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Wednesday, 6 November 2024

## FESTIVAL STAGE

Wed, Nov 6  
9:10am - 9:40am

Hall 1, Singapore EXPO

### Singapore FinTech Festival 2024 Plenary Keynote: Crossroads of change - Steering financial services into 2025

As we stand on the cusp of unprecedented change, this opening keynote will chart the journey that has brought the global financial services industry to its current state. From the rapid evolution of technology and shifting macro-geopolitical dynamics to the increasing importance of sustainability and financial inclusion, the session will cover the key forces that have shaped today's financial landscape.

Looking ahead to the next 2-5 years, this session will provide a forward-looking overview of the challenges and opportunities that will define the industry's future, setting the stage for the critical discussions to follow at the Festival.

Speaker:

Ravi Menon, Ambassador for Climate Action and Senior Adviser to the National Climate Change Secretariat, Singapore

Wed, Nov 6  
9:45am - 10:10am

Hall 1, Singapore EXPO

### Building tomorrow: Explaining the AI Tech Stack

AI is transforming the financial tech stack, with foundational models driving innovation in key areas and is revolutionising the way software is built and engineered. From accelerating development cycles to enhancing security and compliance, this conversation will explore the real-world impact of AI on innovation, and how the financial services industry is harnessing it to create the future of technology.

Speakers:

Kfir Godrich, Chief Innovation Officer, BlackRock  
Shelley McKinley, Chief Legal Officer, GitHub

Moderator:

Ronit Ghose, Head of Future of Finance, Citi

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10:10am - 10:30am

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## AI and Cloud: Powering the economies of tomorrow

As global economies continue to evolve, Southeast Asia stands at the forefront of financial innovation, driven by rapid urbanisation and a digitally savvy population. From mobile payments to innovative investment instruments, digital-first financial experiences are becoming the norm. The rise of AI, particularly generative models, presents immense opportunities for the financial services sector—from enhancing customer interactions to developing data-driven financial products. However, integrating AI must be balanced with managing risks, third-party dependencies and cybersecurity. Cloud computing is also set to play a pivotal role as it converges with AI, unlocking new levels of efficiency and innovation.

Join this fireside chat as industry leaders discuss key trends shaping the future of financial services and explore how collaboration can drive innovation while safeguarding consumer financial security.

Speaker:

Dowson Tong, Senior Executive Vice President & Chief Executive Officer, Cloud and Smart Industries Group, Tencent

Moderator:

Sopnendu Mohanty, Chief FinTech Officer, Monetary Authority of Singapore & Chair of the Board of Directors, Elevandi

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10:30am - 10:50am

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## Unlocking capital: Building infrastructure for the underserved

This session explores innovative strategies to mobilise capital for building critical infrastructure for the underserved. Learn how public-private partnerships, impact investing, and blended finance are bridging the gap to fund projects that empower marginalised communities. Discover opportunities to drive sustainable development and create long-term social and economic impact.

Speaker:

Robert F. Smith, Founder, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Vista Equity Partners

Moderator:

Sopnendu Mohanty, Chief FinTech Officer, Monetary Authority of Singapore & Chair of the Board of Directors, Elevandi

Wed, Nov 6  
10:50am - 11:10am

Hall 1, Singapore EXPO

## Chasing greatness: Decoding the mind of a 5x world champion

Watch this space for more information!

Speaker:

Lesley Paterson, Film Writer & Producer and Professional Triathlete, Brave Art Entertainment

Moderator:

Navin Suri, Chief Executive Officer & Founder, Percipient & Advisor to Board of Directors, Elevandi

Wed, Nov 6  
11:10am - 11:30am

Hall 1, Singapore EXPO

## The next tech frontier is here: Impact of quantum tech on financial services today

Quantum technology is not just on the horizon - it's here. This session will delve into the real-world applications of quantum computing, including its effects on encryption standards and risk management, providing a glimpse into the future of finance.

**Speakers:**

Rajat Taneja, President of Technology, Visa

**Moderator:**

Steve Suarez, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, HorizonX

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11:30am - 12:10pm

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## The executive playbook: Steering financial services through 2025

With 2025 approaching, financial leaders are tasked with navigating complex challenges and making pivotal decisions as AI, data analytics, and digital platforms are reshaping financial services globally. This leadership dialogue will dive into the expansion and transformation of global trade, commerce, and financial services using technology and data. Global leaders will focus on the top three strategic priorities for the year, offering insights into the decisions and investments that will define the future of financial services.

**Speakers:**

Ari Sarker, President, Asia Pacific, Mastercard

Melissa Guzy, Co-founder & Managing Partner, Arbor Ventures

Tal Cohen, President, Nasdaq

Yang Peng, Chief Executive Officer, Ant International

**Moderator:**

Nick Studer, President & Chief Executive Officer, Oliver Wyman

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12:10pm - 12:40pm

Hall 1, Singapore EXPO

## CBDCs: The policymakers' view of global finance 2.0

This session will explore how CBDCs and blockchain can be harmonised with traditional financial architecture, offering insights into the potential benefits and obstacles ahead.

**Speakers:**

Denis Beau, First Deputy Governor, Banque de France

Leong Sing Chiong, Deputy Managing Director, Monetary Authority of Singapore

Li Bo, Deputy Managing Director, International Monetary Fund

Wed, Nov 6  
12:40pm - 12:50pm

Hall 1, Singapore EXPO

## Special Announcement

Watch this space for more information!

**Speaker:**

Umar Farooq, Co-head of Global Payments, J.P. Morgan

Wed, Nov 6  
1:00pm - 1:40pm

Hall 1, Singapore EXPO

## The India story: On the path to a \$7 trillion economy

India is poised for an economic transformation, on track to become a multi-trillion powerhouse. This session will examine the key drivers of growth, from digital innovation and manufacturing to infrastructure development and financial inclusion. Explore the opportunities and challenges ahead as India accelerates its journey towards becoming a global economic leader

### Speakers:

Anantha Nageswaran Venkatraman, Chief Economic Advisor, Government of India

Vijay Shekhar Sharma, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Paytm

Zarin Daruwala, Cluster Chief Executive Officer, India & South Asia Markets, Standard Chartered Bank

### Moderator:

Vikram Khanna, Senior Columnist, The Straits Times, SPH Media

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**FUTUREMATTERS STAGE**

<p>Wed, Nov 6 12:30pm - 12:50pm</p> <p>Hall 2, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>Sustainability stocktake (SDGs &amp; ESG): Why fintech is critical for speed and impact</b></p> <p>The UN announced 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with the aim of creating a set of universal goals that would address the environmental, political and economic challenges of our time over a decade ago. Since then, significant progress has been made on some of them. In this address, global macro-investments researcher Dr Amlan Roy presents his take on the intersection of sustainability, tech and finance, and how these interplay in driving progress towards <b>a sustainable, equitable, efficient, and inclusive world.</b></p> <p>Speaker: Dr Amlan Roy, LCP, LSE &amp; Global Macro Demographics Author Demographics Unravelled, LSE &amp; LCP</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 6 12:50pm - 1:30pm</p> <p>Hall 2, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>AI in action: Real-world use cases for the financial services of tomorrow</b></p> <p>Artificial Intelligence is reshaping the financial sector. Faced with emerging tech, financial institutions will need to reshape their strategies to prepare for a new age of finance. This session will delve into real-world use cases, showcasing how AI is being applied to enhance customer experience, optimise operations, and mitigate risk. Expect compelling data and success stories from industry leaders as they define the financial services for tomorrow.</p> <p>Speakers: Akio Isowa, Senior Managing Executive Officer &amp; Group Chief Digital Innovation Officer, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) Anette Bronder, Chief Technology &amp; Operations Officer, Prudential plc Matthew Driver, Executive Vice President, Head of Services Asia Pacific, Mastercard Asia Pacific Shaun Khalfan, Senior Vice President &amp; Chief Information Security Officer, PayPal</p> <p>Moderator:</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 6 3:00pm - 3:30pm</p> <p>Hall 2, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>Beyond cloud migration: A technical masterclass in building complex enterprise software</b></p> <p>The benefits of cloud migration are well-recognised, with an increasing number of companies accelerating their move, but what would it truly take to maximise cloud's capabilities? Mastering software complexity is key. This technical masterclass will guide participants through the intricacies of developing complex enterprise software in the cloud, focusing on best practices, architectural frameworks, and real-world case studies to help your enterprise thrive.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Moderator: Ned Lowe, Chief Technology Officer, MISSION+</p>

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3:30pm - 3:45pm

Hall 2, Singapore EXPO

## Blueprint for building a quantum programme in financial services

Quantum technology is poised to transform financial services, offering unprecedented computational power. This session will explore the immediate impacts of quantum computing on areas such as risk management, encryption, and trading strategies.

Speaker:

Dr Marco Pistoia, Ph.D., Managing Director, Head of Global Technology Applied Research, J.P. Morgan

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3:45pm - 4:15pm

Hall 2, Singapore EXPO

## CMPD Ministerial dialogue: Embracing innovation, building capabilities and driving investment

- Examples of national strategies with demonstrated success in fostering innovation
- Key challenges that have been faced, and addressed
- Applicability of lessons learned in other jurisdictions

Speakers:

Delina Ibrahimaj, Minister of State, State Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Business Climate of Albania

Moderator:

Navin Suri, Chief Executive Officer & Founder, Percipient & Advisor to Board of Directors, Elevandi

Wed, Nov 6  
4:15pm - 4:55pm

Hall 2, Singapore EXPO

## CMPD Regulators' dialogue: Global AI governance -The much-needed lifeline for startups?

As declining geopolitics affects technology policymaking globally, the risk for startups expanding beyond national borders is rising fast too. While national laws might be able to deal with simpler AI applications and LLMs, frontier models may require global rules - and an international body to oversee them. The ICAO (Aviation), CERN (Nuclear), IAEA (Atomic Energy), are organisations from the past that embody ways to govern a powerful new technology. And these have mostly worked.

But getting a global agency to oversee AI anytime soon might be quite the tall order.

So what can national policymakers do to create a framework that allows for startups at home to not only attract foreign capital, but expand beyond their borders easily, and at the same time contain risks from imported AI systems causing significant harm?

Speakers:

Sarah Pritchard, Executive Director of Supervision, Policy and Competition - Markets and Executive Director of International, Financial Conduct Authority

Moderator:

Prof. Chris Brummer, Founder, Bluprynt, the Crypto Disclosure Company & DC Fintech Week



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4:55pm - 5:45pm

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## CMPD Investors' dialogue: AI has a real problem - The missing revenues!

It is estimated that about \$1 trillion will be spent on capex in the coming years, including significant investments in data centres, chips, other AI infra, and power grid. "Overbuilding things the world doesn't have use for, or is not ready for, typically ends badly," warned a Goldman Sachs report in June 2024.

Sequoia's David Cahn's rule of thumb is that companies in aggregate will need to generate about 4x in revenue (about \$600 billion) versus what they spend (\$150 billion) on Nvidia data centres. Currently, there isn't sight of such scale revenue.

Besides, most of this spend and commensurate revenue may accrue to big tech and the hyperscalers.

In this challenging environment, how can AI startups expect to capture, defend and grow market share? Which segment does most of the opportunity lie in - the application layer, vertical companies, foundation model providers, or something else altogether?

### Speakers:

Arnaud Caudoux, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Bpifrance

Dr Bijna Kotak Dasani, MBE, FRSA, Managing Director, ArthAum Group

Hernán Fernández, Managing Partner, Angel Ventures

Jonathan Larsen, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of Ping An Global Voyager Fund & Chief Innovation Officer, Ping An Group

### Moderator:

Rafat Kapadia, Head of Investments, Elevandi

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ESG Stage

<p>Wed, Nov 6 12:00pm - 12:30pm</p> <p>Hall 5, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>"Bridging the gap: Collaborations for sustainable impact" - Powered by UOB</b></p> <p>Collaboration between greentechs and corporates is key to unlocking scalable, impactful sustainability solutions. This panel explores how greentechs in the UOB FinLab's regional GreenTech Accelerator are partnering with corporates to solve sustainability challenges. Panelists will share their experiences on how these partnerships foster co-innovation, enable pilot projects, and drive sustainable green transition across ASEAN.</p> <p>Speakers:</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 6 12:50pm - 1:10pm</p> <p>Hall 5, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>Reinventing a sustainable future: Leveraging innovation for sustainable and inclusive economic growth</b></p> <p>In this fireside chat, Valérie Péresse, President of the Paris Region, France, will share her vision for transforming the region into a global leader in sustainable and inclusive growth through innovation. Highlighting key initiatives aimed at reducing carbon emissions, promoting green technologies, and supporting the circular economy, the session will shed light on learnings from the Paris Region's development and emphasise the importance of public-private partnerships to scale these efforts. Ms Péresse will also address the region's plans to attract global talent, support startups, and improve infrastructure to ensure long-term, equitable economic progress.</p> <p>Speaker: Valérie Péresse, President, Région Île-de-France</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 6 1:30pm - 2:10pm</p> <p>Hall 5, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>Harnessing AI for sustainable supply chain finance</b></p> <p>As the push for reporting Scope 3 emissions intensifies, AI is emerging as a powerful tool to transform sustainable finance. This panel will explore how AI enhances transparency and efficiency in supply chains to drive sustainability and efficiency. Panellists will address the technological and financial hurdles, alongside opportunities for collaboration across the ecosystem to deliver real-world impact.</p> <p>Speakers: Edmund Ng, Co-founder, Doxa Holdings Rajeev Kannan, Co-head of Asia Pacific, Managing Executive Officer, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) Sabrina Noiran, Chief Sustainable Business Officer, BNP Paribas</p> <p>Moderator: Dr James Ong, Founder &amp; Managing Director, Artificial Intelligence International Institute (AIII)</p>

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2:10pm - 2:40pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

## Responses to climate-related financial risks: Leveraging data, technology and innovation

Data, technology and innovation are projected to play a critical role in scaling climate action in the financial industry. They will help to overcome many challenges, such as data gaps and risk modelling. In this panel, speakers will discuss the latest trends in climate related-technology as well as how data and innovation can be a transformative force in managing climate-related financial risks.

