## GLOBAL COALITION TO FIGHT FINANCIAL CRIME (GCFFC) HOLDS ITS 2025 ANNUAL SUMMIT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MENA FCCG





On 10–11 September 2025, the Global Coalition to Fight Financial Crime (GCFFC) held its second Annual Summit at Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM), bringing together top risk minds, regulators, law enforcement, and innovators from around the globe. The event commenced with opening remarks by Xolisile Khanyile,



Chair, GCFFC, Noura Al Salami, Director - Financial & Cyber Crime Prevention, ADGM, and Ali Faisal Baalwi, Head of FIU UAE. Elisa de Anda Madrazo, President, FATF and H.E. Ms. Samya Abou Sharif, Chief Jordan AML/CTF Unit & MENA FATF President also presented opening remarks virtually.

Mr. Che Sidanius, Founder & Vice Chair of the GCFFC then conducted a fireside chat with H.E. Mr. Suliman Aljabrin, Executive Secretary of MENA FATF.

The event offered a rigorous examination of the evolving threats, systemic vulnerabilities, and regulatory gaps that define today's financial crime landscape. Topics explored included the over-the-counter misuse of crypto brokers, virtual assets, gaming, and Trade Based Money Laundering. Other topics included turning FATF Compliance into national confidence, building modern information sharing platforms for cross-border AML, and fighting financial crime while harnessing personal data protection practices.

The event brought together approximately 300 participants providing a platform for knowledge exchange and strengthened partnerships towards a more transparent and effective framework to detect, deter, and disrupt financial crime. MENA FCCG continues to cherish the value of collaboration with global experts. Together, we are making a difference in the fight against financial crime.











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## **ABOUT MENA FCCG:**

MENA FCCG is an industry-driven, voluntary initiative, currently consisting of 13 leading financial institutions from eight MENA countries. It seeks to bring collective action in the fight against money laundering and terrorist finance in the region. Both the Union of Arab Banks (UAB) and London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG) are Strategic Partners. The Group has a strategic alliance with GCFFC, Wolfsberg Group, Crime Stoppers International, GASA, RUSI, K2 Integrity, ACAMS, and United Nations. The Group was officially launched in September 2016 with the inaugural meeting in Bahrain. Visit www.menafccg.com.

In November 2021, the Group officially launched a Europe Chapter at an inaugural meeting in London. The Chapter aims to extend MENA FCCG's objectives to Europe by bringing together compliance professionals of Arab banks operating in Europe to enhance financial crime literacy and support implementation of best practices. The Arab Bankers Association serves as a strategic partner with Themis Services as a Strategic Alliance.



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