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We are all excited at First Edge and FE Magazine to announce the major changes within both First Edge and FE Magazine.

Our CEO/ Managing Director Mr. David McGhie will be taking a back seat from the day—to-day management due to other business commitments. however we are glad to announce He'll still direct and oversee most of the major decisions which will need his rubber stamp of agreement, After this month's Issue, FE Magazine will now be Issued on a quarterly basis.

This enables us to give our readers a more in depth perspective of the financial and commodities industry., as well as being able to offer all the independent a more comprehensive offer support

We at FE Magazine would also like to thank our readers for reporting any and all irregularities to us by E-mail to our Complaints and Suggestion Box.

With to the new changes just implemented we are trying to respond to all emails. It is our aim to give a better understanding of how our production process works, and to work alongside those traders and brokers who have dedicated themselves to making this industry safe and clean for good regulated business.

We also found that most of our readers due to time constraints, were having some difficulty in trying to read through our whole edition. Hence in 2021 we shall make our editorial pages more concise, increasing many showcases of wonderful digital colour photos for a more visual presentation to broaden our advertising spaces. We are still using our beautiful free matte-finish PDF Magazine's download from our Magazines website to generate a larger spectrum of commodity readers.

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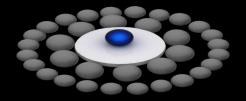


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Overall our mother company First Edge Ltd shows a great deal of comfort in being associated with this Newly Presented Note, our above review also shows this paper must have been prepared on the blessing of curtain financial Institutions. Our mother company also carried out it's own desk research, and interviews with other financial institution including platforms and desks attaining to the banking Industry, they have all agreed that a note such as this can be a major change on how institutions and investors think.

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It's also a true fact that most independent companies or principle investors have no real start time to start their precious wasted day in speaking or reviewing the head company who's dealing with their company wealth management account. To make matters worse, most Proposals or DOA they've been presented to be engaged in, the broker/institution will sooner or later be required to slow down his schedule with little or no regard for his principle funds that's been lodged for the transaction.

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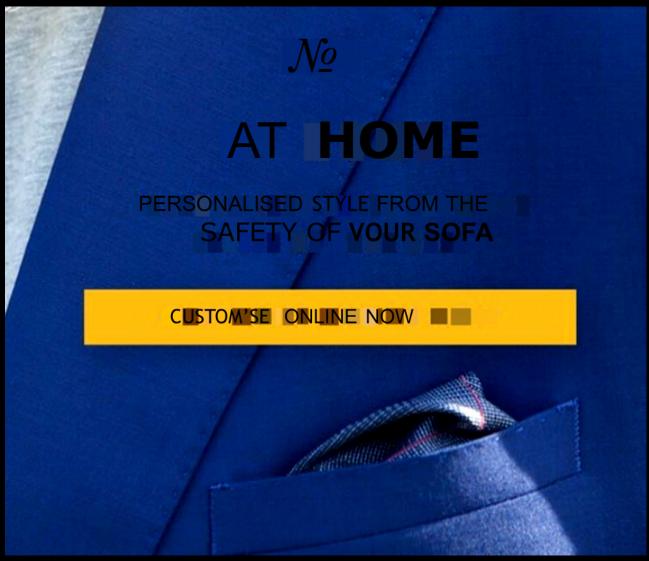
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Are law firms failing to report suspected money laundering?

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As of a report made in 2018 from the Guardian Newspaper by Juliette Garside and Nick Hop-kins found the UK National Crime Agency says number of reports from legal firms has fallen by 10%, along with the UK Government estimates £90bn of cash is laundered in Britain every year, with the Covid situation having people staying at home, more online crime is being done by cyber criminals who uses unsuspected law firms to launder their funds around the globe. Even with the World Covid Situation still being a problem with businesses, Lawyers around the world are still failing in their duty to combat suspected money laundering and have ignored repeated warnings to increase their reporting of suspicious activity especially by clients, so where does the fault of Law firm not being able to report money laundering around the world along with each of the country's top law enforcement body.

There's no other choice but to start with the UK, were the director of economic and cyber-crime at the National Crime Agency (NCA), said the number of reports it had received from lawyers had fallen by 7% this year, despite of a host of recent scandals that have led to London being described as the money-laundering capital of the world, Robert Barrington

Executive Director, Transparency International UK

'The UK's role as a global financial center is important to the country's prosperity but can also be exploited by criminals. The National Strategic Assessment of Serious and Organized Crime notes that the UK is one of the most attractive destinations for laundering the proceeds of grand corruption and that professional enablers and intermediaries play a role in this. The National Crime Agency estimates more than £100 billion of illicit funds are laundered through the UK each year.'

What do we learn from this interesting quotation? Three things: first, Britain is a key destination for global money-laundering, involving significant flows of funds; secondly, this is not just an accident – enablers and intermediaries play a deliberate part in it; and most significantly, the government acknowledges that this is happening. The passage quoted is not from an NGO campaign leaflet, but from the British government's own Anti-Corruption Strategy. The main questioned is whether lawyers were taking their obligations seriously enough, given that failure to report suspected money laundering and terrorist financing is a criminal offence punishable by up to five years in prison in the UK.

In defense of a few law firms around the world who FE Magazine has spoken with, said they do not get all the necessary significant updated level of information to reporting suspicious activity that would be needed to report.

We do know the NCA is still working closely with the Solicitors Regulation Authority to identify legal professionals who were not following the rules. Along with raising concerns about UK solicitors and their proximity to controversial clients.



Taking a Close Look at our International finance system

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Shortly after the COVID-19 pandemic threw the global economy into a crisis in March 2020, the expression of hope that the unfolding financial collapse wouldn't be used to justify a push for more financial literacy of a new world order in finance is needed to happen.

In May 2020, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) announced its Program for International Student Assessment 2018 results with the following question: "With unemployment increasing and a global recession looming, it's more important than ever to ask: are adolescents knowledgeable about money matters?

The global debate around international finance system for policy reform has evolved more in recent years than it had for decades, but a number of banking and political obstacles still need help in understanding the new developments relating to all the new sustainable financial structure from companies and institutions.

Showing less

FEM has found the World Bank (WB) and International Monetary Fund (IMF) and other International financial institutions that works with the International Drug Control System (IDCS) who in recent years has been ineffective in reducing the size of the market also preventing many of the new emerging financial fraud coming from organised crime, which will always cause and shift instability in many countries around the world.

Many financial fraud and drug policies have been seen as counter-productive, often causing more harm, the organized criminal organisations due to the soft capital punishment of offences can affect many new upcoming financial developing institutions and small finance companies being prey for many of these crime organisations for money laundering, which has a widespread of violation of basic financial regulations.

In recent years, there has been broad global financial stability and modest adaptations to the influence of new emerging ideas in banking along with a firmer footing with cryptocurrencies, but concerns remain about the system's durability and unresolved tensions between curtain main global banks with their regional financial uniform regulation mechanisms.

We know institutions, such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank, and regional financial institutions is still addressing all the post-COVID-19 economic challenge which will hopefully determine the stability of a system overall globally.

Thoughts

Everyone in finance knows the US dollar's role as the major global reserve currency remains a subject for debate, especially with the ongoing growth of the RMB and the euro, but substantial structural and political impediments to these becoming competing global reserve currencies are likely to persist.



Banking giant HSBC sees first half profit more than double

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Profits at banking giant HSBC more than doubled in the first half of the year as it benefited from an economic rebound in Britain and Hong Kong.

Europe's biggest bank by assets saw pre-tax profit for the period rise to \$10.8bn (£7.8bn), compared to \$4.3bn for the same time last year.

The UK-based bank said all regions had been profitable in the period.

The figures come as the global economy emerges from the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

"I'm pleased with the momentum generated around our growth and transformation plans, with good delivery against all four pillars of our strategy. In particular, we have taken firm steps to define the future of our US and continental Europe businesses", said HSBC chief executive Noel Quinn.

The lender highlighted that its UK bank had reported profit before tax of more than \$2.1bn in the period.

Boosted by the economic rebound in its two biggest markets, Britain and Hong Kong, the bank reinstated dividend payments to shareholders.

It plans to pay an interim dividend of seven cents a share after the Bank of England last month scrapped curbs on such pay-outs to investors.

HSBC boss to hot-desk as executive floor abolished

However, Laura Foll, manager of UK income funds at Janus Henderson Investors, told the BBC that the key factor behind the rise in HSBC's profits had been the lower-than-expected losses on loans during the pandemic.