A key focus will be on the development and use of data directories and catalogues, such as the NGFS Data Directory and repositories at the nation-level. Panellists will share their experiences in creating and using these tools, discussing how they complement each other and contribute to better management of climate-related financial information.

### Speakers:

Dr Georg Lehecka, Manager Sustainable Finance Hub, Austrian Financial Market Authority (FMA)  
Li Ming Ong, Director of Data Management & Statistics Department, Bank Negara Malaysia

### Moderator:

Dr Patrick Hoffmann, Advisor, BIS Innovation Hub - Singapore Centre

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2:40pm - 3:20pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

## Unlocking digital trust: The key to sustainability and investment for MSMEs

Digital identities are key enablers of building trust, allowing organisations to be verifiable and grow cross border. Digital identities are especially crucial in validating the authenticity as well as trustworthiness of MSMEs.

This is where the Universal Trusted Credential (UTC) comes in – a data-driven, digitally-enabled and independently-verified characterisation of MSMEs' creditworthiness and business trust. Since its inception, the UTC has been used in Ghana to provide MSMEs with access to financing, but its use cases extend beyond this to investment, sustainability reporting, and more.

In this session, panellists convene to discuss the potential of UTCs to build trust in MSMEs, opening up the doors to their growth and participation in using digital credentials in financing, investment, sustainability reporting and more.

### Speakers:

Jose Manuel Marques Sevillano, Director Financial Innovation and Market Infrastructures, Bank of Spain  
Dr Maxwell Opoku-Afari, Deputy Governor, Bank of Ghana  
Saurav Bhattacharyya, Chief Executive Officer, Proxtera Pte Ltd

### Moderator:

Aimee Chiuten, Deputy Director, Monetary Authority of Singapore

Wed, Nov 6  
3:20pm - 4:00pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

## Marketplace - let's grow together

MAS' Gprnt ("Greenprint") platform goes live this SFF, with a Marketplace feature to bring the ecosystem of complementary services together to offer a one-stop-shop of relevant, credible and effective sustainability solutions, ranging from emission accounting to decarbonisation tools, green financing and educational modules. Hear from the team and selected marketplace participants on what this AI-matching engine-powered platform entails for you.

### Speakers:

Lionel Wong, Head, Green FinTech Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore  
Simin Liu, Head of Product, Gprnt

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4:00pm - 4:40pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

## Banking a transitioning Asia: Digital dollars and green sense

Against the backdrop of mounting pressures for regional decarbonisation, leading banks and technologists offer their perspectives on how the double helix of digitisation and sustainability are converging to reshape banks' business strategies.

We explore how banks are embedding sustainability into their core thinking and operations, focusing on leveraging data and technology, tackling the differentiated needs of larger and smaller clients, and enhancing customer engagement on ESG matters. This session aims to highlight the key opportunities and challenges of this transformation, offering insights for investors, consumers, and policymakers to navigate the changing banking landscape.

### Speakers:

Dalad Tantiprasongchai, Chief Operating Officer & Chief International Officer, SCBX

Helge Muenkel, Chief Sustainability Officer, DBS Bank

Kalliopi Chioti, Chief Environmental, Social & Governance Officer, Temenos

### Moderator:

Kavitha Menon, Director, Singapore Sustainable Finance Association

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## FOUNDERS STAGE

Wed, Nov 6  
1:10pm - 5:10pm

Hall 4, Singapore EXPO

### Global FinTech Hackcelerator Demo Day

Organised by Elevandi in partnership with the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), the 9th edition of the Global FinTech Hackcelerator is seeking innovative and market-ready solutions that utilise technologies such as AI, machine learning and blockchain to improve financial health.

Six problem statements around the theme of Financial Health had been curated this year:

- Problem Statement 1 – Improving credit access with open banking
- Problem Statement 2 – Accelerating financial literacy and education
- Problem Statement 3 – Building good financial habits with data and personalisation
- Problem Statement 4 – Efficient and affordable cross-border payments for trade and global remittances
- Problem Statement 5 – Legacy planning for financial resilience
- Problem Statement 6 – Affordable and personalised protection with open insurance

Up to 20 finalists will be selected to pitch their solutions at the world's gathering of policy, finance, and technology on 6 Nov 2024. The Grand Champion will be crowned at the FinTech Awards dinner on 7 Nov 2024.

Moderator:

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## REGULATION STAGE

Wed, Nov 6  
12:20pm - 12:50pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

### **IOSCO Fintech Task Force Panel – The current state of play in regulating crypto-asset markets, AI and financial asset tokenization**

Since its inception in 2022, the IOSCO FinTech Task Force's (FTF) priority was on addressing risks to investor protection and market integrity in crypto-asset and digital asset (CDA) markets, including Decentralised Finance (DeFi). Having finalised policy recommendations for CDA markets and DeFi in end-2023, the FTF has switched gears to support IOSCO members on the implementation of the policy recommendations, and shifted its policy attention to other major technological trends and developments in financial markets relating to Artificial Intelligence and Financial Asset Tokenization.

This panel will discuss how IOSCO is promoting implementation of the IOSCO CDA and DeFi policy recommendations, as well as provide insight into IOSCO's early thoughts on use cases, issues and challenges, as well as risks posed by artificial intelligence and financial asset tokenisation.

**Speakers:**

Abigail Ng, Executive Director, Monetary Authority of Singapore

Matthew Long, Director, Payments and Digital Assets, Financial Conduct Authority

Valerie Szczepanik, Director, US SEC's Strategic Hub for Innovation and Financial Technology (FinHub), US Securities and Exchange Commission

**Moderator:**

Alp Eroglu, Deputy Director Standards Development, IOSCO General Secretariat

Wed, Nov 6  
12:50pm - 1:20pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

### **Balancing innovation with consumer protection**

How can regulators foster innovation in fintech while ensuring consumer protection? This session will discuss the role of regulatory sandboxes, the balance between fostering innovation and protecting consumers, and the need for adaptive regulations that keep pace with technological advancements.

**Speakers:**

Dr Eva Hüpkes, Secretary General, International Association of Deposit Insurers

**Moderator:**

Raadhika Sihin, Head of Policy, Elevandi

Wed, Nov 6  
1:20pm - 1:50pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

## Viewing today's crypto-asset markets through regulatory lenses – Are we there yet?

Crypto-asset markets have seen a number of high-profile failures in recent years, which put wind in the sails of regulators' efforts to introduce regulations to address investor protection and market integrity risks. Now, two years on from the infamous downfall of FTX, there are signs that crypto winter is thawing - crypto-asset market capitalisations have risen, buoyed in large part by the listing of crypto-asset ETFs in the US as well as emerging innovations.

This panel will discuss how regulators view the crypto-asset market today, updates on regulatory progress and challenges and the next steps in this area.

### Speakers:

Dr Rhys Bollen, Senior Executive Leader, Digital Assets, Markets Group, Australian Securities and Investments Commission

Charles Moussy, Head of Innovation and Digital Finance, Autorité des Marchés Financiers

### Moderator:

Abigail Ng, Executive Director, Monetary Authority of Singapore

Wed, Nov 6  
1:50pm - 2:00pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

## Policymaker's keynote on the future of money

Hear from First Deputy Governor of Banque de France Denis Beau as he discusses the ongoing transformative changes of money, payments, and settlement given the rise of new technologies and a new wave of digitalisation. Building upon Banque de France's expertise with Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) projects and the ongoing work of the Eurosystem, he will delve into how policymakers and regulators can respond to these changes to mitigate the underlying risks and maximise the opportunities they present.

### Speaker:

Denis Beau, First Deputy Governor, Banque de France

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2:00pm - 2:30pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

## Cross-border data flows: Powering the future of trade with open finance

Businesses engaged in trade finance face inefficiencies and high costs due to manual processes and a lack of cross-border data portability infrastructure when using financial products such as letters of credit and supply chain financing. Digitalisation of trade finance can drive economic growth, enhance financial stability, and build resilience in the global financial system.

Open finance could play an important role in building the infrastructure for cross-border data portability. With around 70 jurisdictions regulating open banking and open finance, differing domestic standards, protocols and infrastructure create barriers to seamless cross-border data flows. It is essential to focus on avoiding fragmentation and fostering interoperability. Proven API-based technologies offer a path toward global interoperability through harmonisation and common infrastructure connecting the different domestic open finance systems.

This panel will explore how open finance can unlock the future of cross-border data portability to improve efficiency and connectivity within the financial system, particularly in global trade finance.

### Speakers:

Hakan Eroglu, Advisor - Technology & Innovation for Open Finance, Payments, Digital Currencies, Bank for International Settlements

### Moderator:

Nilixa Devlukia, Chief Executive Officer, Payments Solved

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2:30pm - 3:00pm

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## Technical showcase: Evolution of programmable policy wrapper for cross-border payments

This panel will present a technical showcase of a smart contract implementation that incorporates programmable compliance into cross-border payments. The implementation explores the use of zero-knowledge proofs and multi-party computation to ensure compliance requirements while preserving data privacy. Attendees will see how these cryptographic techniques can facilitate automated policy checks across different jurisdictions without compromising transaction speed or confidentiality. The discussion will focus on the practical aspects and implications of these technologies in enhancing compliance within the existing cross-border payment infrastructure.

### Speakers:

Friedrich Klinger, Advisor, BIS Innovation Hub - Singapore Centre  
Khai Uy Pham, Advisor, Banque de France

### Moderator:

Sonja Davidovic, Advisor, BIS Innovation Hub - Singapore Centre

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3:00pm - 3:30pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

## GenAI in action: Transforming data use in SupTech and RegTech

GenAI has the potential to revolutionise data usage and analysis in SupTech and RegTech. To better understand how GenAI can do this, this panel will delve into a two-part discussion on applications of GenAI in SupTech and RegTech. First, panellists will provide insights on use cases for GenAI in SupTech and RegTech. Next, panellists will look ahead and share their views on how GenAI will transform data usage and analysis in SupTech and RegTech, potentially leading to more innovative supervision and regulation.

### Speakers:

Nino Landerer, Deputy Director General Strategy & Innovation, Deutsche Bundesbank  
Patrick De Neef, Chief Innovation Officer, De Nederlandsche Bank

### Moderator:

Dr Patrick Hoffmann, Advisor, BIS Innovation Hub - Singapore Centre



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3:30pm - 4:30pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

## Corporate payment solutions for SMEs: Helping you transit from cheques to digital payments

As businesses become increasingly digital, the shift from traditional cheque-based payments to digital payments has become an imperative for small and medium enterprises (SMEs). There are opportunities and challenges surrounding the adoption of digital payments, and SMEs equipped with the knowledge and tools necessary will be able to navigate this transition effectively.

Join us for an in depth session focused on guiding SMEs through the transition from traditional cheque-based payments to safe, efficient and effective digital solutions. Industry experts will share practical insights on the convenience and security of digital payment platforms and the benefits to managing cashflow and operational efficiency. Attendees will gain valuable insights into the current and emerging digital payment solutions available for their businesses.

Don't miss this opportunity to gain actionable tips to help you transit from cheques to digital payments.

### Speakers:

Chavi Jafa, Senior Vice President and Head of Commercial and Money Movement Solutions, Asia Pacific, Visa  
Diana Ooi, Managing Director, Emerging Business, OCBC Bank  
Paul Kan, Country Head, Business Banking Singapore, United Overseas Bank  
Hong Wei Teo, Director, Innovation and Customer Solutions, Mastercard

### Moderator:

Jo Yeo, Director & Head, Payments Development and Data Connectivity Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore

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4:30pm - 5:10pm

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## Strengthening digital operation resilience in financial services

This panel session will explore the critical strategies for enhancing digital operation resilience in the financial services industry, focusing on risk mitigation, regulatory compliance, and technological advancements. Industry experts will discuss how financial institutions can safeguard their operations from cyber threats, system disruptions, and emerging digital vulnerabilities while ensuring operational continuity. Attendees will gain valuable insights into building robust frameworks that support resilience in an increasingly digitised and interconnected financial ecosystem.

### Speakers:

Diana Paredes, Chief Executive Officer, Suade Labs  
Kenneth Siow, Regional Director SE Asia & General Manger (Singapore/Malaysia), Tencent

### Moderator:

Jo Ann Barefoot, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Alliance for Innovative Regulation

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## TALENT STAGE

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12:05pm - 12:35pm

Hall 4, Singapore EXPO

### Empowering the next generation of financial services and fintech talent

Specifically targeted at young talent, this session will seek to provide a good overview of meaningful career pathways in FS/Fintech that they can explore.

\*\*Key points to be covered: \*\*

- Meaningful career pathways in FS/FinTech especially in Sustainable finance and Tech
- Programmes to support the development of young talent and roles in demand
- Showcase success stories/interesting profiles.

Speakers:

Moderator:

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1:20pm - 1:25pm

Hall 4, Singapore EXPO

### Securing our future: Blockchain Guardians Programme

Organised by Elevandi Education and supported by our education partner, TRM Labs and industry partners, Amazon and Crypto.com, the intensive ten week programme aims to help develop the next generation of fintech leaders with the dual skillsets of digital assets savviness and a robust compliance mindset.

