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The banking world is changing continually, meaning that the content of the material in BankingToday (BT) also changes from year to year. It is a key objective that the content of BT is always up-to-date.

This is why Compendio Bildungsmedien publishes an updated and corrected version of BankingToday each year.

This update ensures that purchasers of the 2021 edition have up-to-date information in each case:

- This update is supplemented at the beginning of June for three consecutive years and published on www.compendio.ch/bankingtoday
- This ensures that all amendments and additions to the teaching material are familiar for preparing the final examinations in summer or in spring.

Tip: We recommend noting the amendments and additions contained in the update in the teaching material early in the preparation phase or transferring them to the teaching material. This allows you to benefit from a repetition effect that cannot be underestimated.

Section	Banking 1: Introduction to the World of Banking
1.1.1 Capital and credit intermediation	Switzerland has had negative interest rates from 2015 to 2022. Additional bullet point in "Bringing savers and borrowers together":
	Switzerland has had negative interest rates from 2015 to 2022. This meant that the banks no longer rewarded savers in the form of interest under certain circumstances. In fact, above certain sums, the banks charged interest to savers for depositing funds. The limits for this varied from bank to bank.
1.1.1 Capital and	Bank value chain. New description in the "Transformation process" section:
credit intermediation	The three aspects of transformation are at the heart of a bank's traditional value creation. Value creation means that the bank's work adds some extra value here, which the bank profits from financially. Value creation is often not limited to just one element, which is why we also talk about the "value chain". A good way of thinking about this is to visualise a production facility where a raw material is processed by a company and turned into a new intermediate or end-product. Depending on the industry, there may be multiple participants involved. Or sometimes the same entity will work on multiple production stages at the same time.
	To return to a bank, risk transformation is one area where a financial institution's value creation takes place. However, risks in relation to a sustainable/unsustainable business model are also increasingly visible in banks' value chains. A bank that does not manage these risks or does not manage them adequately may see its value creation significantly dented.
1.2.2 Banking activities	The topic of sustainability is gaining in importance in banking. Update in the paragraph on "Asset Management - wealth management":
	Is the client looking for a high return, and if so, is she willing to accept high levels of risk? Or does she prefer a lower, but more regular return which involves lower, calculated risk? Will the client need the money invested, or part of it, at a particular time or for a particular purpose, such as to fund a child's education or for (early) retirement? What is the position with regard to sustainability? How important is this to the client? Different goals call for different strategies. The bank must adhere to the strategy that best suits the client and has been put down in writing.

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Section	Banking 1: Introduction	on to the World of Banking	
2.1.2 Excursus: Swiss National Bank statis- tics and bank catego- ries	Following the takeover of CS by UBS, there is now only one major bank in Switzerland: Big banks UBS AG is now the only big bank in Switzerland.		
	Clientele/ Commercial activities	UBS is a universal bank. She is among the biggest private and investment banking establishments worldwide.	
	Geographic focus	Despite its international focus, UBS is also very active in Switzerland and has a broad presence in Switzerland through its branches.	
	Business structure	UBS is a joint-stock company.	
	Specific features	The balance sheet totals of UBS accounts for a significant proportion of the balance sheet total of all Swiss banks. To ensure the confidentiality of the data, the SNB no longer publishes detailed figures on the big banks group.	
	 SIX Group has adapted its structures. SIX is organised into the following divisions: Exchanges. In this area, SIX provides all securities trading services. It runs the infrastructure for processing stock exchange deals. With Swiss Exchange, SIX is one of Europe's leading stock exchanges. In addition, the Spanish stock exchanges (BME) and the SIX Digital Exchange also belong to Six Group Ltd. Securities Services. This division provides all services downstream of stock trading. Securities are processed (i.e. cleared and settled) by SIX x-clear Ltd and are then held by SIX SIS Ltd for safekeeping. Securities Services also operates SIX Terravis, which assists with the electronic processing of land register and mortgage transactions. Banking Services. SIX runs the infrastructure for Swiss payment transactions and the connection with the SEPA area. For example, SIX processes invoices digitally via eBill. On behalf of and under the supervision of the Swiss National Bank, SIX operates the payment system SIC (Swiss Interbank Clearing) – the main payment system in Switzerland. Financial Information. Financial Information specialises in the acquisition and distribution of financial information. 		
Chapter 2 Summary	The organisational changes at SIX Group Ltd were taken into account here: SIX Group Ltd SIX Group Ltd (SIX) guarantees the infrastructure of the financial centre. It works with various business units in the business fields of stock exchange trading (Exchanges), securities services (Securities Services), infrastructure for payment transactions (Banking Services) and financial information (Financial Information).		
3.1.1 Current and future challenges	The Swiss financial cent remain attractive. On the political front, the proof, it has devised the Sustainability Innovation Interconnection Within the area of sustain	er has to master many challenges. New subsection 3.1.1 describes these: re has many challenges to contend with, now and in the future, so that it can Federal Council in particular needs to act. To ensure the financial centre is future-Swiss financial market policy, which is based on three pillars: nability in particular, the Federal Council has set itself the objective of reinforcing a standard-setter for sustainable finance.	

Section	Banking 1: Introduct	tion to the World of Banking
3.3 International organisations	tional peace and secur cooperation. The UN is also a releva gave rise to the first Firwith the financial sector. The Organisation for sation which promotes. The overall objective of	
Chapter 3 Summary	 Addition of the summary with the international organizations UN, OECD and WTO: United Nations (UN) – bank of central banks. It is also an international forum for cooperation between national banks and supervisory authorities. It gave rise to the first Finance Initiative (FI), under which sustainability issues are addressed in partnership with the financial sector. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) – promotes policies that foster the prosperity and social wellbeing of people all over the world. World Trade Organisation (WTO) – The WTO operates the global system of trade rules. 	
4.1.3 Digital technologies	Addition of digital tech CPS (Cyber Physi- cal Systems)	Cyber-physical systems combine software elements with mechanical and electronic components. They are primarily gaining traction in industry, but can also be used in banking. Imagine that a bank approves a loan for a machine. With CPS, the bank would receive information relating to how that machine is used, which then provides clues on how much revenue it generates. Using this information, the bank can adapt the terms of repayment in line with how the machine is being used.
4.2.3 Cryptocurrencies		ber of cryptocurrencies: an 16,000 different currencies were recognised and could be bought on crypto

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1.3.1 A closer look at the new Federal Act on Data Protection (nFADP)

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The importance of data protection has been rising steadily over the last few years. Today, huge volumes of data are available that can be **created**, **used**, **evaluated** and **saved**, but also **misused**.