She said that last year most banks set aside money based on estimates of how much they could potentially lose if loans went bad and its customers were unable to repay them. In HSBC's case, it set aside \$700m.

"In all cases, the banks are now rolling back on that number... and it is that number that has boosted the profitability at HSBC more than any other improvement."



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Restructuring

HSBC said its restructuring programme remains on track after announcing in February last year that it would shed 35,000 jobs as part of a plan to cut \$4.5bn of costs by 2022.

In February, HSBC had signalled a "pivot to Asia", outlining plans to invest about \$6bn in the region.

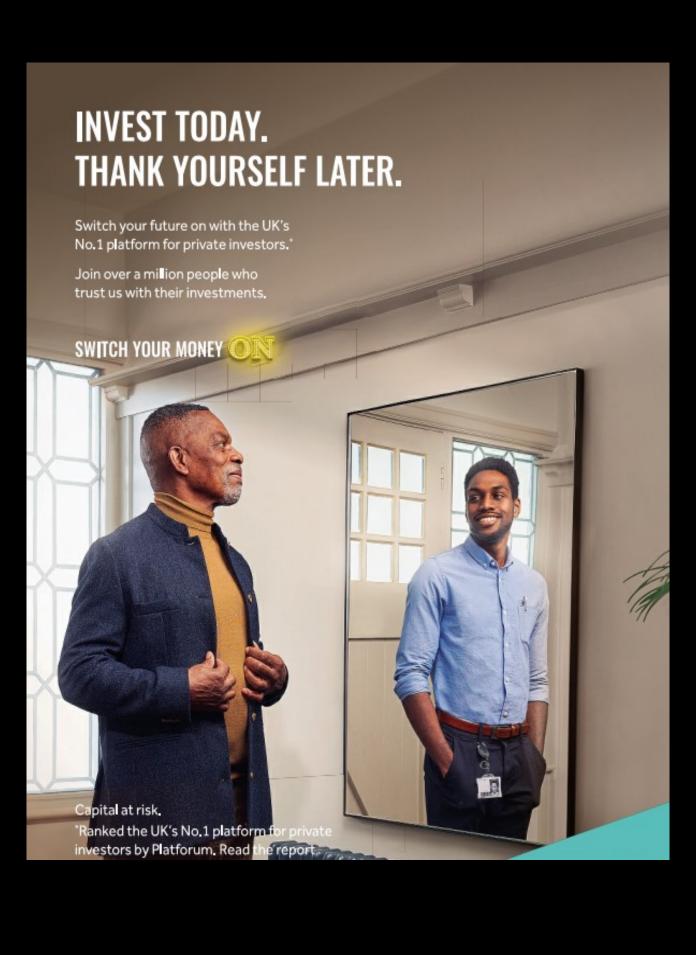
It said it would target wealth management and commercial banking to drive "double-digit growth" and has singled out Asian markets such as Singapore, China and Hong Kong. HSBC already generates the bulk of its revenues from Asia.

In January, UK MPs accused HSBC - a Hong Kong founded bank - of "aiding and abetting" China's crackdown in Hong Kong.

HSBC faced accusations of acting in a political manner and being too close to the Chinese authorities after it emerged that the bank had frozen accounts belonging to Hong Kong prodemocracy politician Ted Hui and members of his family.

Appearing before the Foreign Affairs Committee, Mr Quinn was told the bank was turning a blind eye to the situation.

Mr Quinn mounted a robust defence of the bank, saying: "I can't cherry-pick which laws to follow."



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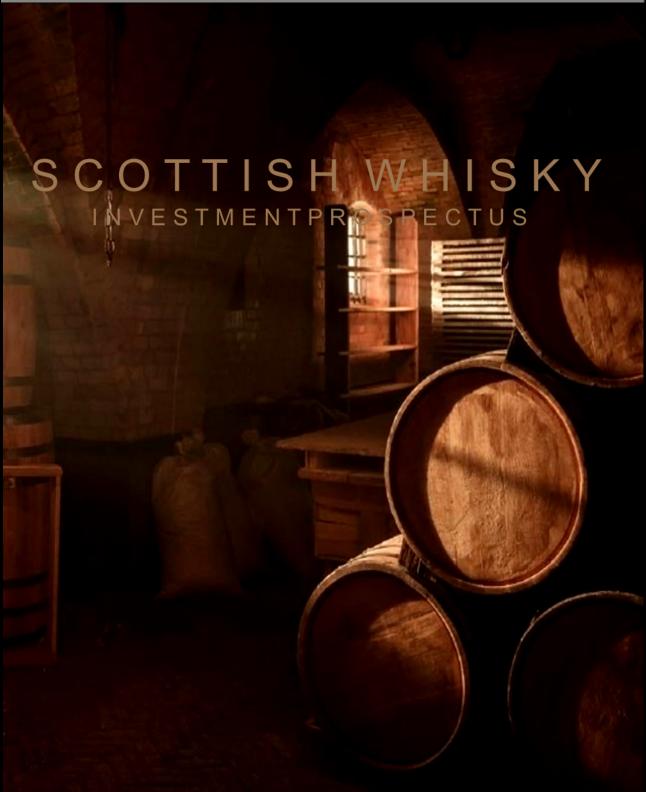


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LETTERFROMTHEFOUNDER

Dear Investor,

I would like to welcome you to my company Whisky Scotland Limited. The world of Scottish whisky is fascinating as it is blessed with a tremendous heritage combined with an element of magic which all results in the most pleasing dram.

Today there are more than 130 distilleries operating in Scotland producing some legendary whiskies that have been attracting jaw dropping prices at auction.

At the same time sales of Scotch whisky and particularly single malts have been going great guns for many years now which has served to reward a chosen few with compelling returns. In the past it was just distillers and bonders that have been able to benefit from the dramatic uplift in the value of whisky that has been seen during the maturation process.

My company has been established with the express purpose of bringing opportunities to invest in casks of whisky at wholesale prices to the attention of private investors.

We work with the leading Scottish whisky brands and distilleries which helps ensure the production of a high-quality asset with strong potential resale value.

We see investing in whisky as providing an attractive alternative investment for those looking to diversify their portfolios.

I would love to share my passion for the exciting industry with you.

Best Regards

Paul Mooney Founder



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INTRODUCTION

Scottish whisky enjoys an unrivalled reputation for quality, authenticity and provenance. Given this powerful heritage, it is probably not surprising that the most expensive bottles of whisky ever sold emanate from this country. There is no doubt that single malt Scotch whisky is a luxury product which is due to its history, coupled with the long-standing artisanal nature of production.

Legal requirements not only serve to preserve the time-honoured methods of producing this popular spirit, but also limits supply as innovations used elsewhere in the world have steadfastly refused to be adopted by the Scottish whisky industry.

Besides being matured in oak for at least three years, the production and maturation must also take place in Scotland; with a single malt Scotch whisky made from 100% malted barley. These rules have protected the decades old valuable process of single malt Scotch whisky distillation.

Investing in cask whisky has been generating returns for an exclusive community for many years and now Whisky Scotland Limited have established a unique platform which provides private investors with the opportunity to purchase premium branded Scotch whisky at wholesale rates.



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ORIGINS

The beginning of whisky making in Scotland may well date back to the 11th century when monks used grain mash to produce a spirit by emulating the winemaking methods used in European monasteries. It is popularly believed that Lindores Abbey which lies close to the River Tay, is deemed to be the birthplace of whisky as it provides the oldest evidence of distilling which dates back to 1494.

Documentary evidence exists to this day of malt of being purchased to create "acqua vitae" (Latin for "water of life") for King James IV.

Taxes were imposed on whisky by the Scottish Parliament in 1644 which simply served to boost illicit whisky distilling and smuggling. The wee dram became a well-established tipple as is evidenced by the writings of Scotland's national poet Robert Burns (1759 – 96) who praised whisky in his poems and songs. Smuggling declined following the passing of the Exercise Act in 1823, which sanctioned the distilling of whisky in return for a licence fee £10 and a set payment per gallon of proof spirit which made the legal business of making whisky economic once again. It really depends on who you read, but some believe that it was the Irish who taught the Scots about the process of distilling whiskey (each country spells the name differently).

Certainly, there is apparently evidence that distillation of the amber spirit was well established in Ireland in the 12th century. Hundreds of distillers sprung up on the Emerald Isle over the following centuries until there was a dramatic decline in the late 1800s. A combination of factors saw Irish whiskey production fall substantially over the coming years which allowed the emergence of Scotch whisky which has gone on to well and truly dominate the market.

