

What's on your mind?



Hidden costs

I use providers with database-driven offerings. These 'solutions' provide only raw, unprocessed content which lacks depth and analysis. I have to dedicate my own resources to process their output and review possible false positive matches.

Restricted data sources

I am concerned that companies offering enhanced due diligence services are restricted to a narrow range of data sources. This exposes me to risk that relevant information may not be identified.

Too many, too small

I use enhanced due diligence providers that lack the size and capacity to fully address all of my organisation's needs. I bear the inconvenience, the risk and the costs associated with managing multiple small and medium-sized providers.

Lack of context and understanding

I deal with companies that are little more than raw data providers. They lack an understanding of what really matters from a regulatory perspective and what regulators expect. They are not able to offer associated services that are part of an integrated approach to regulatory risk.

Astrus – Enhanced Due Diligence

Astrus is a cost-effective, proactive due diligence solution that helps you obtain information and assess risks associated with customers, agents and counterparties.

Astrus was developed as a response to global regulatory drivers including the UK Bribery Act, the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, the USA PATRIOT Act, global Anti Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing legislation and international financial sanctions regimes. Collectively, these regulations create an immediate and urgent need for both financial and non-financial corporations to examine their business relationships in order to assess risk and demonstrate compliance. Failure adequately to investigate agents, business partners and clients and to understand how they operate can expose organisations to reputational damage, operational risk, government investigations, financial penalties and potential criminal liability.

True value-for-money

Astrus reports are prepared on-demand. Instead of overwhelming you with raw data they offer concise, fully sourced, digestible summaries highlighting key issues so that you can focus on the issues that warrant the most attention.

Unconstrained data sources

KPMG is data source-independent. We use the substantial collective experience of our global Corporate Intelligence teams to source the best information available from an extensive range of over 30,000 data sources.

Scale and consistency in a bespoke service

KPMG offers a truly scalable service. We have prepared thousands of Astrus reports on subjects in more than 110 countries. Our risk grading approach is tailored to your organisation's risk appetite and is consistently applied across your portfolio.

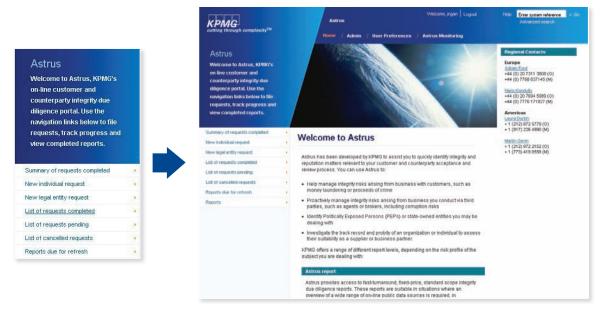
Insight. Not box-ticking

When do discrepancies or contradictions matter? When should the absence of information itself be a source of concern? Astrus analysts are trained in KPMG's global Corporate Intelligence methodology. KPMG also offers full-scope integrity due diligence investigations and on-the-ground Forensic investigations as required.



Secure portal

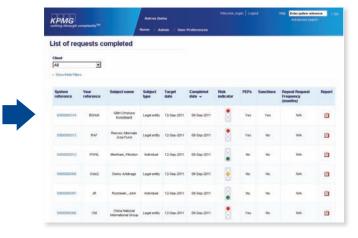
Single point of entry and delivery via the Astrus website, making it easy to order, track and review completed reports.



Astrus dashboard

User-friendly interface provides quick summary of pending and completed reports, with a clear overview of potential risks identified.



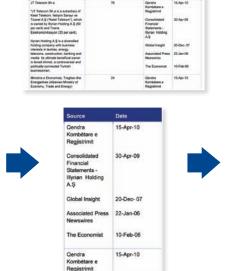


Configurable indicators based on your organisation's risk assessment profile – a consistent measurement across your portfolio of counterparties.

Astrus report

Concise summary of key findings with risk indicators.





