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Diese #vatniksoup stellt einen österreichischen flüchtigen Geschäftsmann & russischen Agenten vor, Jan Marsalek (@derJanMarsalek). Er ist bekannt für den Wirecard-Skandal und dafür, dass er Geld an russische Geheimdienste und PMC Wagner Operationen geleitet hat.

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Polizeipräsidium
München

Fraud in the billions

Public Prosecutor's Office of Munich I, Police Headquarters in Munich and the BKA are asking for your help!

Jan MARSALEK, ex board member of Wirecard AG, is strongly suspected of having committed billions in commercial gang fraud, the particularly serious case of embezzlement and other property and economic offences. He is currently on the run.



2017



2019

Jan MARSALEK *15.03.1980

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Can you provide any information on Jan MARSALEK's whereabouts?

We ask you to give your information to the PP Munich on **+49 (0) 89 / 29 100** or any other police station. You can also use the Bavarian Police contact form at www.polizei.bayern.de.
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Auch Jans Großvater, Hans Maršálek, wurde verdächtigt ein russischer Spion zu sein. Hans, ein überzeugter Sozialist, soll den Sowjets geholfen haben mindestens 4 Menschen zu entführen und sie illegal nach Moskau zu bringen, wo sie gefoltert und verhört wurden.

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Österreich gilt allgemein als ein Drehpunkt für russische Spionage. Ein Thema, über das ich bereits berichtet habe:

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Marsalek begann 2000 für das Unternehmen Wirecard zu arbeiten. 2010 wurde er dort Geschäftsführer. Anfangs konzentrierte sich die Firma auf Online-Zahlungstransaktionen in der Porno- & Glücksspielbranche, expandierte aber bald aggressiv durch Ankauf anderer Firmen.

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When the Austrian came to the predecessor company of Wirecard at the beginning of the millennium, the startup threatened to go under in the course of the new economy crash. Braun stabilized the company and focused on the major trend topic with which Wirecard still earns its money today: payment transactions on the Internet. In the early years, customers were mainly from the porn and gambling industry, which is why Wirecard initially attached a dirty image. Later on, more serious industries such as airlines and retailers were added.

Wirecard verbarg finanzielle Probleme mit Wachstum von Einnahmen aus externen Quellen & mit künstlichem Hochtreiben von Profiten. Wirecard ging auch aggressiv gegen Kritiker vor und bezahlte sogar einen Hacker, um Firmen zu infiltrieren, die Wirecard kritisierten.

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The Big Read **Wirecard AG** [+ Add to myFT](#)

Wirecard's suspect accounting practices revealed

FT Investigation: internal documents from the payments company point to a concerted effort to fraudulently inflate sales and profits

Dan McCrum in London OCTOBER 15 2019



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Executive at Wirecard suspected of using forged contracts

Internal presentation pointed to possible 'falsification of accounts'



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Other victims included government officials, companies critical of defunct German-based payment processor Wirecard

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2019 veröffentlichte die Financial Times eine Reihe von Reportagen sowie Beschwerden von Informanten & interne Dokumente, die den langfristigen Betrug der Firma aufdeckten. Juni 2020 meldete Wirecard Insolvenz an, als bekannt wurde, dass 1,9 Mrd. EUR verschwunden waren.
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Germany's beleaguered Wirecard to proceed with business after insolvency

Reuters

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Kurz darauf wurde Marsalek gekündigt & floh. Den Kollegen sagte er, dass er auf die Philippinen reisen würde um seine Unschuld zu beweisen. Dann verschwand er. Eine Untersuchung von @bellingcat, @derspiegel & @thisisinsider ergab, dass Jan nach Minsk, Weißrussland, flog.

