



Financial crime intelligence start-up Schwarzthal Tech listed in FinTech Global's RegTech100 for 2023

The RegTech100 is an annual list of 100 of the world's most innovative RegTech companies. These are the companies every financial institution needs to know about as they consider and develop their mission critical RegTech and digital transformation strategies.

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London, 14 December 2022: Financial crime intelligence start-up Schwarzthal Tech was recognised as one of the world's most innovative solution providers among financial services firms fighting financial crime. The prestigious RegTech100 list features companies providing solutions shaping the future of compliance, risk management, information security and financial crime prevention.

This year, more companies than ever were in competition to be among the leading 100 companies in the RegTech space. A panel of analysts and industry experts voted from a list of over 1000 contenders. The finalists were awarded a place on the RegTech100 in recognition of their innovative use of technology, specifically, to solve a significant industry problem or generate cost savings or efficiency improvements across the compliance value chain.

"Financial institutions are more likely to be the target of economic crime compared to other companies. As such, security executives in financial services must stay on top of the latest innovation and threats in the market to proactively prevent exposure to financial crime and avoid reputational damage," said Richard Sachar, a director of FinTech Global. "The RegTech100 list helps them do just that by identifying the top new technologies that can be part of an integrated compliance risk management strategy."



Schwarzthal Tech is an innovative London-based RegTech and FinTech start-up and the creator of the leading-edge Al-driven financial crime intelligence platform Wunderschild $KYN^{\mathbb{M}}$. The company aims to revolutionise the way compliance works in the financial sector with a paradigm shift: from the traditional KYC towards a new concept, Know Your Network.

Schwarzthal Tech's technology is used by financial services institutions, Crypto/DeFi businesses and corporate customers for 1st, 2nd and 3rd level defence of KYC/KYB in onboarding and ongoing complex financial crime investigations. The functions of this technology include the identification of bad actors, criminal networks, insolvencies, charges, disqualified directors, politically exposed persons and adverse media and also the monitoring of transactions in real-time, or near real-time. Using cached data, Schwarzthal Tech's data set includes past and present data; with a time-travel scroll bar, users can easily view the data for each corporate entity and each person's connections at the desired moment in time.

"We aim to disrupt the KYC paradigm by democratising the fight against financial crime. Wunderschild Know Your Network™ provides one platform that covers both investment risk and compliance risk with advanced corporate network exploration, looking for Mr Smith in the Matrix," said Marius-Cristian Frunza, CEO and founder of Schwarzthal Tech.

"With their innovative Know Your Network™ technology, Schwarzthal Tech provides a powerful, easy-to-use and ground-breaking graphical corporate network graph-based database exploration platform," said Sachar.

This is the second consecutive year that Schwarzthal Tech has made the list. "We're delighted and honoured to be featured in the RegTech100 two years in a row," said Frunza. "The financial sector is among the primary targets of money laundering and bribery attacks; this recognition demonstrates the continued importance of our solution in the fight against financial crime. We are focused on



constantly improving our product's capabilities to match the threat landscape and on helping financial institutions enhance their AML and KYN resilience."

Schwarzthal Tech is the brainchild of Marius-Cristian Frunza, renowned expert and author of several books on the topic, including Introduction to the Theories and Varieties of Modern Crime in Financial Markets, Solving Modern Crime in Financial Markets and Value Added Tax Fraud. Marius-Cristian played a key advisory role in the production of the Netflix documentary Lords of Scam (2021), about the rise and fall of the scammers who defrauded the EU carbon quota system, in which he is also interviewed as a financial crime expert. Marius-Cristian came up with the idea for Schwarzthal Tech after witnessing first-hand how organised transnational crime networks infiltrated and abused the carbon emissions market in the 2000s, as a result of which tens of billions of dollars fell into the hands of criminals.

Schwarzthal Tech is planning an upcoming funding round.

The complete RegTech100 list and detailed information on each listed company is available to download at Regtech100 2023.

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About Schwarzthal Tech

Schwarzthal Tech was founded in 2019 and is headquartered in London, with offices in London and Europe. The company aims to revolutionise the way compliance works in the financial sector with a paradigm shift: from the traditional KYC towards a new concept, Know Your Network™.

Schwarzthal Tech is supported and backed by the multi-award-winning SFC Capital, the largest start-up fund in the UK, the Mayor of London and London & Partners and is accelerated by Startupbootcamp, the leading global accelerator in FinTech innovations.

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