The programme comprises three components - an **online certificate programme**, **mentorship**, and **industry immersion**. These activities are conducted concurrently over the course of ten weeks and will culminate in a ceremony for 30 graduating students at the Talent Zone at the Singapore FinTech Festival.

Enjoy the highlights captured throughout this exciting talent development programme!

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Moderator:

Mun Yong Liang, Programme Manager, Elevandi

Wed, Nov 6  
1:25pm - 1:55pm

Hall 4, Singapore EXPO

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1:55pm - 2:20pm

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Wed, Nov 6  
2:20pm - 2:25pm

Hall 4, Singapore EXPO

## PolyFintech100 API Hackathon Grand Finals: Opening Address

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Speaker:  
Ong-Ang Ai Boon, Director, The Association of Banks in Singapore (ABS)

Wed, Nov 6  
2:25pm - 4:00pm

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Speakers:  
Alvinder Singh, Head, Innovation Acceleration Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore  
Edmund Chong, Resilience and Digitalisation, The Association of Banks in Singapore (ABS)  
Scott Krivokopich, Founding Managing Partner, 1982 Ventures

Moderator:  
Sebastian Sim, Senior Lecturer, Temasek Polytechnic

Wednesday, 6 November 2024

TECHNOLOGY STAGE

<p>Wed, Nov 6 10:30am - 10:45am</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>"Improve customer experience, engagement, and security with just a tap" - Powered by Arculus</b></p> <p>What if you could create a new, unique product that tackles fraud and improves customer experience? Close to 1 in 3 consumers experienced credit card fraud last year. As companies move towards a password-less future to keep their customers more secure, it can create more friction. OTP, SMS Text messages, and other alternatives are making secure technology challenging for your customers. Now, there are more options for businesses especially fintechs and financial institutions. Learn how FIDO2 technology can be easily integrated into your business to secure your customer accounts.</p> <p>Speaker: Dr Adam Lowe, Chief Product &amp; Innovation Officer, Arculus by CompoSecure</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 6 10:45am - 11:00am</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>"Is your digital strategy future-ready? How not to get stuck in the past" - Powered by BPC</b></p> <p>The session will delve into why challengers are taking over markets globally. It will also discuss why modernisation in payment infrastructure and adoption of SaaS models are important and what long term cost-efficiency and advancements it brings to stand against incumbents. Gain valuable insights on staying competitive. Learn actionable strategies for digital transformation and hear real-world success stories.</p> <p>Speaker: Peter Theunis, SVP Europe, BPC</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 6 11:15am - 11:30am</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>"Sparking the next generation of future-ready solutions for businesses today" - Powered by DBS Bank</b></p> <p>In today's rapidly evolving business landscape, corporates and financial institutions function as platforms. In this session, we would unravel new integrated solutions that use transformative technology to shape the future of payments and build a strong foundation for businesses to scale effectively. Expect to hear about use cases that provide practical insights into how businesses can benefit today and for future proofing organisations for success.</p> <p>Speaker: Sriram Muthukrishnan, Group Head of Product Management, Global Transaction Services, DBS Bank</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 6 11:30am - 11:45am</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>"The need for speed: Instant payments for the generation" - Powered by Banking Circle</b></p> <p>Our generation is obsessed with instant gratification. While that is not always a good thing, instant money could mean better cash flow management, better control and more liquidity in the economy - fostering growth and prosperity. According to industry reports, the volume of instant payment transactions is set to triple by 2028. But are we ready to actually provide instant payments? Fraud, security, regulatory caution and lessons from the other roll-outs (such as in the UK) will help lay a strong foundation for fintechs in Asia Pacific.</p> <p>Speaker:</p>

<p>Wed, Nov 6 11:45am - 12:00pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>"Supercharging security and growth: AI-driven innovations in financial risk management" - Powered by Tencent</b></p> <p>Digital transformation brings both opportunities and risks to the financial sector. Artificial intelligence and machine learning can enhance risk management, yet many institutions face adoption challenges. Join Tencent to explore solutions that tackle these obstacles, reduce fraud, and drive growth. Discover how AI empowers institutions to securely navigate digital transformation and stay competitive.</p> <p>Speaker: David Wang, Head of Overseas Security &amp; Risk Products , Tencent Cloud International</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 6 12:00pm - 12:15pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>"The future of seamless payments" - Powered by Tencent</b></p> <p>Discover how innovative fintech solutions are revolutionising the way people pay. Step into the future of payments with Tencent where innovation like palm recognition is turning science fiction into reality. Get ready to dive into the next wave of frictionless, secure payments powered by cutting-edge technology.</p> <p>Speaker: Yang Wenhui, Chief Executive Officer, Tenpay Global (Singapore) &amp; General Manager, Tencent Financial Technology, Asia Pacific, Tencent</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 6 12:15pm - 12:45pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>"Growing the USDC + EURC economy together: The Circle Alliance Program" - Powered by Circle</b></p> <p>Join Circle as they highlight the momentum of stablecoin adoption and the various use cases enabling emerging technologies such as AI and Tokenization. Members of the Circle Alliance Program are harnessing USDC and EURC to shape the future of finance. This session will provide an in-depth look at the programme's alignment with Circle's broader market strategy. Additionally, attendees will gain insights from real-world examples demonstrating the impact and advantages of integrating these digital currencies.</p> <p>Speaker: Elton Tay, Developer Relations Lead APAC, Circle</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 6 12:45pm - 1:00pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>"Integrating foresight into data-driven financial decision-making using GenAI" - Powered by SMBC</b></p> <p>SMBC will be presenting the concept of a Generative AI CFO Dashboard ("CFO Agent"), to help CFOs better understand their operational and financial status and offer data-driven suggestions on action plans. Using the deep knowledge and reasoning process of the CFO, this multi-agentic AI model tool can help bolster the quality of organisational reviews by the CFO office and increase operational resilience.</p> <p>Speakers: Ishii Shohta, Director, Asia Innovation Centre, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) Mayoran Rajendra, Managing Director and Head, Asia Innovation Center, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC)</p>

<p>Wed, Nov 6 1:00pm - 1:15pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>"Financing reimaged: Unlocking SME growth with tokenized payables" - Powered by Amazon</b></p> <p>Small and medium-sized enterprises are the backbone of the economy yet they continue to face financing challenges. Tokenized payables offer a transformative solution by using blockchain technology to enhance security, transparency, and efficiency in financing. Join Amazon as they explore how tokenized payables unlock new opportunities for SMEs and creates a more inclusive, equitable system for growth.</p> <p>Speaker: Sujit Misra, Director, Amazon Payments APAC, Amazon</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 6 1:15pm - 1:30pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>"Unlock speed, unlock trust: Passkeys for seamless guest checkout" - Powered by Mastercard</b></p> <p>Join this discussion to hear about the common pain points of guest checkout, such as long wait times, card entry-based payment experiences and security concerns. Mastercard will also delve into how Click to Pay with Mastercard Passkeys solves these issues. This will be followed by a launch of service in Asia Pacific, starting from Singapore.</p> <p>Speaker: Sandeep Malhotra, Executive Vice President, Products &amp; Innovation, Asia Pacific, Mastercard</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 6 1:30pm - 1:45pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>"Connecting cross-border secondary markets for tokenized securities" - Powered by SBI Digital Markets</b></p> <p>Join SBI Digital Markets as they dive into the cross-border distribution and liquidity of a tokenized alternative asset. Speakers will delve into innovative structuring strategies, deployment of blockchain tech and the regulatory considerations critical to the seamless global connectivity of digital assets.</p> <p>Speaker: Winston Quek, Chief Executive Officer, SBI Digital Markets</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 6 1:45pm - 2:00pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>"The future of cross-border money transfers" - Powered by Temasek</b></p> <p>In this session, we will explore the future of cross-border money transfers by examining a paradigm shift away from traditional banking models that rely on prefunding. With innovations in blockchain and decentralised financial infrastructure, we can now facilitate real-time, low-cost global payments without the need for prefunded accounts. This new model promises to enhance liquidity, reduce friction, and create faster, more efficient financial systems.</p> <p>Speaker:</p>

Wed, Nov 6  
2:00pm - 2:30pm

Hall 3, Singapore EXPO

## A new market paradigm: The Guardian Wholesale Network

Commerce meets finance. There is a growing demand for an integrated, efficient, and secure platform that facilitates wholesale financial transactions involving multiple assets and currencies. Explore the transformative landscape of the future of finance, focusing on how innovative platforms are reshaping wholesale financial transactions.

**Speakers:**

Deepak Mehra, Head of Digital Assets & International Lead for Strategic Investments, Markets, Citi  
Rajeev Tummala, Head of Digital & Data, Asia & MENA, HSBC Securities Services, HSBC  
Marita McGinley, Head of Digital Asset Strategy, Schroders

**Moderator:**

Sophia Lopez, Founder & President, Kaleido

Wed, Nov 6  
2:30pm - 3:00pm

Hall 3, Singapore EXPO

## Project Guardian: Tokenized investment vehicles for asset and wealth management

This Project Guardian session highlights the commercial successes of tokenization within the asset & wealth management space. Join the discussion on revolutionising the asset management landscape to create higher yield while reducing risk.

**Speakers:**

Chetan Karkhanis, SVP Strategic Ventures, Franklin Templeton  
Khai Lin Sng, Co-founder & Chief Investment Officer, Alta Exchange  
Stephanie Law, Head Products South-East Asia, UBS Asset Management

**Moderator:**

Marita McGinley, Head of Digital Asset Strategy, Schroders

Wed, Nov 6  
3:00pm - 3:30pm

Hall 3, Singapore EXPO

## Project Guardian: Raising money through tokenized debt securities

This Project Guardian session highlights the commercial successes of tokenization within the fixed income space. Take a seat with capital market practitioners on topics like expanding distribution and improving collateralisation.

**Speakers:**

Georgina Jarratt, Managing Director, Head of FinTech & Digitalisation, ICMA Group  
Laurens Schepens, Lead UBS Tokenize & Digital Assets APAC, UBS

**Moderator:**

Allison Parent, Executive Director, Global Financial Markets Association



Wed, Nov 6  
3:30pm - 4:00pm

Hall 3, Singapore EXPO

## Project Guardian: Powering global treasury and cash management with tokenized cash

This Project Guardian session showcases the commercial case studies within the foreign exchange (FX) market. Explore the various treasury and cash management developments looking to redefining how the industry manages cash and digital money.

### Speakers:

Kelvin Li, Head of Platform Tech, Ant International  
Scott O'Malia, Chief Executive Officer, International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.

### Moderator:

Jessica Renier, Managing Director & Head of Digital Finance, Institute of International Finance (IIF)

Wed, Nov 6  
4:00pm - 4:30pm

Hall 3, Singapore EXPO

## Digital money blueprint

With increased digitalisation, central bank digital currency (CBDC), tokenized bank liabilities and well-regulated stablecoins, together with a set of well designed smart contracts, could grow in importance as a medium of exchange. These tokenized forms of digital money could support enhanced features that are not widely available today, including atomic settlement and the ability for senders to specify conditions for value transfers. This panel discusses the blueprint for supporting seamless financial transactions.

### Speakers:

Dr Alexandra Hachmeister, Director General Digital Euro, Deutsche Bundesbank  
Lim Soon Chong, Global Transaction Services, Managing Director & Group Head, DBS Bank  
Naveen Mallela, Managing Director, J.P. Morgan

### Moderator:

Alan Lim, Director & Head, FinTech Infrastructure Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore

Wed, Nov 6  
4:30pm - 5:00pm

Hall 3, Singapore EXPO

## Digital money: Programmable compliance

In this panel, industry experts will explore how programmable compliance is reshaping the regulatory landscape. From automating complex processes to embedding rules directly into financial transactions, programmable compliance offers banks and financial institutions the ability to ensure adherence to evolving regulations in real-time, while driving efficiency and reducing risks.

### Speakers:

Humphrey Valenbreder, Chief Executive Officer, Partior  
Liu Tianwei, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, StraitsX  
Maha El Dimachki, Centre Head, BIS Innovation Hub - Singapore Centre

### Moderator:

Angela Ang, Senior Policy Advisor, TRM Labs

Wed, Nov 6  
5:00pm - 5:30pm

Hall 3, Singapore EXPO

## Financial infrastructure: Pathways for scaling tokenized markets

In spite of the plethora of commercial implementation and exploration of digital asset networks, there is little convergence in terms of global standards and frameworks. Hear from the practitioners on the proposed standards, frameworks and best practices on shared ledger infrastructure and how current financial markets infrastructures will evolve to support tokenized markets.

### Speakers:

Dr Darko Hajdukovic, Deputy Head of Digital and Securities Markets, London Stock Exchange Group

Dr Johnna Powell, Managing Director, Head of Technology Research and Innovation, Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation (DTCC)

Dr Jorgen Ouaknine, Global Head of Innovation and Digital Assets, Euroclear

### Moderator:

Sandra Ro, Chief Executive Officer, Global Blockchain Business Council

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## WORKSHOPS

Wed, Nov 6  
10:30am - 11:30am

Garnet Room, Level 2,  
Singapore EXPO

### "Unlocking opportunity: Expanding your tech business in Canada" - Powered by Government of Canada

Join us for an exclusive workshop panel that dives into the compelling opportunities for technology sector companies looking to expand into Canada. Expert panelists will share insights on the Canadian market, regulatory landscape, and available incentives, helping you navigate your expansion journey. Discover why Canada is the ideal destination for innovation and investment.

Don't miss this chance to connect with industry leaders and unlock your business's potential!