In the banking sector in particular, where personal data is created and processed, data protection is crucial in addition to bank customer secrecy; such as when:

- entering into new business relationships with private clients (natural persons);
- recruiting new staff;
- doing business with competitors that involves the processing of personal data (e.g. of employees);
- · collecting personal data for marketing purposes.

What are the legal foundations?

The fully revised FADP entered into force on 1 September 2023 and it applies to all companies and industries that process the personal data of natural persons, i.e. that obtain, save, store, use, modify, publish, archive, delete or otherwise use personal data.

Depending on the business model and use case, the EU GDPR may apply in addition to the FADP, including for companies based in Switzerland. The territorial scope of the GDPR for controllers not established in the EU is based on Art. 3 para. 2 GDPR. This means that the regulation does not just apply to natural persons resident in the EU.

This regulation applies to the processing of personal data of data subjects located in the EU by a controller not established in the EU, where the data processing activities are related to:

a) the offering of goods or services to data subjects in the EU or EEA, irrespective of whether these data subjects are required to make a payment.

b) monitoring of the behaviour of data subjects, as far as such behaviour takes place in the EU or EEA. Data protection law is closely linked to bank client confidentiality (Art. 47 BankA; see the module "Banking 1"), even if the purposes differ. Bank client confidentiality extends to natural and legal persons and protects the confidentiality of bank customers (e.g. prior to the disclosure of data to genuine third parties), while the FADP is applicable to natural persons and is primarily intended to protect informational self-determination.

Objectives of the new, completely revised Federal Act on Data Protection

The purpose of the Federal Act on Data Protection is not to protect personal data, but to protect the informational self-determination of the person to whom the personal data relates. This means anyone who processes personal data has to observe processing principles and meet statutory obligations.

Data protection supervision is the responsibility of the Federal Data Protection and Information Commissioner (FDPIC).

Who is entitled to data protection and what data does this concern?

The Federal Act on Data Protection protects natural persons whose data is processed:

- Personal data concerns all details (data, information) that relate to a natural person (e.g. telephone number, photo, email address, social insurance number or IP address).
- Particularly sensitive personal data is ultimately determined by the legislator. this comprises personal data about religious, philosophical, political and trade union views/activities, about health, the personal sphere, or racial or ethnic affiliation; genetic or biometric personal data which uniquely identifies a natural person, or about administrative or criminal proceedings or sanctions, as well as personal data relating to social assistance measures. Particular attention should be paid to these aspects when processing data.

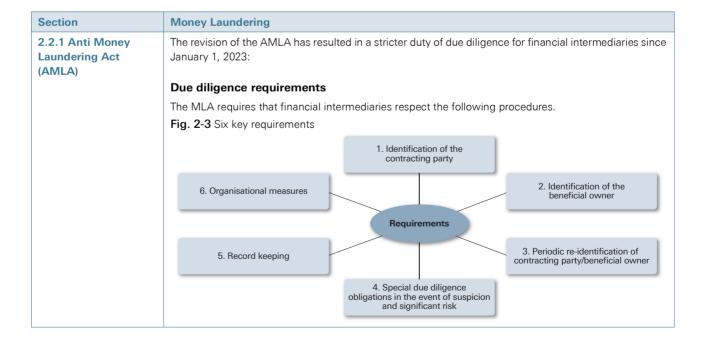
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	Where should care be exercised in processing personal data?		
	or unlawfully violate a ing data:	e processed lawfully. This means that data processing should not violate any laws natural person's privacy. The following principles must be observed when process-data processing (see Art. 6 FADP)	
	Lawfulness, pro- portionality and good faith	The processing of personal data is proportionate if it is suitable for achieving its intended purpose. The data to be processed must be required. As a rule, more personal data may be processed if the processing serves multiple purposes. Personal data should be destroyed or anonymised as soon as it is no longer required for the processing purpose, subject to statutory or private archiving obligations.	
	Defined purpose and transparency	Personal data should be collected only for a defined purpose that is clear to the data subject; data should be processed only if it is compatible with this purpose.	
	Data integrity (accuracy)	Anyone who processes personal data must make certain that it is correct . This presupposes that the requirements for accuracy are defined for each use case. They must take all reasonable measures to ensure that data that is inaccurate or incomplete in respect of the purpose for which it was collected or processed is rectified, erased or destroyed.	
	Consent	If the data subject's consent is required, such consent is valid only if it has been given voluntarily for one or more specific processing operations after appropriate information. If consent is required on an exceptional basis, it must be expressly gathered for the following data processing activities:	
		a) the processing of particularly sensitive personal data;	
		b) high-risk profiling by a private individual;	
		c) profiling by a federal body;	
		d) a disclosure to a foreign country without an adequate level of data protection.	
	Fig. 1-8 Data process	ing obligations	
	Information obligation	The data subject must be informed if their personal data is collected, unless exceptions pursuant to Art. 20 FADP apply. The data subject must be informed of the identity and contact details of the controller and the purpose of the data processing. If personal data is shared with third parties for processing, this must also be disclosed.	
		If the data is not collected from the data subject, the data subject must be informed of the categories of personal data processed (cf. Art. 19 para. 3 FADP). If personal data is shared abroad, the data subject must be informed of the country or international body (cf. Art. 19 para. 4 FADP).	
	Recording obliga- tion	The controller and the processor each have an obligation to record their processing activities (cf. Art. 12 para. 1 FADP). NOTE: the Federal Council makes exceptions for companies that employ fewer than 250 people and where the data processing entails a low risk of injury to the person of the data subject (cf. Art. 12 para. 5 FADP).	
		 The controller's identity; The processing purpose; A description of categories of data subjects and categories of personal data processed; The category of recipients; The storage period for the personal data or the criteria for determining this period, where possible; A general description of the measures taken to ensure data security, where possible; If data is shared abroad, the country and the guarantees. 	