Many believe that sales of Scotch whisky really took off on the back of the phylloxera plague in the late 1800s that decimated vines across Europe and led drinkers to switch from brandy to whisky. In the 1880-1900 period alone, more than thirty new distilleries opened across Scotland. Prohibition in the 1920's didn't help, although due to a loophole in US legislation, some Scotch



MAKING MALT WHISKY

Essentially, whisky is distilled beer. Top quality barley is first steeped in water and then spread out across malting floors for a week to germinate. Over this period, the enzymes convert the starch into sugar.

The germinated barley, which is now termed green malt, is dried in a kiln often heated by peat to impart a characteristic aroma from the smoke. The drying process is carried out at under 70°C which is enough to stop further germination but not a high enough temperature to destroy the enzymes. In the mash tun, the ground dried malt is mixed with hot water, where the quality of the pure Scottish water is paramount. The mashing processes helps convert further starches to sugar producing a wort which is a sweet sugary liquid.

Fermentation lasts a couple of days once the yeast is added to the wort and the resultant wash contains about 7% alcohol by volume. Feeding on the sugars, the yeast creates alcohol as well as small amounts of congeners, which impart additional flavour.

The wash is distilled twice. There is a bit of magic here as the shape of the pot still serves to affect the character of each and every malt whisky. The first distillation occurs in the wash still where low wines are produced which contain roughly 20% alcohol by volume. The second distillation in the spirit still sees the more volatile compounds being distilled off first with only the heart of the run (around 68% alcohol by volume) collected.

All Scottish whisky is termed a new make spirit which is undrinkable and must matured in oak barrels for at least three years which is the legal minimum before it can be called Scotch whisky. Anywhere between 8-30 years is common, as during this maturation process the whisky continues to improve giving a smoother taste. Certainly, the age of whisky is a big indicator of quality with older whiskies commanding higher prices.

New make spirit is usually matured in premium oak cask and stored in a regulated bonded warehouse, that is before the government applies alcohol taxes and VAT. During the aging process there are big changes which create the amber spirit which are influenced by the type of oak and



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THE WHISKY MARKET

The world whisky market is expanding rapidly with global sales estimated to climb to US \$60 billion per year in 2024 with a 4.26% compound annual growth rate (*CAGR*) over the 2019-24 period (1). HM Revenue & Customs (*HMRC*) data released in 2018 showed that Scottish whisky sales hit a another record high of £4.7 billion in 2018 growing by 7.8% year-on-year, with the number of 70cl bottles exported also reaching record levels and growing to the equivalent of 1.28 billion bottles up 3.6% also year-on-year(2). An incredible 41 bottles were shipped overseas every second in 2018 with Scotch being exported into 175 markets around the world (2).

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INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

Given the long lead time required for maturation, distilleries need to be able to fund their day-to-day operating costs over a sustained period. By and large distilleries adopt two key methods to finance their businesses over the maturation period.

BORROWING

Traditionally, distilleries borrow money from banks which might involve having to sign over assets as security plus there is the exposure to interest rate changes. The supply of finance to small & medium sized enterprises (*SMEs*) over recent years has become scarcer and so raising such finance might be far from easy especially if the distillery is already well-leveraged by having existing loans in place.

WHOLESALE SELLING

Alternatively distilleries can sell off casks of newly made spirit at wholesale rates to a whisky bonder or broker. Bonders are basically merchants who age whisky in bonded warehouses before bottling. Distillers may use this method to finance a certain percentage of their

whisky production which allows them to cover running costs while the majority of the spirit is laid to rest to mature for many years before being bottled and sold.

Whisky Scotland Limited is able to buy large amounts of new make spirit from distillers at wholesale prices, which helps to finance distilleries. This new make spirit is matured in rare and exclusive high-quality premium oak casks and stored in a bonded warehouse where the casks are fully insured. Our company provides private investors with the opportunity of investing in whiskies by buying casks of newly made spirit and seeking to benefit from the historical highly attractive returns that have been seen in this sector.

Whisky Scotland Limited offers a full turnkey service where we look after every element of whisky investment for our clients. We wish to develop long term relationships where the target is to develop a whisky portfolio which sits alongside their existing investment portfolio. Rest assured that we now have an extremely impressive infrastructure in place, which positions us ahead of the competition when buying at the best prices and selling at the right time.

The most common sizes of casks are 200 litres (barrel) and 250 litre (hogshead). After five years or so, the investor in a 200-litre barrel will own 385-400 70cl bottles of Scottish whisky (46% ABV) per cask, because there is a slight reduction of 2% known as the an-



PLENTY OF GOOD REASONS TO INVEST

Investing in casks of Scottish whisky represents a compelling opportunity for many people, which has now become established as an attractive alternative investment vehicle.

Interest in whisky has been growing steadily over many years and commentators have suggested that one of the reasons is the soaring appetite for Scotch in the Far East.

In these countries it is a story of increasing wealth and a fast-growing middle class who see whisky as a premium product which is a sign of taste and sophistication.

Not only have whisky sales being growing rapidly but so has the price of some of the rare whiskies.

The Rare Whisky Apex 1000 index which reflects the changes in value of a collection of a thousand of the most prized bottles of single malt Scotch has risen more than 800%since 2009 (6) and seems to show little signs of slowing down.



INVESTMENTPROSPECTUS

PLENTY OF GOOD REASONS TO INVEST

Knight Frank Luxury Investment Index tracks the performance of a basket of selected alternative investment collectible assets including art, classic car, wine and whisky etc, reported that 2018 was a transformational year for rare single malt Scotch whisky. Knight Frank drew attention to one bottle setting a new record price of £700,000, which was beaten a month later with another bottle being sold for £1 million (7). Whilst, the Knight Frank Rare Whisky 100 Index (KFRW100) which tracks UK auction prices, increased by almost 40% during 2018 (7).

Certainly, Knight Frank was able to report that Scottish whisky investment had seen cracking growth in that year, which was away ahead of coins, wine, fine art, watches, cars and coloured diamonds. So, with good returns obviously being recorded and rare bottles selling at US \$1 million plus, the investment potential has probably never been more attractive.

Published investment returns across the industry suggest typical returns in the order of anywhere between 8-18% per annum (8, 9) have been conservatively achieved over the past few years. As with most investments, it should be noted that there is no guarantee of such performance in the future. Such returns are highly attractive in today's low interest rate environment and way above the average yield on UK shares. It has to be noted that the level of risk appears to be unusually low when measured against typical modern investments that generate similar levels of return.

Being asset-backed, investing in whisky involves the satisfaction of having a real product as security as well as providing proper risk diversification with existing invested capital. It is an important consideration that because the majority of Scotch whisky is exported, it does provide a good hedge against weak sterling. Truth is that investing in cask whisky has been generating returns for an exclusive community for many years and now Whisky Scotland Limited have established a unique platform which will

allow private investors the opportunity to purchase premium branded Scotch whisky at wholesale rates.



INVESTMENTPROSPECTUS

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Covid-19 crisis, and politics

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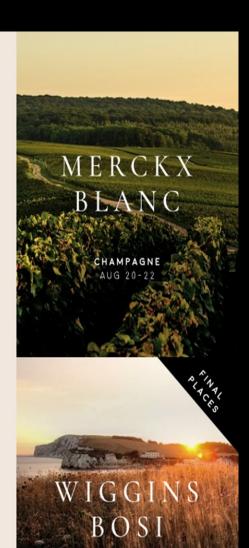














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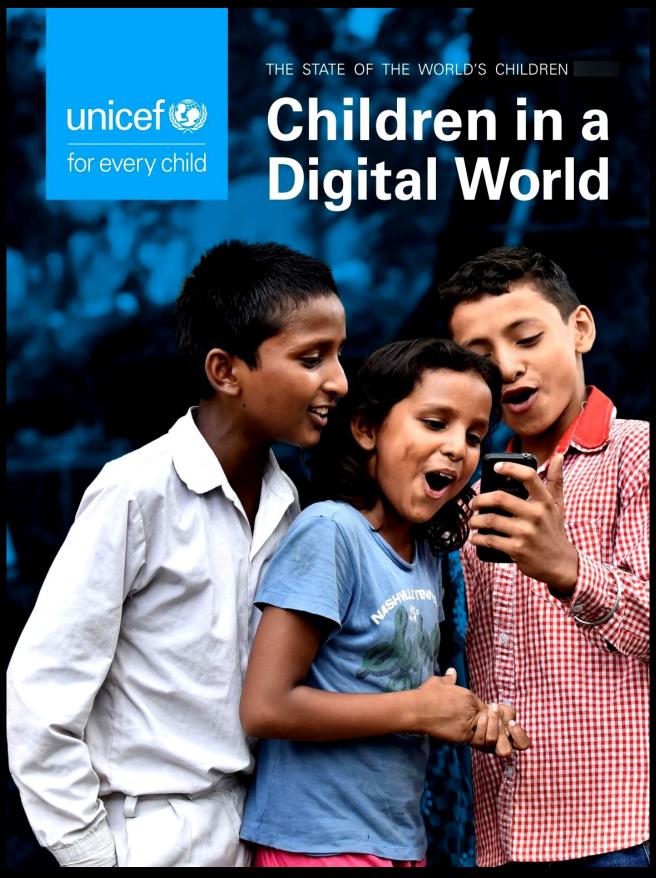
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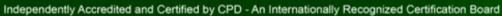
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NFA Compliance Rule 2-46 and the related Interpretive Notice to NFA Compliance Rule 2-46 require commodity pool operators (CPO) and commodity trading advisors (CTA) to report quarterly two financial ratios regarding a CPO's or CTA's financial condition. As described in the Interpretive Notice, NFA Forms PQR and PR contain data fields for the Current Asset/Current Liability (CA/CL) ratio and Total Revenue/Total Expenses (TR/TE) ratio. A number of CPOs and CTAs are incorrectly reporting these financial ratios.