Speakers:

Suhuyini Abudulai, Partner, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP

Wed, Nov 6  
3:00pm - 4:00pm

Garnet Room, Level 2,  
Singapore EXPO

### "Harnessing the power of AI: The what, where, and how for banks & fintechs" - Powered by Mastercard

During this session, Mastercard experts will debunk AI myth from reality and dive into the many facets of AI applications. You can expect to learn how banks and fintechs globally are tapping into the power of AI to drive profitability and to get closer to their customers.

Speaker:

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Thursday, 7 November 2024

FESTIVAL STAGE

<p>Thu, Nov 7 10:35am - 11:05am</p> <p>Hall 1, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>Walking the line: Navigating Asia's journey to a sustainable future</b></p> <p>The urgency to decarbonise Asia has never been greater as the region, which accounts for half the world's carbon emissions, strives to meet the Paris Agreement's ambitious goals. With rapid economic expansion fuelling skyrocketing infrastructure needs and energy demands, the challenge to transition from brown to green seems almost herculean. Yet, there is hope. Asia also houses vast natural carbon sinks, is a hotbed of innovation for breakthrough technologies, and is experiencing a generational shift in adoption of digitisation and sustainable practices.</p> <p>The central question – how can Asia strike the right balance of people, profit and planet, to navigate the twin goals of economic development and environmental sustainability? This session brings together eminent policymakers, technologists, financiers and market-makers to discuss these complex issues and explore our best options for driving Asia's transition.</p> <p>Speakers: Masakazu Osawa, Managing Executive Officer, Chief Executive for Asia Pacific, MUFG Bank, Ltd. Rodrigo Kede Lima, President, Microsoft Asia</p> <p>Moderator: Oi-Yee Choo, Chief Executive Officer, Climate Impact X</p>
<p>Thu, Nov 7 11:05am - 11:45am</p> <p>Hall 1, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>Safeguarding the economy's backbone: Accelerating global SME growth through digital innovation</b></p> <p>SMEs account for 90% of global businesses, 50% of global GDP and two-thirds of global jobs (as per the World Bank). However, SMEs face significant hurdles worldwide in getting access to financial services such as financing. In this session, global experts shed a light on the strategies to accelerate financial inclusion of SMEs globally through digital financial services.</p> <p>Speakers: Doug Feagin, President, Ant International Mahendra Nerurkar, Vice President Payments for Emerging Markets, Amazon Martha Sazon, President &amp; Chief Executive Officer, GCash H.E. Dr. Serey Chea, Governor, National Bank of Cambodia</p> <p>Moderator: Pat Patel, Executive Director, Elevandi</p>
<p>Thu, Nov 7 11:45am - 12:05pm</p> <p>Hall 1, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>GenAI in action: Embedding AI into the heart of a bank</b></p> <p>Watch this space for more information!</p> <p>Speaker: Marco Argenti, Chief Information Officer, Goldman Sachs</p> <p>Moderator: Clay Chandler, Executive Editor, Asia, Fortune</p>

Thu, Nov 7  
12:05pm - 12:30pm

Hall 1, Singapore EXPO

## The future of finance: Powered by smart contracts and programmable money

This session will examine the technologies driving the transformation of finance.

Speakers:

Balaji Srinivasan, Co-founder & Board Member, Coin Center  
Dante Disparte, Chief Strategy Officer & Head of Global Policy, Circle

Moderator:

Candace Kelly, Chief Legal Officer & Head of Policy, Stellar Development Foundation

Thu, Nov 7  
12:50pm - 1:20pm

Hall 1, Singapore EXPO

## Asia 2030: A global economic backbone & blueprint

Watch this space for more information!

Speaker:

Dr Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament & Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs, India

Thu, Nov 7  
1:50pm - 2:30pm

Hall 1, Singapore EXPO

## Making bridges in the world's fastest growing continent

Africa is the world's fastest growing continent and also the youngest. To facilitate this growth, the African Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) transformation should remain at the forefront of this societal transformation. This session will examine the key factors that determine the success of any DPI programme: synergies across the different infrastructure components and end-user adoption and trust. Join this session to see how the alignment of technological, regulatory and business requirements can create a holistic DPI solution.

Speakers:

Dr Dimitrios Dosis, President, Eastern Europe, Middle East and Africa, Mastercard  
John Rwangombwa, Governor, National Bank of Rwanda

Moderator:

Dr Luca Ricci, Advisor and Mission Chief, International Monetary Fund

Thu, Nov 7  
2:30pm - 3:00pm

Hall 1, Singapore EXPO

## Singapore FinTech Festival celebrates Piyush Gupta's iconic journey

This special session honours the contributions of a distinguished industry leader who has left an indelible mark on the financial services sector.

Speaker:

Piyush Gupta, Chief Executive Officer, DBS Bank

Moderator:

Sopnendu Mohanty, Chief FinTech Officer, Monetary Authority of Singapore & Chair of the Board of Directors, Elevandi

Thu, Nov 7  
3:30pm - 4:10pm

Hall 1, Singapore EXPO

## The Asian Decade: Leading global financial services

Home to more than half the world's population, Asia is a key part of the global growth story within financial services. But this huge market has its own nuances, demands and challenges which need unique solutions. Join this session to understand the factors driving the region's ascendancy and what this means for the future of finance globally.

### Speakers:

Daniel Hong, Vice President of Tencent Financial Technology, Tencent

Eric Lim, Chief Sustainability Officer, United Overseas Bank

Tan Su Shan, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, DBS Bank

Yoshihiro Hyakutome, Senior Managing Executive Officer & Co-head of Global Banking Unit, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC)

### Moderator:

Dushyant D Shahrawat, Managing Director, Rosenblatt Securities

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## FUTUREMATTERS STAGE

<p>Thu, Nov 7 12:05pm - 12:45pm</p> <p>Hall 2, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Empowering Global South growth and currency flows through integrated digital networks</h3> <p>Emerging markets in the Global South are becoming the new engines of growth for resources, trade, and innovative products. However, to thrive successfully, novel paradigms are needed to address a host of challenges including lack of liquidity, financing gaps, currency fluctuations, and balance of payments.</p> <p>In addition, Global South countries have notable digital and financial transformation targets, which need innovative and integrated approaches to fully access the global economy.</p> <p>This session brings together leaders from banks and fintechs to spotlight the policies, partnerships, financial technologies and opportunities that could help the Global South leapfrog its challenges towards greater growth.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Kwamina Duker, Chief Executive Officer, Development Bank Ghana Cyrus Bhathawalla, Chief Administrative Officer, J.P. Morgan Payments</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Eugene Goh, Deputy Director, Monetary Authority of Singapore</p>
<p>Thu, Nov 7 12:45pm - 1:25pm</p> <p>Hall 2, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Project Guardian: 2024 reflections, 2025 directions</h3> <p>This session will explore Project Guardian's pivotal events, successes, and challenges of 2024; and share their objectives and expectations for 2025 and beyond. This session aims to bring together diverse perspectives from the various Guardian workstreams and groups to discuss the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Fernando Luis Vázquez Cao, Chief Executive Officer, SBI Digital Asset Holdings Peter Hilborne, Chief Operating Officer, Operations, Schroders Investment Management Sarah Pritchard, Executive Director of Supervision, Policy and Competition - Markets and Executive Director of International, Financial Conduct Authority Han Kwee Juan, Group Executive &amp; Country Head, DBS Singapore, DBS Bank</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Alan Lim, Director &amp; Head, FinTech Infrastructure Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore</p>
<p>Thu, Nov 7 1:25pm - 2:10pm</p> <p>Hall 2, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Bridging the gap: Advancing financial access</h3> <p>Financial inclusion is critical for economic development. This session will explore cutting-edge strategies and technologies transforming access to banking and payments for underserved retail and SME communities. Discover how the next wave of innovation will drive inclusive growth.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Adeeb Ahamed, Managing Director, LuLu Financial Holdings Henry Choi, Managing Director, Head of Retail TMRW, United Overseas Bank Sujit Misra, Director, Amazon Payments APAC, Amazon</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Fernanda Lima, Partner, LeapFrog Investments</p>

Thu, Nov 7  
2:10pm - 2:25pm

Hall 2, Singapore EXPO

## Shaping a responsible tomorrow: Why sustainable economic growth matters

Watch this space for more information!

Speaker:  
H.E. Pedro Reis, Minister of Economy, Portugal

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2:25pm - 3:05pm

Hall 2, Singapore EXPO

## The future of cross-border payments: Transformative potential of connecting instant payment systems across regions

Instant cross-border payments are fast becoming an imperative in the financial industry. Globally, 75 instant payment systems (IPS) are operational and another 20 are under development. Supported by their real-time and 24/7/365 capabilities, connecting IPS across borders has the potential to enhance the speed and lower the cost for cross-border payments, supported by greater access and transparency.

One of the most ambitious projects to-date is Project Nexus by the BIS Innovation Hub (BISIH) which seeks to enable instant cross-border payments at scale by connecting IPS globally via a multilateral approach. In the next phase of the project, BISIH will support a group of first mover countries (India, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand) to implement Nexus in the real world to deliver benefits both individuals and businesses.

This session will explore the challenges and opportunities of connecting IPS across regions, and discuss the potential of a multilateral connectivity approach such as that outlined in Project Nexus:

1. Promote the operationalisation phase of Project Nexus, announcing key milestones and strategic vision for Nexus' rollout and adoption.
2. Discuss the transformative potential of a next-generation financial market infrastructure such as Nexus to create a seamless, efficient, secure cross-border payments ecosystem.
3. Encourage international dialogue and collaboration among central banks, financial institutions and technology providers to support the successful implementation of Nexus.

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5. Speakers:

6. Leong Sing Chiong, Deputy Managing Director, Monetary Authority of Singapore

7. Ulrich Bindseil, Director General, Market Infrastructure and Payments, European Central Bank

8. Dr Daranee Saeju, Assistant Governor, Bank of Thailand

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10. Moderator:

11. Maha El Dimachki, Centre Head, BIS Innovation Hub - Singapore Centre



Thu, Nov 7  
3:05pm - 3:45pm

Hall 2, Singapore EXPO

## Protecting consumers: The role of tech in secure payment systems

The myriad payment options of cards, e-wallets, and more available today allow consumers to make transactions with just a swipe or a tap. But this increased velocity and ease also comes with elevated risk. In this session, payment leaders convene to discuss how tech-enabled innovations ensure the safety of such payment methods. Gain a holistic view of how AI, policies and next-gen compliance systems converge to ensure payment systems are not only secure, but also resilient and reliable.

**Speakers:**

Jeanette Chan, Chief Legal, Compliance and Risk Officer, Airwallex

Jim McCarthy, Chief Executive Officer, Thredd

Sandeep Malhotra, Executive Vice President, Products & Innovation, Asia Pacific, Mastercard

Yang Wenhui, Chief Executive Officer, Tenpay Global (Singapore) & General Manager, Tencent Financial Technology, Asia Pacific, Tencent

**Moderator:**

Arjun Vir Singh, Partner & Global Head of FinTech, Arthur D. Little

Thu, Nov 7  
3:45pm - 4:25pm

Hall 2, Singapore EXPO

## Laying the foundations for the future of financial infrastructure

Global Layer One announced its launch in November as the first of its kind as a public-private initiative to develop a shared ledger infrastructure. Coming to its one-year anniversary, following the earlier publication of the whitepaper, what can we expect next? Hear from the panellists on the developments and milestones achieved this year, understand what is the near term priorities and what is essential for Global Layer One to succeed?

**Speakers:**

Caroline Butler, Global Head of Digital Assets, BNY

Jean-Marc Stenger, Chief Executive Officer, Societe Generale - FORGE

Masashi Watanabe, Managing Director, Deputy Head of Digital Strategy Division, MUFG Bank, Ltd.

Naveen Mallela, Managing Director, J.P. Morgan

**Moderator:**

Alan Lim, Director & Head, FinTech Infrastructure Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore

Thu, Nov 7  
4:25pm - 5:25pm

Hall 2, Singapore EXPO

## Wheel of Fortune: Who will win the payments game?

In an increasingly dynamic financial services landscape, payments has remained at the forefront of innovation. Emerging technology is driving both traditional payment methods and creating new pathways for us to transact seamlessly, safely and instantaneously across borders. Cryptocurrencies, stablecoins, and tokenised deposits are no longer just alternatives—they're reshaping the way corporate and retail payments operate. Cryptocurrency with its borderless reach, stablecoins with more transactional certainty and tokenised deposits with the backing of traditional banking rails. But which will emerge as the dominant force in the payments ecosystem?

A trilogy of debates between Team Banking and Team Crypto was fought across the Point Zero Forum 2023 and the Singapore FinTech Festival 2023, culminating in a grand finale at the Point Zero Forum 2024. At the Singapore FinTech Festival 2024, we debut a fresh chapter in this ongoing discussion—featuring familiar crowd-favourite speakers but with a brand-new, roulette-style format. Industry experts will pose their toughest questions to our speakers, sparking fresh insights on which system is poised to dominate the evolving payments landscape.

Which contestant will score the most points with the audience – you decide.

### Speakers:

Dante Disparte, Chief Strategy Officer & Head of Global Policy, Circle  
Rene Michau, Global Head, Digital Assets, Standard Chartered  
Umar Farooq, Co-head of Global Payments, J.P. Morgan

### Moderator:

Jo Yeo, Director & Head, Payments Development and Data Connectivity Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore

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ESG Stage

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**Bridging the gap: Empowering women through micropensions and financial inclusion**

According to the Global Financial Inclusion Index, women are 7% less likely than men to have a bank account, and this gap widens in developing countries. The World Bank reported that around 1.7 billion adults remain unbanked, with women representing a significant portion of this group. The International Labour Organization (ILO) estimates that globally, only about 20% of women are covered by any form of pension, compared to approximately 25% of men. In many developing countries, pension coverage can be as low as 5-10% for women in the informal sector. Women make up nearly 58% of the informal workforce globally, often lacking access to formal financial services, including pensions. The ILO indicates that 80% of women's employment in low- and middle-income countries is informal, limiting their access to social security benefits.

