# 2nd Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Risk Assessment Report of Hong Kong

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#### World Bank Tool

### Risk Assessment Report

Overall Money Laundering Threat

Overall Money Laundering Vulnerability

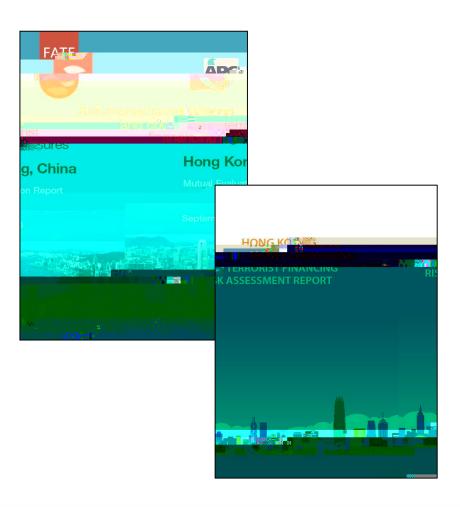
Legal Persons and Arrangements

Overall Risk

Terrorist Financing and Proliferation Risk

**Emerging Challenges** 

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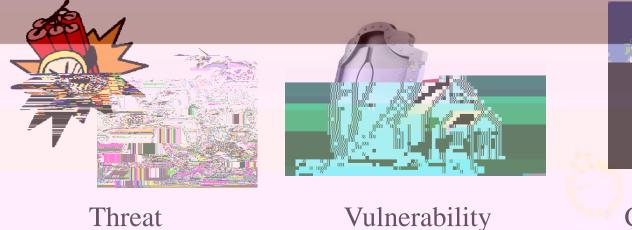
**Adopted by the Steering Committee in 1st HRA** 

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#### **Key Concept**

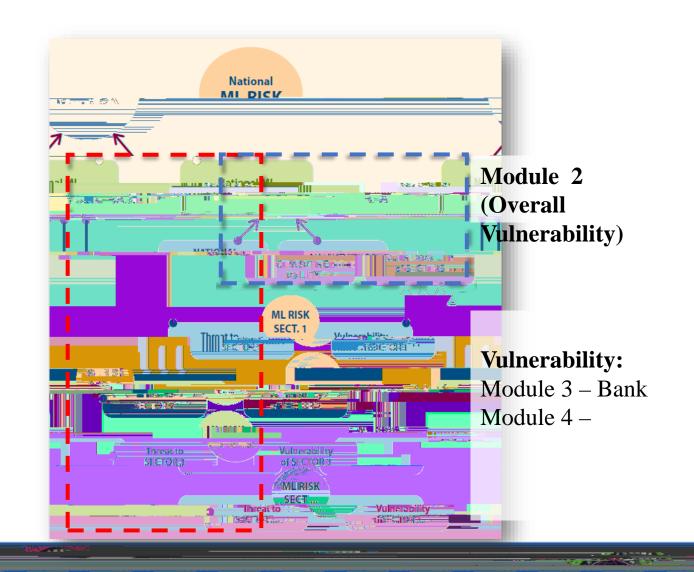
**Risk** = F (Threat, Vulnerability, Consequence\*)





Given the challenges in estimating the consequences, <u>countries may focus primarily on achieving</u> a comprehensive understanding of their threats and vulnerabilities.

(FATF, National Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Risk Assessment, Feb 2013)