Ratios must be calculated using the accrual method of accounting

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The accrual method of accounting requires that revenues and expenses be recorded in the period in which they are earned or incurred rather than when they are received or paid. For example, a management fee earned in June and received in July should be recorded as revenue for June. Similarly, a bill for services received in June and paid in July should be recorded as an expense for June.

CA balance must only include assets owned by the CPO or CTA

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CA balance must only include the CPO's or CTA's current assets

CPOs and CTAs have incorrectly calculated the CA balance using total assets or non-current assets such as a receivable that is not due within the next twelve months or a long-term rent-related security deposit. The CA balance must include only current assets. A current asset is an asset that is expected to be converted to cash within the next year (e.g., cash, accounts receivable due within the next twelve months, marketable securities).

TR/TE Ratio must be calculated based on the prior twelve months

Although NFA Forms PQR and PR are filed quarterly, the TR/TE ratio should be calculated using revenue earned and expenses incurred during the prior twelve months. For example, a PQR or PR with an as of date of March 30, 2019 should include all revenue earned and expenses incurred from April 1, 2018 through March 30, 2019.

Additional guidance on calculating the ratios is available in the Interpretive Notice to NFA Compliance Rule 2 -46 and the materials and recordings for NFA's May 2017 Member Workshop.

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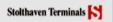
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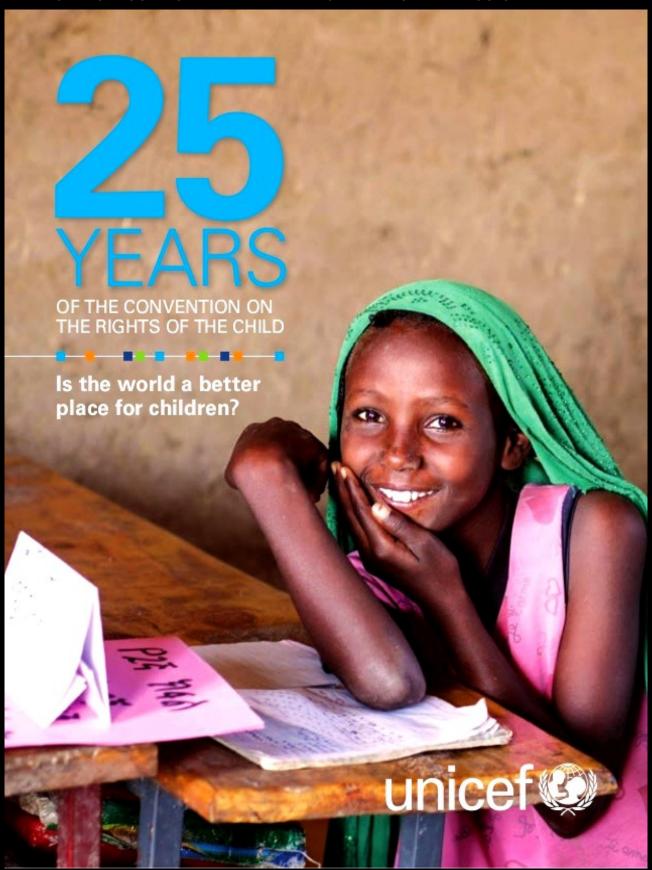
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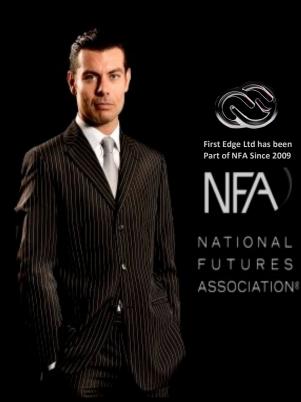
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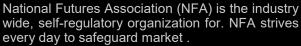
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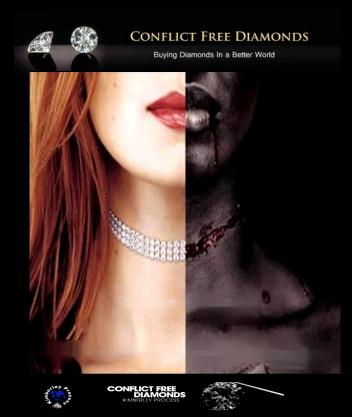
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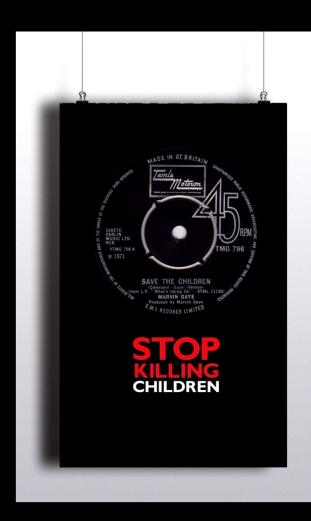








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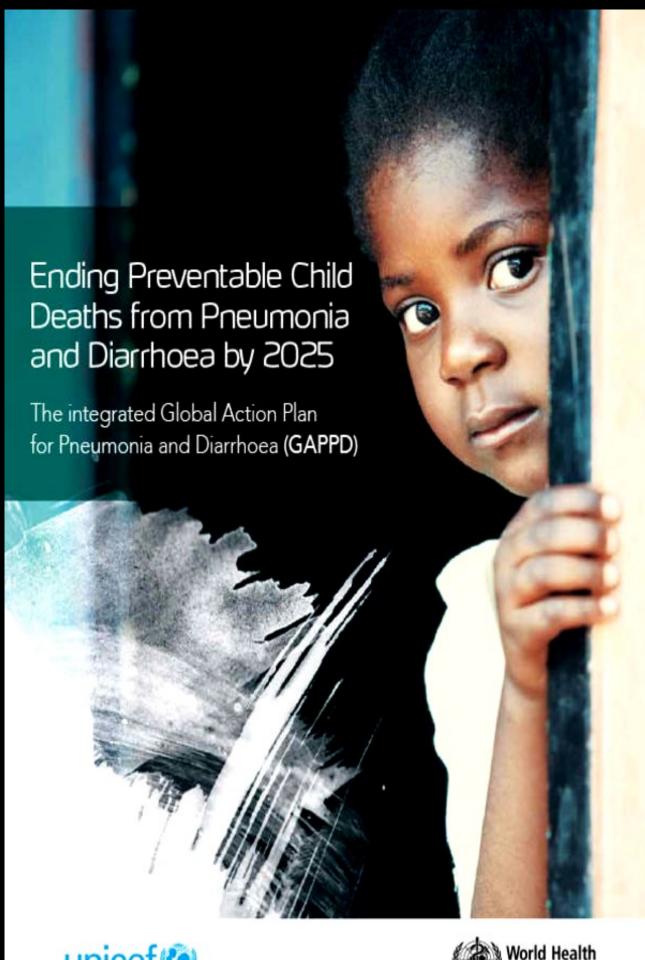


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There's also been proposals that Company founders could maintain control over their firms after listing them on a London exchange.

The new rules aim to close "a gap", which has opened up between the UK and other trading centres post-Brexit and attract more firms to list in London.

Amsterdam overtook London as Europe's top share trading hub in January.

Under recommendations of the review led by Lord Hill (a former EU commissioner), companies should be allowed to sell so-called "dual-class" shares in the premium listing segment of the London Stock Exchange.