Women, on average, save less for retirement than men, often due to lower lifetime earnings and time taken off for caregiving responsibilities. This results in a significant retirement savings gap. Studies suggest that women could retire with 30% less wealth than men due to these factors. Research shows that women face barriers such as lack of financial literacy, cultural norms, and systemic discrimination that prevent them from accessing micro pension schemes. A survey by the Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion found that women are more likely to cite lack of information and trust in financial institutions as reasons for not participating in financial systems. Despite the growing recognition of the need for inclusive financial solutions, less than 5% of global impact investment is directed toward financial products specifically designed for women.

These statistics highlight the urgent need for targeted interventions and innovative solutions, such as micropensions, to bridge the gender gap in financial inclusion and empower women globally.

Moderator:  
Parul Seth Khanna, Co-founder & Director, Pinbox

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**Mobilising green finance to develop smart and sustainable cities**

Cities are at the heart of the climate challenge – with 70% of global emissions coming from urban areas. Leveraging green finance at scale and pace to invest in sustainable cities is urgent. Green investments in Southeast Asia rose in 2023, boosted by green data center projects, though funding remains insufficient, a report showed. Hear from sustainability experts on strategies and targeted action to transform our cities into urban environments that are thriving for all.

Speakers:  
Desiree Fixler, Founder, DF Consult Group

Moderator:  
Prof. Shreekant Gupta, Executive Education Senior Fellow, LKY School of Public Policy

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3:30pm - 4:10pm

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## An ESG Data National Utility: Aspiration, preparation, application

The Gprnt platform, launched by MAS to tackle ESG data and reporting challenges, aspires to building towards a national utility that enables baseline sustainability reporting for all businesses. Get the first-hand perspectives from the relevant stakeholders on how this vision can and should unfold, and what value the envisaged utility may bring by facilitating efficient flow of data between real economy, financial institutions, and public sector across Singapore.

Moderator:

Lionel Wong, Head, Green FinTech Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore

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4:10pm - 4:50pm

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## Insuring a climate-adapted world: How are insurers evolving to tackle mounting environmental risks?

Insurance is playing an increasingly pivotal role in managing short-term climate risks and driving the long-term growth of carbon markets, making it essential to global business strategies. Climate risk insurance protects businesses, governments, and communities from the financial impacts of extreme weather events, while insurance for carbon credits enhances the credibility of carbon markets by covering the risk of underperformance in emissions reduction projects. These two forms of insurance are closely linked: carbon credits help mitigate long-term climate risks, while stable carbon markets attract greater investment in climate solutions.

Despite progress, significant challenges persist in refining climate-related insurance due to the complexity of climate modeling, data gaps, regulatory hurdles, and evolving market dynamics. Hear from our experts as they share insights on where the future of climate-related insurance is headed.

Speakers:

Christopher Au, Director, Asia-Pacific Climate Risk Centre, WTW

Foo Peng Er, Vice President, Group Sustainability, CapitalLand Investment

Vipul Shetty, Head of Energy Transition Solutions, Howden

Moderator:

John Maroney, Chief Executive Officer, Global Asia Insurance Partnership

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4:50pm - 5:30pm

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## View from the top: A palm oil case study on data, analytics, and standards

The use of AI and satellite imagery is revolutionizing supply chain tracking, offering advanced tools to address critical sustainability challenges. We'll zoom in on the palm oil sector, where this technology is driving an end-to-end change, enabling more transparent and sustainable practices. By leveraging real-time satellite data and AI analytics, companies can monitor land use, deforestation, and supply chain activities with greater accuracy, complementing traditional data collection methods and strengthening compliance with sustainability certifications.

Enhancing visibility not only mitigates environmental risks but also opens new pathways for sustainable financing and business innovation.

Speakers:

Prof. Sang-Ho Yun, Director, Remote Sensing Lab @ Earth Observatory of Singapore

Yip Shue Heng, Head of Asia Digital Strategy, MUFG Bank, Ltd.

Moderator:

Pamela Mar, Managing Director, Digital Standards Initiative, International Chamber of Commerce

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## FOUNDERS STAGE

Thu, Nov 7 1:40pm - 1:50pm  Hall 4, Singapore EXPO	<h3>Mathilda's untold founder story</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Mathilda D'silva, Chief Executive Officer, Ocean Purpose Project</p>
Thu, Nov 7 1:50pm - 2:00pm  Hall 4, Singapore EXPO	<h3>Madhu's untold founder story</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Madhusudanan R, Co-founder, M2P Fintech</p>
Thu, Nov 7 2:00pm - 2:10pm  Hall 4, Singapore EXPO	<h3>Grace's untold founder story</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker:</p>
Thu, Nov 7 2:20pm - 2:35pm  Hall 4, Singapore EXPO	<h3>Endurance: A Founders Peak Special</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Lesley Paterson, Film Writer &amp; Producer and Professional Triathlete, Brave Art Entertainment</p>
Thu, Nov 7 3:15pm - 3:25pm  Hall 4, Singapore EXPO	<h3>Tom's untold founder story</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker:</p>
Thu, Nov 7 3:35pm - 3:45pm  Hall 4, Singapore EXPO	<h3>Fernando's untold founder story</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Fernando Luis Vázquez Cao, Chief Executive Officer, SBI Digital Asset Holdings</p>
Thu, Nov 7 4:15pm - 4:25pm  Hall 4, Singapore EXPO	<h3>Dmytro's founder story</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Dmytro Dubilet, Co-founder, Fintech Farm</p>

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<p>Thu, Nov 7 4:25pm - 4:35pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Vipul's untold founder story</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Vipul Parekh, Co-founder, Bigbasket</p>
<p>Thu, Nov 7 4:35pm - 4:45pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Tram Anh's &amp; Huy's untold founder story</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speakers: Tram Anh Nguyen, Co-founder, Centre for Finance, Technology and Entrepreneurship (CFTE) Nguyen Trieu Huy, Co-founder, CFTE</p>
<p>Thu, Nov 7 4:45pm - 4:55pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Prashanth's founder story</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Prashanth Ranganathan, Chief Executive Officer, Zinc Money</p>

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REGULATION STAGE

<p>Thu, Nov 7 11:15am - 11:30am</p> <p>Hall 5, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>"Canada's legal frontier: Regulating AI in financial services for global leadership"</b></p> <p>This session is powered by the Government of Canada. Explore how Canada is pioneering the regulation of AI in financial services, balancing innovation with consumer protection. Suhuyini Abdulai, Partner at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, will delve into the latest legal challenges and opportunities, offering practical insights on navigating AI's impact in a global context. Join this session to understand how Canada is shaping the future of AI governance.</p> <p>Speaker: Suhuyini Abudulai, Partner, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP</p>
<p>Thu, Nov 7 1:35pm - 1:50pm</p> <p>Hall 5, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>Policymaker's keynote on building fintech ecosystems</b></p> <p>In this keynote, Heiko Thoms, State Secretary at the German Federal Ministry of Finance, will highlight Germany's commitment to fostering a thriving FinTech ecosystem. The keynote will emphasise the crucial role of the FinTech sector in driving innovation and competitiveness in the financial market and the wider economy. Focusing on Germany as a leading FinTech hub in Europe, Mr Thoms will present German and EU initiatives aimed at improving financing and regulation for FinTechs to provide insights into building a robust FinTech ecosystem. The keynote will conclude by exploring opportunities for further development of the FinTech market through increased international exchange of best practices.</p> <p>Speaker: Heiko Thoms, State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Finance</p>
<p>Thu, Nov 7 1:50pm - 2:35pm</p> <p>Hall 5, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>A framework for digital asset growth: Global regulatory insights</b></p> <p>As digital assets continue to reshape the global financial landscape, regulatory clarity and aligning regulatory frameworks is key to fostering innovation and ensuring market stability. This dynamic panel discussion will explore the evolving regulatory frameworks for digital assets across global markets, the challenges of implementing these frameworks and the opportunities for fostering innovation while ensuring compliance. Gain insights into how governments, investors, and industry leaders are approaching regulation, and what steps are necessary to harmonise global standards for digital assets in the future.</p> <p>Speakers: Antonio Alvarez, Chief Compliance Officer, Crypto.com Ari Redbord, Global Head of Policy and Government Affairs, TRM Labs Chong Kok Kee, Chief Executive Officer, AsiaNext Nilmini Rubin, Chief Policy Officer, Hedera Nopnuanparn Pavasant, Assistant Secretary-General, SEC Thailand</p> <p>Moderator: Sandra Ro, Chief Executive Officer, Global Blockchain Business Council</p>

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## Regulatory challenges of cross-border fintech operations

What are the regulatory hurdles for fintech companies operating across multiple jurisdictions, and how can they be addressed? This discussion will navigate differing regulatory requirements, spotlight the role of international regulatory cooperation, and define the impact of differing tax laws on fintech businesses.

### Speakers:

Kajeneri Mugenzi Christian, Director, Payment Systems, National Bank of Rwanda (NBR)  
Dr Jutaro Kaneko, Deputy Commissioner for International Affairs, Financial Services Agency  
Kwame Oppong, Director of FinTech and Innovation, Bank of Ghana

### Moderator:

Foo Chek-Tchung, Executive Director, Public Policy, Elevandi

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3:15pm - 4:00pm

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## Panel: Novel approaches to combat money laundering, terrorism financing, fraud and scams

Panelists will discuss the future directions for detecting financial crime in payments, integrating existing work, for example from BISIH Projects Mandala, Aurora, and Hertha. They will also unpack some of the outcomes of the roundtable and workshop on novel approaches to combat money laundering (ML), terrorism financing (TF), fraud and scams from the Insights Forum, and discuss the potential way forward.

### Speakers:

Andy White, Chief Executive Officer, AusPayNet  
Sarah Pritchard, Executive Director of Supervision, Policy and Competition - Markets and Executive Director of International, Financial Conduct Authority

### Moderator:

Maha El Dimachki, Centre Head, BIS Innovation Hub - Singapore Centre

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## What users of RegTech and SupTech are thinking

This session aims to get to the latest trends, developments and thinking around the adoption and applications for RegTech and SupTech in the contemporary financial services regulatory environment. Anchored in The RegTech Association's latest research, it will probe the key findings to bring the session to life with key perspectives from global financial services players and regulators.

### Speakers:

Andrei Pustelnikov, Advisor, Bank for International Settlements  
Anna Wallace, SPO Consumer Protection and RegTech, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation  
Drew Propson, Head of Technology and Innovation in Financial Services, World Economic Forum  
Jasper Poos, General Manager Technology CCO, Commonwealth Bank of Australia

### Moderator:

Peter Deans, Board Member, The RegTech Association



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## The RegTech Association: Showcase of 5 RegTechs

Watch this space for more information.

### Speakers:

Clint Mills, Managing Director, Ingenuos  
Charles Pittar, General Manager of Growth and Customer Success, Castlepoint Systems  
Dr Hamish Macalister, Chief Executive Officer & Founder, Transparently Pte Ltd  
Jacqueline Pang, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Artius Global  
Kai Thim Ng, Chief Executive Officer, InsiteMY Innovations

### Moderator:

Peter Deans, Board Member, The RegTech Association

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**TALENT STAGE**

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12:35pm - 12:45pm

Hall 4, Singapore EXPO

**Singapore Tech Talent Report 2024 Launch**

The Singapore tech industry has been fraught with uncertainty in 2024. Rapid digital advancements like GenAI are reshaping jobs and skills, economic shifts are tempering tech funding, while the needs and expectations across generational groups are evolving distinctly. In this dynamic environment:

- how can business and HR leaders address the changing nature of work, workforce and workplace?
- how can the technology workforce of tomorrow prepare, innovate and sustain in the new world?
- how can ecosystem players enable changing workforce dynamics?

This thought-provoking session will unpack key findings of the Singapore Tech Talent Report 2024\*. A diverse panel will then share perspectives on the challenges and opportunities in navigating the Tech talent landscape for the year ahead. \*Formerly known as the "FinTech Talent Report".

Speaker:

Sivanesan Govender, Managing Director, Strategy & Consulting, Southeast Asia, Accenture

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Speakers:

Alvinder Singh, Head, Innovation Acceleration Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore

Monica Agarwal, Head of HR, MoneyHero Group

Nicole Bodack, APAC Banking & Capital Markets Industry Lead, Accenture

Moderator:

Reuben Lim, Chief Executive Officer, Singapore FinTech Association

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1:20pm - 2:00pm

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## Why quantum computing matters for financial services

Quantum computing is a potentially transformative technology. Significant technological advances such as error correction and mitigation reflect strong momentum that will persist in the coming years. According to McKinsey, quantum computing use cases in financial services could create over US\$600 billion in value by 2035. Further, the impact of a possible 'Y2Q' problem has been well documented, with leading experts forecasting that cybersecurity risks associated with quantum will materialise in the coming decades.

What is the future like with the advancements in quantum computing? What are its use cases and implications for the financial sector? What skills do you need to thrive in the quantum era?

