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**ACAMS to host international Anti-Financial Crime Symposium in
Limassol for banking and finance professionals**

The Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS) is hosting high level panel debates and training for senior compliance professionals in Cyprus next month, responding to an unprecedented rate of change in global financial transparency requirements for 2017.

The full-day ACAMS Anti-Financial Crime Symposium will tackle issues of significant interest in the region including beneficial ownership, the latest European counter terrorism initiatives, and how trusts will be scrutinised in a post-Panama Papers world.

With the G20, OECD, FATF and the EU all now demanding enhanced processes around transparency, institutions will need to be poised to respond in an effective and efficient manner.

International Speaker Line-Up

The Symposium will offer insights from international AML/CTF experts on up-to-the-minute regulatory initiatives and how to practically and immediately implement them.

Harris Georgiadis, Minister of Finance for Cyprus, and Rick McDonell, former Executive Secretary of FATF will be joined by Ričardas Pocius, Director of Global Investigations of Western Union, representatives of MOKAS, and other distinguished speakers from Cyprus, Sweden, the UK, Channel Islands and Greece.

The eminent speakers are all practising specialists with access to the latest in global anti-financial crime intelligence and real-life case studies will be used in discussions.

ACAMS in the Region

ACAMS has built a strong reputation for leadership in the Anti-Financial Crime world in the region after the successful launch of their Cyprus Chapter in October 2015, subsequent well-attended Chapter events, and CAMS training sessions in partnership with the European Institute for Management and Finance (EIMF).

The ACAMS Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS®) credential is regarded as the gold standard for AML certifications and recognised internationally by financial institutions, governments and regulators, with those who gain CAMS regarded as industry leaders.

Speaking on behalf of ACAMS, Angela Salter, ACAMS Head of Europe said, “We know that professionals in Cyprus and the wider region are deeply committed to achieving a standard of excellence in their AML/CTF responsibilities. We are delighted to be bringing such an illustrious panel of experts to discuss and debate how institutions can respond to the new complexities of global compliance in what will be a challenging year as the EU 4AMLD is implemented. I look forward to the highly practical workshops at our Anti-Financial Crime Symposium in Limassol, and to meeting the many industry professionals in the region during our VIP Networking Reception.”

Further Information

Full details of the ACAMS Anti-Financial Crime Symposium, and speaker biographies, are available on the ACAMS webpage - link [here](#).

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Notes for Editors

About the Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists® (ACAMS®)

ACAMS is the largest international membership organisation dedicated to enhancing the knowledge and skills of AML and financial crime prevention professionals from a wide range of industries, firms and agencies with extensive resources designed to develop and sharpen the skills required for superior job performance and career advancement. The CAMS certification is the most widely recognised AML certification among compliance professionals worldwide. Visit www.acams.org for more information.

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