Trustees' regulatory challenges (FinIA, AMLA, Sanctions):

appropriate organisation, key audit focus areas, FINMA's expectations

- > Criteria for selecting service providers, including custodian banks, management companies etc.
- > Transaction monitoring: specific challenges for non-administered structures
- > Sanctions risk analysis: FINMA's expectations and trustee-specific risks

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9.00 Appropriate Organization (Internal Control System, Reporting, Outsourcing)

- Who is a Trustee under FINIA and therefore needs a trustee-license?
- Which trustee services are exempt from FINIA?
- What are the requirements for someone to be allowed to work as a (licensed) trustee?
- Does a trustee have to have to have a trustee company or is a sole proprietorship sufficient?
- What are the financial requirements?
- Can a trustee also offer additional financial services with a trustee-license, and if so, which ones?
- How does the licensing procedure work (Supervisory Organizations and FINMA)?
- Requirements regarding appropriate organization under FINIA (points of attention and changes requiring authorization/notification)
- Delegation of essential tasks (criteria for selecting service providers, including custodian banks, management companies, etc.)
- Internal control system (key controls, frequency, responsibilities)
- Reporting to supervisory bodies and involvement of senior management
- Supervision and audits of licensed trustees

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10.00 AML Issues (Updates and Key Audit Focus Areas)

- Verification of the contracting party's identity and of beneficial owners (existing structures vs. new clients)
- Periodic review of business relationships (consolidated approach to structures, frequency, and responsible departments)
- Transaction monitoring (specific challenges for non-administered structures)
- Money laundering risk analysis (FINMA expectations and inherent risks specific to trustees)

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11.00 Coffee Break

11.20 Sanctions Monitoring

- Sanctions risk analysis (FINMA expectations and trustee-specific risks)
- Expected monitoring system (screening frequency, lists to be checked)
- Structures presenting high risks of sanctions circumvention (creation of new structures, transfer of ownership interests, holding of operating companies, etc.)

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12.20 End of the Seminar

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