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Canada: FINTRAC announces amendments to AML/CFT laws for money services and foreign money services businesses

May 04th, 2022 – *The Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada ('FINTRAC') announced, on 27 April 2022, amendments to the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Regulations and the Proceeds of Crime.*

UAE reaffirms commitment to strengthening AML/CFT regulations and measures to combat financial crime

May 25th, 2022 – General Share UAE reaffirms commitment to strengthening AML/CFT regulations and measures to combat financial

UAE: 79 fined up to Dh10 million after being convicted of fraud, money laundering

May 22nd, 2022 - The Abu Dhabi Criminal Court convicted an organized criminal group that used fake URLs of a Chinese website to defraud victims and launder money.

Kuwait tries 7 expats accused of laundering almost \$200m

May 11th, 2022 - Seven expatriates are currently on trial in Kuwait on charges of money laundering by illegally raking in 60.3 million Kuwaiti dinars (roughly \$196.5 million) between July 2019 and October 2021.

Bahraini leaders convene to discuss ESG in financial services

May 30th, 2022 - Last week, over 80 senior leaders from across Bahrain's financial services sector came together to attend a KPMG seminar dedicated to environmental, social, and governance (ESG) within the industry.

UAE Central Bank increases base rate by 50 basis points

May 04th, 2022 - The Central Bank of the UAE (CBUAE) said on Wednesday it decided to increase its base rate by 50 basis points to 2.25% effective from Thursday, in lockstep with the US Federal Reserve's move as it seeks to fend off inflation at multi-decade highs.

Nigeria banks remain resilient, attain 6.8% asset growth, says Dikko

May 20th, 2022 – Despite challenges occasioned by the COVID-10 pandemic, the Nigerian banking industry has remained resilient, delivering 15.6 per cent and 6.8 per cent growth in total assets and profits respectively in the first half of 2021.

Infrastructure enabling banks to accept payments from digital wallets underway: Qatar Central Bank Governor

May 29th, 2022 - Doha: Under the patronage of Prime Minister and Minister of Interior HE Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz Al-Thani, the 9th edition of the Euromoney Qatar Conference kicked off today.

European At-Risk Leveraged Credit - May 2022

May 26th, 2022 - Anticipating a Challenging 2H22 We expect wider spread and lower leverage multiple benchmarks in European leveraged credit bond and loan markets through 2022 and into 2023.

Canadian banks shrink future bad debt cushion even as economic risks mount

May 29th, 2022 - TORONTO, May 29 (Reuters) - Canadian banks wrapped up second-quarter earnings season last week, with most reporting better-than-expected profits,

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Buhari signs 3 anti-money laundering bills into law

May 12th, 2022 – President Muhammadu Buhari has signed into law, three bills aimed at improving the anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing/proliferation financing framework in Nigeria.

Pakistan default risk surges

May 24th, 2022 - Red alert: The bonds that are to mature on 5 December 2022 are now yielding a whopping 27 percent.

GCC Economies to Expand by 5.9% in 2022

May 23rd, 2022 - The economies of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) are projected to expand by 5.9% overall in 2022, with this recovery likely to continue in the medium-term.

Rate of bank loan defaults set to rise across the eurozone, while growth in lending slows from the pandemic peak

May 04th, 2022 - The number of eurozone businesses and households unable to make repayments on their bank loans is set to rise, according to the first EY European Bank Lending Economic Forecast.

Swiss fintech ZoodPay acquires Pakistan's Tez Financial Services

May 26th, 2022 - Founded in 2016, Tez offers small loans to unbanked and underserved Pakistanis through its smartphone app and digital platform.

China's COVID Policy To Further Weigh On Economy, Credit

May 16th, 2022 - China's COVID policy will be a key credit factor for the rest of 2022, and beyond. Continued strict lockdowns of cities and towns are hitting economic activity, leading to weaker growth.

Bahrain's economy to grow 3% in 2022 on higher oil prices and post-Covid rebound

May 08th, 2022 – Bahrain's economy is expected to grow 3 per cent in 2022 on the back of higher oil prices and output and a rebound from the Covid-19 pandemic, according to a new study from the National Bank of Kuwait.

Qatar faces new terror funding accusations, embassy seeks more information

May 14th, 2022 - Qatar, a key U.S. ally in the Persian Gulf, is facing increased scrutiny over its alleged financial ties to terrorism in a lawsuit from relatives of a slain American journalist and a separate federal investigation into a member of the country's royal family.

Large Brazilian Banks Resilient Earnings Amid Rising Credit Costs

May 26th, 2022 - Fitch Ratings-Sao Paulo/Rio de Janeiro-26 May 2022: Revenue generation for Brazil's largest private banks

Economy to face further pressure

May 06th, 2022 - Besides, the government has not yet claimed any success in getting fresh bailout packages from friendly countries including Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Turkey Keeps Rates Unchanged Despite Lira, Inflation Risks

May 26th, 2022 - Turkey's central bank left interest rates unchanged for a fifth month, extending a pause that's coming at a steep cost for the lira.

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Call for Enhanced Disaster Risk Data Governance and Data-driven Analysis to Inform Policy Decisions at the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2022

May 29th, 2022 - Governments, the UN system, and all disaster risk reduction stakeholders gathered for the seventh session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2022 in Bali, organized by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and hosted by the Government of Indonesia.

Saudi Arabian Banks Recovering Well from Pandemic Pressures

May 09th, 2022 - Fitch Ratings-Dubai-09 May 2022: The pandemic's impact on Saudi Arabian banks has been contained and pressures on the operating environment have largely eased, says Fitch Ratings in a new peer review.

UAE credit demand and supply remain on the rise: Central Bank

May 07th, 2022 - "Growth in business loan demand was consistent with that recorded in the previous quarter and personal loan demand registered its strongest growth since 2014," said the Central Bank.

Survey reveals stark gap in risk management

May 26th, 2022 - Risk management software provider Origami Risk recently conducted a survey of over 220 risk professionals, 60% of which said they held director-level or higher roles in their organization.

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