East Asia and Pacific

This region is marked by particularly significant variation in risks relating to corruption and bribery, human trafficking, environmental crime, public and financial transparency, and the political/legal system. Nearly a third score as high-risk jurisdictions. Similar to Latin America, profits from drug trafficking are a particular concern: 40 percent of countries are named by the US International Narcotics Control Strategy Report as major money laundering jurisdictions in this regard. AML/CFT measures to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction are generally ineffective, as are measures on prevention and beneficial ownership transparency.

WEAKEST AREA
Quality of AML/CFT framework.

Increased risks in bribery and corruption, public transparency, and political/legal issues.

Generally low effectiveness in both prevention and enforcement of AML/CFT laws, as well as beneficial ownership transparency.