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Appendix: A List of Films About or Involving Fraud and Corruption

There are a number of films that have been produced over the last few years with a high degree of interest and relevance to the battle against fraud and corruption. No doubt you will have your own favourites from the following list (the details are reproduced from the IMDB film website) and maybe there are others that I have failed to mention:

1. **Rogue Trader** (1999)—The story of Nick Leeson, an ambitious investment broker who single-handedly bankrupted one of the oldest and most important banks (Barings Bank) in Britain. Director: James Dearden; Starring: Ewan McGregor, Anna Friel, Yves Beneyton, Betsy Brantley
2. **The Wolf of Wall Street** (2013)—Based on the true story of Jordan Belfort, from his rise to a wealthy stockbroker living the high life to his fall involving crime, corruption and the federal government. Director: Martin Scorsese; Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Jonah Hill, Margot Robbie, Matthew McConaughey
3. **The Wizard of Lies** (2017)—The fall of Bernie Madoff, whose Ponzi scheme robbed \$65 billion from unsuspecting victims; the largest fraud in US history. Director: Barry Levinson; Starring: Robert De Niro, Michelle Pfeiffer, Alessandro Nivola
4. **The Big Short** (2015) In 2006-7 a group of investors bet against the US mortgage market. In their research they discover how flawed and corrupt the market is. Director: Adam McKay; Starring: Christian Bale, Steve Carell, Ryan Gosling, Brad Pitt
5. **Catch Me If You Can** (2002)—A seasoned FBI agent pursues Frank Abagnale Jr. who, before his 19th birthday, successfully forged millions of dollars' worth of checks whilst posing as a Pan Am pilot, a doctor, and a legal prosecutor. Director: Steven Spielberg; Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hanks, Christopher Walken, Martin Sheen
6. **Margin Call** (2011)—Follows the key people at an investment bank, over a 24-hour period, during the early stages of the 2008 financial crisis. Director:

- J.C. Chandor; Starring: Zachary Quinto, Stanley Tucci, Kevin Spacey, Paul Bettany
7. **Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room** (2005)—Corporate audio and videotapes tell the inside story of the scandal involving one company's manipulation of California's energy supply and its, and how its executives wrung a billion dollars out of the resulting crisis. Director: Alex Gibney; Starring: Kenneth Lay, Peter Coyote, John Beard
 8. **Matchstick Men** (2003) A phobic con artist and his protégé are on the verge of pulling off a lucrative swindle when the former's teenage daughter arrives unexpectedly
 9. **Wall Street** (1987)—A young and impatient stockbroker is willing to do anything to get to the top, including trading on illegal inside information taken through a ruthless and greedy corporate raider who takes the youth under his wing. Director: Oliver Stone; Starring: Charlie Sheen, Michael Douglas, Tamara Tunie, Franklin Cover
 10. **Wall Street 2: Money Never Sleeps** (2010)—Now out of prison but still disgraced by his peers, Gordon Gekko works his future son-in-law, an idealistic stock broker, when he sees an opportunity to take down a Wall Street enemy and rebuild his empire. Director: Oliver Stone; Starring: Shia LaBeouf, Michael Douglas, Carey Mulligan, Josh Brolin
 11. **Too Big To Fail** (2011)—Chronicles the financial meltdown of 2008 and centres on Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson. Director: Curtis Hanson; Starring: James Woods, John Heard, William Hurt, Erin Dilly
 12. **Working Girl** (1988)—When a secretary's idea is stolen by her boss, she seizes an opportunity to steal it back by pretending she has her boss' job. Director: Mike Nichols; Starring: Melanie Griffith, Harrison Ford, Sigourney Weaver, Alec Baldwin
 13. **The Bank** (2001)—The Bank is a thriller about banking, corruption and alchemy. Director: Robert Connolly; Starring: David Wenham, Anthony LaPaglia, Sibylla Budd, Steve Rodgers
 14. **Boiler Room** (2000)—A college dropout, attempting to win back his father's high standards he gets a job as a broker for a suburban investment firm, which puts him on the fast track to success, but the job might not be as legitimate as it once appeared to be. Director: Ben Younger; Starring: Giovanni Ribisi, Vin Diesel, Nia Long, Nicky Katt
 15. **The Laundromat** (2019)—A widow investigates an insurance fraud chases leads to a pair of Panama City law partners exploiting the world's financial system. Director: Steven Soderbergh; Starring: Meryl Streep, Gary Oldman, Antonio Banderas
 16. **Betting on Zero** (2016, Documentary) Writer-Director: Ted Braun—about hedge fund titan Bill Ackman and Herbalife
 17. **Dirty Money** (2018 documentary series, Netflix)
 18. **L'Argent** (1983)—A forged 500-franc note is passed from person to person until carelessness leads to tragedy. Director: Robert Bresson, Writer: Leo