### Speakers:

Julian Tan, IBM Supply Chain Transformation & Quantum Business Development Executive, IBM  
Michael Low, Deputy Director, Curriculum Development & Digitalisation and Head, Finance & Technology Programmes, Singapore Management University  
Prof. Ying Chen, Director of Centre for Quantitative Finance, National University of Singapore

### Moderator:

Shadab Taiyabi, President, Singapore FinTech Association

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2:00pm - 2:45pm

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## Recruiters confidential: In search of the perfect candidate

In today's competitive job market, finding the perfect candidate—or landing your dream job—can feel like searching for a needle in a haystack. Join us for an eye-opening panel discussion with leading recruiters as they reveal what really matters in the hiring process.

From debunking common job search myths to sharing insider tips on how to stand out, this session will cover the latest trends in recruitment and what top recruiters are looking for in FinTech candidates.

Plus, we'll be answering burning questions from jobseekers in real-time. Whether you're an aspiring professional or a seasoned expert, you'll walk away with actionable advice to navigate your next career move.

### Speakers:

Antoinette Louis, Vice President of Talent Acquisition - APAC, Mastercard  
Chris Kuhn, Director, Human Resource Business Partnership, Circle  
Nilay Khandelwal, Senior Managing Director, India & Singapore, Page Group  
Patricia Teo, Executive Director, Search (Technology), Kerry Consulting

### Moderator:

Andralynn Tan, Ambassador Relations, Elevandi

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## Skilling and capacity development: A playbook for success

In a world that will be increasingly led by AI, the burning questions in 21st century economics are:

- As individuals, will what we are taught at school and trained at college still be relevant by the time we turn 40?
- With modern jobs increasingly being remade by AI, how can workers and businesses continue to remain relevant?
- Is achieving breakout growth for emerging economies a pipe-dream if they can't get skilling right? India is touted to become the 3rd largest economy in the world by 2030, by realising the potential of its demographic dividend- a 65% working-age population. But how real is this? What is its skilling playbook for employability in manufacturing, services and the digital economy to achieve breakout growth? What has worked? What has failed?

Our expert panel will also examine these challenges from a broader viewpoint of emerging markets. The robust discussion will create an urgency to get skilling right for economies in ASEAN & India achieve growth aspirations and future proof the workforce in an AI and automation-driven world.

### Moderator:

Kirti Seth, Ex-CEO Sector Skills Council, NASSCOM

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## Pivoting to a career in Tech in Finance

The panel will seek to provide an update on the latest jobs and skills in demand in Tech in Finance and touch on some of the programmes and resources available to help professionals pivot to this exciting growth area.

Speakers:

Moderator:

Reuben Lim, Chief Executive Officer, Singapore FinTech Association

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4:55pm - 5:25pm

Hall 4, Singapore EXPO

## Mission 10x: Elevating the women in VC in ASEAN fintech landscape

Join us for a thought-provoking discussion that dives deeper into our joint critical mission of increasing the representation of women investors in Southeast Asian fintech landscape. Hear from the experiences of our distinguished speakers who will talk about their journey and share insights on their experiences and challenges they faced, and the wins that they had. Let's celebrate these women who are reshaping the investor landscape, while also engaging in conversations on how to join them in this mission, together. Let's ignite change, foster dialogue, and inspire the next generation of female investors.

Speakers:

Moderator:

Tawishi Singh, Chair, SFA Women in FinTech Subco & Ecosystem and Investment Lead, FinTech Nation

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TECHNOLOGY STAGE

<p>Thu, Nov 7 10:30am - 10:45am</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>"Delivering AI solutions built on unified data" - Powered by InterSystems</b></p> <p>Data Fabric architecture, referred to as “the future of data management” by Gartner, enables progressive FinTechs and data providers to cost-effectively build and maintain solutions using live data wherever it resides. Using a unified data platform that runs analytics and AI close to the data enables these innovators to then quickly add semantics to their applications, build AI-powered experiences with retrieval augmented generation** (**RAG), and create and manage composite GenAI applications. In this session, InterSystems will provide case studies showing how these architectural approaches are being used to deliver competitive advantage.</p> <p>Speaker: Scott Gnau, Vice President, InterSystems</p>
<p>Thu, Nov 7 10:45am - 11:00am</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>"Maximising idle cash reserves: Striking the perfect balance between liquidity and investment" - Powered by JP Morgan</b></p> <p>In today's dynamic macro-economic environment, marked by the emergence of innovative business models and digital solutions, maintaining a robust balance sheet is crucial for capitalising on new opportunities. Central to this strategy is effective liquidity management. Join Amy Eckhoff as she delves into strategies for optimising your liquidity, enabling you to unlock new opportunities within the payments and fintech ecosystems. Discover how to make your idle cash reserves work smarter and drive growth in an ever evolving financial landscape.</p> <p>Speaker: Amy Eckhoff, Managing Director, Global Liquidity &amp; Accounts Payments, J.P. Morgan Payments</p>

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11:00am - 11:15am

Hall 3, Singapore EXPO

## "The rise of stablecoins and the future of finance" - Powered by Paxos

In the face of turmoil in the digital asset industry, stablecoins have emerged as a beacon of stability and promise for the future of finance. As traditional markets grapple with uncertainty, stablecoins — cryptocurrencies designed to maintain a stable value — are rapidly becoming integral to various financial ecosystems. This session delves into the future potential of stablecoins, highlighting the Global Dollar (USDG) - the new US dollar-backed stablecoin issued by Paxos - and its network of partners.

Join us to explore:

- Enterprise adoption will expand the stablecoin market
- Discover how stablecoins have evolved from niche financial tools to mainstream solutions that facilitate the storage of value on-chain. With enterprise use cases in payments, settlement, and treasury on the rise, we'll discuss how this demand is forecasted to significantly grow the stablecoin market.
- Today's stablecoins don't meet the needs of enterprises
- As stablecoins continue to gain traction, enterprises are eager to adopt them, yet current offerings often fall short of competitive requirements. This session will address the challenges companies face in integrating stablecoins and explore what features are essential for enterprise-level solutions.
- Global Dollar (USDG) - The new standard for US dollar-backed stablecoins
- Hear directly from industry leaders using Global Dollar (USDG) - the new US dollar-backed stablecoin issued by Paxos. With a focus on compliance, performance and the power of global brands coming together to form a new stablecoin ecosystem, Global Dollar (USDG) represents a new standard in stablecoins that meets the highest regulatory benchmarks while catering to the unique needs of enterprises.
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- Speakers:
- Walter Hessert, Head of Strategy, Paxos
- Ronak Daya, Head of Product, Paxos

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11:15am - 11:30am

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## "Unlocking the future of fintech in Southeast Asia" - Powered by Alibaba Cloud

Imagine a world where financial services are as accessible and seamless as meal ordering. Or a world where traditional banking barriers do not exist and innovative solutions empower businesses and individuals to thrive. This is the future of fintech in Southeast Asia.

Alibaba Cloud's vision is to create a digital ecosystem where financial services are not only accessible but also inclusive and empowering for everyone. Find out more about Alibaba Cloud's technologies and how it stays at the forefront of this transformation.

Speaker:

Garry Sien, Chief Solutions Architect of Global Financial Services Solutions, Alibaba Cloud Intelligence

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11:45am - 12:00pm

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## "Driving payments innovation of tomorrow" - Powered by Visa

This session will explore trends that are evolving and impacting the payments industry, for example, advancement of digital commerce, changing customer preferences or a broad range of payment options. Visa will share about new payment solutions such as passkeys and Click to Pay that will cater to these evolving preferences and trends.

Speaker:

T.R. Ramachandran, Head of Products and Solutions, Asia Pacific, Visa

<p>Thu, Nov 7 12:00pm - 12:15pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>"Payment solutions in the era of globalisation: How cross-border transactions for businesses are facilitated" - Powered by XTransfer</b></p> <p>Join XTransfer in this session as they share about how they navigate the complexities of global trade dynamics. Discover how the trend shapes and challenges global digital payment development, particularly within the B2B industry.</p> <p>Speaker: Bill Deng, Founder &amp; Chief Executive Officer, XTransfer</p>
<p>Thu, Nov 7 12:45pm - 1:00pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>"Innovative horizons: Shaping the future of Global Cash Management" - Powered by ICBC</b></p> <p>Explore the transformative impact of digital innovation on global cash management with ICBC's expert insights. Uncover strategies for multinational companies to adapt and thrive in a dynamic market through efficient, real-time financial systems. Gain a comprehensive understanding of how ICBC supports businesses in building robust information, settlement, and treasury centers, driving strategic objectives and value management. Discover the future of global cash management and the pivotal role of ICBC's services in empowering corporate clients globally.</p> <p>Speaker:</p>
<p>Thu, Nov 7 1:00pm - 1:15pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>"Empowering merchants through value-driven partnerships" - Powered by NETS</b></p> <p>Today, the payments scene has changed significantly. Small businesses are able to serve a wider customer base, local and overseas, and operate more efficiently. Payment companies are now pushing the boundaries to serve merchants better. Find out more on what acquirers can do to differentiate themselves.</p> <p>Speaker: Lawrence Chan, Group Chief Executive Officer, NETS</p>
<p>Thu, Nov 7 1:15pm - 1:30pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>"Optimise and improve business efficiency with AI" - Powered by Netron</b></p> <p>Adoption of technology and continued exponential growth of AI applications are key to future advancement. Every company needs to set the right foundation for AI deployment. Join this session to learn how to leverage AI applications for enhanced efficiency and other advantages.</p> <p>Speaker: Allan Panganting, Senior Technical Consultant, Netron Information Technology</p>

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## "Supercharging instrument authorisations with xAI" - Powered by Thredd

Explainable AI (xAI) in real time issuer processing ensures transparency and trust by providing clear, understandable reasons for AI-driven decisions such as fraud detection, credit adjustments, and transaction approvals. It helps meet regulatory requirements, enhances customer trust, and ensures fairness by mitigating bias in AI models. Find out how xAI transforms the AI-powered Thredd platform into a fast, efficient and transparent tool.

Speaker:  
Edwin Poot, Global Chief Technology Officer, Thredd

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## "From vision to reality: How Conversational AI is revolutionising the finance industry" - Powered by Dyna.Ai

Imagine harnessing language, images, videos, and data in real time. This is the power of Conversational AI, TextGPT, VoiceGPT, AvatarGPT, and other AI-native apps. Picture a future where text, voice, and visuals merge into one AI system – redefining customer engagement, product innovation, and decision-making. In this session, we'll showcase live demos and breakthrough use cases revealing how AI will revolutionise finance and fuel innovation.

Speaker:  
Tomas Skoumal, Co-founder, Co-president & Chairman, Dyna.Ai

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## Forging the future: Unveiling the pillars of an AI hub for the financial industry

With AI playing an increasing role in financial services, establishing a thriving AI hub sets the stage for future success. This session explores the essential elements for the development of such a hub, covering key aspects of talent, infrastructure, research and regulatory support. It will uncover the key pillars needed for an AI hub to succeed, draw from lessons learned in Singapore's development to becoming an AI hub, and explore the considerations in establishing effective Centers of Excellence.

Speakers:  
Deep Thomas, Chief Data Officer, Nomura  
Philbert Gomez, Executive Director, Digital Industry Singapore (DISG), Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB)  
Tomasz Kurczyk, Chief Information Technology Officer, Prudential Singapore  
Kiran Kesavarapu, Director - Industry Solutions & Architecture, Google

Moderator:  
Jill Malandrino, Global Markets Reporter, Nasdaq



Thu, Nov 7  
3:00pm - 4:00pm

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## Revolutionising QR payments: SGQR+ launch for enhanced merchant and consumer experiences

The successful completion of the SGQR+ Proof of Concept represents a pivotal stride towards a more efficient and inclusive QR payment ecosystem by empowering merchants to accept multiple payment schemes with a single merchant acquirer and enabling consumers to transact using their preferred payment apps and e-wallets for their daily transactions.

Join us to hear how SGQR+ has benefitted their business. This session will provide valuable insights on how SGQR+ can optimise the payment acceptance and account reconciliation processes for your business. Additionally, representatives from NETS and Liquid Group will share their respective strategies for the commercialisation of SGQR+.

Make sure you seize this opportunity to discover how SGQR+ can transform and benefit your business.

### Speakers:

Jeremy Tan, Chief Executive Officer, Liquid Group  
Lawrence Chan, Group Chief Executive Officer, NETS

### Moderator:

Jo Yeo, Director & Head, Payments Development and Data Connectivity Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore

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4:00pm - 4:30pm

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## Envisioning the future of financial services in the era of AI

Artificial intelligence is already changing the game for many industries. Banking is no exception. Banks are peering into the future: trying to figure out what the technology holds for the industry in the next few years. Hear from today's players on their visions for the next generation of banking through the AI lens.

### Speakers:

Dwaipayan Sadhu, Chief Executive Officer, Trust Bank  
Kevin Lam, Group Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Hong Leong Bank  
Dr Geraldine Wong, Chief Data Officer, GXS Bank

### Moderator:

Dan Jones, Head of Digital Asia Pacific, Oliver Wyman

Thu, Nov 7  
4:30pm - 5:00pm

Hall 3, Singapore EXPO

## GenAI in production in financial services: Real or not?

Join this session to understand the cutting-edge applications of GenAI, from personalised customer interactions to fraud detection and predictive analytics. Experts will dive deeper into proven strategies for implementing GenAI solutions that deliver measurable business value, driving operational efficiency and innovation.

### Speakers:

### Moderator:

Thu, Nov 7  
5:00pm - 5:30pm

Hall 3, Singapore EXPO

## Money moves to the next-gen wallet: How tech is redefining personal finance

Join us for an engaging dialogue on the future of money management, where we explore how rapid technological advancements are transforming the way individuals handle their finances. From faster transactions and inclusive banking solutions to AI-powered financial tools, discover how innovation is reshaping the financial landscape for everyone.