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	Reporting obliga- tion	If there is a data breach and this is likely to result in a high risk to the data subject's person or fundamental rights, this must be reported as soon as possible. The controller should report the data breach to the FDPIC (Federal Data Protection and Information Commissioner) as soon as possible if it is likely to result in a high risk to the data subject's person or fundamental rights. As a minimum, the report should include the type of data breach, its consequences and the measures taken or planned (cf. Art. 6 para.1 and 2 FADP). The processor reports a data breach to the controller as soon as possible. The controller informs the data subject if this is necessary for their protection or if the FDPIC requests it (cf. Art. 6 para. 3 and 4 FADP).
	Data protection impact assessment	Rapid technological developments mean that the consequences of data processing are not always clear. If processing entails a high risk to a data subject's person or fundamental rights, a data protection impact assessment must be carried out. Data protection impact assessments must include a description of the planned processing. It must outline the risks of data processing and the measures to protect persons and, where applicable, fundamental rights (cf. Art. 22 para. 3 FADP). NOTE: The data protection impact assessments must be carried out in advance.
	"Privacy by design" and "pri- vacy by default"	Controllers are required to ensure "privacy by design" and "privacy by default". Here, legal specifications by the competent departments, as well as functions, must be transferred into stand-alone specifications for technical and organisational measures (TOM) (cf. Art. 7 FADP).
	Sharing data with third parties and transmitting data abroad	If personal data is shared or transmitted abroad, control over such data is lost to a certain extent. There is a risk that personal data will not be adequately protected, i.e. the processing principles in particular (see above) will not be met and the data subjects' rights will consequently be infringed. As such, special rules apply to data sharing and transmission abroad.
		Sharing data with third parties:
		Personal data may be passed on to "contract processors" (cf. Art. 5 lit. k and 9 FADP), if this is contractually agreed or provided for by law and it ensures data security with third parties if this is contractually agreed or protected by law.
		Transmission of data abroad:
		Personal data may be shared without additional conditions in countries which guarantee that personal data is adequately protected (cf. Art. 16 FADP). The Federal Council determines which countries have "adequate" protection. It publishes a list of such countries;
		for example, all EU countries offer adequate protection.
	Profiling and auto- mated individual decision making	Profiling is any type of automated processing of personal data which consists of using this personal data to evaluate certain personal aspects of a natural person, particularly to analyse or predict aspects relating to work performance, economic situation, health, personal preferences, interests, reliability, conduct, whereabouts or change of whereabouts of this natural person (Art. 5 lit. f FADP). Example: automated creation of a customer profile for the transmission of customised online advertising or the offer of appropriate investment recommendations. Automated individual decision-making is a decision based exclusively on an
		automated processing activity which entails a legal consequence for the individual or which significantly affects them (Art. 21 FADP). Example: automated credit assessments for accepting and executing customer orders in e-banking.

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	What rights does someone have to their data?		
	Data subjects affected by data processing have the following rights in particular:		
	Fig. 1-9 Rights of data subjects affected by data processing		
	Data subject rights Right of access: Data subjects have the right to receive information about the following: controller's identity/contact details personal data processed purpose of processing storage period origin of the personal data processed whether automated individual decision making is in place third-party recipients of the personal data processed The controller is required to provide this information free of charge, usually within 30 days.		
	Right to data portability Anyone can request that the controller surrenders their electronic personal data if the controller processes the data using automated means and the personal data was processed with the person's consent or in connection with a contract (cf. Art. 28 para. 1 FADP).		
	Right to rectification and right to "be forgotten" If personal data is incorrect, there is a right to rectification. The data subject may request such a rectification unless a legal regulation prohibits this or the personal data is processed for archiving purposes in the public interest. The same applies to the right to erasure or "to be forgotten". If the purpose for processing personal data has been fulfilled and if there are no statutory or private reasons for archiving, the deletion of the data may be requested.		
	When does a data protection infringement occur?		
	If, in particular, the principles of data processing are not complied with and there is no justification for processing, this usually constitutes a data protection breach, i.e. an infringement of the Federal Act on Data Protection (FADP). Justification includes: • the data subject's consent • legal authorisation • an overriding private and/or public interest		
	Example		
	A data protection infringement occurs if a bank uses addresses that are publicly accessible for marketing purposes without informing the data subject (e.g. the bank fails to provide the data subject with a link to the privacy policy in its promotional brochure).		
	What recourse does the victim of an infringement have?		
	In particular, data subjects can demand that the specific data processing operation is suspended, specific sharing of personal data with third parties is prohibited, or that the data is deleted or destroyed (cf. Art. 32 para. 2 FADP). However, these rights are not absolute; for example, in the event of statutory data processing (e.g. in the area of money laundering) or in the event of data processing involving an overriding interest of the controllers, these rights do not apply.		

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2.5 Ordinances and self-regulation	Update of fig.16 "Laws, regulations and self-regulation for banking supervision":
	Banking supervision laws 1. Financial Institutions Act (FinIA) 2. Financial Services Act (FinSA) 3. Anti-Money Laundering Act (AM LA) 4. Financial Market Infrastructure Act (FinMIA) 5. Financial Market Supervision Act (FINMASA) 6. Banking Act (BankA) 7. Collective Investment Schemes Act (CISA) 8. Insurance law (IOA and IPA) 9. Mortgage Bond Act (MBoA)
	 Banking supervision ordinances (selection) 1. Banking Ordinance (BankO) 2. FINMA Foreign Banks Ordinance (BIO-FINMA) 4. Collective Investment Schemes Ordinance (CISO) 5. FINMA Anti-Money Laundering Ordinance 1 (AMLO-FINMA 1) 6. Capital Adequacy Ordinance (CAO) 7. FINMA Accounting Ordinance 8. Guidelines on informing investors about structured products 5. Portfolio management guidelines 6. Code of Conduct for Securities Dealers 7. Directives on the Independence of Financial Research 8. Guidelines for reviewing, assessing and processing mortgage-backed loans 9. Guidelines for financial service providers on the integration of ESG preferences and ESG risks into investment advice and portfolio management 10. Guidelines for mortgage providers on the promotion of energy efficiency
2.6.1 Swiss Financial Market Supervisory	Addition of the subchapter with FINMA's objectives:
Authority (FINMA)	FINMA pursues the following aims in its supervisory activities: (see also https://www.finma.ch/en/finma/supervisory-objectives/)
	 Protecting the functioning of the financial markets: Ensuring the stability of the financial system and promoting trust in the functioning of the financial markets. Protecting individuals: Protecting creditors, investors and insured persons against institutional insolvency, disreputable business practices and unequal treatment in stock exchange execution. Promoting the reputation of the financial marketplace: Strengthening the competitiveness and reputation of the Swiss financial centre.
3.8.1 Liquidation of a	New regulation in the handling of joint accounts:
bank	Joint account in two or more names When two or more people jointly hold an account, this community of account holders is treated as its own separate client for the purposes of protection.
3.8.1 Liquidation of a bank	New regulation on privileged claims: There is also one exception to this rule: vested benefits accounts and pillar 3a pension accounts are preferential up to a further CHF 100,000 each. Everything above this limit also enters into class III of the collocation plan. In total a maximum of CHF 300,000 can therefore be counted as preferential claims per customer.

