populations with little in-house technology impact

Suite of services

Independent reviews and assessments

- AML assessment
- Risk assessment
- Sanctions assessment
- Statements of guidance assessment

Strategy and operating model development

- Policy and procedure development
- Program reviews and control framework strategy
- Technology systems strategy

Financial crime operations delivery

- Alert clearing and backlogs
- Financial crime managed services
- Know your customer (KYC) and compliance remediation
- Quality control reviews

Efficient risk management

- Data analytics
- Process efficiency review, enhancement and automation
- Transaction monitoring and namescreening system optimization

Regulatory change management

- Assurance reviews
- Benchmarking and maturity assessments
- Bank-side support to regulator intervention
- Independent oversight

Investigation and response

- Internal investigations
- Legal advice and opinions
- Transaction lookbacks
- Transformation program management

Why choose EY?

- Our professionals have decades of hands-on industry experience backed by internationally recognized, independent third-party certifications, which enables us to advise on practical and commercial issues.
- Members of our team have held senior positions within regulatory bodies, which gives us a unique perspective on meeting regulatory standards.
- We are actively involved in the development of laws, regulations and practices related to AML, and our position at the forefront of new developments allows us to help clients anticipate future requirements.
- Through EY wavespace[™], we are the only firm in the region offering immersive experiences that allow clients' key team members to envision the future and gain alignment around execution.
- Our global, consistent platform is delivered through regional hubs, so clients get the same seamless service anywhere in the world.
- We have the ability to scale employees across geographies in order to balance the costs, service levels and language needs of EY clients.

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Bermuda, British Virgin Islands and
Cayman Islands has the largest regional
qualified team of Certified Anti-Money
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