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Company Description

Alvarez & Marsal (A&M) is a global professional services firm specialising in turnaround and interim management, performance improvement and business advisory services. A&M delivers specialist operational, consulting and industry expertise to management and investors seeking to accelerate performance, overcome challenges and maximise value across the corporate and investment lifecycles. The firm is known for its distinctive heritage, hands-on approach and relentless focus on execution and results.

A&M was founded in 1983 when Tony Alvarez II and Bryan Marsal recognised the opportunity to provide radically different advice and hands-on support to organisations facing operational and financial hurdles – situations demanding action, objectivity and real results. Committed to its core values, A&M has since evolved from a boutique player to a leading global professional services firm, setting the standard for working with organisations to solve complex problems, boost operating performance and maximise value for stakeholders. Our more than 5,500 professionals spanning across 69 offices located in North America, Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Latin America, constitute a diverse group of industry experts.

Our team of seasoned experts and dispute specialists provide end-to-end advisory services across investigation and litigation lifecycles, in context of anti-bribery and corruption, anti-cartel, regulatory inquiries, complex financial disputes, accounting irregularities, M&A disputes, security breaches, intellectual property theft, employment disputes and other general frauds. A&M's professionals includes:

- Forensic technologists;
- Digital investigators;
- Structured data analysis specialists;
- Cyber security specialists;
- Forensic accountants;
- Former industry executives;
- Former regulators;
- Former law enforcement officers;
- PhD economists;
- Banking and securities professionals;
- Certified Fraud Examiners;
- Chartered Financial Analysts; and
- Information governance professionals.

Vendor Offerings

A&M's Forensic Technology professionals are located in major cities around the world and we have data hosting centres strategically placed in major cities in the U.S., U.K., Germany, Switzerland, UAE, Brazil, India, Hong Kong and mainland China so that we can deploy our expertise at a moment's notice and accommodate jurisdictional data regulations.

Our Forensic Technology Services practice provides repeatable, auditable and proven solutions by combining our operational experience with innovative, legally prudent procedures and the "appropriate" technology.

This allows A&M to deliver rapid response to requests for electronic information; accurate results with fewer surprises; and reduction in costs by elimination of unnecessary efforts.

Our core competencies within our Forensic Technology Services practice stretch across the information lifecycle, with specialisation in the management, extraction, analysis and presentation of vast volumes and complexities of electronic information.

A&M's collaborative approach to discovery management involves working alongside outside counsel, the clients' internal team and other professionals to deliver a comprehensive solution, combining advanced technology and expert advisory services to deliver strategic value.

A&M is tool-agnostic and continuously assess the leading tools in the industry that will best complement A&M's methodologies. Additionally, we are enthusiastic about customising our workflow according to the requirements from the client and establishing maximum efficiency and high quality. To this affect, we utilise a combination of third-party software and internally developed tools as appropriate. Some of the third-party tools currently utilised within A&M include Relativity, Brainspace Nuix, EnCase, FTK, Cellebrite Inspector and Cellebrite mobile forensics packages, in addition to other workflow management, support and reporting platforms.

We regularly support large scale electronic document review exercises across multiple review platforms and regions, but some of our highlight credentials include:

- Relativity Certified Partner with 12+ years Relativity support.
- 25+ dedicated review managers, between 9 and 13 years Relativity experience (including Relativity certified Administrators, Experts and Masters), strategically located throughout the US, Europe and Asia.
- Over 300 individual Relativity workspaces supported with more than 80M documents hosted largest workspace has over 30 million unique documents.
- Extensive experience in deployment of efficient review work flows incorporating advanced analytics features, including email threading, near-duplicate identification, Continuous Active Learning (CAL) and Technology-Assisted Review (TAR).
- Multiple self-developed custom platform workflows, applications, objects and advanced field deployments, including participant and domain parsing and categorisation tools, advanced Pivot-based analytics, and redaction propagation.
- Global hosting and mobile review platform deployment and support.