East Asia and Pacific

The East Asia and Pacific region has a slightly higher than average overall risk score. The most prominent weaknesses relate to the quality of the AML/CFT framework itself, and to underperformance with respect to public transparency and accountability. In both areas, technical and legal adjustments as well as effective implementation would need to be the focus of future reform.

Basel AML Index risk scores

*Countries marked with a star haven’t yet undergone an FATF fourth-round evaluation. This may affect comparability between countries. Only countries with sufficient data to calculate a reliable risk score are included.
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Weakest area: Quality of AML / CFT frameworks

Nearly half of all countries are listed by the US as major money laundering destinations - China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Laos, Macao, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.

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