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Elena Norayrovna Chirkinyan

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Elena Chirkinyan. Portrait provided for the purposes of this article; identification details have been verified with OFAC.

Date of birth: 27.08.1988

Status: Subject to sanctions

Other names: Elena Chirkinyan; Yelena Norayrovna Chirkinyan; Elena Chirkinyan; Elle

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Key details

Name	Elena Norayrovna Chirkinyan
Other names	Elena Chirkinyan; Yelena Norayrovna Chirkinyan; Elena Chirkinyan; Elle
Date of birth	27.08.1988
Place of birth	Azerbaijan — according to OFAC
Nationality	Russia — according to OFAC
Associated group	TGR
Companies named in the documents	TGR Partners; TGR Corporate Concierge Ltd; TGR DWC-LLC
Key associated individuals	Georgy Rossi; Ekaterina Zhdanova; Andrejs Bradens
Legal status	She has been on the US sanctions list since 4 December 2024. Her alleged role within TGR has been described by financial and law enforcement authorities; no personal conviction relating to these incidents is cited in the documents referred to.

Who is Elena Chirkinyan?

The US sanctions profile lists the name ‘Elena Chirkinyan’, the full name ‘Yelena Norayrovna Chirkinyan’ and the alias ‘Elle’. Date of birth: 27 August 1988; place of birth: Azerbaijan; nationality is listed as Russian. London is listed as a city associated with the entry, rather than as a confirmed current address. [1]

This identification is important to distinguish the individual in question from others with similar surnames. The dossier uses the variants published by OFAC; unverified biographical details and presumed family relationships have not been added to the profile.

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Role in TGR according to the US Treasury Department

In a press release dated 4 December 2024, Chirkinyan is named as a direct subordinate of Rossi and a decision-maker at TGR. The department links her to TGR Partners, the management of TGR Corporate Concierge Ltd and the management of TGR DWC-LLC. [2]

A sanctions update specifically links the Emirati company TGR DWC-LLC to Chirkinyan. This provides a basis for discussing the corporate structure, but is not proof that any action carried out under a similar name was done on her instructions. [3]

The significance of a manager is determined by their ability to arrange a service, select a contractor and make decisions regarding clients. The title itself does not confirm knowledge of every payment. However, if coordination of a specific transaction is proven, the scope of the investigation becomes considerably more personal.

Links to Zhdanova and UK property

The US Treasury claims that Chirkinyan coordinated with Zhdanova, who used the @monalisa7 account, to conceal the source of Russian funds used to purchase property in the UK. The document also describes the exchange: USDT was sent to an address controlled by Zhdanova, whilst TGR received cash. [2]

This personal connection explains her role in the story better than the general term ‘Rossi’s inner circle’. We are talking about an alleged service provided for a specific purpose. However, the fact that a single operation involves two intermediary networks does not automatically make them one and the same company.

Media coverage

The NCA reported that in 2023, Chirkinyan was involved in concealing a transfer from Russia, likely intended for a Russian-language media organisation in the UK. RT has been named as the alleged source of the funds. The description provided does not allow for the unambiguous identification of the unnamed final recipient. [4]

This episode should be distinguished from the property case: the alleged purpose of the payments and the scope of the documents differ. The common intermediary provides grounds for comparing the evidence, but does not justify replacing an examination of each individual payment with a

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single, blanket allegation.

Legal status and scope of conclusions

US sanctions are in force against the named individual on the basis of published decisions. They do not constitute a criminal conviction. The materials reviewed do not contain a personal conviction against Chirkinyan in relation to the transactions listed; her current whereabouts have not been independently established.

For the purposes of the ongoing investigation, the content of instructions, corporate powers and verification of the source of client funds remain key factors. It is these elements that make it possible to distinguish between ordinary account management and alleged complicity in concealment.

Investigation into the matter

The links between the individuals involved, the timeline and the financial context are analysed in detail in the KARTEL KHIMPROM report ‘A Cash Register Without Borders: Zhdanova, Rossi and Chirkinyan – Luxury, Cash and the Smart–TGR Crypto-Laundering Scheme’. The link can be found in the sources [5].

This dossier was compiled on 23 November 2026. Information on preventive measures and sentences is given as at the dates specified in the sources. Assessments by government agencies and editorial conclusions are clearly distinguished. Biographical details that could not be verified have been left blank.

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