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World's Most Wanted Man Jan Marsalek Located in Belarus; Data Points to Russian Intel Links

July 18, 2020 FSB Germany

It can safely be assumed that Jan Marsalek is currently one of the most hunted-for persons on earth. The company he oversaw operationally, Germany's Wirecard, collapsed overnight last month after auditors brought attention to a nearly 2 billion Euro gaping hole in its balance sheet. The hole was the result of the recognition that cash of the same amount – which was thought to be sitting in third-party trustee bank accounts in the East Asia – a coding and processing hub for Wirecard – was in fact not there. The 40-year-old Austrian citizen **Jan Marsalek**, COO of Wirecard since 2010, was in charge of the company's Asian operations.

On 18 June 2020 the management team – including Jan Marsalek was fired. He told his colleagues that he was going to the Philippines to chase and find the missing billions, in order to prove his innocence. Later that day he went missing as well. While airline bookings and immigration records showed he had made his way to Manila on the 23 June

Juli 2020 berichtete Das Handelsblatt, dass Marsalek in Russland vermutet wurde, wo er unter Aufsicht des russischen GRU in einer Villa nahe von Moskau leben sollte. Laut Die Welt war Marsalek in einem russischen FSB-Ausbildungszentrum in Balaschicha, ein Vorort von Moskau.



Ex-Wirecard manager on the run Marsalek is to be near Moscow

Marsalek is to cooperate with the Russian secret service. After his escape, he is no longer suspected in Belarus, but near Moscow.

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Ex-Wirecard Exec Still in Moscow After Year On the Run – Reports

June 15, 2021



Jan Marsalek fled the European Union after Wirecard admitted to "elaborate and sophisticated fraud."

EPA / TASS

Ab 2020 waren an Jan viele westliche Geheimdienste wegen seiner Geschäfte mit dem GRU interessiert. In München wohnte er gegenüber dem  Konsulat. Marsalek soll über die Österreichisch-Russische Freundschaftsgesellschaft Kontakt zum russischen Geheimdienst geknüpft haben.

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Geheimdienstler sagten, dass Wirecard verdeckte 🇷🇺 Aktionen finanzierte & für Bezahlung von Informanten, militärischen Auftragnehmern, geheimen Projekten & Waffenkäufe benutzt wurde. Jan forderte von Arbeitern der Wirecard Bank gegen Datenschutzbestimmungen zu verstoßen.

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Western intelligence and security official sources told the Journal that Jan Marsalek used his position as Wirecard's COO from 2010 to 2020 to illegally fund Russian spy agencies' covert operations around the world, as well as provide assistance to the Russian mercenary group Wagner.

This involved helping to pay Russian intelligence officers and informants and funneling money into conflict zones in the Middle East and Africa, sources told the newspaper.

Marsalek scheint 🇷🇺 zu mögen; er hat das Land in den letzten 15 Jahren über 60x besucht. Laut @bellingcat umfasst seine Einwanderungsakte fast 600 Seiten. Seine Reisen dauerten in der Regel weniger als 24 Std, was darauf hindeutet, dass er nicht zum Sightseeing dort war.

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To Russia With Love

According to immigration data reviewed by Bellingcat, Marsalek was a frequent visitor of Russia, with over 60 trips to the country in the last 10 years. His immigration dossier numbers 597 pages, much more than any foreigner's file we have come across in over five years of investigations.

His initial trip was back in 2004, but after a six-year gap, he resumed visiting the country in 2010 when he joined the management board of Wirecard. His trips accelerated in 2014, when he traveled to Moscow 10 times, usually flying in and out within a day. The next year he traveled 7 times, again usually staying less than 24 hours in Moscow, with the exception of a one-week visit in February 2015 to Kazan, the capital of the Republic of Tatarstan.

Marsalek traveled to Russia on 6 different Austrian passports – not unusual given the stretch of time and the fact that Austria allows ownership of several passports, while disallowing dual citizenship. However, in addition to passports of his native country he appears to have flown in on other, less obvious identity documents too. Notably, all of his trips under these other documents have been purged from the border-crossing database – which is different than the migration dossier database.



Three passport photos from Marsalek's Austrian passports

Seit 2015 war Marsalek auch in Libyen tätig & versuchte eine Söldnertruppe aufzustellen, angeblich um die wirtschaftlichen Interessen des Landes zu schützen, in dem seit 2014 Bürgerkrieg herrscht. Russland nutzt PMCs wie Wagner um in Ländern wie Libyen Geld zu verdienen.