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4.1.6 Sustainability reporting	New subchapter: As "companies of public interest", banks are required to publish a non-financial report each year. This includes reporting on environmental matters, including CO2 targets in particular, social matters, employee matters, respect for human rights and anti-corruption activities. The report contains the information that is needed in order to understand the course of business, the business performance, the state of the company and the impact of its activities on these matters. It encompasses in particular: 1. Description of the business model 2. Description of the concepts pursued, including the due diligence applied 3. Presentation of the measures taken to implement these concepts and an assessment of the effectiveness of these measures 4. Description of the material risks and how the company manages these; material risks are those that arise from the company's own business activities and where relevant and proportionate, that arise from its business relationships, products or services 5. Material performance indicators for the business activities The report may also draw on national, European or international rules, such as the principles of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), in which case this should be mentioned in the report. The report must be written in a national language or in English. The non-financial report must be approved and signed by the most senior management or administrative body and approved by whatever body is responsible for approving the annual financial statements. The most senior management or administrative body ensures that the report is published electronically immediately after it has been approved and remains publicly available for at least ten years.
	(Source: Art. 964a et seq. of the Swiss Code of Obligations)
5.1.1 Stage 1 – identifying and understanding the risks	Additional bullet point under indirect risks: Sustainability risk: Description: Risks resulting from climate change (more storms, rising sea levels) and transition-related risks such as market trends, regulatory measures, technology and reputational risks. However, there are also opportunities in this area, such as efficiency gains from reducing energy consumption, new markets, new e-products, etc.



Section	Money Laundering	
	1. Identification of the contracting party	No business dealings using a false identity. The bank must know who their client is. It must therefore identify each of its clients by surname, first name, address of domicile, date of birth and nationality. Generally, banks ask to see official photo ID or proof of business registration.
	2. Identification of the beneficial owner	The beneficial owner may be: • The contracting party personally • A third person • The controller in the case of operating legal persons or partnerships The Money Laundering Act aims to promote transparency in the case of natural and legal persons, partnerships and trusts, etc. No business relationships with "front men". It is repeatedly the case that someone administers assets of a third party or companies are established as "front companies". In that respect, it may be the case that such third parties as the person entitled to the money actually do not appear in business dealings. For the bank, this means the following: Their contracting party is a person other than the beneficial owner. To ensure that such a constellation cannot be misused for money laundering, the bank must know who the person is who is actually entitled to the assets or the business, and must identify the person. It must not allow criminal money to be hidden behind the façade of "front men". In the case of operating legal persons or partnerships, too, front men are to be avoided and the person(s) who actually control(s) the company is/are to be identified. For the bank, this means that it must identify the actual controlling person(s) of a non-listed, operating company to avoid that criminal money is processed via "front companies". The beneficial owner is to be established not only in the event of doubt, but rather in any case.
	3. Periodic re-identification of contracting party/beneficial owner	Identification should be reviewed periodically. The frequency depends on the risk of the business relationship, but every 7-10 years at a minimum. In the case of PEP's, the review should be annual.
	4. Special due diligence obligations in the event of suspicion and significant risk	Clear up any suspicions. The bank is required to investigate the background and purpose of a transaction or a business relationship in more detail if: • it is unusual or • it is exposed to an increased risk of money laundering or • there are indications that assets originate from an aggravated tax misdemeanour, an offence under the SCC or a criminal organisation. In the case of relationships with a potentially greater money laundering risk, the banks have special due diligence requirements (see chapter 3). The outcome of the (additional) clarification must be documented. Depending on the outcome of the clarification, a decision must then be taken as to whether or not the business relationship is to be • continued, • or terminated, and • a decision is taken at the same time as to whether a report also needs to be filled with the MROS. Example: A lorry driver receives a bank transfer from Ukraine totalling CHF 100,000. A bank transfer of this size is highly unusual for a lorry driver, so the bank has to make further enquiries. In this example, it becomes apparent that the payment covers the driver's risk premiums for journeys to high-risk areas in the past two years. So it is not a case of money laundering.

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	5. Record keeping Ensure full availability of records. Documents concerning the client, transactions and steps taken to clarify certain elements must be retained for future reference in an investigation or audit.
	6. Organisational methods Organising operations to facilitate the fight against money laundering. Financial intermediaries take the necessary measures in their respective fields to prevent money laundering, notably by making sure employees and auditors are properly trained.
Chapter 2	Adjustment of the summary due to stricter due diligence obligations of financial intermediaries:
Summary	Due diligence and reporting requirements of banks
	Banks operating in Switzerland must respect six requirements on due diligence and three others in cases where money laundering is suspected. The FINMA is the supervisory authority responsible for enforcing these requirements. • Due diligence obligations are: – Identifying the client,
	 Identifying the beneficial owner, and Re-identifying the contracting party and the beneficial owner periodically, Specific due diligence obligations in the event of suspicious circumstances, Documentation, and Organisation.
Answer 6	Adaptation of answer 56 due to the stricter due diligence obligation for financial intermediaries: Suggested answer:
	Identification of the contracting party
	6. Organisational measures 2. Identification of the beneficial owner
	Requirements
	Record keeping 3. Periodic re-identification of contracting party/beneficial owner
	Special due diligence obligations in the event of suspicion and significant risk

