Asociaciones sectoriales y el nivel privado

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La Blockchain Association Singapore (BAS), fundada en 2018, es la principal asociación sectorial de las empresas de activos digitales. Ha colaborado con la Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS, la autoridad monetaria y supervisora financiera) y con la Association of Banks in Singapore en códigos de conducta para los proveedores de servicios con digital payment tokens, en particular sobre los estándares contra el blanqueo de capitales y sobre la travel rule. La anterior Singapore Cryptocurrency and Blockchain Industry Association (ACCESS), fundada en 2016, publicó en 2019, con aportaciones de la MAS y de los bancos, un código de conducta sobre estándares contra el blanqueo de capitales para los proveedores de servicios con digital payment tokens. La Singapore FinTech Association, fundada en 2016, representa al sector fintech en sentido amplio y coorganiza el Festival. La Global Finance & Technology Network, creada por la MAS en noviembre de 2024 como sucesora de Elevandi, organiza el Festival y la actividad fintech internacional de la MAS.[1]

Las asociaciones sectoriales son importantes para una empresa extranjera por dos motivos. La afiliación indica a la MAS y a los bancos que la empresa pretende comportarse como una institución singapurense. Y en los grupos de trabajo de las

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asociaciones se redactan las respuestas del sector a las consultas de la MAS. Una empresa suiza que entre en Singapur debería afiliarse a la BAS en su primer mes y colocar a una persona de rango superior en el grupo de trabajo pertinente. La Crypto Valley Association cumple la misma función en Zug, como explica la Parte C, capítulo VII. Ambas entidades se conocen.

El nivel privado incluye también la Law Society of Singapore, que regula a los abogados habilitados en Singapur (advocates and solicitors) conforme a la Legal Profession Act 1966. El Singapore International Arbitration Centre y el Singapore International Mediation Centre desempeñan las funciones que describe la Parte N, capítulo VI. La Association of Banks in Singapore ha influido en la apertura de cuentas mediante sus orientaciones sobre la actividad bancaria relacionada con criptoactivos. Las cuatro grandes firmas de auditoría auditan a todos los titulares de licencias, y sus áreas de activos digitales en Singapur se cuentan entre las mayores del mundo.

Notas

1. Blockchain Association Singapore, fundada en 2018; ACCESS, fundada en 2016, "Code of Practice: Standards for Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism for Digital Payment Token Service Providers" (2019); Singapore FinTech Association, fundada en 2016; Global Finance & Technology Network, lanzada en noviembre de 2024. ↩

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