The move would allow company founders to keep control over their companies by giving them deciding votes on big decisions such as mergers and takeovers.

- London loses out as Europe's top share trading hub
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The report also recommended reducing the proportion of a company's shares that must be publicly traded from 25% to 15%, and that the chancellor should report to Parliament on the state of the City of London every year.

'Closing the gap'

Lord Hill told Radio 4's Today Programme that the proposals were designed to encourage investment in UK businesses, benefit companies who choose to float in London and improve the UK's competitive position".

"We're trying to make sure that the listings environment in the UK is as attractive as it can be to the growth companies of the future.

"If you look at our main index at the moment it is pretty heavy on old economy businesses and it's much lighter on the growth businesses of the future, the tech companies, the life science companies and so on."

On accusations that listing rules could be watered down, he said that the safeguards he'd suggested would maintain high standards.





London takes aim at new listing rules

"We haven't taken an approach of ripping things up or pushing things as far as we can for the sake of it. It's a pretty prudent balanced cautious approach which I hope will make us look more attractive, deal with some of the concerns that companies looking to float have been raising, but make sure it's still a well-regulated regime."

Responding to a question that the City is upset because it wasn't involved in the Brexit negotiation, he said: "I think that as soon as the decision was taken way back in 2016 by Mrs May of the way she wanted to approach Brexit it was pretty clear that the consequence of that for the City's access to Europe would follow. That, I consider, is a given because of the nature of the way we've decided to leave the EU.

"I don't think that we should now sit here waiting and hoping that the EU will give us some of these decisions that some people are hoping for - these equivalence decisions - in order to make our life easier. They aren't going to do that. I used to do those equivalence decisions, I kind of know how the system works over there.

"In those circumstances, when you've got the advantages that London has, there is no other city centre across Europe that poses a proper challenge to London." Chancellor Rishi Sunak welcomed the publication of Lord Hill's review ahead of Wednesday's Budget.

"We asked Lord Hill to lead this review because we wanted bold ideas. The UK is one of the best places in the world to start, grow and list a business - and we're determined to enhance this reputation now we've left the EU.

"That means boosting the UK's business environment and making sure we continue to lead the world in providing open, dynamic capital markets for existing and innovative companies alike, whilst protecting the high standards that underpin our status as a world -leading financial centre."

Post-Brexit role

The City generates about £135bn in business annually, with financial institutions earning big fees from trading stocks and shares. But in January, Amsterdam overtook London as the biggest share trading centre in Europe, while shares traded through the UK dropped significantly after the end of the Brexit transition period. About €9.2bn (£8.1bn) worth of shares were traded on Amsterdam exchanges each day, against €8.6bn in London.

Following new Brexit rules, EU-based banks wanting to buy European shares currently cannot trade via London, meaning a loss of fees for City firms.



UK lawyers failing to report suspected money laundering, says watchdog

The UK Government estimates £90bn of cash is laundered in Britain every year.

"There is a significant challenge engaging the thousands of law firms to promote the required level of understanding about the SARs regime, compared, for example, to the relatively small number of licensed banks in the UK."

The release two years ago of the Panama Papers, a crackdown on holders of secretive Swiss accounts by the US tax office, and a series of swinging fines imposed on HSBC and Standard Chartered, among others, have led to yearly increases in the overall number of SARs.

These scandals exposed wrongdoing by banks, but they have also highlighted the role of accountants, company formation agents and law firms, like the now defunct Panama practice Mossack Fonseca, in enabling the injection of the proceeds of crime into the legitimate banking system. Despite this increased scrutiny, reports from lawyers have fallen by about 10% each year since 2015.

"It's certainly not in the forefront of legal firms' minds in the way it is if you hold a banking licence," Toon said. He spoke of cases where banks had reported dubious property deals for which there had been no corresponding alert from solicitors involved in the same transaction.

Concerns about the failure to control money laundering led to the creation in January of a new regulator, the Office for Professional Body Anti Money Laundering Supervision.

The watchdog is charged with overseeing 22 organisations, from the Law Society to the Association of Tax Technicians.

The NCA is carrying out seven investigations into professional enablers, one of which relates to the legal profession. It has intelligence on a further 19 cases, 11 of which involve lawyers.

NCA said a number of cases had been referred to him by the SRA. "We have a number of cases we are now investigating criminally in relation to legal professionals. We are doing this on a coordinated basis working with the police to tackle the professional enablers."

Addressing solicitors at a recent conference in Birmingham, Toon said they often had a better understanding of high -value transactions than any of the other professionals involved.

The NCA director warned lawyers that close involvement in their client's affairs meant they faced a stark choice. "It's about taking on the responsibility of serving the public or, if you don't want to take it on, benefiting the criminal," he said. "We're not asking people to go out and tackle gangsters, only to report something where they have a suspicion."



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Lawyers are failing in their duty to combat suspected money laundering and have ignored repeated warnings to increase their reporting of suspicious activity by clients, Britain's top law enforcement body has said.

Donald Toon, the director of economic and cybercrime at the National Crime Agency (NCA), said the number of reports it had received from lawyers had fallen by 10% this year, despite of a host of recent scandals that have led to London being described as the money-laundering capital of the world.

Toon questioned whether lawyers were taking their obligations seriously enough, given that failure to report suspected money laundering and terrorist financing is a criminal offence punishable by up to five years in prison.

"We believe that we do not get the level of reporting from legal firms of suspicious activity that we would expect," Toon said. "We have said it a number of times and there has been no significant change."

He said the NCA was working closely with the Solicitors Regulation Authority to identify legal professionals who were not following the rules. Toon is the latest public figure to raise concerns about UK solicitors and their proximity to controversial clients.

MPs censured the City firm Linklaters this year for its decision to advise on the stock market listing of an energy company belonging to the oligarch and Kremlin insider Oleg Deripaska, months before he was placed on the sanctions list by the US government.

Linklaters said its 70-member team in Moscow, which includes 12 partners, followed the highest standards and abided with all regulations against bribery and corruption, anti-money laundering and sanctions.

The scale of the problem NCA investigators are required to tackle is vast. The government estimates £90bn of cash is laundered in Britain every year.

This year the agency launched its first prosecutions under the new unexplained wealth order legislation, which targets non-EU nationals. The legislation should make it easier for the government to seize UK property and other assets suspected of being acquired using the proceeds of crime and corruption.

"What you are trying to do is create a change in the climate," Toon said. "Successive governments, for reasons that seemed right at the time, have wanted the UK to be an open, inviting market. That carries real opportunity and that carries some risk. The important thing is to get the balance right."

The government's historically light-touch approach to the flow of money into London has been a boon for its banks and for lawyers. However, at least one senior solicitor, a senior partner at the firm Child & Child, has been referred to the solicitors disciplinary tribunal for allegedly failing to carry out proper checks on a client. The hearing has yet to take place and the allegations are as yet unproven.

Solicitors and other professionals working in particular sectors have a legal duty to file what is known as a suspicious activity report (SAR) when they have grounds to suspect they are being asked to handle the proceeds of crime or transactions connected to terrorist finance. Those obliged to file include banks, auction houses, money transfer outlets, estate agents, bookmakers, accountants and tax advisers.

The fall in alerts from lawyers comes as the overall number of reports is rising. The total increased by 9.6% to 464,000 in the year to March 2018, according to the NCA. A full breakdown by profession will be released this year, but a look at previous periods shows lawyers trail those working in finance.

The increase is being fuelled by banks, which flagged up almost 350,000 transactions in the year to March 2017, while law firms, including those specialising in property conveyancing, filed just 3,020 alerts.





Money-Laundering Crackdown Security Minister Ben Wallace pledges to focus on where illegal cash is spent

Security minister Ben Wallace said the Multi-Agency National Economic Crime Centre will target illicit finance.

Estate agents, high street solicitors and accountants who facilitate about £100bn of money-laundering in the UK but are failing to report suspicious activity face a crackdown under a government drive against economic crime.

Security minister Ben Wallace has warned public schools, football clubs and luxury car garages they must report irregularities, pledging to "go after the status" of the worst culprits by focusing on where they spend their illegal cash.

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In an interview with one of the UK's biggest Newspaper, he set out plans for the new multi-agency national economic crime centre launching on Thursday, which will prioritise the most serious offenders, boosted by a £48m cash injection and a more intelligence-led approach.

It was also said, "The ones who pretend their hands aren't really dirty and profit from moving dirty money and knowingly conspire ... they're cowards to pretend they're nothing really to do with it. They are the ultimate. It's like the BBC Russian McMafia TV Program, they comfort themselves by being at wonderful events and not getting their hands dirty, but their hands are as dirty as the person trafficking the child that they're making their money from.

