



MENA FINANCIAL CRIME COMPLIANCE GROUP

**Collective Action Against
Financial Crime in the MENA Region**



**ENGAGING WITH MULTI-STAKEHOLDERS TO FIND SOLUTIONS
TO PROMOTE LEADING AML/CTF PRACTICES.**



Background

Founded in 2016, the MENA Financial Crime Compliance Group (MENA FCCG) is a voluntary, practitioner-led body comprising 12 leading banks from eight countries across the region. We are united by a shared commitment to collective action in the fight against financial crime, and to advancing the economic resilience and integrity of the MENA region.

Strategic Partners

- Union of Arab Banks
- LSEG
- Global Coalition to Fight Financial Crime (GCFFC)

Alliances

- Wolfsberg Group
- United Nations Security Council
- Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)
- Global Anti Scam Alliance (GASA)
- Crime Stoppers International
- K2 Integrity
- Association of Certified Anti Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS)

Group Purpose

- To serve as the link and feedback channel between the private sector and external, global bodies and regulators.
- To act as the voice of practitioners — informing and influencing regulators, the wider banking community, correspondent banks, and the broader compliance and risk ecosystem.
- To support the compliance profession by translating complex regulation and global best practice into practicable, region-specific guidance.
- To provide technical assistance to banks in MENA developing countries, strengthening their financial crime programs.





Group Mandate

Illicit activity operates in an interconnected, borderless world — and so must the response to it. We believe collaboration is the most effective path to protecting the communities in which we operate, and we work together in pursuit of that shared objective: preventing, detecting, and deterring financial crime.

Working Mechanism

MENA FCCG provides a platform for open, transparent, multi-stakeholder engagement — most notably through our Plenary Meetings, which bring together public and private sector experts under Chatham House Rule to enable candid, substantive dialogue.

Key Focus Areas

Public-Private Sector Partnership

Acting as a think tank on financial crime challenges, we enable collective action through close collaboration with MENA regulators, MENA-FATF, the UN, the US Treasury, Europol, the World Bank, and the IIF.

Enhanced Alignment with Best Practice

Complimentary training and awareness initiatives addressing the region's most pressing challenges, delivered through white papers and webinars.

Professional Certificate in Combating Trade-Based Financial Crime (CTBFC)

Offering a deep dive into global trade and financial crime, presented by the American University of Beirut (AUB) in collaboration with MENA FCCG and GCFFC.

Anti-Bribery and Corruption Initiative

Developed with the GCFFC MENA Chapter, this initiative comprises two flagship tools supporting the region's fight against bribery and corruption: the MENA Region ABC Dashboard (public sector) and the Private Sector ABC Self-Assessment Tool — a comprehensive, bilingual (Arabic/English) framework spanning 15 assessment areas and 240 metrics.

Europe Chapter

Established in 2021 as the regional arm of MENA FCCG, bringing together compliance professionals from Arab banks operating in Europe to strengthen financial crime literacy and support the implementation of leading practices.



Member Banks

Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank
Al Baraka Banking Group
Arab Bank
Bank ABC
Bank Misr
Bank Muscat
BLOM Bank
Emirates National Bank of Dubai
Mashreq Bank
National Bank of Egypt
National Bank of Kuwait
Qatar National Bank

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