



CASE STUDY

# FTI Consulting – Investigative & Asset Tracing Services

Investigative & Asset Tracing Challenges Require an Integrated Multi-Disciplinary Consulting Platform

## SITUATION

One of the largest financial institutions in the world engaged FTI to lead a forensic accounting investigation. The client had loaned more than \$100 million to debtor entities that had recently defaulted on their loan obligations. Now, the debtor entities and various guarantors claimed that the assets (cash, real estate, business interests located throughout the world, and various other hard assets) touted when underwriting the original loans had been dissipated. Was this true? And, if so, where had the assets gone? Were they truly beyond the reach of the creditors?



## OUR ROLE

### Forensic Accounting & Cash Tracing

FTI's forensic accountants analyzed thousands of banking, accounting and other business records relating to the borrowers, guarantors, dozens of affiliated businesses, and the respective owners. Our forensic accountants mapped sources and uses of funds by implementing cash-tracing procedures and industry-accepted methodologies. Through the performance of cash-tracing procedures, our forensic accountants identified previously unknown bank accounts and assets, suspect asset transfers, and undisclosed business interests owned in part by the borrowers and the loan guarantors.



### Data & Analytics

As our forensic accountants identified the various bank accounts held by the borrowers across the world, FTI's data analysts worked directly with those financial institutions to manage and mine large complex datasets from their respective information systems. Our data analysts joined disparate data sets (i.e., bank statements and transactional data) into a single secure repository to identify trends and patterns of money movement. The data analysts mapped relationships among various systems and geographies, searching for specific transactions, and ultimately uncovered patterns that raised red flags about potentially fraudulent activities that were further investigated, identifying the location of significant assets.

### Global Investigative Work

FTI's forensic accountants and data analysts uncovered business records and patterns of money movement that led to foreign countries. FTI's global investigators were able to gather valuable intelligence from resources in both the U.S. and the foreign countries regarding business and property records and banking information.

### Expert Testimony and Presentation of Findings

In this case, FTI's expert provided trial testimony regarding all aspects of the work performed using interactive trial graphics developed by our trial support professionals. These graphics were used to demonstrate how the timing of the transfer of assets, changing business ownership, and the commingling of assets with alter egos aligned with certain key dates in the legal matter at hand. The transfers of liquid assets were particularly complex, and FTI's expert presented to the Court a step-by-step interactive graphic to explain the asset transfers and their resulting impact.

## THE RESULT

FTI's client received actionable intelligence and legal relief allowing the financial institution to maximize its recovery.

As shown above, FTI's multidisciplinary approach to investigations and asset tracing assignments ensures that every matter is approached in a way designed to get our clients the answers they need to make the most informed decisions.

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