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AML Officer | Compliance & Operations

Professional SummaryCompliance-focused Branch Manager with 17+ years in the UAE exchange house industry, experienced in transaction monitoring, sanctions screening, and onboarding risk controls. Skilled in first-level alert review, documenting investigation notes, and escalating suspicious activity in line with UAE Central Bank AML/CFT expectations including Cabinet Decision No. (10) of 2019. Proficient in Excel, SQL, Power BI, Python, and AI workflows to automate monitoring and reporting. GMS-certified with additional training in Prompt Engineering & AI Automation, and hands-on projects such as a compliance chatbot to support faster decision-making and policy reference for AML teams.

Skills & ToolsAML & Compliance: Transaction Monitoring (L1), STR/SAR Escalation, PEP/SDN Screening, KYC/CDD/EDD, Case Documentation & Audit Trail, Typologies & Red Flags, Fraud Indicators, Internal Controls, UAE Central Bank AML/CFT Guidelines, Regulatory Audit SupportTechnical Tools: Excel (Power Query, Pivot, Macros), Power BI, SQL (MySQL), Python (Pandas, Fuzzy Matching), GitHub, MS OfficeSoft Skills: Investigative Mindset, Detail-oriented, Report Writing, Escalation Handling, Stakeholder Communication, Time Management, Cross-Team Collaboration

Project ExperienceCompliance Chatbot (AI-Powered AML Assistant) | Python | FAISS | LLM | StreamlitGitHub: https://github.com/sajeedah/compliance_chatbot - Built an AI chatbot to provide quick answers on AML policies, FATF guidance, and CBUAE rulebooks using embeddings-based retrieval.- Reduced policy lookup time and supported frontline staff in faster AML decision-making.

Automated Transaction Monitoring System | Python | MySQL | Power BIGitHub: https://github.com/sajeedah/Automated-Transaction-Monitoring-System- Developed a rule-based engine to detect High-Risk, Structuring, Rapid Movement, and Unusual Location scenarios.- Processed 5,000 synthetic records and visualized alerts with dashboards for compliance review.

PEP & Sanctions Screening Engine | Python | SQLite3 | PandasGitHub: https://github.com/sajeedah/PEP_Screening_Engine- Built a fuzzy-matching screening tool for onboarding and periodic reviews to detect possible PEP/sanctions matches.- Generated match reports and escalated potential hits for further investigation.

Customer Risk Scoring Dashboard | Python | SQL | Power BIGitHub: https://github.com/sajeedah/customer-Risk-Score- Created a weighted scoring model to identify high-risk customers by geography, behavior, and profile risk factors.

Professional ExperienceBranch Manager - Al Ansari Exchange, UAE | 2007 - Present- Performed first-level transaction monitoring, reviewed alerts, analyzed customer behavior, and escalated suspicious cases to compliance for STR review and filing.- Conducted KYC/CDD checks, monitored high-risk profiles, and enforced AML/CFT controls in line with UAE Central Bank guidelines.- Documented investigation notes, maintained audit trails, and supported internal and external audit requests.- Collaborated with IT and compliance teams to resolve data quality and system-related issues impacting monitoring or reporting.- Led AML, sanctions, and fraud-awareness training for branch staff to improve detection capability and reduce onboarding risk.- Automated MIS and compliance dashboards using Excel and Power BI to improve visibility and decision-making.

Education & CertificationsMasters in Data Science - College De Paris, France (2024)Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS) - ACAMS|Prompt Engineering & AI Automation - Edapt & IITM Pravartak (2025)BSc in Chemistry - Calicut University (2006)