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Russian President Vladimir Putin and Central African Republic President Faustin-Archange Touadera met in October at the first Russia-Africa summit. RUSSIAN LOOK/ZUMA PRESS

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Russia Leans on Mercenary Forces to Regain Global Clout

Campaigns in Africa and the Middle East involve private security contractors and business interests with ties to Kremlin

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Seit 2017 sind Russlands PMCs in Libyen äußerst aktiv. Der erste Einsatz russischer und der PMC Wagner Truppen in dem Land fand in libyschen Industrieanlagen statt, von denen Herr Marsalek wiederholt behauptet hatte, dass sie ihm gehörten.

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Up to 1,200 deployed in Libya by Russian military group - U.N. report

By [Michelle Nichols](#) [Aa](#) [Share](#)

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UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) - Russian private military contractor Wagner Group has up to 1,200 people deployed in Libya, strengthening the forces of eastern-based military leader Khalifa Haftar, according to a confidential United Nations report seen by Reuters on Wednesday.

The 57-page report by independent sanctions monitors, submitted to the U.N. Security Council Libya sanctions committee, said the Russian contractor deployed forces in specialized military tasks, including sniper teams.

Er arbeitete mit der Österreichisch-Russischen Freundschaftsgesellschaft zusammen, indem er ihr geheime Akten des  Innenministeriums & des Sicherheitsdienstes BVT übergab. Weiters gab er der rechtsextremen  Partei FPÖ geopolitische Ratschläge und geheime Dokumente.

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The Friendship Society, which has courted criticism in the past because of its cosy relationship with Moscow, hit the Austrian headlines this week, after it was revealed that its finance secretary had been receiving classified documents from Mr Marsalek – illegally obtained from Austria’s interior ministry and security service – and passing them to the country’s far-right populist party, the FPÖ.



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Fugitive Wirecard manager was a secret FPÖ informant

The former Wirecard board member who went into hiding had excellent contacts with the secret services and the FPÖ. And he also had a hand in the BVT affair.

December 22, 2020 at 12:27 p.m.
by [Anna Thalhammer](#)

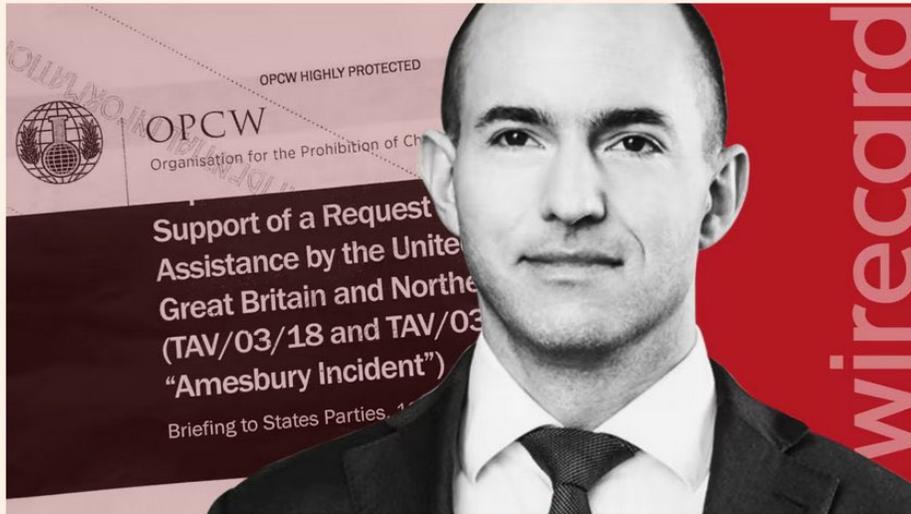
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Marsalek war auch im Besitz hochsensibler geheimer Berichte der Organisation für das Verbot chemischer Waffen, die er 2018 nach der Vergiftung der Skripals in Salisbury an Geschäftspartner weitergab. Er behauptete zudem, die Formel für Nowitschok zu besitzen.