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3.1.1 When should identity be verified?	Adjustment of the details due to stricter due diligence obligation for financial intermediaries:		
	Verifying a client's identity when opening an account		
	A typical example of where identity verification is required is the opening of a new account. This is examined in further detail in "Deposit services". Following, briefly, are the most important elements:		
	 The client's identity must be verified before the account is opened. The account (or safe-deposit box) is said to be opened when it has been created. If identification of the client and the beneficial owner is delayed and there is already a credit pending on the account, the bank must ensure that missing documents are received within 30 days. The client is not allowed to make withdrawals during this period. If the bank does not receive the documents at the end of this 30-day period, it must freeze the account so that no further deposits may be made. If money laundering is suspected, the bank should not suspend the business relationship, but should notify the appropriate authorities. The bank may only terminate the business relationship itself if it does not receive notification within 40 working days of a report that the reported information will be forwarded to a law enforcement authority. However, the MROS must be informed immediately if the relationship is terminated. To prevent the existence of anonymously held funds and to identify clients, existing bearer savings books must be converted into an account the first time the client comes to the bank. The identity of clients wishing to close the account must always be verified, even for sums of less than CHF 15,000. Verifying the client's identity over the course of the business relationship. Bank employees must exercise the same diligence when a business or individual changes their name (following marriage, e.g.) as when identity is verified for the first time. Identification must be carried out periodically, annually for high-risk business relationships and at intervals of no more than 7-10 years for low-risk relationships. All clients must be identified. Anonymous accounts do not exist in the Swiss banking system. There are two exceptions to this rule however: In the case of a rental surety account as defined in Article 257 of the Swiss Code of Obligations, a client's identity		
Chapter 3	Adjustment of the summary due to the stricter due diligence obligation for financial intermediaries:		
Summary	Identifying the beneficial owner		
	Form A must be filled out:		
	when the bank knows the client is not the beneficial owner; when the bank supposts the client is not the beneficial owner;		
	 when the bank suspects the client is not the beneficial owner; when a business relationship is established via correspondence; 		
	for teller operations of amounts exceeding CHF 15,000;		
	when the client is a domiciliary company (unless it is listed on the stock exchange); or		
	when lawyers or notaries act as wealth managers and manage the assets of their clients.		

Section	Deposit Services
3.1.1 Compliance with anti-money laundering legislation	Adjustment due to stricter due diligence requirements for financial intermediaries: Identification of the contracting party and of the beneficial owner The Money Laundering Act provides for self-regulation of banking sector institutions involved in financial intermediation. Banks establish their own guidelines for fighting money laundering and submit them to the appropriate supervisory authority for approval. The Agreement on Due Diligence (CDB) predates the Money Laundering Act, in fact. One of a bank's main responsibilities is to identify the contracting party ("know your customer") and the
	beneficial owner.

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	retain identification docur	ions on the procedure for suspected money laundering and the obligation to ments due to the revision of the AMLA:	
	Suspicion of money lau		
	· ·	mployee suspects money laundering when verifying the identity of a new client?	
	In this situation, the account is not opened and a report is submitted to the internal money launderi reporting office, which instigates the next steps.		
	What happens if a bank employee has a justified suspicion of money laundering in the case of an exist client? The Money Laundering Act provides for the following process:		
	 Immediate reporting to the internal anti-money laundering department. All banks should have such a service. The bank employee must immediately communicate his suspicions, after which the internal department will take over. Immediate reporting to the national Money Laundering Reporting Office (MROS). The ammoney laundering department conducts inquiries, fills out a report form and forwards it immediate to the national office in case of suspicion. Clarification by the Money Laundering Reporting Office. During this time, the bank may continue executing client orders. The Money Laundering Reporting Office informs the bank that it is forwarding the report to the prosecuting authority. The assets must now be frozen immediately. This freezing lasts for a maximum of five business days. Either a criminal case is opened and the assets remain frozen of the assets are released again. 		
	 If the bank does not receive notification within 40 working days that the information has been forwarded to a law enforcement authority, it has the right to terminate the business relationship. If it does so, however, MROS must be informed immediately. 		
	During the entire course of this process, the concerned party may not be informed of the report. Cf. als "Money Laundering" module Chapter 2.2.1.		
	Banks create a file on each	uments used in the client identification process h client. This file, which is usually stored electronically, contains the documents erify the client's identity (copy of official identification, signed check list, signed	
	end, to check, if necessary opens an investigation int	es for at least 10 years, including after the business relationship has come to an y, whether a person's identity was properly verified. If the appropriate authority to money laundering, the bank managing the account must be able to prove in lient's identity with the required diligence; if it cannot, it is liable.	
3.3.1 Identification of	Adjustment due to stricter	r due diligence obligation for financial intermediaries:	
the beneficial owner for account openings	Identification and determi	ination of the beneficial owner in the case of legal entities	
	the legal entity	 Company based in Switzerland and listed in the trade register. The identity check is performed by means of the trade register certificate that is not more than 12 months old. As all trade registers can now be accessed via internet, it is also possible to perform this check electronically. The bank can also check in the Teledata databank or the Swiss Official Gazette of Commerce (SOGC) whether the company is listed in the trade register. Company based in Switzerland and not listed in the trade register (associations and other groups). In this case, the identity check is performed by means of the charter (founding documents) and the minutes of the annual general meeting. This enables the person instructed to open the account to prove that the company actually exists. 	
	the natural person opening an incommendation in incommendation in its matter in its ma	addition, the natural person who is opening the bank account for the company must also be identified. This is done in the same way as for private dividuals (identification document and certificate of authenticity if the account being opened by correspondence). Furthermore, it must be clarified and documented that the person opening the account is actually authorized to open an account for the company.	

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	Determination and identification of the beneficial owner	 When identifying unlisted operating legal entities or partnerships, in addition to the identity check, the controller must be determined. In Switzerland, operating legal entities work to produce a good or service, for example. The identity of the controller is determined by means of "Form K". If the client is not an operationally active company but rather a domiciliary company, the identity of the beneficial owner of the domiciliary company's assets must be determined using "Form A". The control holder/beneficial owner must also be identified.
Chapter 3	Additional bullet point i	in case of suspicion of money laundering:
Summary	Suspicion of money	laundering
	If money laundering is:	suspected, the bank must proceed as follows:
	2. The internal deparence Reporting Office 3. Clarification by tocuted. 4. The Money Launce the assets are from If the bank does not recovered to a law enforce warded to a law enforce.	ting to the internal anti-money laundering department. artment will file a report immediately with the national Money Laundering (MROS). he Money Laundering Reporting Office. Client orders may continue to be exedering Reporting Office decides how to proceed. If a criminal case is opened, experted for a maximum of five business days. Desire notification within 40 working days that the information has been forement authority, it has the right to terminate the business relationship. If it DS must be informed immediately.
		ter due diligence obligation for financial intermediaries:
	Opening an account	
	The identity check	7/ 1 V 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
	ing the account and Companies not lis	on the trade register: trade register certificate, proof of identity of person opend of the controlling person. sted on trade register: charter/minutes of annual general meeting, proof of idening the account and of the controlling person.

