In this 2023 commissioned study, Forrester Consulting conducted a global online survey of 1,181 senior decision-makers at financial institutions to evaluate the cost, current state, and challenges presented by financial crime compliance operations. Survey participants from Asia Pacific include **271** senior decision-makers in Australia, China, India, Japan, and Singapore.

frequent legislative changes, have intensified compliance requirements for financial institutions. 98% of institutions report an increase in financial crime compliance costs, illustrating undeniable regulatory pressures. While digital transformation and emerging technologies have

The ever-changing geopolitical environment, as well as

offered institutions great growth opportunities, it has also exposed them to new risk typologies, as criminal groups may misuse digital services and emerging technology.

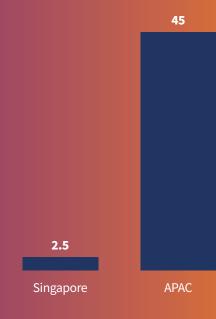




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Total Cost of Financial Crime

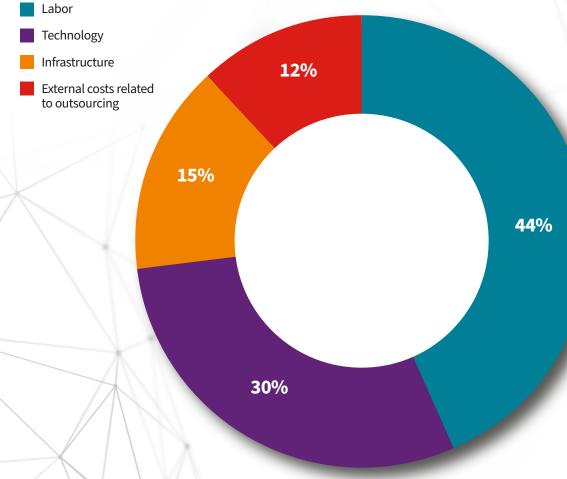
Compliance in Singapore Note: The total annual cost of financial crime compliance is calculated using the number of financial institutions in the surveyed markets and survey data regarding



number of financial institutions in that region.

financial crime costs. A spend amount is generated for each region by multiplying its average reported total cost of financial crime compliance operations by the

Labour/Resource Costs are the Biggest Compliance Cost Driver in Singapore



Laundering Activities in Singapore Cryptocurrencies, digital payments, and AI technologies, once seen as catalysts for progress, are now proving to be tools for illicit activities. Both trade-based money laundering schemes and corruption within supply chains have experienced significant growth, noted by 56% and **59%** of respondents, respectively. This indicates a significant risk in supply chain operations.

Overall Increase in Financial Crime and Money

Criminal Use of Financial Crime Technologies/ Involving Digital Methodologies **Payments** (e.g. cryptocurrency)



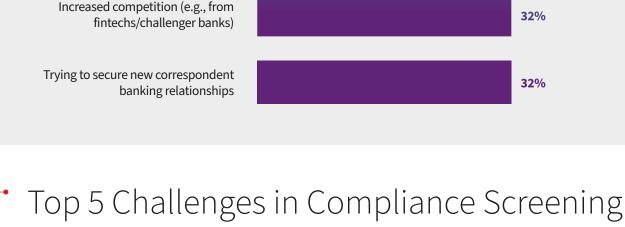
costs over the last 12 months. Stricter regulations and higher expectations from the regulators have the highest impact on the cost of compliance in Singapore. Increasing financial crime regulations and regulatory expectations (e.g., more **51**% complex KYC, Enhanced Due Diligence)

The top five factors that were most significant in driving this increase in your organization's FCC

Impact of banking and financial crisis (e.g., the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank 45% and Credit Suisse)

32%

Regulatory Reporting



Evolving criminal threats (e.g., increases in financial crime typologies

and evolving sophistication)

Operations

Ongoing Monitoring







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