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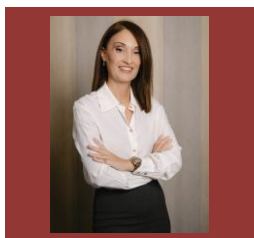
Seminar 10

“Connecting the Dots: Banking, Sanctions & Financial Crime”

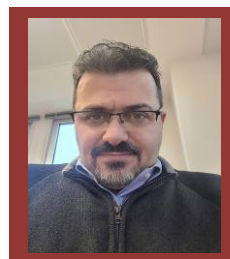
16th November 2026 | 09:00 - 12:30 | Amathus Beach Hotel, Limassol

19th November 2026 | 09:00 - 12:30 | Cleopatra Hotel, Nicosia

Featured Speakers



Stella Strati
Partner- Head of Corporate and Private Client



Kallinicos Chiras
*Head of Compliance
Alpha Bank*

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*The Seminar will be conducted in the English Language
Participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance for
up to 3 CPD Unit Hours.*

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Seminar Aims and Objectives

CYFA is proudly presenting **Ms. Stella Strati & Mr. Kallinicos Chiras**, for two (2) independent half-day (3-hour) seminar sessions titled: **“Connecting the Dots: Banking, Sanctions & Financial Crimes”**.

Description

As international sanctions regimes, banking controls and financial crime risks evolve, corporate service providers face increasingly complex decisions. This seminar brings together banking and sanctions perspectives to explore practical expectations, risk indicators and proportionate responses, with particular reference to the Cyprus fiduciary and corporate services sector. The emphasis is on real operational challenges rather than introductory AML theory. Through practical examples, case studies and interactive discussions, participants will gain a clearer understanding of how these challenges affect their day-to-day operations and how to respond through proportionate, risk-based approaches.

Aims, Objectives & Course Overview

The seminar aims to enhance participants' understanding of the interconnected nature of banking compliance, international sanctions and financial crime risks, with particular emphasis on their implications for the Cyprus fiduciary and corporate services sector. It seeks to bridge the gap between regulatory requirements and operational practice by providing participants with practical insights into the expectations of financial institutions, the challenges associated with sanctions compliance and the importance of effective risk identification, assessment and mitigation. The seminar will also encourage a better understanding of how corporate service providers and financial institutions can work together to address compliance challenges, facilitate legitimate business activities and maintain sustainable professional relationships.

By the end of the seminar, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the evolving banking and compliance environment
2. Strengthen sanctions awareness and risk assessment
3. Improve risk management and operational decision-making
4. Enhance cooperation between banks and corporate service providers
5. Apply practical knowledge to real-life scenarios

“Connecting the Dots: Banking, Sanctions & Financial Crime”

Participants will leave the seminar with a more comprehensive understanding of current banking and sanctions-related challenges, greater awareness of emerging financial crime risks and practical considerations for strengthening their organisations' compliance and risk management arrangements.

The seminar is intended to provide actionable insights that can be incorporated into everyday professional practice, while encouraging constructive dialogue between the banking and corporate services sectors.

Assessment Methodology:

For participants:

- Interactive lecture with PPP presentation
- Case Studies / Analysis / Discussion
- Practical scenarios insights to apply concepts
- Q & A Session for in-depth understanding

For Seminar Assessment:

Evaluation form that includes scale rating (1-5) on:

- Seminar Objectives & Learning Outcomes
- Seminar Content
- Seminar Teaching Methods
- Speaker Rating
- Provision for general comments

Programme Agenda

08:30 – 09:00	Registration	Speaker
09:00 – 10:30	Part 1: Closing the gaps: Tackling sanctions exposure before it tackles you • Sanctions: relevance and jurisdictional reach • Ownership and control, indirect exposure and complex structures • Red flags and Circumvention risk • Payments, counterparties and transactions • Practical approach: from exposure to control	<i>Stella Strati</i>
10:30 – 10:45	Break	
10:45 – 12:15	Part 2: Banking Expectations & Financial Crime Risk • Evolving bank–ASP relationships and risk appetite • Corporate structures, beneficial ownership and source of funds/wealth • Transaction rationale, unusual activity and documentation quality • Practical account reviews, queries and escalation • Illustrative banking case studies	<i>Kallinicos Chiras</i>
12:15 – 12:30	Discussion/Q & A Session	

Who Should Attend: Senior Management Officials, Compliance Officers, Service Providers, Lawyers, Accountants, Auditors, Regulatory Authorities.

***THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FOR EACH SESSION IS 50 PERSONS. REGISTRATIONS WILL BE HANDLED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.**

For registrations, please visit our website or complete and sign the registration form attached and submit it to the Cyprus Fiduciary Association e-mail address info@cyfa.org.cy.

***Deadline for Registrations Friday 13th November 2026**

***Certificates of Attendance will only be issued to participants who have attended the entire Seminar in its full duration.**

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Speakers' Bio

Stella Strati

Partner – Head of Corporate and Private Client, Patrikios Legal

Stella Strati (TEP, ADIT) is a Partner at Patrikios Legal and Head of the Firm's Corporate and Private Client departments. Stella holds a law degree from the University of Athens and an LL.M. in European Union Commercial Law from the University of Leicester.

She has extensive experience in corporate, commercial and corporate finance matters and regularly advises on private client matters, trust law, tax law and international tax planning. She also serves as the Firm's sanctions expert.

Stella is a Board Member of the Cyprus branch of STEP, a member of the International Bar Association (IBA) and a member of the Legal and Tax Committee of the Cyprus Fiduciary Association. She regularly speaks at seminars and conferences in Cyprus and abroad and has authored several publications. Stella is recognised by leading international legal directories, including *The Legal 500* and *Chambers and Partners*. Clients describe her as “a seasoned lawyer in her respective fields of expertise” and “a very professional and ethical lawyer, always on top of her work and her field. She always offers expert advice in a timely manner with excellent skills”.

Kallinicos Chiras

Manager of Compliance Division and Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer, Alpha Bank Cyprus

Kallinicos Chiras is an experienced Compliance Manager at Alpha Bank Cyprus Ltd with a strong background in regulatory compliance, anti-money laundering (AML), and internal audit.

Since joining the bank in 2001, he has held several key roles, including Internal Auditor and Assistant Manager of the Compliance Division. He currently leads the Compliance Division and serves as the Bank’s AML Compliance Officer.

He holds a BSc in Business Administration from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, is a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), and holds certifications from the American Bankers Association and the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission.