

**Akbar Safdari**

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**15+** years' experience, **Anti-Money Laundering** and **Anti-Terrorist Financing** (AML/ATF), auditing, **Compliance** Program, and **Business Analyst** Strong **audit, testing and management** skills and ability to provide reasonable and informed recommendations to address test findings. Assisted and provided information to support **Suspicious Activity Reports** (SAR), Identified multiple significant cases, **red flags** and patterns associated with the laundering of **illicit funds**. Prepared suspicious activity reports for Bank Secrecy Act (**BSA**) and **AML**, Reviewed and analysis on Moderate Risk accounts.

Analyzed clients' database to create Customer Monitoring, Prepare Suspicious Activity Reports to **Fin CEN** & send completed **SAR** to **FINTRAC**, Analyzed potential Office of Foreign Assets Control (**OFAC**) hits to ensure transactions complied with United States **sanctions**, provided **training** on Bank Secrecy Act and Anti-Money Laundering procedures and systems for new employees. Validating **KYC** risk compliance based on research of customer records. Improving the effective administration of the AML and **KYC Policies**, completing and reviewing Enhanced **Due Diligence** Investigations, **monitoring** of structural changes for internal and external **audit needs**, implement **information systems business solutions**

Critical thinking, analytical, problem solving skills, and driven team player for looking to join a fast-paced, high growth, energetic and forward-thinking Compliance team that is focused on the enablement. **Expert** in Word, PowerPoint and **Excel**.

## **Multi languages**

**French, English, Turkish, Persian, Azeri**

## **Experience**

**Bank Sepah** (*30,000+ employee*), Tehran, Iran

**2000 –2018**

**Business Analyst**

**2000-2003**

Bank Sepah with tasks:

- ✓ Confer with clients to identify and **document requirements**; Conduct **business** and technical studies; **Design, develop** and implement **information systems business solutions**; Provide advice on **information systems strategy**, policy, management and service delivery; Assess physical and technical **security risks to data**, software and hardware; Conduct reviews to assess quality **assurance practices, software products and information systems**
- ✓ **Financial planners develop** personal financial plans for clients covering **cash management, finances, insurance coverage, investments, retirement and estate planning**. Taxes and legal matters, analyze clients' financial records. Set goals and develop a **financial strategy**.
- ✓ Advise clients on implementing the financial plan to help them achieve their goals, may also arrange for the sale of **financial products and investments depending** on the license held, and **monitor** the portfolio to ensure its quality and **profitability**; and help to expand business and attract new clients.

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### **Bank Auditor**

**2003-2011**

At the General Inspection and Audit dept. of Sepah Bank with tasks:

- ✓ Examine and **analyze journal** and ledger entries, **bank statements**, inventories, **expenditures**, tax returns and other accounting and financial records, documents and systems of individuals, departments within **organizations**, businesses or other establishments to ensure financial recording accuracy and **compliance** with established accounting standards, procedures and **internal controls**
- ✓ Prepare **detailed reports on audit findings** and make recommendations to improve individual or establishment's accounting and management practices

### **AML/ATF Expert and team leader**

**2011-2018**

At General Directorate for Anti-Money Laundering of the Sepah Bank with tasks:

- ✓ **Support** maintenance of a sustainable **AML/ATF, compliance** program by identifying gaps and opportunities and driving continuous improvement through projects, initiatives, and monitor accounts and investigate **suspicious activity**.
- ✓ **Lead and participate** in AML/ATF **Compliance** related projects with an objective, AML **policy development and implementation**, ensuring an appropriate risk based approach to AML/ATF risk that is specific to each Business Unit, and by extension.
- ✓ Act as a subject matter expert and 'go to' person for AML/ATF **requirements and developments** affecting business operations and the financial services industry
- ✓ **Monitoring regulatory changes** and guideline and ensuring adherence to the same with the **MLRO, CAMLO, and BUCOs**, to identify opportunities to strengthen controls and mitigate regulatory and reputational risk.
- ✓ Implementation of **KYC, CDD, PEPs, CAP, SAR, CTR** Program's.

### **Education**

- ✓ Diploma of Vocational Studies (DVS) – **Accounting** **2018-2019**  
Shadd Health and Business Centre, **Montreal**, Quebec
- ✓ **Ph.D. in Banking** from the University of Marmara Istanbul Turkey 2008-2012
- ✓ Thesis: Prevention of Money Laundering and **suggest Model** for the Banking System.
- ✓ MA in Industrial **Management** from Islamic Azad University, Tabriz Branch 2003-2006
- ✓ Bachelor of Public Administration from Payame Noor University of Tabriz 1993-1999
- ✓ **I.T.C in Anti-** money laundering (central bank of Iran) 2012
- ✓ Anti-money laundering, **CFT** course Iran FIU and **UNDO** 2016

### **Training, consultation and research**

- ✓ Training and **establishing** more than 200 Anti- Money Laundering **unit** all over Iran
- ✓ Author of 14 **book** and 5 **articles**. **1** book in English sold in AMAZON