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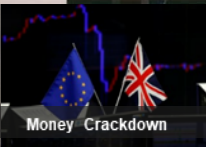





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**First Edge Ltd Looks Back at 2021  
in Order to Move Forward in 2022**

**Asset Management vs.  
Wealth Management**



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Our objective is to show current information on who's who in today's commodity industry which includes buyers, sellers, banks, trade desks, as well as major institutions along with countries that are involved globally with most financial and commodity products.

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Written by: Tonty Stewart

## Changes within FE Magazine and First Edge Ltd

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

We would like to apologise to all the companies wishing to advertise in our magazine, our marketing team will response between now and the end of February, thank you for your patience.

As stated in 2021 our CEO/Managing Director Mr. David McGhie will be taking a back seat from the day-to-day management due to other business commitments with First Edge, 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

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.

### **“UNICEF” and “OXFAM” along with “Save The Children”**

Last year has been one of unprecedented dangers for children globally. we tell the stories of some of the millions of children whose lives have been affected by war, disease, hunger and violence. Thanks to all our readers amazing support, we've been able to help more children than ever before; Like always everyone at First Edge and FE Magazine is committed in helping UNICEF / Oxfam / Save the Children

These world leading organizations for children in more than over 190 countries. Make a donation and help us save children's lives across the world. (Please Donate)

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We can also confirm during the past year many organisations globally has been working around the clock to ensure vulnerable people has been cared for during this ongoing pandemic. We at first edge can report that more companies were choosing to donate to hospital or hospice also focusing on caring to the elderly and supporting other charities shown above .

Once again everyone at First Edge would like to thank you.

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## **First Edge Looks Back at 2021 in Order to Move Forward in 2022**

### **Our best wishes for 2022**

We all know the past years has been difficult for everyone in the banking and finance industry, so everyone at first edge would like to thank everyone who's participated in helping each other, we'd also like to say unreservedly, may you all have success, happiness, also to all the bankers, individual's traders, consultants and broker thank you for all your resolutions become not just wishes in your future but actualities in your present lives. Also please stay safe.

### **Thanks to all the Banker's and Institutions**

Most of the main people working in the financial and banking industry has been on the front line of helping most organisations to adapt, in respond to the coronavirus crisis, also having to adapt themselves in coping with the most unusual working environment globally, despite these unusual circumstances we've heard many great stories on how they've resolved most problem with their offices globally, especially having splintered staff who's working from home, but the ways they've responding has been admirable by making the right calls and decisions in tough circumstances, and supporting their organisations in the most positive way? We could say, Perhaps it's down to a certain principals, but anyone who knows the banking industry knows how it run in a regimental fashion around Europe China, US, where most regulated offices will be fully trained go above and beyond to support their employees during the coronavirus crisis, even coming into the end of the year we've kept seeing this continuously all around banking sector, where they've been working tirelessly in connecting with principles who's had no other choice in working remotely for the first time.

### **First Edge Relocation**

Due to the unprecedented circumstances, First Edge has made a major decision to relocate to a new location from our London Office, this difficult decision is based on all the fast-moving information our office receive that has significant impact to all our clients – whilst also juggling concerns about our own security with financial and legal. Not every organisation will survive the economic impact of this pandemic or be able to avoid making difficult calls that impact people. But these are not the only tests the future of our company, it also test our professional standing – along with how we deal with these situations to communicate with and support our clients.



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### Thank you

I'm proud to see the dedication of other associates around the world who are working hard behind the scenes to help their organisations adapt, balancing huge shifts in demand with supporting the workforce. They're working through the many different options and ways of protecting workers and their organisations to be in the best position to recover and rebuild as the crisis abates, or in some cases to rapidly scale up in essential sectors and parts of the workforce where demand has grown. They are also trying to make the right decisions legally, financially and ethically.

We've always encouraged employers to go above and beyond the letter of the law to protect people's health, well-being and livelihoods wherever possible, and to protect their dignity at all times. It's more important than ever to do that in times like this, but also more challenging than ever too.

### What Next for First Edge?

Finally, there have been many difficult decisions for everyone based on all the fast-moving information being presented to First Edge, which has had significant impact to all our clients where there's been more positives than negatives results, whilst also juggling concerns about our own security with financial and legal. Not every organisation will survive the economic impact of this pandemic or be able to avoid making difficult calls that impact their company. But these are not the only tests of our profession, it's also how well we are able to deal with these situations in communicating and support our clients in a regulated manner.



