

LATEST IN TERRORIST FINANCING TRENDS, SANCTIONS COMPLEXITIES, DE-RISKING CHALLENGES AND GLOBAL BANKING RELATIONSHIPS TO BE ADDRESSED AT ACAMS 6TH ANNUAL AML & FINANCIAL CRIME CONFERENCE IN DUBAI

Annual MENA Conference Scheduled for 1-2 November in Dubai

MIAMI, Fla. -- October 21, 2015 – Increased violence from ISIS and other terrorist groups, and the fast-growing sanctions obligations for the financial community are two of the key topics to be addressed at the Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS) 6th Annual AML & Financial Crime Conference – MENA, scheduled for 1-2 November 2015 at Jumeirah Emirates Towers in Dubai. This year’s supporting partners are the Foreign Exchange and Remittance Group [FERG], Emirates Institute for Banking and Financial Services (EIBFS), Allied Compliance Consultants (ACC), Institute of Banking Studies (IBS) and Compliance Alert.

“Following our last conference earlier this year, terrorist attacks, de-risking challenges, a more complex sanctions landscape, among many other AML issues, have increased the need for MENA compliance professionals to work together and stay focused on this ever-changing world of financial crime,” said John J. Byrne, CAMS, ACAMS’ Executive Vice President. “This conference will ensure essential information sharing, access to industry and government leaders, and strategic takeaways for institutions, firms and agencies.”

Leading government representatives, law enforcement officials and financial sector executives from MENA (Middle East North Africa) and the United States will address the theme “Managing Compliance in a Risk-Filled World,” drawing attention to the latest terrorist financing trends and funding techniques, issues of sanctions complexity, and regulatory analysis of new regional and global compliance demands.

Featured sessions:

- Fortifying Your Institution’s Defenses against Evolving Methods of Terrorist Financing
- Case Study: ISIS and the New Economics of Terrorism
- Reaping the Rewards of Effective AML Risk Management
- Improving the Odds of Establishing Banking Relationships: A Guide for MSBs

Keynote addresses will be delivered by **Howard Wachtel**, Senior Adviser in the Office of the Coordinator for Sanctions Policy, U.S. Department of State, and **Colonel Abdulrahim Mohammed Bin Shafi**, Director of the Anti-Organized Crime Department, Dubai Police.

Following the keynote on day one will be a special presentation from **Abdul-Hafiz Mansour**, CAMS, Secretary General, Vice Chairman, Special Investigation Commission, EGMONT Group, Lebanon.

Other notable speakers include: **Osama Al Rahma**, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, Foreign Exchange Remittance Group (FERG), Al Fardan Exchange, UAE; **Rosanna Deamer**, Group Head of Regulatory Compliance, Arab Banking Corporation, Bahrain; **Rashid El Takash**, CAMS-FCI, Senior Financial Investigator, Audit and Investigation Unit, Special Investigation Commission, Lebanon; **Stephen Evans**, Director, AML and Financial Crime, Qatar Financial Centre Regulatory Authority; **John Gibson**, Head of AML, Group Compliance, Emirates NBD HQ; **Michael J. Gunnison**, CAMS, Resident Legal Advisor, US Department of Justice; **Sara Kalban**, Senior Manager, Supervision AML/CFT, Dubai Financial Services Authority, UAE; **Angeli Pereira**, CAMS, Senior Associate, AML/CFT Supervision of Financial Institutions and DNFBPs, Qatar Financial Centre Regulatory Authority; **Waheed Rathore**, Group Chief Compliance Officer and MLRO, Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank, UAE; **Michael Wong**, CAMS, Associate Director, AML/ CFT Supervision, Dubai Financial Services Authority, UAE.

The ACAMS 6th Annual AML & Financial Crime Conference – MENA will take place on 1-2 November at Jumeirah Emirates Towers, 312th Road-Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai, United Arab Emirates. For more information, visit www.amlmena.org

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