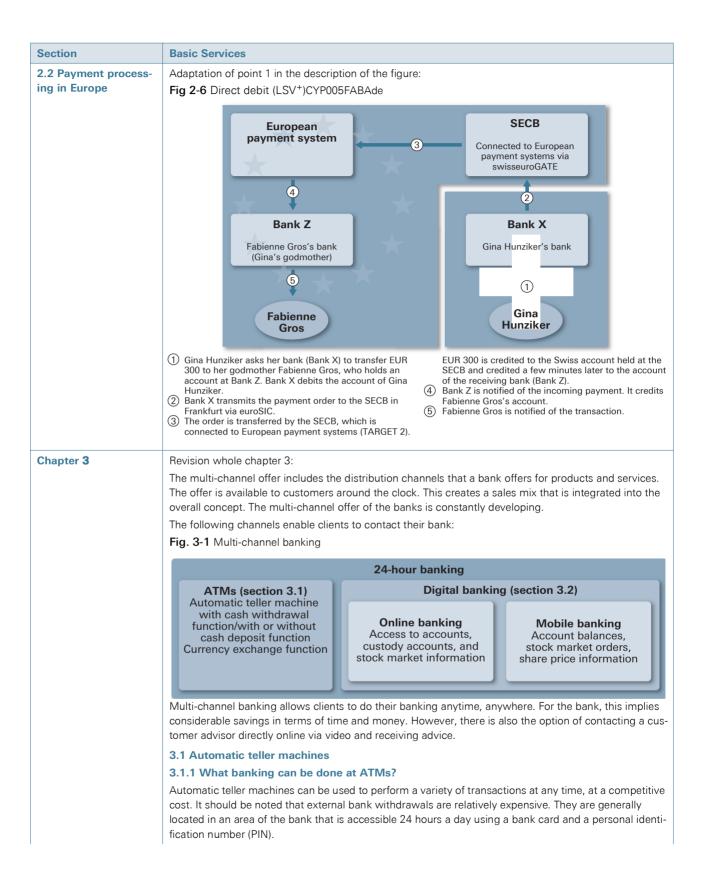
Section	Basic Services
Introduction	The Maestro card is no longer offered by the banks. Therefore, the entry has been adapted accordingly: Patrick and Gina Hunziker live in Langenthal, where they created "Health and Fitness", a clinic specialised in nutritional counselling and sports massage therapy for professional athletes. The Hunziker's handle cash and checkable deposits on a daily basis.
	 When a client pays for a massage using bills and coins, this is referred to as a cash transaction. The money moves directly from the debtor to the creditor. Cash is usually used for small, day-to-day purchases. It is very inconvenient, for two reasons: not only can it be stolen or lost at any moment, it does not earn interest either. When Patrick uses his debit card at a shop counter to pay for purchases, he is making what is referred to as a non-cash transaction – no bills or coins are involved. The transfer is an electronic
	transaction between Patrick's bank account and that of the creditor's account (in this case, the store).

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1.1.1 Debit cards	The Maestro card is no longer offered by the banks. Therefore, chapter 1.1.1 has been adjusted accord-			
	ingly:			
	What is a debit card?			
	Debit cards are used to make non-cash purchases and to withdraw cash from ATMs . The amount withdrawn is automatically debited from the client's account. The following cards are widely used in Switzerland: Debit Mastercard, Visa Debit, Maestro card, V			
	Pay card, issued by banks, and the PostFinance card. Currently, the banks are in the process of			
	replacing the Maestro card and the V Pay card with the Visa Debit and the Debit Mastercard. Unlike the Maestro card, these offer the possibility of using them for purchases on the internet. They are also com-			
	patible with mobile payment systems such as Apple Pay or Google Pay. The Maestro card and the V Pay card can probably still be used until the expiry date printed on them or they will be replaced early by the			
	banks.			
	All debit cards now have a contactless function described in detail in section 1.1.3, p. 12.			
	Visa Debit and Debit Mastercard provide all of the essential payment functions required in everyday use.			
	Obtaining a debit card The debit card is directly linked to the account of the cardholder (hence the requirement to hold a bank			
	account). Card application forms are available at bank branches or on their websites. Debit card terms and conditions are identical for all cardholders. The card is subject to an annual fee, and is automatically			
	renewed every two to three years.			
	Main features of a debit card			
	The debit card has a chip on the front. The chip enables cash withdrawals and payments to be processed in accordance with international standards. On the back, there is a magnetic strip that contains all of the			
	information required for processing and authorisation.			
	The following illustrations show the main features of a debit card. Each bank of course designs its own			
	version of the card.			
	Fig. 1-2 Main features of a debit card			
	Front			
	Logo of the account holding ————————————————————————————————————			
	bank			
	Chip —— Contactless function logo			
	40 % %			
	16-digit card number ——— 1234 5678 9012 3456			
	CardholderFRED SMITH			
	name			
	Back			
	Manustinatio			
	Magnetic strip			
	Period of validity (expiry date) Valid thru CVC Card verification number			
	International Rank			
	Account Number CH99 9999 9999 9999 9			
	Harrison dakit aanda ha raad?			
	How can debit cards be used? Fig 1-3 Using a debit card			
	rig i o comg a dobit outd			
	A debit card can be used:			
	to withdraw cash to pay for products			
	from ATM machines and services Purchases on the Internet or over the counter without using cash			