Information clearly sourced from a wide range of online data sources in multiple jurisdictions.

Ismail Ahmet is a controversial and politically-connected Turkish businessman. He is a former depty minister for tride in Turkmenistan and was a close associate of the former Turkmen president. Separmyrat Nyyazov. He has business interests in textiles, energy, telecoms, construction, banking and media. He had an estimated net worth of USD 1 billion as of 2010, according to Forbes. He has been the subject of adverse press comment. The key issues are summarized below.	Forbes Dow Jones & Company	10-Mar-10 31-May-98
In 2007, according to the BBC, a Russia-based Turkmen website reported that Ismail Ahmet had failed to maintain as close fees with the then president of Turkmenistan, Gutbanguily Berdiminamedow, as he had now the previous president, Saparmyrat Nyyazow. It was speculated that Ismail Ahmet had been forced to leave Turkmenistan for this reason. However, according to the same source, this speculation had not been confirmed or refuted:	Russian website - Gundogar - Excerpt by BBC Worldwide Monitoring	18-Jan-07
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How we have helped others

A global financial institution with private wealth clients around the world required a review of several hundred customers to enhance customer files and assess risk.

KPMG's Forensic team provided accelerated delivery of reports to the client, who met stringent self-imposed deadlines to identify its highest-risk counterparties and implement appropriate monitoring and controls.

A global life sciences company uses Astrus to assess third party relationships around the world. Astrus reports help the client identify relevant issues and government relationships, and assess operational risk and potential litigation exposure. KPMG has maintained open communication with the client to discuss the findings of Astrus reports, which are used by the client to set risk levels and undertake appropriate scrutiny, training and periodic reviews.

To assess risk of potential inappropriate payments, an organisation with a global network of third-party agents undertook a review to identify agents associated with government or political figures. KPMG's Astrus reports identified potentially related parties, and reviewed those parties against global sanctions, debarment and Politically Exposed Persons lists. The reports enabled the client to search its payment systems for payments to related parties and to identify agents with government relationships.



About KPMG Forensic

KPMG Forensic is a global network comprised of multidisciplinary professionals from member firms of KPMG International that assist clients in achieving high levels of business integrity through the prevention, detection, and investigation of fraud and misconduct, and by avoiding and resolving disputes.

Our professionals not only help clients discover the facts underlying concerns about fraud and misconduct but they also assist clients in assessing and mitigating the vulnerabilities related to such activities. We also deliver a broad range of services to help prevent and resolve commercial disputes including the assessment of damages, resolution of accounting, audit, and finance-related issues, and expert witness services.

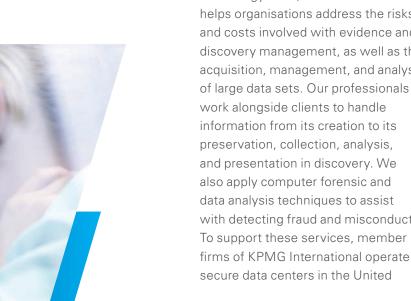
Using a wide-range of sophisticated technology tools, KPMG Forensic helps organisations address the risks and costs involved with evidence and discovery management, as well as the acquisition, management, and analysis with detecting fraud and misconduct.

States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, India, South Africa, Germany and Austria.

Professionals in KPMG's Forensic practice draw upon extensive experience in forensic accounting, law enforcement, fraud and misconduct control assessments, legal damage quantification and analysis, expert witness testimony, international arbitration, asset tracing, computer forensics, and forensic data analysis.

KPMG Forensic professionals are well positioned to provide consistent service to global clients. By sharing common global methodologies, KPMG International member firms can readily assemble multinational teams who possess a breadth and depth of technical skills and industry knowledge to address fraud, misconduct, and dispute concerns.

Service offerings are subject to legal and regulatory restrictions. Some services may not be available to KPMG's financial statement audit or other attest service clients.



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