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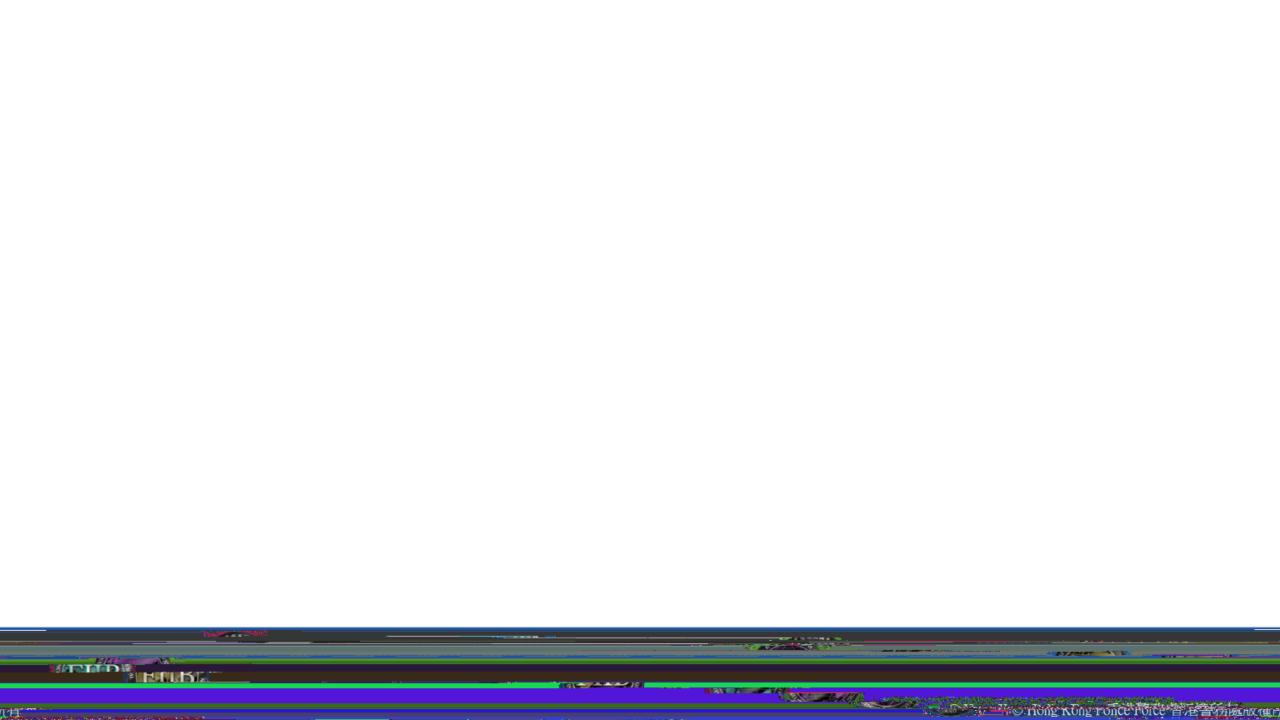
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## **Overall ML Threat:**

# Summary of ML Threat Ratings (2)

Predicate Offence	Rating in 1st HRA	Rating in 2nd HRA
Intellectual Property	Medium-low	
Human Smuggling/ Trafficking	Medium-low	
Burglary	Low	= Status Quo
Robbery	Low	
Blackmail	Low	

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ML threat portfolio of HKC remains status quo Fraud/Deception continued to be most prevalent followed by drug offences Foreign

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Sector	Rating in 1st	

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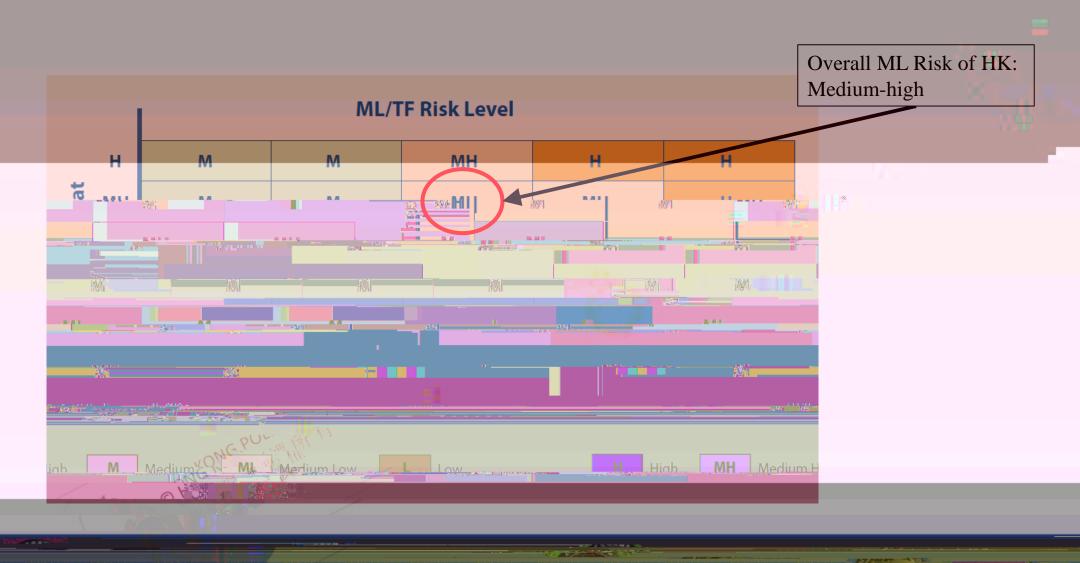
# Overall Sectoral Risk

