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About Federica

With over 20 years of experience spanning advisory, control transformation programmes, policy development and operational delivery, Federica Taccogna is a trusted advisor to firms, regulators and enforcement agencies globally on financial crime and conduct topics.

At the firm, Federica leads work on investigations into complex financial crime schemes and assists regulated firms in achieving compliance, managing their interaction with regulators and remediating control shortfalls.

Formerly a partner at a leading global advisory firm (where she led the Financial Crime practice) and a UK-based independent advisory firm (where she co-headed the Governance, Risk and Regulation practice), Federica setup and led teams that investigated complex financial crime schemes (encompassing illicit use of complex ownership structures, cryptocurrencies, hacking, ransomware scams, identity theft schemes, and bribery and corruption).

Federica has also held senior industry compliance and AML roles and roles (including head of compliance and MLRO) in industry (including at several global banking institutions, all in the UK), setting up and leading control and compliance units. She also led the regulatory affairs team that negotiated (with, *inter alia*, the FCA, PRA, HMT and European Commission) the terms of the Banking Licence Application for a banking institution as part of a rescue package deal with the UK government and led the financial crime unit for a European regulator.

Experience

- Designed and led a large-scale financial crime remediation programme for a European bank, ahead of, during and following a skilled person review.
- Assisting a Central European regulator with an asset quality review of seven systemically important institutions.
- Assisting a South African financial services regulator in the thematic review of the quality of antifinancial crime controls across 21 banks (with a focus on the facilitation of corruption-related payments in the Gupta/State capture events).
- Assisting a UK regulator in a dual track (regulatory and criminal) investigation into terrorist financing concerns relating to a household name global bank.

- Assisting a UK brokerage firm in the analysis of the trading behaviour of several CFD accounts in response to suspicions of market front-running.
- Acting as an expert witness in disputes relating to fraud, market abuse and financial crime controls in VASPs.
- Assisting a gambling operator in the independent review and enhancement of anti-money laundering and responsible gambling controls and regulatory liaison during a UKGC visit.
- Assisting a European gaming and gambling regulator in reviewing (akin to an S166) gaming operators and training/upskilling the regulator's own staff.

Expertise

Services

- Financial Services

About our firm

One of the world's strongest integrated law firms, providing insight at the point where law, business and government meet. We deliver commercially focused business solutions by combining our legal, lobbying and political capabilities and invaluable connections on the ground to a diverse mix of clients, from long-established leading corporations to emerging businesses, startup visionaries and sovereign nations. More than 1,500 lawyers in over 40 offices across four continents provide unrivaled access to expertise.