  
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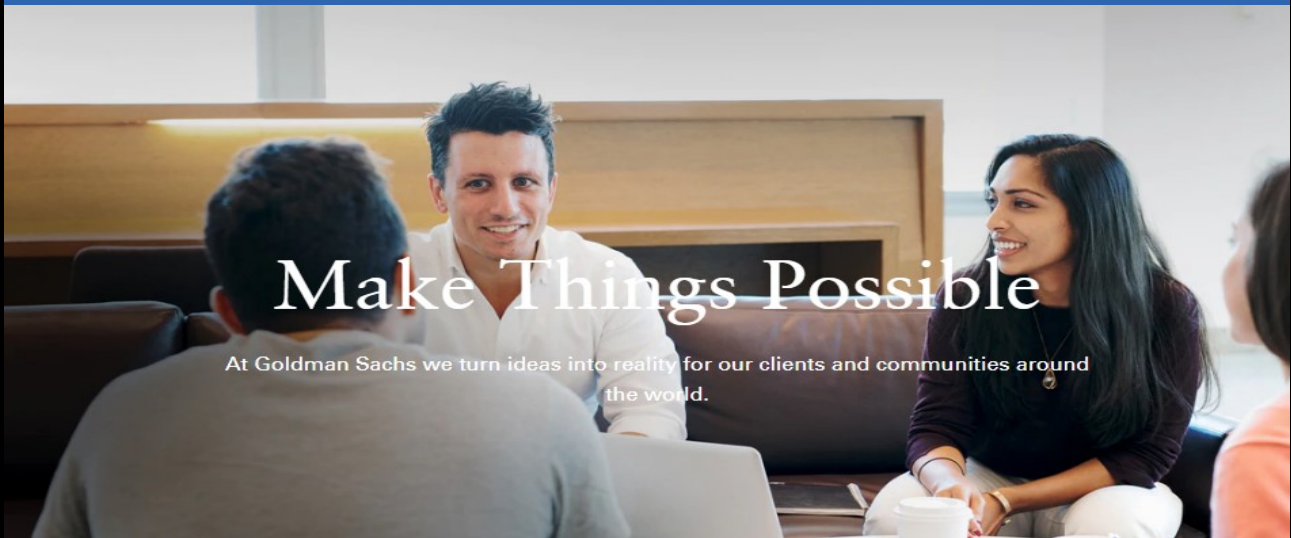
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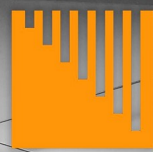


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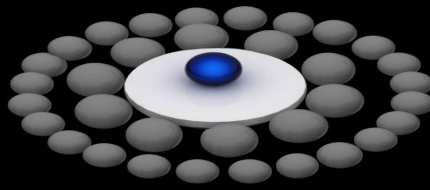
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## The New revised **Jewell in the Crown** (Promissory Note)

This Information is for All Private and Institutions Investors who've been constantly frustrated by the time length it takes to purchase SBLC /BG's and MTN's but don't know any other alternative of purchasing real banking security paper.

### **Welcome to the 2018 Newly Revised Promissory Note.**

We have reviewed and examined the Introduction of this Newly designed Promissory Note and the role it plays in connection with other major Banking financial instruments across the EU, Asia and the USA, by looking at the constructed design and diversity on how this paper helps most embedded institutions and private investors adopt a more open field in gaining the instrument investment they require at faster and less expensive pace than the normal route were all use to, this note presents a more flexible rang of capacity that might be need to help to strengthen access to other financial instruments along with some private Placement Programs.

### **Insurance Wrapped**

We've also reviewed AON Insurance who'll be the principle Insurer who'll cover the Insurance of this note; there are also alternative choices of the top 5 Insurers, if AON may not be acceptable by certain institution or private investors.

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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 certain 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.

It's always been our desk's procedure in create a compelling compliant check on all the contracts that's been presented to us before it's released to any of our Clients.

We regularly across companies or individuals who think they know this business that approach us with what we refer as third party deals, can become a daunting task to close along with a recipe that's doomed for failure, so much time wasted and such little time to respond to their proposal's they would eventually have to sacrifice their nights, weekends, (in too many cases) even their health, in trying to close any competitive product out the door on time for their client.

