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Two Years In: Managing the Risks Associated with the Cannabis Sector in Canada



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By the time of this workshop, the legalized cannabis sector will have been in operation for two years. Much has been written about the sector; millionaires have been made; and the sector is struggling to meet any levels of success that were forecast for the initial years of operation. The result of these various growing pains has been an increasing concern about the potential risks associated with an industry facing almost monthly evidence of oversight failures and questionable management practices.

Jean-Francois Lefebvre, a well-known AML consultant and former compliance official with FINTRAC, has been studying these impacts; developed a perspective on how these limitations are increasing risk for industries that do business with the sector; and identified various responses to manage these risks. In this workshop, Jean-Francois brings participants up to speed on how the sector has evolved since legalization; the strengths and weaknesses seen to date from provincial, federal, and international perspectives; the direct impacts on Canada from continuing USA criminalization of cannabis; what specific risks have emerged and how these are and can impact on business relationships between the industry and its service providers; the lessons learned from watching legalization-evolution unfold; and through the presentation of examples, what best practices are emerging to manage and monitor the risks now and going forward.

Presenter - Jean-Francois Lefebvre AML Compliance Expert, Montreal, QC

Jean-François Lefebvre is an Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Expert, a Lawyer and has been a member of the Quebec Bar Association for 20 years. In addition to his law degree, Jean-François holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Université Laval with a specialization in Finance, and a graduate degree in Taxation from Université de Sherbrooke. He started his own consulting business in 2012. He is also a subcontractor for one of the big 4 accounting firms.

Jean-François has organized events on the topic of Financial Crimes for the Montreal chapter of ACAMS for many years and sat on the Board of Directors all along. He has been advising Canadian organizations on AML matters for over 16 years now. Prior to his return to the private sector as a consultant 10 years ago, Mr. Lefebvre worked in the Montreal office of FINTRAC for 7 years. During his time with the federal agency, he has chaired different sectors nationwide, including financial institutions, casinos and life insurance companies.

Mr. Lefebvre has frequently lectured on the topic of money laundering in the casinos, financial institutions, securities, life insurance, MSB and accountants sectors. Furthermore, he has been a special guest and speaker at Université de Sherbrooke in their graduate level Fight against Financial Crime program for many years.

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