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Wirecard executive Jan Marsalek touted Russian nerve gas documents

Vanished chief operating officer of fraud-hit payments group hinted at secret service links



Jan Marsalek with one of the confidential documents he showed to traders in London © FT montage

Paul Murphy, Dan McCrum and Helen Warrell in London JULY 9 2020



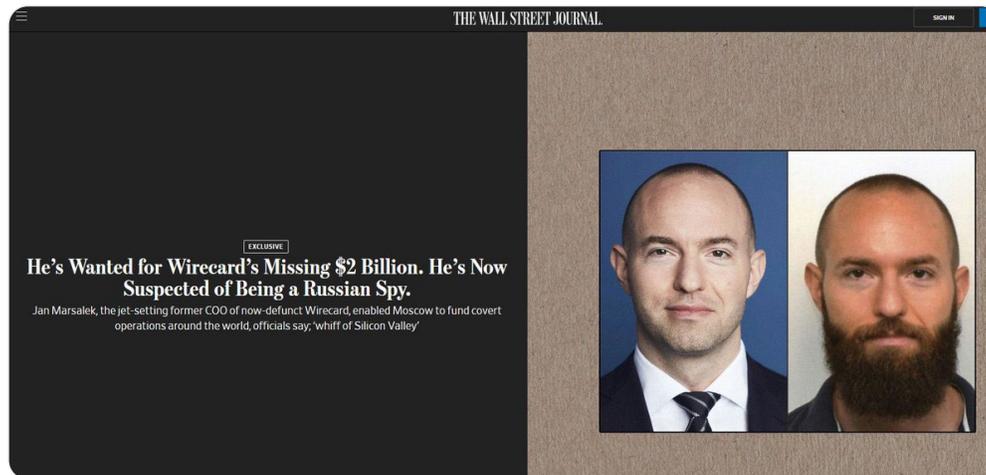
The classified papers held by Mr Marsalek included details of an investigation by the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons into the attack in Salisbury, in which former spy [Sergei Skripal](#) and his daughter Yulia were poisoned. The British government blamed the attack on two officers from Russia's GRU military intelligence unit.

The Skripals survived but Dawn Sturgess, a woman in the nearby town of Amesbury, later died after coming into contact with a container of the nerve agent.

Hamish de Bretton-Gordon, a former commander of the UK's chemical and biological weapons regiment, said: "These documents would be restricted to OPCW member states and should not be in the public domain."

Im Sept 2023 begann in  der Prozess von 5 Bulgaren die beschuldigt wurden, Teil eines russischen Spionagenetzes zu sein, denen Marsalek Aufträge gegeben hätte. Eine war eine preisgekrönte Kosmetikerin, die in London einen Kosmetiksalon namens Pretty Woman betrieb.

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Den Bulgaren wird ebenso vorgeworfen, dem  Staat bei der Planung von Entführungen in GB geholfen & eine Überwachungsaktion in Montenegro organisiert zu haben. Eine Ermittlung in 2023 fand, dass Jan mindestens vor 10 Jahren als russischer Agent angeworben worden war.

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Five to be charged in UK with spying for Russia

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Angeblich lebt Herr Marsalek derzeit in Dubai und reorganisiert die russischen Operationen in Afrika. Es wird sogar vermutet, dass er den verstorbenen Jewgeni Prigoschin als Direktor der Söldnerfirma Wagner ersetzen könnte.

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Heir to Prigozhin? Fuss about ex-Wirecard board member Jan Marsalek

December 17, 2023, 7:20 a.m

From: [Jakob Koch](#)

 Comments

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Putin's chef Yevgeny Prigozhin (left) died in a plane crash. Ex-Wirecard manager Jan Marsalek is apparently supposed to reorganize the Wagner empire in Africa. © IMAGO (2) / ZUMA Wire / Funke Photo Services

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