Unfortunately there isn't enough time to describe all the ways a company can better manage each proposal, First Edge time management team has its own in house time schedule globally, In the interest of all its clients

One of the cornerstones of our managing time is efficiency and time. Most teams rush to kick off each proposal before they are fully reviewed. However, most banking experts agree that up to 15 percent of the total scheduled proposals should be allocated to a compliance planning team.

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## Why First Edge is Introducing a New Executive Team Management

Author: Clarence Mac  
FM Magazine  
Date:30/08/21

### **Our exec team management is now empowered with all Wire admins with the administrative capabilities to manage their clients online**

The pandemic and the resulting switch to remote working models has made enterprises and organizations across industries, including even the most highly confidential sectors such as banking, government, and legal, depend more than ever upon technology.

In-person meetings have almost entirely been replaced with virtual meetings and working models now rely on digital communications, collaboration tools, and channels. This trend is set to continue long after the threat of the virus has dissipated.

With Most Fortune 500 companies and governmental institutions using Wire, we at First Edge has redesigned our Exec Team management to help Wire admins owners manage their team to enterprise standards. We've also been working with our customers and associated institutions with the insight and tools their businesses need while keeping the simplicity of financial and banking procedures understandable to proceed.

We will always keep a clean and clear procedure that's able to interface with both parties, which is one of the reasons our customers love each product we present. With these designs our compliance and admin officers can look forward in streamlining our user management process in a professional manner.



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### **New Exec Manage Team Members**

All our Exec team will have an encrypted IP Email registration address designed by British Telecom to enable SSO, our exec team members roles has also changed, they'll now have permission to valuate and oversea each file under the control of their main team leader, FE Online support for internal and external users members (with very limited permissions) has now been split into two Members Area, one for our Exec Team now has the ability to add or remove temporary guests or broker from system with the click of a button. Removing broker of guests will no longer have access to team conversations, but still be able to communicate via a Wire personal account.

With greater control over bulk actions in the app and user management, the new and improved Team Management is a step towards our commitment in empowering more admins for all agents/consultants to work together as a team.

### **Manage Wire Services**

First Edge is constantly reviewing most wired services & custom settings such as (Zoom, Free Custom Calls) along with a few others to fit each financial organization's communication needs. For example, with custom settings, they can control some of the features that are able to be enabled or disabled.

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## Asset Management vs. Wealth Management?

### About Wealth and Asset Management

Most Companies and financial Institutions would know there are two major services within the sphere of finance, which is an asset management and wealth management. It all depends on which service the company or client may need, they may need only one of these services or both. This guide delves into asset management vs. wealth management and looks at which service may be best for you.

We all know financial projections and management is the pinnacle of importance to any major institution or any company looking to expand any future developments, most of these companies have their own wealth management companies who oversee most of their financials, which is completely different when it comes to small private investors with no financial background that makes a decent annual revenue but needs more investment opportunities to grow, this could find that all their hard work in building their company by investing into unknown programs hoping the result may present them in their needed blissful financial gains of funds while ignoring the expected result date that never seems to be on time with no advance penalties occurred.

By working with a known reputable wealth management company where investment can be fully transparent always show the difference between a mediocre finance company with no direct connections to the main provider or financial institution can always be a problem.

At first edge, we'll always be direct, by doing our best by making sure all our clients achieve their needed financial goals, by reviewing their preferred procedures we'll always be able to present legal independent institutions as well as banks that's likely to be in-house with one of first edge's asset manager, by showing who they've selected to work with as a regulated private financial advisory that falls under the banking regulations with a broad category of a financial program at hand to meet each client's needs, with no adversities with the client's funds being held or lost.





## Asset Management vs. Wealth Management?

### What Is Asset Management?

Asset management is just what it sounds like: the management of a client's assets. Assets are each client's financial holdings, but asset management tends to focus on investments. This includes stocks, bonds, mutual funds and other investments that have made grow their wealth in preparing for their future, which could be either personal or company based.

An asset manager will determine which investments are the best suited to your financial situation. This means they'll help you with things like asset allocation, or choosing how to divide your investable assets among different asset classes. Namely, this entails determining what percentage of your portfolio should be growth products, like stocks, and what percentage should be fixed-income products, like bonds.