"We're going to make sure that people who are proactively being facilitators are at the front of our queue as much as the actual nominals of the organised crime groups and we're going to do everything we can to prosecute them."

The government is also expected to toughen up its approach to Scottish limited partnerships, a business loophole that it believes has been used by foreign criminals to launder dirty money in the UK.

But the principal focus of the serious and organised crime strategy, published on Thursday, is the crackdown on illicit finance and the professionals who facilitate it. If they fail to report suspicious activity they face sanctions including, ultimately, jail.

Wallace said he wanted to prevent serious offenders from using their illegal cash to boost their reputations. "Part of that is going after the status. If all you can go shopping with is a Tesco Clubcard, you're not really much of a gangster are you?" he said.

"If you're denied your ability to spend your ill-gotten gains, if you can't go and buy a flash car or a box at a sporting event or a nice house in Belgravia, if you can't do any of that then you strip away the ability for them to launder their reputation."

He added: "We will be going after the people who have not played their part in hardening the environment and reporting. So the purveyors of luxury goods, the public schools, the sporting institutions, who don't ask many questions if suspicious people come along with cash or other activities, we will come down on them."

High-value car dealers are regulated and so are required to file suspicious activity reports if they suspect money-laundering. Schools, although not obliged to report, are still subject to money-laundering laws.





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The regulatory bodies for property, accountancy and the law have already been hauled in by Wallace and Treasury minister John Glen, who warned them that unless they did more to root out illicit activity, their members would face closer scrutiny.

The beefed-up response will include new specially trained police to improve and coordinate fraud investigations, more officers at the National Crime Agency to identify and seize criminals' money, and extra investment in data and intelligence assessments.

The government had been accused of not doing enough to tackle money laundering in the wake of the Panama Papers revelations, unveiled by organisations including the Guardian in 2016.

Wallace admitted that the system had not been responsive enough, but added that since then UK authorities had begun 68 criminal investigations, as well as seized £1.6bn in assets since 2010 and frozen hundreds of millions more.

He added: "Too many people have felt that security and prosperity are mutually exclusive and it's just not ...

Post-Brexit if we're going to make Britain and the City of London successful then it has to have a reputation for cleanliness and security."

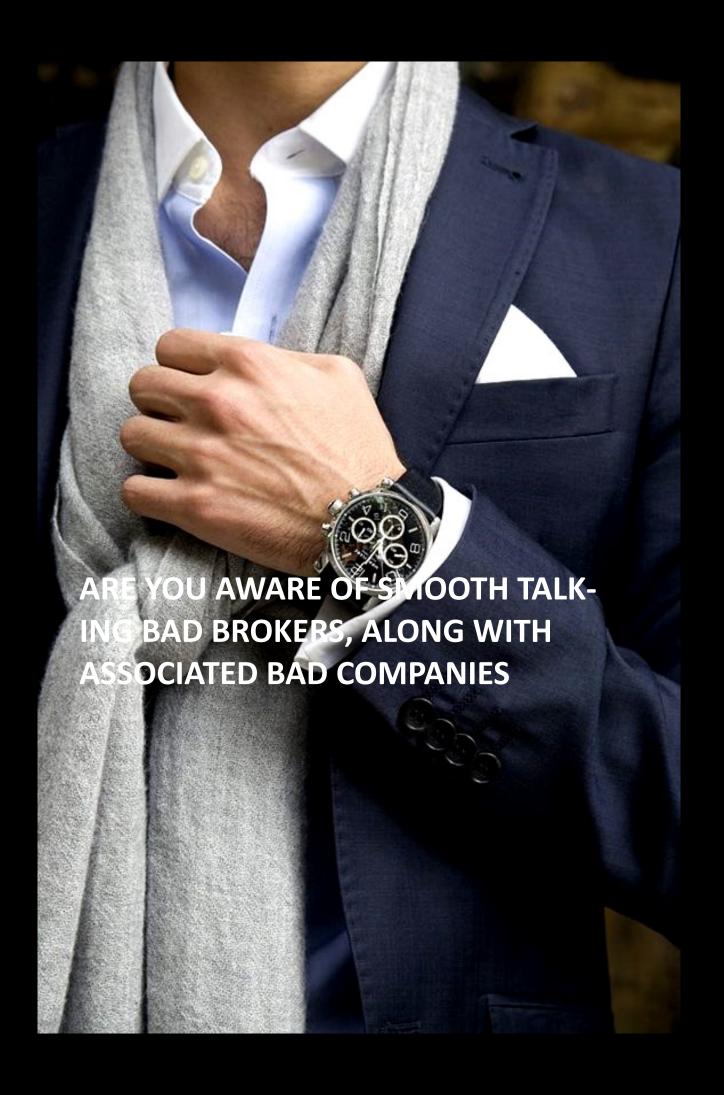
Wallace said that the banks, which are responsible for 83% of suspicious activity reports, had more to do but were willing to play their part in the crackdown. It was the estate agents, accountants and lawyers that must make additional efforts.

"My point about small and regional firms is that you can make big ripples in parts of the country by taking action if you find out people have not been [reporting]," he said.

He warned that the public also had a responsibility to face up to the role they played in supporting organised crime, singling out bootleg cigarettes, nail bars and car washes in particular.

"Actually what they don't realise is that the 'wink, wink, nudge, nudge' is a guy who might push 10 packs of fags in that bar but he is [also] pushing a container and actually next week he doesn't bring in a container of drugs he trafficks some children," he said.

"It goes to the heart of how passive do you want to be? Those middle class people taking themselves into the nail bar in the local high street who don't think they're really fuelling organised crime, well they are. The point of this is that we all have a role to play."



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We at FE Magazine and First Edge Ltd have always tried to be one of the champions in the reduction of bad people and companies in today's financial and commodity Industry. In this edition our new study shows why these bad companies and people are quick to change their moral values depending on which of their rule's means more for them instead of others.

Hers the good news, our research has also found a major part of our UK Universities has enrolled a large amount of financial Agents and consultants who's looking to enrol in refresher courses.

We've also found a major reduction of inexperienced/unqualified people who attach themselves to the financial industry for all the wrong reasons, this is mainly due to today's ever growing technology, the small amount of bad broker who still believes in overnight success, is still prepared to present doctored viral financial instruments to unsuspecting clients, by persuading them that they have full control of major parties who released the financial documented information.

Required Financial Expectations

Most experienced reputable Investors and Institutions, already knows about the few bad third parties brokers, that carries no morals or values which are still around,.

"They also know these people also quick to adjust their moral values depending on which position benefits them the most financially. We also know that most good clients and financial institutions who can only operate under an umbrella of professional manner along with all the financial watchdogs legalities set around them, which are no more flexible and self-serving than they would like to admit, most of these restraints are set around the primary market and not the secondary, individual investors and companies who prefers to stay in the secondary market are prepared to open their books, once they've found a company who can show they have a good past record as a trusted company, along with an experienced team which has a firm past financial background knowledge who they can work with them in an honourable businesslike manner to represent them, also making sure their file is always kept private and confidential at all times also secure them with invasion of privacy.

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Here's 6 simple ways of checks and revealing the who's who to deal with:

- 1. A Trader or Consultant/Broker should never reveal a current KYC to third party brokers unless there able to reveal who's undertaking the file which could be a Holding /Trust/Platform, also make sure you have an attorney at hand, sometimes it's helpful to get a third party advice, which is a major tool that's used for institutional compliance checks mainly in the UK and USA.
- 2. Principles should always talk to principles or parties who has good stranding in the financial industry, we all know real trusted consultants or brokers has always been the forefront for client since the beginning of time in the financial industry, they'll also know the excess able amount of funds their able to present into trade in good faith for their client, these trusted consultants or brokers is always updated on a weekly or monthly basis, on what trade is available to pursue, alternatively, when an experienced principle decides to take on a new broker, he'll let him do the engaging and report back to him, after a short time the principle should be able to tell how good his new broker is, just by his performance level. if his new broker cannot present the new programs that's direct to the platform of institution to him, then he'll need to be dropped immediately
- **3.** Never release Personal Banking Info unless they have the principles direct email address, also never send any swift unless you have full confirmation of the party you're releasing or sending to, also make sure all the institutions you dealing with, has been checked by your lawyer/attorney.
- **4.** Due to Banking and Finance Houses Regulations and Restrictions set out mainly in the UK and parts of Europe we're 90% of instruments and programs are endorsed and delivered to most regulated platforms along with a host of holding/trust institutions, The UK FCA finds a majority of these freshly cut instruments seems to get into these bad brokers and companies hands, which are mainly outside the UK, these bad brokers and companies are not ignored, the Banks works very closely with most of the Anti Crime Agencies such as NCA FBI Interpol, FE Magazine has also accumulated a large data base of bad people which is registered with all these Agencies, Companies like First Edge Ltd has also put in place all the required contracted documented restriction to protect all its clients, mainly because they don't know or wish to know who the third party brokers are, we all know when the process of the deal goes to a level of closing the brokers or consultants should automatically be instructed to build an FPA or NCNDA which will be signed off by the principle parties,

