COURSE BROCHURE

Forensic Accounting and Financial Investigation

An advanced course in running a financial investigation once suspicion arises, from securing evidence, tracing funds and interviewing to a report fit for legal proceedings.

Code	HT-AUD-106
Category	Audit & Internal Control
Duration	1 week
Level	Advanced
City	Dubai

Introduction

Detected fraud becomes a case, and cases are won not on suspicion but on properly gathered and preserved evidence, financial analysis that holds up against the other side, and a report that both a judge and a board can follow.

Objectives

- Decide whether there is sufficient basis to open an investigation and set its scope and team
- Gather and preserve documentary and digital evidence so it remains admissible later
- Trace the flow of funds and analyze entries and documents to reveal concealment
- Plan and conduct investigative interviews, moving from witnesses to the subject
- Prepare a neutral investigation report and quantify the loss defensibly

Who should attend

- Financial investigators and anti-fraud unit staff
- Internal auditors assigned to special investigations
- In-house legal counsel handling fraud matters
- Investigation officers in government oversight bodies

Skills you will develop

- Financial investigation planning
- Evidence preservation and chain of custody
- Fund tracing and transaction analysis
- Investigative interviewing

Learning Outcomes

- Prepare an investigation plan setting out hypotheses, evidence sources and timeline
- Draw a flow-of-funds chart from a case file with several accounts and parties
- Prepare a subject interview guide moving from open questions to presenting the evidence
- Write an investigation report setting out facts, evidence and the loss calculation without legal conclusions

Course Outline

Day 1: Opening and Planning the Investigation

- Reasonable grounds for an investigation and framing hypotheses
- Forming the team, limits of authority and coordination with legal counsel
- Confidentiality, protecting the whistleblower and not alerting the subject

Day 2: Evidence and Its Preservation

- Documentary and electronic evidence and what makes it admissible
- Chain of custody, handover records and secure storage
- Working with digital forensic specialists to image devices and email

Day 3: Tracing Funds and Analyzing Transactions

- Analyzing bank statements, manual journal entries and supporting documents
- Charting the flow of funds and the relationships between parties
- Indirect methods for estimating unexplained income and quantifying loss

Day 4: Investigative Interviews

- Planning interviews and sequencing them from neutral witnesses to the subject
- Questioning techniques, recognizing evasion and recording statements
- The evidence-confrontation interview, employee rights and who should attend

Day 5: The Report and What Follows

- Structure of the investigation report and separating fact from opinion
- The financial expert's role in court and routes to recovery under the applicable law in the participant's country
- Applied project: a full investigation of a fictional embezzlement case, from investigation plan to final report

Training methodology

A fictional case file whose evidence unfolds over the week
Fund-tracing exercises on sample paper bank statements and documents
Interview simulations with actors playing witnesses and the subject
Reviewing sample investigation reports to separate facts from conclusions

Certification

Participants receive a Harbor Training Center certificate of attendance on completing the course.

Upcoming dates

City	Dates	Language	Fee
Dubai	15 – 19 March 2027	EN	EUR 4,500
Dubai	20 – 24 September 2027	AR	EUR 4,500

Fees are per participant.

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