- Tolstoy (inspired by “Faux billet”), Stars: Christian Patey, Sylvie Van den Elsen, Michel Briguet
19. **Inside Job** (2010)—Takes a closer look at what brought about the 2008 financial meltdown. Stars: Matt Damon, Gylfi Zoega, Andri Snær Magnason. Director: Charles Ferguson
 20. **To Live and Die in LA** (1985)—A fearless Secret Service agent will stop at nothing to bring down the counterfeiter who killed his partner. Director: William Friedkin, Stars: William Petersen, Willem Dafoe, John Pankow
 21. **Floored** (2009)—For some people, risking everything is nothing. Director: James Allen Smith, Stars: Bobby Ansani, Jeff Ansani, Ron Beebe
 22. **The Inventor: Out for Blood in Silicon Valley** (2019)—The story of Theranos, a multi-billion dollar tech company, its founder Elizabeth Holmes, the youngest self-made female billionaire and the massive fraud that collapsed the company. Director: Alex Gibney, Stars: Alex Gibney, Elizabeth Holmes, Dan Ariely
 23. **Panic: The Untold Story of the 2008 Financial Crisis** (2018)—This documentary looks at the factors that led to the 2008 financial crisis and the efforts made by then Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, Federal Reserve Bank of New York President Timothy Geithner, and Federal Reserve Chair Ben Bernanke to save the United States from an economic collapse. Director: John Maggio, Stars: Gary Ackerman, Ben Bernanke, Jill Biden
 24. **Michael Clayton** (2007)—A law firm brings in its “fixer” to remedy the situation after a lawyer has a breakdown while representing a chemical company that he knows is guilty in a multibillion-dollar class action suit. Director: Tony Gilroy, Stars: George Clooney, Tilda Swinton, Tom Wilkinson
 25. **American Hustle** (2013)—A con man, Irving Rosenfeld, along with his seductive partner Sydney Prosser, is forced to work for a wild F.B.I. Agent, Richie DiMaso, who pushes them into a world of Jersey powerbrokers and the Mafia. Director: David O. Russell, Stars: Christian Bale, Amy Adams, Bradley Cooper
 26. **Can You Ever Forgive Me?** (2018)—When Lee Israel falls out of step with current tastes, she turns her art form to deception. Director: Marielle Heller, Stars: Melissa McCarthy, Richard E. Grant, Dolly Wells
 27. **Chasing Madoff** (2010)—A look at how one investigator spent 10 years trying to expose Bernie Madoff’s massive Ponzi scheme that scammed an estimated \$18 billion from investors. Director: Jeff Prosserman, Stars: Bernie Madoff, Frank Casey, Gaytri Kachroo
 28. **The Insider** (1999)—A research chemist comes under personal and professional attack when he decides to appear in a 60 Minutes exposé on Big Tobacco. Director: Michael Mann, Stars: Russell Crowe, Al Pacino, Christopher Plummer
 29. **Money Monster** (2016)—Financial TV host Lee Gates and his producer Patty are put in an extreme situation when an irate investor takes them and their crew as hostage. Director: Jodie Foster, Stars: George Clooney, Julia Roberts, Jack O’Connell
 30. **Bad Banks** (2018)—TV mini-series (12 episodes). Ambitious Jana is confronted with the unscrupulous machinations of the world of finance. Her

working life is determined by egotism, the pressure to succeed and machismo. She soon has to decide how far she is prepared to go for her career. Creator: Oliver Kienle, Stars: Paula Beer, Barry Atsma, Désirée Nosbusch

31. **Madoff** (2016)—TV mini-series. The rise and fall of Bernie Madoff, whose Ponzi scheme bilked \$65 billion from unsuspecting victims; the largest fraud in US history. Stars: Drew Gregory, Bruce Altman, Anthony Arkin
- 1: **Hard Nox**—VW’s corporate deceit. VW’s ‘clean diesel’ cars seemed like a dream come true for carbon conscious drivers—until a fraud of staggering proportions came to light.
- 2: **Payday**—Targeting unsuspecting Americans, a group of payday lenders made millions off small loans with undisclosed charges, inflated interest rates and incomprehensible rules. But the way the laws are written, is that a crime or just business? Targeting unsuspecting Americans, a group of payday lenders made millions off small loans with undisclosed charges, inflated interest rates and incomprehensible rules. But the way the laws are written, is that a crime or just business?
- 3: **Drug Short**—Wall Street short-sellers expose a scam that regulators overlook: how Big Pharma gouges patients in need of life-saving drugs.
- 4: **Cartel Bank**—For decades, HSBC, one of the world’s largest banks, laundered hundreds of millions of dollars for Mexican drug cartels. Senator Elizabeth Warren, dogged journalists and prosecutors try to hold the bankers to account.
- 5: **The Maple Syrup Heist**—In Canada, maple syrup is worth more than oil. When \$20 million of syrup goes missing, the trail leads back to an epic battle between cartels and the little guy.
- 6: **The Confidence Man**—Weaving together a tapestry of tales in real estate booms and busts, Stevens lays out how Donald Trump’s business career transformed from epic failures into a consummate branding machine that propelled him into office.