Speakers:

JB Mackenzie, Vice President & General Manager of Futures and International, Robinhood Markets

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## WORKSHOPS

Thu, Nov 7  
10:30am - 11:30am

Garnet Room, Level 2,  
Singapore EXPO

### "Opening the future: Circle's programmable wallets & compliance engine" - Powered by Circle

Join us for an insightful workshop at the Singapore FinTech festival, where we will showcase Circle's developer platform, focusing on programmable wallets and compliance engine. Discover how these innovative tools can enhance financial operations while ensuring regulatory adherence. Engage in hands-on discussions and explore real-world applications that can elevate your fintech projects. Don't miss this opportunity to innovate with Circle's trusted solutions!

Speaker:  
Elton Tay, Developer Relations Lead APAC, Circle

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Friday, 8 November 2024

**FESTIVAL STAGE**

<p>Fri, Nov 8 9:30am - 10:20am</p> <p>Hall 1, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>Digital currencies in a billion wallets: The Big Hairly Audacious Goal (BHAG)</b></p> <p>The race to bring digital currencies to billions of wallets is on. This CxO dialogue will explore the challenges and strategies driving the global adoption of digital currencies. Attendees will gain insights into the timeline and key milestones expected on the path to widespread use.</p> <p>Speakers: Charles Cascarilla, Co-founder &amp; Chief Executive Officer, Paxos Eric Anziani, President &amp; Chief Operating Officer, Crypto.com Monica Long, President, Ripple Richard Teng, Chief Executive Officer, Binance Sarah Breeden, Deputy Governor, Bank of England</p> <p>Moderator: Sopnendu Mohanty, Chief FinTech Officer, Monetary Authority of Singapore &amp; Chair of the Board of Directors, Elevandi</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 10:20am - 11:05am</p> <p>Hall 1, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>Financial market infrastructure for the future</b></p> <p>The future of financial markets depends on robust and resilient infrastructure. This session will explore the innovations driving the next generation of financial market infrastructure.</p> <p>Speakers: Fernando Luis Vázquez Cao, Chief Executive Officer, SBI Digital Asset Holdings Pradyumna Agrawal, Managing Director, Investment, Temasek Sergey Nazarov, Co-founder, Chainlink Valérie Urbain, Chief Executive Officer, Euroclear</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Chris Brummer, Founder, Bluprynt, the Crypto Disclosure Company &amp; DC Fintech Week</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 11:05am - 11:20am</p> <p>Hall 1, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>Insights on the state of Global Equity Markets</b></p> <p>Watch this space for more information!</p> <p>Speaker:</p>

Fri, Nov 8  
11:20am - 12:00pm

Hall 1, Singapore EXPO

## Global innovation: Insights from China

This panel will explore the key lessons from China's rapid fintech growth, focusing on how mobile penetration, social networks, and diverse domestic markets have reshaped consumer behavior. Experts will discuss the unique partnerships between traditional banks and fintechs that have driven innovation. Additionally, the session will highlight the role of emerging technologies like AI and blockchain in fueling the next wave of financial transformation.

**Speakers:**

Bill Deng, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, XTransfer  
Wei Shi, General Manager, Country Head, Bank of China Singapore Branch  
Tim Shen, Co-Chief Executive Officer, LianLian Global

**Moderator:**

Fri, Nov 8  
12:20pm - 1:00pm

Hall 1, Singapore EXPO

## 2024 Election Super Cycle: The impact of the US and other global elections on business, investment and economy

The 2024 super election cycle brought to office an unprecedented new elected leadership in countries representing 50% of the global population and GDP - including India, Indonesia, the European Union and dozens more. The cycle, not to be seen for the next 24 years, will culminate with the US Election. Coupled with the ongoing macroeconomic transition from the high interest rate cycle and geopolitical flux in various regions, 2025 will usher in new trade policies, multilateral agreements, global economic alliances and emerging regional powers.

In this exclusive dialogue, global policy, investment and business experts will give their definitive view on how this paradigm shift will alter the outlook for international business, financial and economic landscape in 2025.

**Speakers:**

Clay Chandler, Executive Editor, Asia, Fortune  
Dr Gillian Tett (speaking virtually), Columnist and Member of the Editorial Board, Financial Times

**Moderator:**

Steven Okun, Chief Executive Officer, APAC Advisors & Senior Advisor, GPCA, Global Private Capital Association

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## FUTUREMATTERS STAGE

<p>Fri, Nov 8 1:05pm - 1:20pm</p> <p>Hall 2, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>From tradition to innovation: Transition of the financial industry</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information!</p> <p>Speaker: H.E. Gilles Roth, Minister of Finance, Luxembourg</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 1:20pm - 1:35pm</p> <p>Hall 2, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Central bank strategies for 2025: Navigating a shifting landscape</h3> <p>As the global financial landscape shifts, central banks are recalibrating their strategies. This keynote will explore the top priorities guiding the Central Bank of Ireland in 2025.</p> <p>Speaker: Gabriel Makhlof, Governor, Central Bank of Ireland</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 1:35pm - 2:15pm</p> <p>Hall 2, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>The CSOs' Dialogue: How FIs are stepping up to finance the region's transition</h3> <p>Join sustainability leaders from the foremost financial sector as they discuss organisational efforts to integrate sustainability into core strategies and business operations. Hear first-hand how their CSO functions are evolving to meet mounting regulatory pressures on ESG, increasing complexity of climate-related risks, and calls for greater innovation in sustainable finance and technologies. With real-world case studies and best practices, this session is packed with fresh perspectives and actionable insights on propelling Asia's transition into a low carbon economy.</p> <p>Speakers: Diana Guzmán, Chief Sustainability Officer &amp; Chair of the Prudence Foundation, Prudential plc Melissa Moi, Head of Sustainable Business, United Overseas Bank Chen Leiming, Chief Sustainability Officer, Ant International &amp; Senior Vice President, Ant Group, Ant International</p> <p>Moderator: Lionel Wong, Head, Green FinTech Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore</p>

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Fri, Nov 8  
2:15pm - 2:50pm

Hall 2, Singapore EXPO

## Convergence of TradFi and digital assets: The capital markets transformation

When the traditional and cutting-edge converge, what happens? In this session, we bring together traditional finance (TradFi) players with digital assets experts for an exploration of the possibilities that arise when old and new come together. Speakers will dive into the implications this has on institutional investors, exchanges and regulators, as well as define the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead as capital markets move toward a more decentralised, efficient, and transparent future.

**Speakers:**

Hon. Caroline Pham, Commissioner, Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
Mathias Imbach, Co-founder & Group Chief Executive Officer, Sygnum

**Moderator:**

Dushyant D Shahrawat, Managing Director, Rosenblatt Securities

Fri, Nov 8  
2:50pm - 3:25pm

Hall 2, Singapore EXPO

## Creating an interoperable infrastructure for digital assets

The future of digital assets depends on the creation of interoperable infrastructure that connects various platforms and ecosystems. This session will explore the technical and regulatory challenges involved in achieving interoperability, and the benefits it can unlock for the global digital economy.

**Speakers:**

Daniela Barbosa, General Manager, Decentralized Technologies, Linux Foundation & Executive Director, LF Decentralized Trust

Georgios Vlachos, Co-founder of Axelar Protocol & Director, Axelar Foundation

Rehan Ahmed, Chief Executive Officer, Marketnode

Kate Karimson, Chief Commercial Officer, R3

Fri, Nov 8  
3:25pm - 4:00pm

Hall 2, Singapore EXPO

## Role of digital currencies in tomorrow's financial markets: Use cases, challenges and solutions

Digital currencies hold great potential to reshape the future of financial markets, with applications spanning cross-border payments, remittances, tokenization and more. In this session, catch a glimpse of the most promising use cases that will redefine the industry, and hear from industry leaders on real-world challenges hindering implementation and the solutions they are exploring to push through.

**Speakers:**

Chan Yam Ki, Vice President, Circle

Dr Johnna Powell, Managing Director, Head of Technology Research and Innovation, Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation (DTCC)

Humphrey Valenbreder, Chief Executive Officer, Partior

Tom Menner, Chief Technology Officer, SBI Digital Markets

**Moderator:**

Jessica Renier, Managing Director & Head of Digital Finance, Institute of International Finance (IIF)

Fri, Nov 8  
4:00pm - 4:30pm

Hall 2, Singapore EXPO

## Shaping the future: Digital asset policy and growth outlook for 2025

The digital asset landscape is rapidly evolving, and policy and investment strategies must keep pace. This session will examine the key regulatory and market trends expected to shape the industry in 2025 and beyond, offering insights into the priorities and opportunities that lie ahead.

**Speakers:**

Walter Hessert, Head of Strategy, Paxos  
Vishal Sacheendran, Head of Regional Markets, Binance

**Moderator:**

Amanda Wick, Principal, Incite Consulting

Fri, Nov 8  
4:30pm - 5:00pm

Hall 2, Singapore EXPO

## Applications of AI: Financial and capital markets

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**Speaker:**

Dr Benjamin Mosk, Senior Financial Sector Expert, Global Markets Analysis Division, Monetary & Capital Markets Department (MCM-GA), International Monetary Fund



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ESG Stage

<p>Fri, Nov 8 2:50pm - 3:30pm</p> <p>Hall 5, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>Sustainability vs affordability: Innovative approaches for a green bottom line</b></p> <p>Sustainability is often viewed as an expensive undertaking, with many believing that eco-friendly choices come at a steep price. But in today's evolving world, is this assumption still true? Can businesses, from startups to established enterprises, integrate sustainability into their models without compromising affordability?</p> <p>In this panel, we'll explore the delicate balance between sustainability and affordability, showcasing how businesses are tackling this challenge through innovative approaches and collaboration. We'll discuss how real, impactful change comes from knowing where your resources are sourced and ensuring that sustainability is woven into every layer of a business model—creating a system that benefits both the planet and the bottom line, driving a circular economy in daily operations.</p> <p>Speakers: Ben Gattie, Founder &amp; Chief Executive Officer, The Working Capitol</p> <p>Moderator: Ming En Liew, Content Manager, Elevandi</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 3:30pm - 4:10pm</p> <p>Hall 5, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>The paradox of sustainable compute: Cutting the Gordian Knot?</b></p> <p>We want more powerful digital capabilities to tackle the complex challenge of climate change. Emerging technologies like genAI, cloud and quantum computing hold great promise for optimising energy use, reducing emissions, and solving complex environmental challenges. But these sophisticated tools come with their own hefty emissions 'price tags'. Can we balance our mounting computational needs with the desire for net zero impact on the environment?</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Andrzej Gwizdalski, Researcher, University of Western Australia &amp; Founder, Western Australia Web3 Association</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 4:10pm - 4:50pm</p> <p>Hall 5, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>ReGenerative AI: How AI is transforming net zero ambitions into reality</b></p> <p>AI and big data are increasingly powering problem-solving in the sustainability space, delivering insights and options towards a net-zero future. Against the backdrop of its promising outlook and applications, what are the main challenges financial institutions face in adopting AI for sustainable finance? How can AI help institutions align their portfolios with global sustainability goals, balancing the purpose and profit equation in the long term?</p> <p>Speakers: German Vegarra, Founder &amp; Chief Executive Officer, ADAPTA Inc. Olivier Kuziner, Managing Partner, Ekimetrics</p> <p>Moderator: Syam Nair, Chief Technology Officer, Gprnt</p>

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4:50pm - 5:30pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

## Reviving trust in carbon markets: Data, tech and AI as the fixes

Carbon markets are a pivotal tool in the global fight against climate change. Globally, the price of carbon emissions is on the rise and these markets incentivise companies to reduce their carbon footprint. However, despite their potential, carbon markets face persistent challenges, including issues of transparency, accuracy, and trust. In this session, we explore how data, technology, and AI can address these challenges and revive trust in carbon markets.