Unlike most asset management companies, they generally earn money based on a percentage of assets under management where rates will often be progressive and decrease the more money an asset manager oversees for an investor, first edge can present each of our clients with Asset and Wealth Management.

### Why Is Wealth Management Still the Future?

Now we've focused on how asset management focuses on investments is designed, when most people hear wealth management company, they automatically think it's only for individuals, which is not the case, so let's see why first edge's main structure has re-designed itself with the addition of Institutional Wealth Management, with a much broader view, for most people to understand. Our wealth management is about reviewing and restructuring most independent companies, Institutional or individual's overall financial situation and taking steps to maximize their wealth and protect them down the line.

This can take several forms and encompass with a number of services. Services offered by a wealth manager may include:

- Structured Banking Investments
- Structured Banking Security
- Banking Planning
- Tax planning
- Education planning
- Legacy planning
- Estate planning
- Insurance



## Asset Management vs. Wealth Management?

### **Why Is Wealth Management Still the Future?**

While asset management is focused on growing an Institutional or investor's money, wealth management looks more holistically at a client's overall financial situation and takes steps to ensure their wealth will be protected over the long run.

Our managers are also often paid through an agreed percentage of assets under management, though some are paid a flat or hourly fee.

### **Why is First Edge Different from most Wealth Management and Asset Management**

There's a number of ways to find why we're different from most wealth management companies or asset management companies, The best way is seeing a time-tested way is to get advice from institutions member or banks. This type of endorsement certainly has its merits, but be careful: just because a wealth management company is a good fit for a company or anyone person it doesn't mean they'll be the best choice for the future. For instance, companies can inherit other known outdated packages, or can become over comfortable with their current arrangement, which could be detrimental financially, this problem might not sit well with progressive wealth management companies who'd rather pass than get involved with in-house noise, that could lay on the side of the managing company ignoring the best-suited situation to their company. In today's climate, most companies are naturally at a critical stage of survival. Most are looking for the best financial advisor who specializes in serving the best returns of any financial solution.

### **Why is First Edge Right for You**

It's not difficult to decide why most companies would need both, wealth and asset management companies combined, but it also depends on what most companies' goals are and what services they need. If they only want help with investing, an asset manager is a right choice for them. An asset manager will help companies find the best investment options for their portfolio and leave all of the other parts of their finances to the wealth side. If a company is looking for someone to help set up their finances more holistically though, then they'll need one of first edge's wealth managers. Our wealth managers can help with everything from education planning to future projects globally.

Our research shows there's a good chance you'll need both types of services, this is why first edge has put together some of the best financial advisors and paymasters with a history of proven global transactions, many financial advisor firms offer both wealth management and asset management, but none like us at first edge. However, at other firms, you may pay a wrap fee that covers both services. We at First Edge will review and decide each service upon each client's portfolio.



## Asset Management vs. Wealth Management?

### The Bottom Line

At First Edge, the question of asset management vs. wealth management will no longer be seen as two entities with most companies, especially when companies are looking for a complete package in today's ever-growing financial marketplace, we also understand it comes down to what services each client's need. Our Asset management is about choosing and managing investments combined with wealth management, where we look more broadly at a company or person's financial life and portfolio.

### Investing Tips

At First Edge we're continuously helping companies who are looking for current investment management services or financial management, along with finding a suitable financial decision with the knowledge about the service each client need to enhance any current structure or future projections.