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	Loss of a debit card If a debit card is lost or stolen, the cardholder must immediately contact his or her bank using their 24-hour hotline and/or app to cancel the card. Once this is done, the card can no longer be used and will be confiscated if inserted into an ATM.
	To avoid being held responsible for transactions following the theft of their card, clients have to follow certain procedures. They must, in particular:
	 sign the back of their debit card as soon as they receive it; store their card and PIN safely and apart from one another; not share their PIN and above all not write it on the debit card, even backwards; when modifying their PIN, choose a number that is difficult to guess (rather than a telephone number, birth date or licence plate number); immediately report the loss of their card. If the loss goes initially unnoticed, clients must notify the bank in writing within 30 days of receiving their account statement. Important: This list of procedures is not exhaustive.
	Comment
	Geographical settings
	The use of the debit card is geographically restricted by the banks as standard for better protection against skimming. Different banks will also call this security measure "country settings", "geoblocking" or "geocontrol". For security reasons, banks activate the use of debit cards only for Europe . If a client will be spending time outside Europe, they can temporarily add new countries to their debit card's scope of validity.
	What is "skimming"?
	Skimming means manipulating machines that take cards (e.g. ATMs, railway station ticket machines or pay-at-pump points at petrol stations). The criminals introduce special devices onto or into the machine that copy – "skim off" – the information stored in the magnetic strip along a debit or credit card and reveal its PIN.
	They use the stolen data to make copies of the cards and then make cash withdrawals outside Europe. Copies of this kind cannot be used within Europe because all transactions at European ATMs are processed via the copy-proof chip on the card rather than its magnetic strip. Setting a geographical restriction to only include Europe makes the copies of these cards worthless as it prevents any thefts from the relevant account being perpetrated outside Europe.
1.1.2 Credit cards	Addition on liability in case of loss of credit card (new section):
	If a lost credit card is reported in good time and the duty of care is observed, the cardholder's bank will generally assume full responsibility for any losses resulting from misuse of the card by third parties.
1.1.4 Mobile Payment	Supplement to the "Swiss Bankers" app: The "Swiss Bankers" app makes it possible not only to pay for online purchases, but also to make money transfers. This allows users to manage a wide range of receiving channels such as Mastercard cards, bank accounts, digital wallets, cash pickup points and other Swiss Bankers cards.

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1.1.5 Travel card	The Maestro card	is no longer offered	d by the bar	nks. Th	erefore, fig. 8 has	been adjus	ted according	ıly:
	Travel Free, although there is a loading fee of 1.5% of the amount loaded	EUR 7.50 / USD 7.50 / CHF 7.50 fee per withdrawal	Free worldwide	Free	Valid in accordance with details printed on card. If such details are absent, valid for 5 years. No ceiling (certain ATMs may impose withdrawal limits)	Very secure. Card protected by PIN. Reloadable, not linked to a bank account	Perfect complement to other payment methods such as credit cards	
	Excursus: Travellers cheques Commission (1% of total amount sold). Cashing them in is 1–2% cheaper than	Sometimes can be cashed in for free. Preferential exchange rate. Fees reimbursed (1% of face value of cheques) upon presentation of receipts	Free worldwide, generally within 24 hours, courier	service if necessary Free, hotline service	Accepted worldwide, valid indefinitely. Available in a variety of currencies	Very secure. Most accepted for payment in hotels, shops, restaurants, etc. (especially in the US)		
	Credit card Annual fee (CHF 50–200)	Depending on bank (usually 3–5% or CHF 10 minimum)	1.5 –1.75% depending on bank Generally within 48h, worldwide	Vary depending on card type	Accepted worldwide; 3-year validity period	Useful for non-cash pur- chases anywhere in the world	Hold onto purchase receipts. Cancel card immediately if lost or stolen	
	Debit card Annual fee approx. CHF 40 to CHF 200, depending on the type of card	Vary from one issuing bank to another (CHF 5 per withdrawal, for example)	CHF 1.50 per payment Some banks will also replace cards abroad	Vary from bank to bank	Accepted worldwide at any place of business displaying the Visa and Mastercard logo; 2–3 year validity period	Accepted almost everywhere in the world	Do not write PIN down anywhere. Cancel card immediately if lost or stolen	
	Payment method Fees	International cash withdrawal fees	Fees for use abroad Replacement if lost	Replacement costs	Validity/acceptance/ ceiling	Advantages	User tips	

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Chapter 1 Summary	The Maestro card is no longer offered by the banks. Therefore, the summary has been adjusted accordingly: Payment methods Electronic, or bank money is increasingly becoming the norm. The Debit Mastercard and Visa Debit are the most popular debit cards on the market today. They can be used for the following transactions:
	to withdraw cash from ATM machines or over the counter A debit card can be used: to pay for products and services without using cash Purchases on the Internet
	Credit cards are used to make non-cash purchases and withdraw cash anywhere in the world.
	Four major credit card types
	MasterCard Visa American Express Diners Club
Task 1	The Maestro card is no longer offered by the banks. Therefore, tasks 1 and 3 and their solutions have been adapted accordingly: What are three ways in which a debit card can be used?
Task 3	What is the main difference between a debit card (e.g. Debit Mastercard) and a credit card?
Answer 1	To withdraw cash from ATMs and over the counter To purchase goods and services or to pay at refuelling stations without using cash
Answer 3	 For purchases on internet Unlike a debit card, a credit card payment is not debited from the client's account immediately, but only at the end of a billing cycle.



Section	Fig. 3-2 Functions of ATMs		
		Automatic teller machines	
	Cash withdrawal function	Cash withdrawal and deposit function, Currency exchange function	No cash withdrawal function (Automatic service machine)

Cash withdrawal function

These ATMs are cash dispensers that clients access with their bank card. When withdrawals are made at ATMs of their own bank, clients may also check their balances and recent movements on their accounts or change their PIN. Many ATMs dispense both EUR and CHF

Cash withdrawal and deposit function, currency exchange function

In addition to these basic functions, clients can also deposit cash at some ATMs, provided the machines belong to the client's bank. Some ATMs accept deposits exclusively in CHF, while others accept both CHF and EUR. ATMs with deposit functions are increasingly replacing night deposit boxes.

Banks have developed special PIN-less cards exclusively for cash deposits; they do not provide access to account balances or allow cash withdrawals.

In many cases, ATMs also offer the possibility to withdraw foreign currencies (money exchange function).

Example

Patrick and Gina Hunziker saw many customers at their clinic today, some for massage appointments, others for nutritional counselling. Business has been so steady recently that the Hunziker's have not had time to deposit the week's earnings at the bank. They want to do so today without fail, to avoid leaving large sums of cash at the clinic. They take CHF 750 from the cash register, deposit the money at an ATM and receive a deposit slip. The ATM offers the same security as a night deposit box.

ATMs with no cash withdrawal function (Automatic service machine)

These are self-service terminals for bank clients only, and are used for non-withdrawal services such as paying bills or checking account balances.

3.1.2 Advantages for clients and banks

Advantages for clients

With ATMs, clients can perform certain transactions outside opening hours at a more competitive cost than conventional banking channels. Sometimes ATM transactions are even free.

