

## LIST OF SPEAKERS



### Dr Manfred Galdes

A lawyer by profession, Manfred has over the past 23 years held leading roles in the area of regulatory and AML compliance. He leads a multi-disciplinary team at ARQ Group that advises major domestic financial institutions and top tier gaming companies, assisting them in ensuring compliance with a range of applicable laws.

He is also a non-executive director and chair of the Risk Committee of HSBC Malta plc, co-chair of the AML Sub-Committee of the Malta Institute of Accountants and Strategy Director of the ACAMS Malta Chapter.

Manfred is the former director of the FIAU, Malta's chief AML/CFT supervisory authority and FIU, a position he held for eight years.



### Mr Alexander Konewko

With over 20 years' experience working in financial services, Alex has held roles as an Executive Director, Chief Risk Officer ('CRO'), and Board member and is a regulatory approved person by the European Central Bank ('ECB'). A seasoned business and risk expert with international experience across Europe, the UK, and the Middle East, Alex is a qualified chartered banking professional with a diverse working background in both large multinational banks as well as niche FinTech banks.

Alex has held the role of a regulatory approved person by the European Central Bank (ECB), MFSA (Malta), and NBB (Belgium) and is a qualified chartered banking professional. He has international expertise and challenger bank experience covering the full spectrum of banking segments, including retail, commercial, corporate, and private banking, with executive-level leadership and stakeholder management experience working across international borders and departments.



### Ms Martina Mifsud

Martina Mifsud heads ARQ's advisory team in the area of AML/CFT compliance. Prior to joining ARQ, she worked with the Financial Intelligence Analysis Unit, carrying out both on-site and off-site AML/CFT inspections of financial services entities and DNFBPs. During this period, she was also involved in a series national projects, such as the implementation of the risk-based approach to supervision in Malta. She also held the position of compliance officer within the fund administration and investment services sectors.

Martina advises a number of systemic and non-systemic banks in Malta as well as various top-tier gaming companies. She heads the team within ARQ that conducts AML/CFT audits, gap analyses and enterprise risk assessments and regularly delivers training to officers and staff of various institutions. She is a member of the sub-committee on the prevention of money laundering and the financing of terrorism of the Malta Institute of Accountants and regularly lectures on financial crime matters.