US$ 1.6 TRILLION* OF CRIMINAL PROCEEDS FLOW THROUGH THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM EVERY YEAR.

Financial crime is funding organised criminal gangs and terrorist groups, and benefiting rogue states. Drug and human trafficking, corruption and counterfeit goods generate huge amounts of illicit financial proceeds.

Most criminal proceeds flow through the financial system. That puts us in a unique position to fight financial crime.

We need to play our part to fight financial crime. And each of us has a role.

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Be diligent so you onboard only the right clients. Be curious and know your clients well. Question anything that doesn’t feel right. Be vigilant and act quickly if you suspect unusual or suspicious activity.

When in doubt contact the Financial Crime Compliance team for advice.

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*Source: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. Figure excludes tax evasion
It seems unthinkable that you can put a price on human life. But for more than 35 million* people around the world, this is a reality. Victims of human trafficking are modern day slaves. Denied their freedom, these men, women and children are voiceless while their perpetrators profit and largely go unpunished.

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