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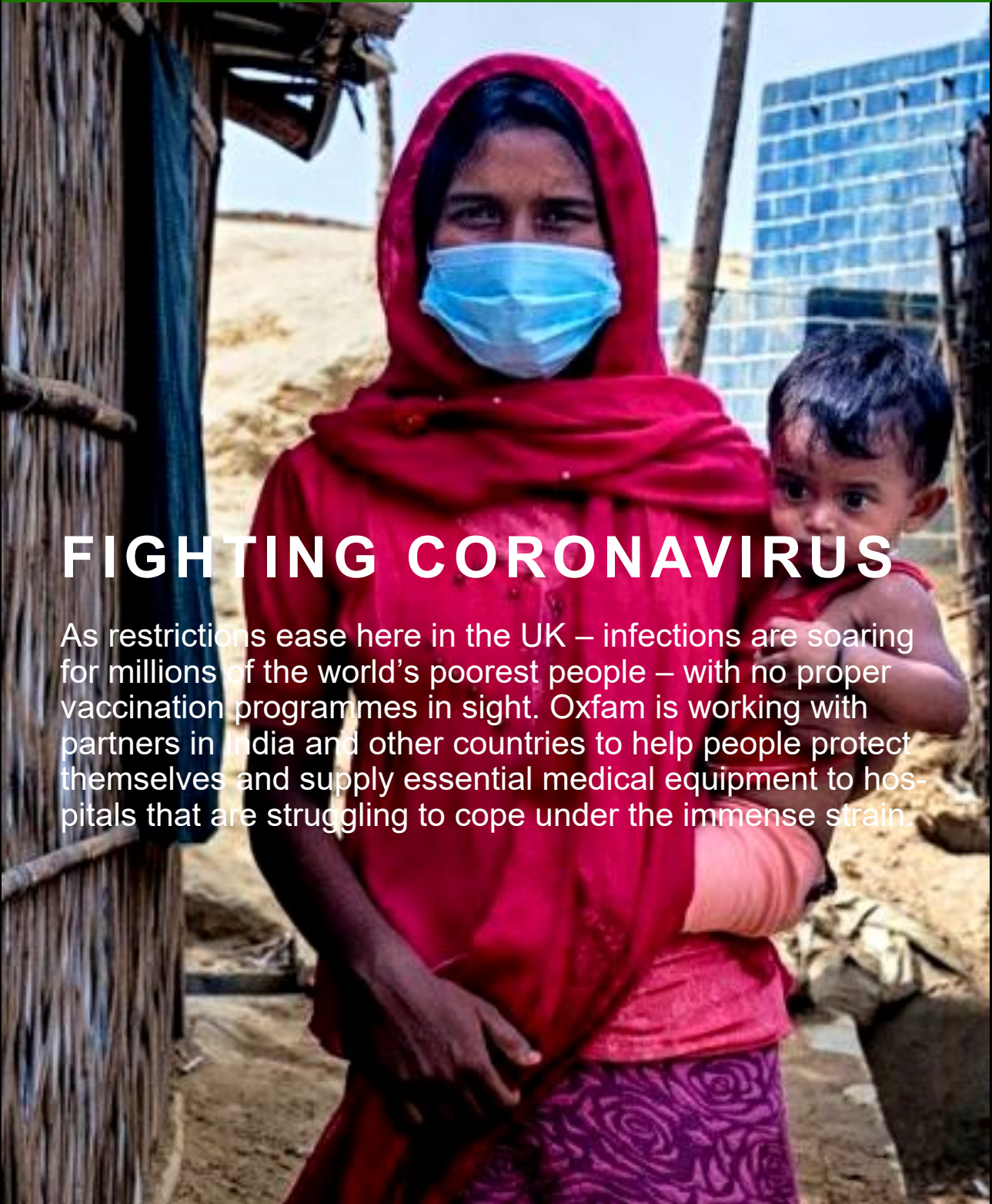
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BUYER's banker sends banker email to the designated SELLER's banker to confirm contract and RWA (**Appendix "A"**);

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SELLER/BUYER's EUROCLEAR Officers agree and confirm on a window for EUROCLEAR Screen Block and Pay; Payment will be transmitted on a T1 Payment per Seller Commercial Invoice.

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### **Information for CPOs and CTAs—Avoiding financial ratio errors on NFA Forms PQR and PR**