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- **5.** Stay away from upstart Wannabes Companies who has no track records or reference from major institutions or known foundations even banks, Most of these companies seems to bring other bad third party companies, who also presents themselves look like they're the main source to engage with. Most reputable brokers see this as a free get out card, 90% of the time these deals are dead end deals because of compliance checks, but getting one of them through could make these bad people hundreds of millions.
- **6.** Our study also shows most bad participants who like to work in groups to transcribe in presenting deals, which they've heard about in the grape of brokers, you'll always get one person who presents themselves as a major player who had all the connections, after building up the confidence with any new client, he'd then bring in his other source or group who he'd already sold to the client, by claiming that his source or group is direct registered agent to more than one platform, the client will then be presented with some sort of program along with some sort of badly put together binding contractual agreement, which most knowledgeable main clients has seen more time than he'd like to, the client also know that he's not obligated to sign any of the documents to been presented to him, not until he's 100% sure he's talking direct ro the Platform or institution if the brokers starts to waste time along with making things more difficult and more complicated, then you know you're being lied to or not dealing direct.



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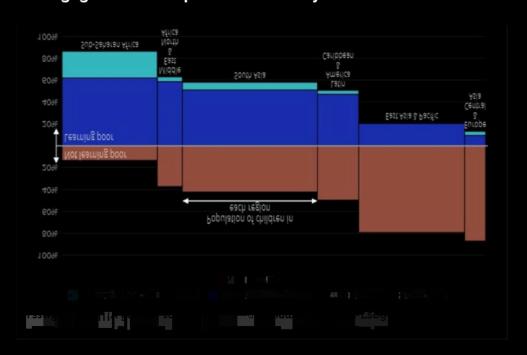
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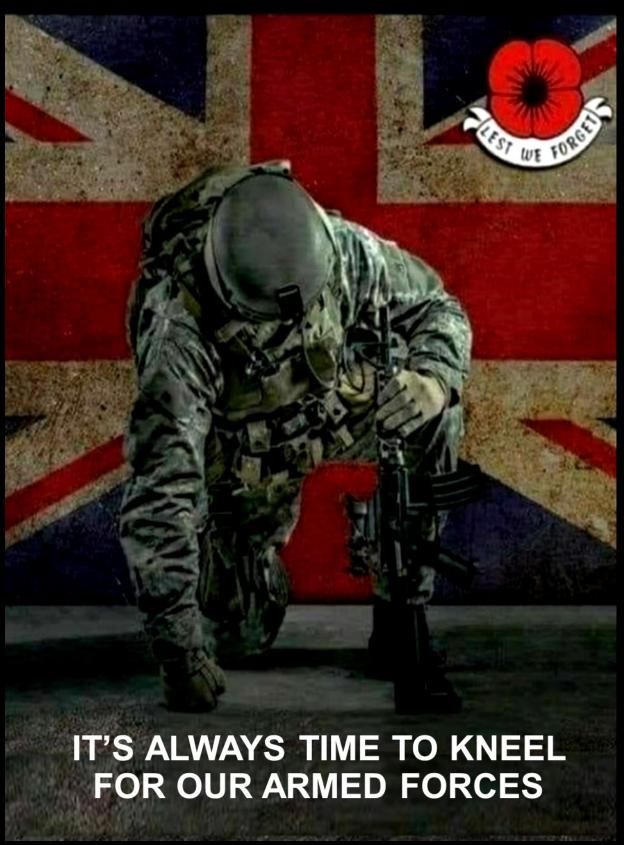
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The New Scammers Tricks

More than three million people in the UK are the victims of scams every year. Many of them lose hundreds or even thousands of pounds, after being taken in by sophisticated scams and devious criminal gangs. This month is Scams Awareness Month, which aims to raise awareness of scams, and encourage people to be on their quard.

There are thousands of different scams doing the rounds, ranging from fake lotteries and prize draws to investment schemes, attempts to get hold of your financial details, and even tricks designed to get you to transfer your money into the criminal gang's bank account.

It's difficult to stay on top of each variation, so another option is to be aware of how these criminals tend to get into your home, so you can be on your guard.

Cold Internet Connections

This is still the most common way that criminals will get in contact through Skype, whatsapp, here are some of the very latest common scams run by scammers. This includes boiler room scams - which involve calling people and using high-pressure sales techniques to get you to invest in something essentially worthless. They take an average of £5,000 \$7.000 from each victim, so they will put time and effort into convincing you that their scam is a legitimate investment.

Gold and Diamond

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Vishing

Another common phone scam is vishing - where they pretend to be from your bank, or the police, and warn you there has been fraud on your account. They then persuade you to transfer your money into a 'safe' account. If you do as they say, you are actually transferring your money into their account.

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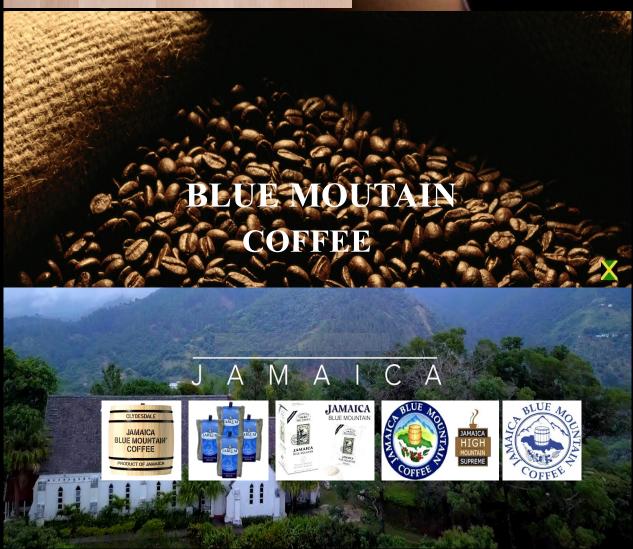


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Each list is periodically and they may also be updated if a new list related format or product is offered.

For more updated specific information on this action, follow our Magazine next release date

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Review of the world's 8 biggest gold-mining countries

Gold is mined in around 90 countries worldwide. Some of the countries that historically have been top producers continue to be so, including Australia, USA and South Africa. But China is now the world's top producer, having increased productivity significantly since 2005.

Australia

Australia continues to be at the forefront of world gold production. From being the fourth largest producer of gold in 2008, Australia's production has surged to secure the country's position as the world's second largest producer of gold in both 2009 and 2010.

Western Australia is responsible for 75% of Australia's gold production and also hosts approximately two thirds of Australia's 4,500 tonnes of estimated gold resources. Western Australia's State Government received royalties from mining of some US\$5.14 billion.

Australia has consistently been one of the world's largest producers of gold since its first gold rush, centred on Victoria in 1851. During the 1850's, Australia was producing some 40% of the world's gold. The immigration sparked by the rush, fuelled further agricultural and industrial development and saw nearly 500,000 people attracted to the state of Victoria.

World production ranking 2nd 2011 Thomson Reuters GFMS
Annual gold production (tonnes) 258.30 2011 Thomson Reuters GFMS
Percentage of world production 9.16% 2011 Thomson Reuters GFMS
Gold mine reserves (Moz) 237.92 2011 USGS
Official sector gold holdings (tonnes) 79.85 2011 IMF IFS
Value of gold produced (net revenue) \$13,050,850,178.02 2011
GDP of country \$1,379,382,221,955.10 2011 World Bank
Estimated value of gold produced as percentage of GDP ranking 26th 2011
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China

As well as being the world's largest producer of gold, China represents one of the most significant markets for gold consumption.

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60% of Chinese gold production comes from five provinces: Shandong, Henan, Jiangxi, Yunnan and Fujian. Although China has a large number of relatively small operating mines, consolidation has reduced the number of producing entities from 1,200 in 2002 to 700 at the end of 2010. The country's largest producer is Zijin Mining Company, whose Zijinshan Gold & Copper Mine is the single largest gold producer.

