

Is your Transaction Monitoring (TM) doing what you think it is?

Senior leaders in financial crime (FC) need confidence that the right risks are covered, monitoring works as intended, the operation is fit for purpose, and that evidence will stand up to challenge from leadership, Internal Audit, model validation or the regulator.

If you are seeing high alert volumes, recurring data problems, poor detection outcomes or slipping change programmes, these may be signs of a wider weakness. Looking beyond the immediate issue can reveal problems across the TM environment, from risk assessments and detection strategy through to controls, data, technology, operations and governance.

Six signs that problems may run deeper

1 Risk coverage cannot be demonstrated:
You cannot clearly explain which FC risk typologies the monitoring framework is designed to address, where coverage exists, or where gaps remain.

2 Alert volumes are unstable:
Alert volumes fluctuate, creating operational pressure and increasing costs, but there is limited evidence that the monitoring performance or detection outcomes are improving.

3 Control effectiveness is not understood:
It is difficult to explain why controls operate as they do, whether they remain appropriate for the risk they are intended to address, or how their effectiveness is evidenced.

4 Transformation delivery is at risk:
Issues with requirements, data, migration, testing, governance or operational readiness are increasing delivery risk and making successful change more difficult to achieve.

5 Nobody has the complete picture:
Knowledge is fragmented across Compliance, Operations, Technology and Data teams, making end-to-end decision making, ownership and accountability difficult.

6 Accountability has changed hands:
You are responsible for a TM framework that has evolved over time, but key design decisions, assumptions and supporting rationale are not always clear.

Act while the issue is still containable



Challenges such as excessive alert volumes, poor risk-to-coverage traceability, recurring model or scenario effectiveness concerns, data quality issues, repeated audit findings or struggling TM programmes can often remain hidden until a regulatory review, internal audit, model validation exercise, technology replacement programme or significant increase in alert volumes brings them into focus. What could have been fixed as a contained problem must then be resolved under pressure, working to the timetable of a larger-scale project, increasing cost, complexity and delivery risk.

What a sound TM environment looks like

A sound TM environment provides clear traceability from FC risk typologies through to monitoring controls, data, operational execution and evidence of effectiveness.

BeyondFS helps firms build and sustain a sound TM environment through tested methods and experienced practitioners who have done this before and know what good looks like. The result is an environment with the following characteristics:



Applicable FC risk typologies are clearly reflected in the monitoring strategy and control framework.



Monitoring coverage, scenario design and threshold decisions are understood, documented and defensible.



Clear ownership and accountability exist across Compliance, Operations, Technology and Data with effective governance and escalation where required.

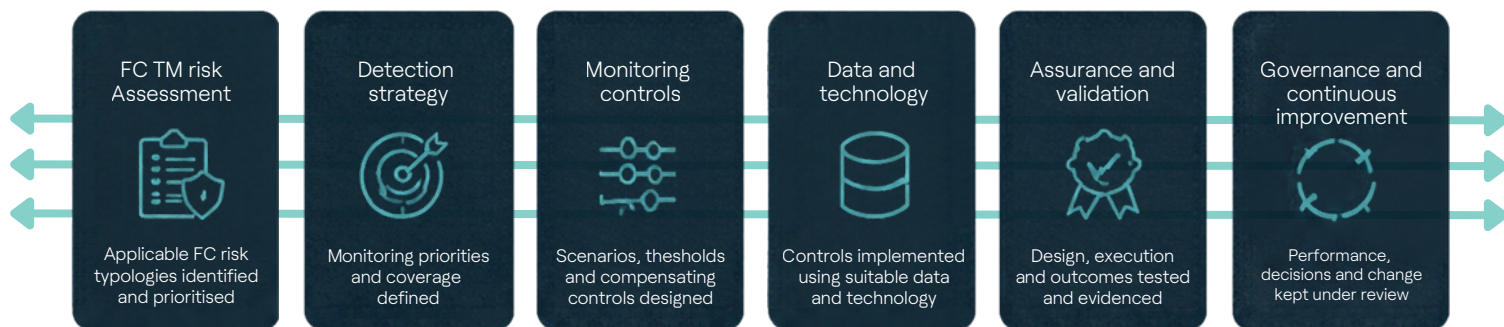


The effectiveness of monitoring controls can be demonstrated, and improvements to detection capability can be delivered without creating unnecessary operational burden.

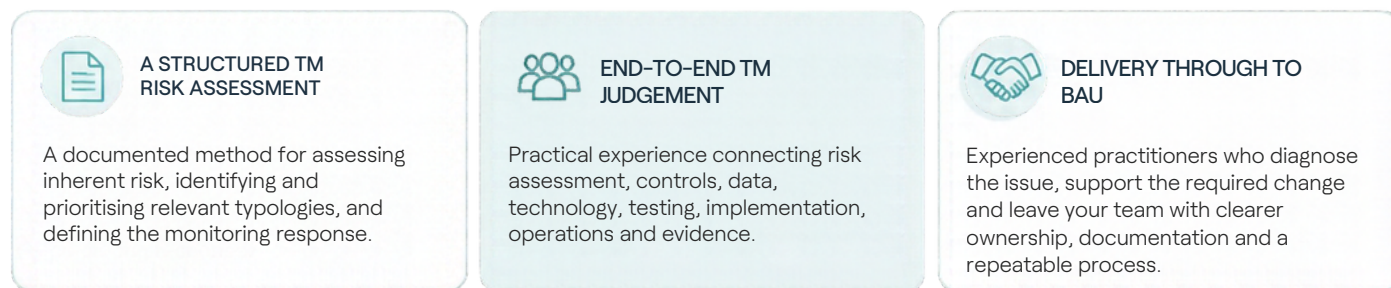
How BeyondFS helps

A clearer line between FC risks, controls and outcomes

We start with the issue already in front of you, then trace it through the TM lifecycle to identify whether it is a standalone problem or a symptom of a wider weakness in risk assessment, detection strategy, control design, data, technology, operations or governance.



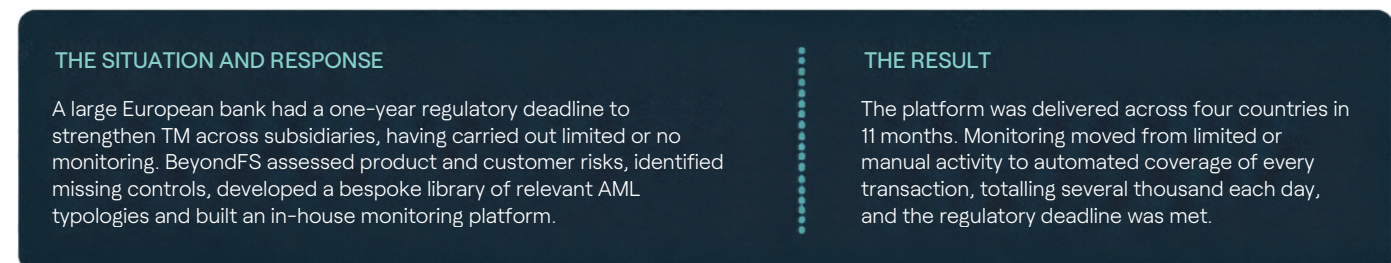
What we bring to the work



Why BeyondFS



Proof in practice



We start with the issue already in front of you



We'll examine the problem, the available evidence and where it sits in the TM lifecycle. This will help clarify whether the issue is contained, what may need further testing, and what the proportional next steps should be.

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