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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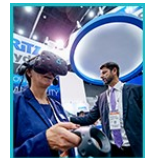
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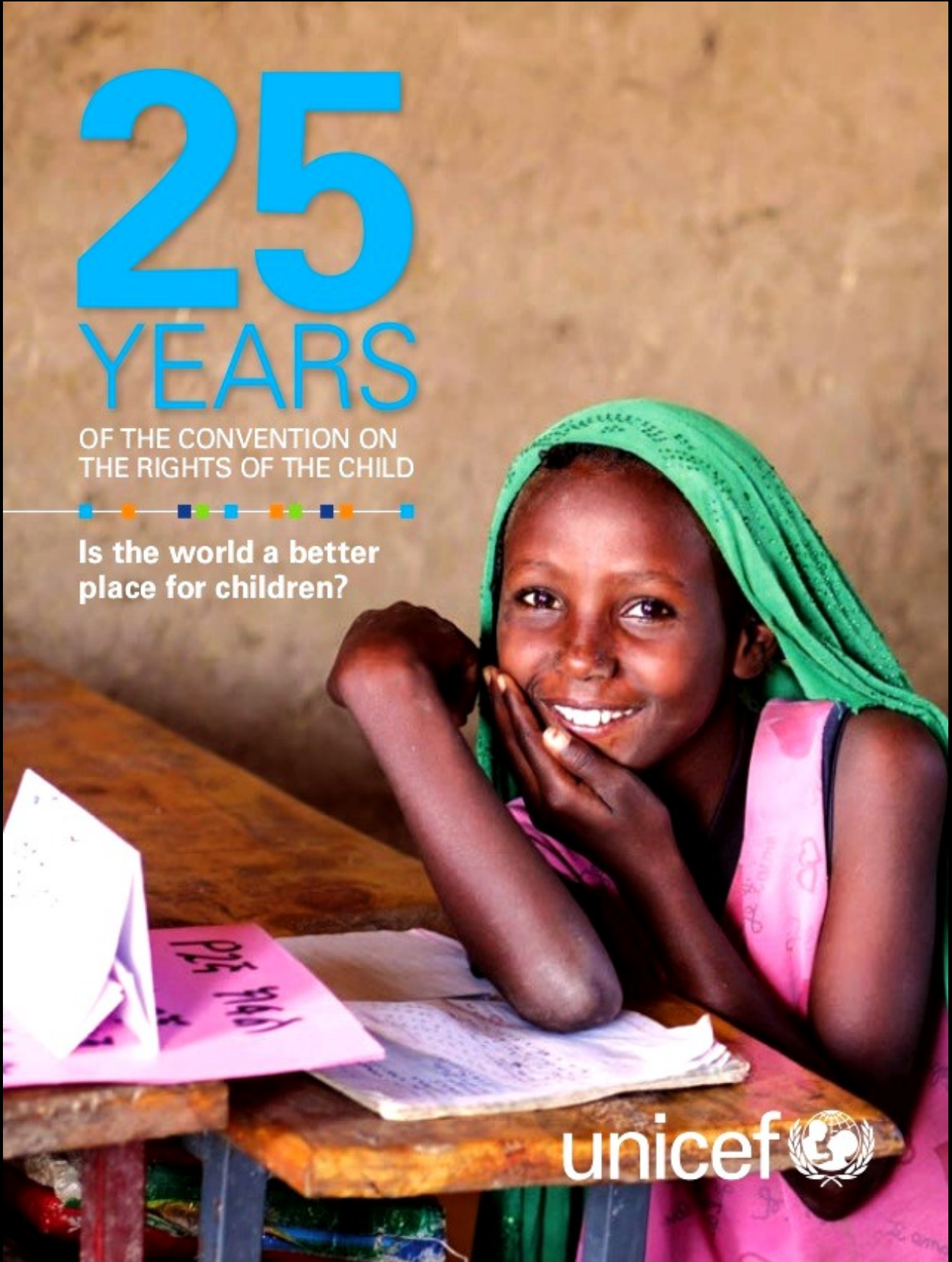
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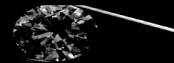