Sector	Sectoral Threat	Sectoral Vulnerability	Sectoral ML Risk
Banking	High	Medium-High	High
	(1st HRA: High)	(1st HRA: Medium-High)	(1st HRA: High)
MSO	Medium-High	Medium-High	Medium-High
	(1st HRA: Medium-High)	(1st HRA: Medium-High)	(1st HRA: Medium-High)
Securities	Medium	Medium	Medium
	(1st HRA: Medium)	(1st HRA: Medium)	(1st HRA: Medium)
Insurance	<b>Medium-Low</b>	<b>Medium-Low</b>	Medium-Low
	(1st HRA: Medium-Low)	(1st HRA: Medium-Low)	(1st HRA: Medium-Low)
TCSP	Medium	Medium	Medium
	(1st HRA: Medium)	(1st HRA: Medium-High)	(1st HRA: Medium-High)
SVF	Medium	Medium	Medium
	(1st HRA: Medium)	(1st HRA: Medium)	(1st HRA: Medium)
Lawyers	Medium-Low	<b>Medium-Low</b>	Medium-Low
	(1st HRA: Medium-Low)	(1st HRA: Medium)	(1st HRA: Medium)
Accountants	Medium-Low	Medium-Low	Medium-Low
	(1st HRA: Medium-Low)	(1st HRA: Medium)	(1st HRA: Medium)

# Overall Sectoral Risk

Sector	Sectoral Threat	Sectoral Vulnerability	Sectoral ML Risk
VASP (assessed	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium
VC in 1st HRA)	(1st HRA: Low)	(1st HRA: Medium)	(1st HRA: Medium-Low)
Estate Agent	<b>Medium-Low</b>	Medium-Low	Medium-Low
	(1st HRA: Medium-Low)	(1st HRA: Medium)	(1st HRA: Medium)
DPMS	<b>Medium-Low</b>	Medium	Medium
	(1st HRA: Medium-Low)	(1st HRA: Medium-Low)	(1st HRA: Medium-Low)
<b>Money Lenders</b>	<b>Medium-Low</b>	Medium-Low	Medium-Low
	(1st HRA: Medium-Low)	(1st HRA: Medium-Low)	(1st HRA: Medium-Low)
Non-bank Credit Card	Low (1st HRA: not explicitly assessed)	Low	Low
		(1st HRA: not explicitly	(1st HRA: not explicitly
		assessed)	assessed)
Financial Leasing	Low (1st LID A part applicatly accessed)	Low	Low
		(1st HRA: not explicitly	(1st HRA: not explicitly
	(1st HRA: not explicitly assessed)	assessed)	assessed)

## Overall ML Risk of HK



# **Terrorist Financing Risk**

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Overall: Medium-Low (1st HRA: Medium

### **Key risk features**

Free capital flow + geographical location + Ease of market entry and company formation

Gaps observed for smaller entities and more recently regulated sectors

Not subject to any sanctions imposed by the United Nations Security Council (UNSC)

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