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What is a conflict diamond?

Conflict diamonds, also known as blood diamonds, war diamonds, or converted diamonds, are defined by the United Nations as "diamonds that originate from areas controlled by forces or factions opposed to legitimate and internationally recognized governments, and are used to fund military action in opposition to those governments..." Essentially, these diamonds are mined and sold in war-torn areas, with the profits used to fund violent rebellions.

Where do conflict diamonds come from?

The vast majority of conflict diamonds come from countries in southern and western Africa. The first reports of conflict diamonds were published in 1998 by Global Witness, and revealed the role that diamonds played in funding the rebels of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) in their war against the government. Angola, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Sierra Leone are the most widely mentioned countries of origin for conflict diamonds, although other African countries including Côte d'Ivoire, Zimbabwe, and Liberia have also been involved in the practice.

What's being done about it?

In 2003, the UN established the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) to prevent the proliferation and sale of conflict diamonds. The diamond industry is very serious about self-policing at all levels of the supply chain. All major rough diamond producers, exporters, and importers are now members of the KPCS, and any diamond dealer who is found to be non-compliant is often blacklisted. Their reputation is severely damaged, and dealers and jewelers will be very hesitant to do business with them. Despite criticism, the Kimberley Process has been quite successful in increasing sales of legal diamonds and discouraging the trade of conflict diamonds.

How many conflict diamonds are out there?

Once a diamond is cut, it is very difficult to tell where it came from. However, the number of conflict diamonds in circulation has drastically decreased over the past twenty years. At the peak of the Sierra Leone conflict, it is estimated that conflict diamonds accounted for between 4% and 15% of the global diamond trade. Currently, the World Diamond Council claims that less than 1% of diamonds are conflict diamonds.

How can I make sure my diamond isn't a conflict diamond? Some retailers, like Brilliant Earth, specialize in conflict-free diamonds. If a jeweler is compliant with the Kimberley Process, he or she should be able to show you a diamond's System of Warranties statement. You don't have to avoid all diamonds from Africa; in fact, many of these countries rely on the legal diamond trade to finance schools, infrastructure, and growth. When diamond shopping, ask the store owner about the process it uses to guarantee its diamonds are conflict-free.

He or she should be able to confidently discuss the origins of the diamonds and gemstones sold at the store.



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Diamonds from the Pits to Dept



Several international mining corporations have established regional headquarters in Botswana and are looking for diamonds, uranium, gold and oil. Many have come back with positive results. Galane Gold Ltd announced that it has kicked off its first ore exploration from Tau underground in the northern part of the country.

Galane Gold or GG is a Toronto-based investment firm, an unhedged gold producer and explorer acting in mining operation and exploration in the Republic of Botswana. It is a publically traded company which is listed on both the TSX Venture Exchange and the Botswana Stock Exchange.

Galane Gold has already had several extensive exhibitions in the management of mining and exploring programs.

"This gold exploration is an expected evolution in order to improve the company's performance," GG said. The firm contributes with senior professional employees, who are committed to respect the environment and the communities in which they work.

At the beginning, GG didn't have the intention to pursue the resource of gold in Tau through underground mining. It started the project in the fourth quarter of 2013 and has finished its forced portal entry at the bottom of the existing Tau pit and the installation of the entire infrastructure required for the exploration.

The company has put a graphical presentation of the detailed mining plan on the reported resource to mine about 85,000 ounces of gold over the next three years.

Ravi Sood, the Chief executive officer of Galane Gold, stated, "This project is a major step in the evolution of the company both with regards to a change from open pit mining to underground mining and our plans to extend mine life through further exploration." He then added, "We have completed this project within six months and from our own operating cash-flows is a testament to the experienced management team that we have put in place."

Botswana is ranked as the best investment jurisdiction in Africa, according to World Bank Global Investment Benchmarking Report. According to the Fraser Institute Global survey of Mining Companies best African mining jurisdiction and the seventh best mining country globally.

It also has a strong economic environment. In fact, Botswana is regarded as the best mining country in Africa. It has political stability and strong GDP growth. Its status as an English speaking country is why Multinational firms such as Galane Gold can operate on its ground. The Australian firm, Gallery Gold, however, has also its entire exploration of Gold in the country. The company's most prospect exploration was the Mupane Gold Mine which officially opened in February 2005, will produce approximately 100,000 ounces of gold per year. Apart from that, Botswana is an emerging mining powerhouse.





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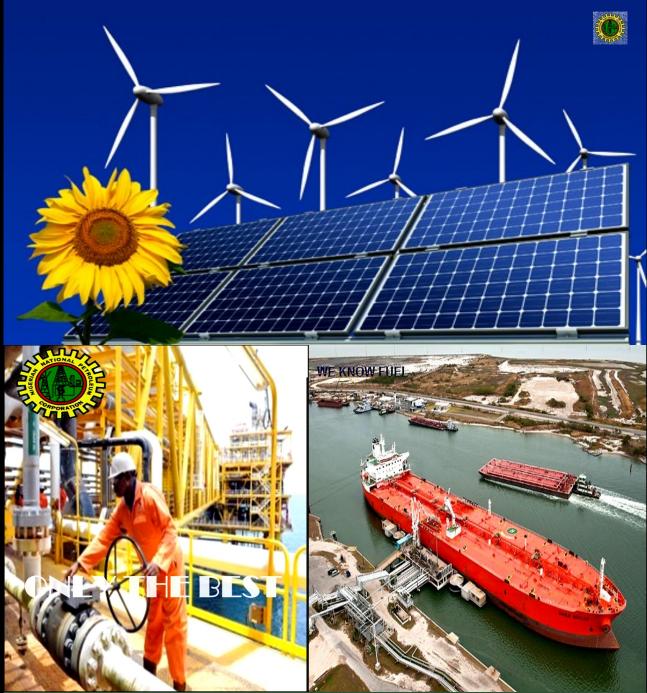


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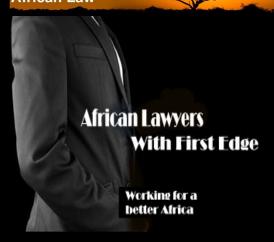


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We won't discuss these low percentage of bad deals in the custody of people who'll always fail in the end, because it would take up most of this edition, so we'll get straight to the point on Why Finish First Matters as a Winner in 2019 and 2020, we all know there's many big political shifts happening around the world were curtain banks has become unstable due to their past history along with global political uncertainty with all these factor it's hard to define or predict any sure bets other than the financial market which has become a beast for traders especially in the UK banking sector.

So we'll start by looking at winners and leaders status that has that special core elements that help them know when to walk away or pass from bad deals or stay ahead on real deals as a successful entrepreneurial winners in today's ever growing financial market place where most companies would give their right hand to be associated with the right person or company to help them with the next stage of evolution for their own company.

Some winners approach to leadership is laser-focused on the journey rather than the destination, this journey is usually done by JV agreement or having a seated position in becoming a board of director within the needed company.

Most experienced leaders always look at all the valuable element that's been presented to them, in many ways they love to analyze and shaped whatever project has been put in front of them in a practical and philosophical way, they'll then present and discusses the entire pivotal role with their team, which some in the banking and trading financial world knows a team like this as backroom support, support teams like this should be able to present and authenticate all the necessary requirements needed to engage in. with a variety of blue print packages to proceed.

All across the banking and financial industry, education, e-commerce, along with most global non-profit associated sectors are urgently in the need for new top level effective leaders who has that special winning knowledge and capability to deal with all the pressing needs in today's fast moving financial market place around the world.

In most of our Financial and Commodity Institutional community, there's still a low percentage of well trained principle negotiators who some calls brokers/intermediaries.

Curtain experience brokers or independent persons with registered company will always trying to find and prey on curtain unknown new agents/intermediaries/brokers, in which we all know as runners, at first these runners will always be prepared to give everything in most engagements.

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It's also practical for most winners to give the benefit of the doubt on new introductions that comes with a file to engage with, mainly because of their little knowledge attract curtain companies As a first step up the ladder for most circumstances brokers/intermediaries are designed to carry out curtain menials tasks in putting together a portfolio in finding the right institution or companies that's needed to engage with for their client file, in most cases this should be handled with true legitimacy and honesty by show themselves as a bridge and nothing more.

Investors who rely in today's financial market place, see's many pitfalls, their biggest problem is always the updates and verification of documents, but there's only one problem they can't avoid, which is the time lost, as we all know wasted time is wasted money, which should never be the DNA of a winner, winners usually has more than one deal on the boil with other individuals or companies.

Core Elements of a Winner

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