

# Russia, Financial & Cyber Warfares: Risk Management



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## **The Russia-Ukraine Conflict, Financial and Cyber Warfares: How Can Businesses Manage Risks?**

Russia continues its military invasion on Ukraine and steps up its cyberattacks which leaves governments on both sides of the Atlantic worried that the situation could spill over into other countries, becoming an all-out cyberwar.

Join this distinguished panel featuring risk management professional Steve Vickers, veteran financial advisor James Fok and Cybersecurity scholar Zhanna Malekos Smith, as they will decipher the ongoing financial sanctions against Russia, the use of cyber in the Russia-Ukraine conflict and what practical measures international companies need to take to mitigate increased operational risks.

### **About the speakers**



**James Fok** is a veteran financial and strategic advisor to corporations and governments. He served as a senior executive at Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing (HKEX) from 2012 until 2021, during a period of rapid internationalisation in China's capital markets. Prior to HKEX, Mr. Fok worked as an investment banker in both Europe and Asia, specialising in the financial services sector. He has written and spoken extensively about market structure issues and the intersection between geopolitics and international finance. He serves or has served on a number of financial industry bodies, including Ireland for Finance's Industry Advisory Committee (2021-), the Executive Board of the International Securities Services Association (2018-21), and the Financial Services Advisory Committee of the Hong Kong Trade and Development Council (2014-21). He is also a member of the Advisory Board of Hex Trust (2021-). Mr. Fok holds a

BA (Hons) from the School of Oriental and African Studies of the University of London.



**Steve Vickers** is the founder and CEO of Steve Vickers & Associates ("SVA") ([www.stevevickersassociates.com](http://www.stevevickersassociates.com)), a specialist risk mitigation, corporate intelligence and security consulting company. Steve has over 40 years' experience in Asia in both government and the private sectors.

Steve is an acknowledged expert on political and security issues in Asia Pacific and is a frequent commentator on political risk and crisis management issues. His opinion is regularly sought by the international media.

For the past 28 years, Steve has conducted numerous sensitive- business intelligence assignments, crisis containment issues and high risk issues facing international corporations.

He is a member of the International Institute of Security.



**Zhanna Malekos Smith, JD**, is a senior associate with the Strategic Technologies Program and Aerospace Security Project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, D.C., and an assistant

professor in the Department of Systems Engineering at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Prior to joining West Point, Malekos Smith was a professor of cyber warfare studies with the U.S. Air War College. A former captain and attorney in the U.S. Air Force's Judge Advocate General's Corps, she received her commission from the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where she was a cross-registered student and participated in the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program. She has held fellowships with the Madeleine Korbel Albright Institute for Global Affairs, the Belfer Center's Cyber Security Project at the Harvard Kennedy School, Duke University Law School as the Reuben Everett cyber scholar, and Stanford University's U.S.-Russia Forum. Malekos Smith writes in the areas of space, cybersecurity, science and technology, and international law and security. She has authored op-eds in Lawfare, The Hill, and Defense One, and has presented her scholarship to various audiences including DEF CON, RSA Conference, and ShmooCon. She received a BA in Russian and international relations from Wellesley College, an MA and Associateship of King's College (AKC) from King's College London, Department of War Studies, and a JD from the University of California, Davis, where she pursued a self-concentration in cyberlaw. She serves as a volunteer consultant for Hostage US, a nonprofit that supports the families of Americans taken hostage abroad and hostages when they return home.

## About the moderator



**Tatman** focuses her practice on the application of U.S. law to non-U.S. entities and operations, particularly with respect to global investigations and compliance with U.S. sanctions, export controls and anticorruption laws.

Tatman provides compliance counseling and support to clients on a range of issues related to export control, sanctions, and anticorruption laws. In this regard, she helps clients evaluate and meet their compliance obligations by analyzing legal requirements and trade

policy initiatives that intersect with her clients' business interests. She also assists clients with preparing license applications, advisory opinion requests, classification requests and commodity jurisdiction requests to relevant U.S. government agencies.

In addition, Tatman has significant experience conducting compliance reviews to assess the exposure of companies in relation to international trade laws. In connection with undertaking compliance assessments, Tatman works with both U.S. and non-U.S. companies to design, build, improve, and implement compliance programs that are tailored to address the areas of legal risk presented by their business operations. She also develops training presentations and seminars on a variety of international trade control topics, which she has delivered throughout the Asia Pacific region, including in China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Singapore and Taiwan.

A key focus of Tatman's practice is representing companies and individuals in government and corporate internal investigations. She has conducted dozens of internal investigations, many of which have resulted in voluntary self-disclosures to relevant government agencies. Specifically, she has experience representing clients in investigations and enforcement proceedings involving the following U.S. government agencies:

Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and



Security (BIS)

Department of State, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC)

Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Department of Justice (DOJ).

Tatman also manages national security reviews conducted by CFIUS under the Exon-Florio law and advises on the impact of CFIUS reforms under the Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act (FIRRMA). Moreover, she assists clients with cross-border transactions by conducting due diligence and developing strategies to mitigate international trade compliance liabilities.

Prior to joining Akin Gump, Tatman clerked for the Honorable Lawrence E. Meyers of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. She also served as a summer law clerk on the House Committee on Homeland Security and worked as an intelligence analyst at the National Security Agency.

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