ATMs may be used by all clients except those holding accounts from which no withdrawals may be made (e.g. pillar 3a retirement accounts).

Fig. 3-3 Selling points for ATMs

Flexibility	24-hour banking
Simplicity	User-friendly terminals
Variety of features	Several services are offered
Cost-effectiveness	Few or no fees
Security	PIN protection

Advantages for banks

The following are the main advantages for banks:

- since clients can perform most transactions themselves, client advisors have more time to dedicate to customer support.
- clients are **responsible** for their own transactions.
- automated processing of transactions reduces costs for the bank.
- clients are able to use automatic teller machines without detailed instructions. They may need
 assistance in the form of support for first-time use.

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	3.2 Digital banking Definition: Digital banking is tion and bank opening hours Internet. Clients can access of day banking needs, such as of placing stock market orders. Online banking is highly popular of payments online. With digital banking, however to various banking services. Fig. 3-4 Typical online bank	s. In digital banking, the conservices offered via mobil checking account balance with the conservation of	sustomer connects to the bale, Internet, or the bank's IT es, printing bank statements d business clients, who toda	ank's computer via the network for their every- s, transferring money or ay make a large number
	Accounts	Payments	Custody accounts	Financial assistants
	check balances check recent movements print statements manage credit and debit cards (e.g. card limits) query credit card transactions	in Switzerland and abroad in CHF or a foreign currency transfer funds between accounts set up, modify or cancel standing orders check/modify standing orders check recent payments	check balances set up, modify or cancel stock market orders check financial market information	 analysis of personal expenses budget planning manage savings targets
	Online banking is continually ing (e.g. mortgages), trading Access conditions To access online banking, cl	in cryptocurrencies, etc	on also includes interactive	consultations, contract-
	 a computer or mobile de Internet access (Provider an account or custody at a digital banking contract 	evices (smartphone or tab r contract); ccount with the bank;		
	Online banking is available to to remember that Internet us Well over half of all logins to tablets.	se may be subject to restr	rictions in some countries.	·
	Security features Security features must guara the bank. Fraudsters (known as cybero their criminal ends.	·		
	"Phishing", for instance, is account information and log and that they need to change link, they will be redirected to bank's homepage. The fraud name or misuse their gradity.	in details (e.g. user name e them by following the li o a website faked by the Ister will then use the sto	e and password) are no long nk provided in the e-mail. If fraudster that could easily	ger secure or up to date the client clicks on this be mistaken for their

name or misuse their credit card.

Section **Basic Services** "Pharming", on the other hand, involves the fraudster accessing the website's server, manipulating it so that, when the bank client types their bank's Internet address (URL) into their browser, they do not notice that they have been taken to a bogus site. The client enters their login details on this site, which are then passed on to the fraudster. Pharming is thus a more sophisticated form of fraud than phishing. However, the banks do put up certain barriers to keep their digital banking services secure. For instance, 256-bit SSL encryption is used to protect all digital banking transactions, meaning that clients do not need any extra encryption software. The system uses SSL technology to automatically encrypt any data transmitted online, protecting it against professional fraudsters. SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) is a highly secure protocol that has been tested and approved by Swiss banks. Furthermore, access to digital banking takes place with various authorisation features such as contract number, personal password, **2FA** via separate APP (**pushTAN** and **photoTAN**) or offline tools (photo-TAN). "Pharming", on the other hand, involves the fraudster accessing the website's server, manipulating it so that, when the bank client types their bank's Internet address (URL) into their browser, they do not notice that they have been taken to a bogus site. The client enters their login details on this site, which are then passed on to the fraudster. Pharming is thus a more sophisticated form of fraud than phishing. However, the banks do put up certain barriers to keep their digital banking services secure. For instance, 256-bit SSL encryption is used to protect all digital banking transactions, meaning that clients do not need any extra encryption software. The system uses SSL technology to automatically encrypt any data transmitted online, protecting it against professional fraudsters. SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) Fig. 3-5 Security features to log into digital banking Authentication Contract number Password 2FA via separate app (pushTAN and photoTAN) or offline tools (photoTAN)

Example

Patrick Hunziker often does his banking online, checking his accounts and investments almost daily. On the advice of his investment advisor, he decides to buy 10 Nestlé shares and places the stock market order himself online to save on brokerage fees.

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	Patrick starts by signing in	Patrick starts by signing in. The system prompts him for the following information:		
	Contract number	849302		
	Password	XXXXX		
	1 0330010	7000001		
	Via a separate app, he rec gives him access to e-bar	reives a QR code, which he must photograph via a separate bank app. This then nking.		
	enter the stock market or	bugh the entry screen so that even Mr Hunziker, as a "non-banking expert", can der without any problems. A few days after entering the stock exchange order, the written order confirmation from his bank.		
	The SwissID should also be a wide range of sectors. In Credit Suisse, Raiffeisen, members. The SwissID is	be mentioned in this context. SwissID was launched jointly by companies from addition to state-owned companies, insurance companies and health insurers, SIX, UBS, Zürcher Kantonalbank and the Cantonal Bank of Geneva are also intended to create a uniform digital identity. However, due to a currently missh electronic identities are not as strong as ID/passport.		
	More information on Swis	ssID can be found here: www.swissid.ch		
		r anomalies using complex IT systems known as ADS (anomaly detection ect potential client risks automatically. In the case of credit cards, for instance, re identified and reported.		
	3.2.1 Kundennutzen un	nd Banknutzen		
	Kundennutzen			
	Mit dem digitalen Banking kann der Kunde von unterwegs, zu Hause oder vom Geschäft aus seine Bar geschäfte erledigen. Der Kunde ist nicht mehr an die Öffnungszeiten der Bank gebunden und kann seir Konti und Depots vom Computer aus oder via Telefon bewirtschaften.			
	Fig. 3-6 Verkaufsargume	nte digitales Banking		
	Simplicity	User-friendly systems		
	Flexibility	24-hour banking		
	Cost-effectiveness	Few or no fees		
	Security	Multi-level		
	Variety of features	Various transactions and queries possible, communication such as writing messages or online identification		
	Advantages for banks			
		n advantages of digital banking for banks:		
	Automated processin	g of transactions reduces costs for the bank.		
	'	transactions themselves, making payments largely automated . sks, client advisors have more time to dedicate to customer support .		

Section	The Swiss National Bank
All chapters	No corrections identified.

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