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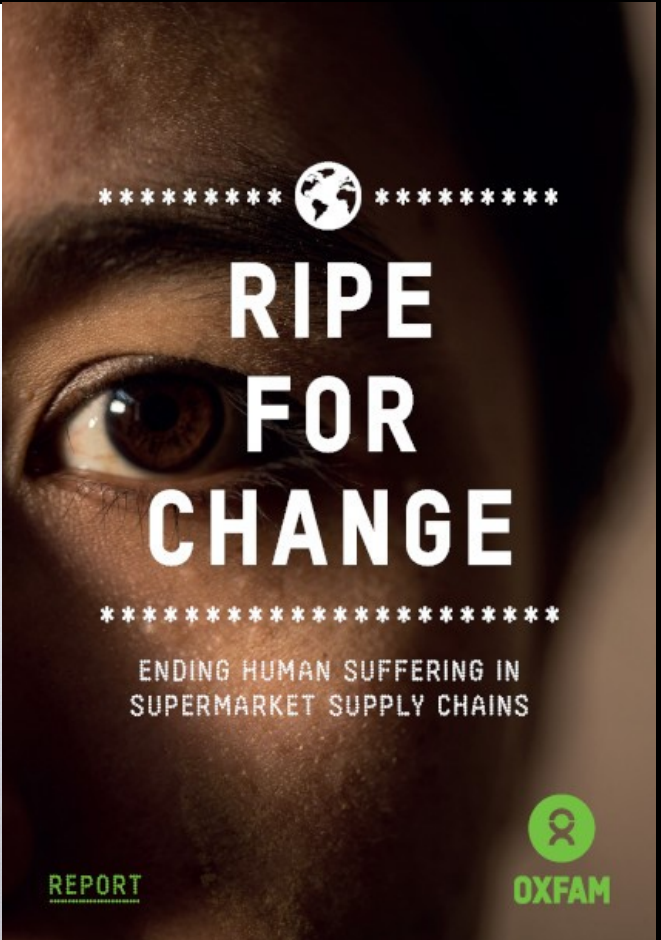
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Lawyers are failing in their duty to combat suspected money laundering and have ignored repeated warnings to increase their reporting of suspicious activity by clients, Britain's top law enforcement body has said.

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.

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“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.”



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.

UK lawyers failing to report suspected money laundering, says watchdog

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.



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."



# SCOTTISH WHISKY

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#### 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 been 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 <sup>(6)</sup> and seems to show little signs of slowing down.



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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 tippie 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



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### 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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### 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.

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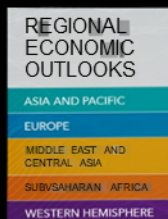
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## The New Scammers Tricks

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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

Lets start with the gold scammers, we have found that many scammers know that its impossible to use the old scam's by presenting pictures of gold and diamonds and ask the investor to help them with the cost of their taxes and carriage cost.

This might be the case 2 to 3 years ago but in most of the African countries there are real buyers on the ground that will cover all these cost, so their new tactic is to build up the investors confident by saying that their prepared to pay all the CIF cost, but the investor will need to cover the Hotel and refinery cost, in some ways this seems to be acceptable at the time, the good scammers will build up you confidence in discussions and even send you documents related to the CIF Shipment, until the 12 hour surprise which will come, where they will be asking for fund due to unforeseen circumstances.

### 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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### Update to OFAC's list of Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) and Blocked Persons

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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  
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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.

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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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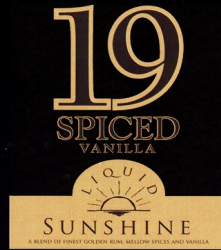


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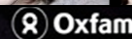
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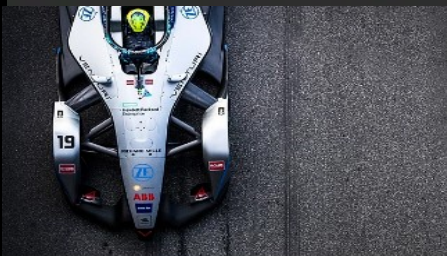
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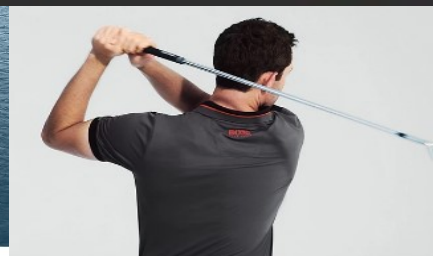
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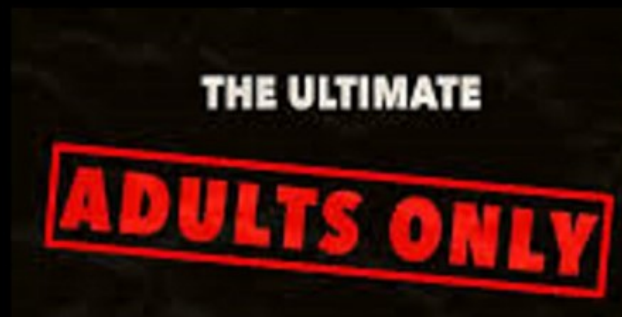
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