### Speakers:

Poyan Rajamand, ESG Subject Matter Expert, Standard Chartered Ventures

Wang Hanyuan, Founder, Climind

Kenneth Ng, Global Sustainability Lead, Razer Inc

Nithyanandam Yuvaraj Dinesh Babu, Executive Director, Infrablocks Capital

### Moderator:

Praveen Tekchandani, Partner & ASEAN Climate Change and Sustainability Services Co-leader, EY

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## FOUNDERS STAGE

<p>Fri, Nov 8 1:10pm - 1:50pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>TEDx Masterclass: The Amazing Art of Storytelling</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speakers: Navin Suri, Chief Executive Officer &amp; Founder, Percipient &amp; Advisor to Board of Directors, Elevandi</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 2:00pm - 2:10pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Caesar's untold founder story</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker:</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 2:10pm - 2:20pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Dr. Ronghui's founder story</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Dr Gu Ronghui, Co-founder, R.G.</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 2:20pm - 2:30pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Rei's founder story</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Rei Murakami, Venture Partner, Kadan Capital</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 2:40pm - 3:00pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Crisis Communication: A Founders Peak Special</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker:</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 3:00pm - 3:10pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Anthony's founder story</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Anthony Thomas, Managing Director, FinTech; Chairman, Delivery Hero; MoMo</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 3:10pm - 3:20pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Kevin's untold founder story</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Kevin Wu, Co-founder &amp; COO, AI Rudder</p>

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<p>Fri, Nov 8 3:20pm - 3:30pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Sanjib's untold founder story</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Sanjib Kalita, Founder &amp; Chief Executive Officer, Guppy &amp; Chairman, Fintech Meetup, Guppy &amp; Fintech Meetup</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 3:30pm - 3:40pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Sergey's founder story</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Sergey Nazarov, Co-founder, Chainlink</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 4:10pm - 4:25pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Ai Boon's entrepreneurial legacy</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Ong-Ang Ai Boon, Director, The Association of Banks in Singapore (ABS)</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 4:40pm - 4:55pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>From banker to a music entrepreneur: A Founders Peak Special</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Dhruv Shrikent, Musicpreneur &amp; Singer Songwriter, Druv Kent Productions Pte Ltd</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 5:30pm - 7:00pm</p> <p>MarketPlace at EXPO</p>	<h3>The Founders ROCK™</h3> <p>You don't want to miss this one-of-a-kind industry networking where founders, regulators, and business leaders will jam together on stage to wrap up and celebrate SFF 2024!</p> <p>Speakers: Pieter Franken, Co-founder &amp; Director, Elevandi Japan Arvind Sankaran, Senior Fintech Consultant, Asian Development Bank Anthony Howe, Commercial Director, Asia Market Entry</p>

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## REGULATION STAGE

<p>Fri, Nov 8 1:00pm - 1:40pm</p> <p>Hall 5, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Financial crime: Anatomy of a scam</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speakers: Amanda Wick, Principal, Incite Consulting Caroline Bowler, Chief Executive Officer, BTC Markets</p> <p>Moderator: Rene Michau, Global Head, Digital Assets, Standard Chartered</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 1:40pm - 2:10pm</p> <p>Hall 5, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Dark tech: How AAI and malicious AI solutions for fraudsters are evolving and how we can stop them</h3> <p>This session will explore the challenges posed by the next gen Fintech for Malicious purposes including FraudGPT, WormGPT, and the soon to be released DarkBERT. It will reflect on what challenges this will pose for customers, banks and their regulators. We will also discuss how Adversarial AI (AAI) systems that target AI systems via Evasion attacks, data poisoning and model extractions. We'll also consider how tightening regulations in response to these threats may lead to unintended consequences, such as greater financial exclusion for vulnerable populations. The session will conclude by covering how to prepare for these emerging threats through staff training, cyber solutions and enhancing ERM strategies and customer awareness campaigns.</p> <p>Speakers: Shawn Hunter, Industry Fellow (APEC) &amp; Director, Inclusive Growth Programs, Griffith Asia Institute Prof. Andreas Chai, Director, Financial Crime Investigation and Compliance Academy, Griffith Business School Prof. Ernest Foo, Professor, Griffith University</p> <p>Moderator: Elena Maran, Global Head of Financial Services and Responsible AI, Modulos AG</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 2:10pm - 2:40pm</p> <p>Hall 5, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>From theory to practice: Quantum research and finance</h3> <p>This panel will explore how a dedicated sandbox for quantum applications can accelerate the adoption of quantum technology in the financial sector. By leveraging a sandbox for experimentation, financial institutions can better understand the potential of quantum computing, reduce risks, and fast-track the development of transformative financial tools and strategies.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Moderator:</p>

Fri, Nov 8  
2:40pm - 3:10pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

## Digital defenders: AI's game-changing role in payments fraud prevention

"Beware of scams" has become a common refrain among banks today, and rightfully so. In 2023, fraud scams and bank fraud schemes amounted to nearly \$500 billion in projected losses globally, as per the NASDAQ Verafin 2024 global financial crime report. The surge in digitalisation has given rise to a parallel increase in fraud, posing a substantial threat to both individuals and financial entities\*\*. \*\* This session will outline the playbook on risk management framework and deep dive into strategies that can enable accurate and predictive assessments that aid in compliance with fraud detection and prevention requirements.

Speakers:  
Payal Patel, VP Risk & Compliance APAC, Circle

Moderator:  
Nitin Mathur, Senior Account Director, Customer Success, Elevandi

Fri, Nov 8  
3:10pm - 3:50pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

## Advancing inclusive policy frameworks

The conversation around creating inclusive policy frameworks continues to evolve, with a heightened focus on the intersection of technology, sustainability, and social equity. In this session, experts, policymakers, and advocates will build on previous insights and explore new dimensions of inclusivity in a rapidly changing global landscape.

This session aims to address

1. The impact of emerging technologies on inclusivity and sustainable development
2. Addressing global disparities in an uncertain environment
3. Strengthening multi-stakeholder collaboration
4. Future directions: Policy innovation and scalability
- 5.
6. Speakers:
7. Barnabás Virág, Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Hungary
8. Dr Maxwell Opoku-Afari, Deputy Governor, Bank of Ghana
- 9.
10. Moderator:
11. Foo Chek-Tchung, Executive Director, Public Policy, Elevandi

Fri, Nov 8  
3:50pm - 4:20pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

## Navigating geopolitics: Impact on business and technology

Watch this space for more information!

Speakers:  
Ziad Haider, Partner, Global Director of Geopolitical Risk, McKinsey

Moderators:  
Francesca Aliverti, Co-founder, FTS Group

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## TALENT STAGE

Fri, Nov 8  
12:35pm - 1:20pm

Hall 4, Singapore EXPO

### Shaping success: Unlocking the secrets to an exceptional workplace

Creating an exceptional workplace isn't just about perks and policies—it's about cultivating an environment where employees truly thrive. Join us for an engaging panel discussion with experts from various fields as they uncover the secrets to building an exceptional workplace.

Discover how to foster a company culture that resonates with employees, create a safe environment that embraces feedback and growth, and implement plans to support the professional growth of your teams. Our panel will also delve into the nuances of DEI, moving past conventional gender-focused discussions to explore a broader spectrum of inclusivity.

With actionable insights and real-world advice, this session is your guide to transforming your workplace into a beacon of success and employee satisfaction.

**Speakers:**

Magdalena Pandiloska, Managing Director & Chief Marketing Officer, iCapital  
Pamela Sng, Senior Consultant & Research Lead, Great Place To Work  
Sabrina Ooi, Co-founder & CEO, Calm Collective Asia  
Yap Qian Yin, Business Architecture Specialist, Accenture

**Moderator:**

Bob Grove, Executive Director, WorkWell Leaders

Fri, Nov 8  
1:20pm - 2:05pm

Hall 4, Singapore EXPO

### Breaking the mould: Reimagining work for a new era

In the evolving landscape of work, traditional 9-to-5 jobs are giving way to exciting new models that challenge the status quo. Dive into this dynamic panel discussion where we explore how work is being redefined for a new era. Join us for an engaging conversation with industry experts and trailblazers as we challenge conventional work norms and explore the future of employment. Whether you're a professional seeking new opportunities or an organisation adapting to change, this session will provide valuable insights to help you navigate the workplace of tomorrow.

**Speakers:**

Christopher Pile, Managing Partner, MISSION+  
Kai Ning Lim, Co-founder, The Courage Chapter  
Larissa Murmann, Chief HR Officer, Unilever International

**Moderator:**

Fri, Nov 8  
2:05pm - 2:50pm

Hall 4, Singapore EXPO

## Career crossroads: Exploring development pathways for individual contributors vs. managers

In today's evolving workplace, career growth is often equated with becoming a manager, but is that the only path to success? This panel delves into the key differences between individual contributor and manager roles, offering insights into what career growth looks like for both. We will explore how professionals can transition between these two pathways, how individual contributors can lead without formal titles, and the distinct skill sets required for each role. Additionally, the panel will address how companies can support employees in growing along either path and discuss the future of work and how it may reshape these roles. Join us for an in-depth conversation on navigating the crossroads of career development.

### Speakers:

Dean Tong, Managing Director & Head of Group Human Resources, United Overseas Bank

Hannah Hall-Turner, Regional Head of People & Culture APAC, Zuhlke Group

Karen Yao, Managing Director, Human Capital Management Department Asia Pacific, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC)

Ong Chin Yin, Chief People Officer, Grab

### Moderator:

Anna Breimer, Managing Director, The Breimer Group

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2:50pm - 3:20pm

Hall 4, Singapore EXPO

## The future of work in financial services: Navigating the GenAI revolution

Explore how GenAI is redefining job roles, skills, and workforce dynamics in financial services, and how Singapore can harness these changes to become a leading hub for AI-driven financial innovation. The discussion will highlight strategies to balance automation with human expertise, driving productivity while creating new opportunities.

### Speakers:

Carolyn Neo, Chief Executive Officer, Institute of Banking and Finance

Lim Him Chuan, Head, Group Strategy, Transformation, Analytics and Research (GSTAR), DBS Bank

Tram Anh Nguyen, Co-founder, Centre for Finance, Technology and Entrepreneurship (CFTE)

### Moderator:

Sanjna Parasrampurua, Partner, McKinsey & Company



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TECHNOLOGY STAGE

<p>Fri, Nov 8 10:30am - 10:45am</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>"AI unleashed: The future of insurance" - Powered by Prudential</b></p> <p>The Prudential AI Lab will develop solutions that enhance customer experience and enable access to health and wealth services. It will also build AI knowledge and talent within Prudential and the community. Join this session to hear from Prudential about their sandboxes where they turn ideas into action to build the future of insurance.</p> <p>Speaker: Ian JianLiang Low, AI Lab Program Head, Prudential Assurance Company Singapore</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 12:15pm - 12:30pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>"Tokenization: A catalyst for change" - Powered by Hedera</b></p> <p>If 2024 had a buzzword, it would undoubtedly be tokenization. This technology is swiftly revolutionising asset ownership, trading and management as we know it, offering benefits such as improved liquidity, enhanced accessibility, greater transparency, and increased efficiency.</p> <p>In this keynote, we will explore how tokenization is transforming industries, with a particular focus on financial markets. We'll discuss practical applications, such as the tokenization of money market funds (MMFs), highlighting how this technology can streamline operations, enhance liquidity management, and boost market accessibility.</p> <p>Join us to gain insights into how tokenization is reshaping asset management and setting new standards for performance, security, and compliance across the industry.</p> <p>Speaker: Eric Piscini, Chief Executive Officer, Hashgraph</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 12:30pm - 12:45pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>"AI governance in cloud ERA: Ensuring responsible innovation in financial services" - Powered by SoftServe</b></p> <p>In the fast-paced world of finance, GenAI is becoming a cornerstone of innovation. Yet, the true potential of Gen AI can only be unlocked through effective governance frameworks that ensure compliance, ethical use and alignment with business goals. Join us as we discuss high-level insights into balancing innovation with regulatory adherence for GenAI within finance and insurance.</p> <p>Speaker: Wells Vaughan, CTO, Financial Services, SoftServe APAC</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 1:00pm - 1:15pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>"Bridging TradFi and DeFi: The stablecoin catalyst" - Powered by Ripple</b></p> <p>Join this insightful fireside chat moderated by Ripple exploring how high-quality and trusted stablecoins serve as a critical entry point for institutional DeFi to enable seamless on-ramping, create new diverse use cases, and attract new users to the DeFi ecosystem.</p> <p>Speaker: Fiona Murray, Managing Director, APAC, Ripple</p>

<p>Fri, Nov 8 1:15pm - 1:30pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>"Head in the cloud: Why next-gen banking is no longer a pipe dream" - Powered by Pismo</b></p> <p>Organisations face challenges when undertaking digital transformation of their infrastructure. Adaptation costs, delays, bottlenecks, and downtime are heavy weights holding institutions back. The cloud holds the answer, and it has never been easier to set your company on the path to innovation and success. Attend the talk to discover key strategies to effectively utilise cloud systems.</p> <p>Speaker: Varun Dudeja, Head, Business Development APAC, Pismo</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 1:15pm - 1:45pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>"AI: From experimentation to industrialisation" - Powered by DBS Bank</b></p> <p>AI in banking plays a pivotal role in creating value for banks and their customers. This session will delve into DBS Bank's AI strategy and the outcomes which AI industrialisation has brought to the bank, as well as highlight the bank's approach to Generative AI.</p> <p>Speaker: Lim Him Chuan, Head, Group Strategy, Transformation, Analytics and Research (GSTAR), DBS Bank</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 1:30pm - 2:00pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>"Shaping the next generation of financial services through collaboration with HSBC Thrive" - Powered by HSBC</b></p> <p>Learn how HSBC delivers a holistic product that enhances the physical, mental and financial well-being of SMEs on a single platform. By embracing a universal bank mindset and the collective innovative spirit with our fintech partners, HSBC brings together agility, innovation and reliability to support clients' evolving needs.</p> <p>Speakers:</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 2:05pm - 2:35pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p><b>A data-powered economic view: Insurance and pensions</b></p> <p>In today's economy, insurance and pension systems play critical roles in both individual financial security and the broader financial markets. This session will explore how data-driven technologies are transforming the insurance and pension industries. It will also delve into how data-driven approaches are revolutionising these sectors, enhancing risk assessment, cost management and investment strategies.</p> <p>Speakers: Dr Amlan Roy, LCP, LSE &amp; Global Macro Demographics Author Demographics Unravelled, LSE &amp; LCP Dr Sabine Kapasi, Advisory to Global Strategy Team, United Nations</p> <p>Moderator: Amol Dethe, Editor, ETBFSI &amp; ETCFO, The Economic Times</p>

Fri, Nov 8  
2:35pm - 3:05pm

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## Driving innovation in banking: Intrapreneurs, fintech partnerships, and venture growth

This dialogue will explore how banks can foster innovation by empowering intrapreneurs to build new ventures, integrating them with existing functions for greater efficiency and impact. Learn how financial institutions can spin out these ventures and collaborate with external fintechs through strategic partnerships and Corporate Venture Capital (CVC). Gain insights into the opportunities and challenges of nurturing internal innovation while leveraging external ecosystems to drive growth and competitive advantage.

**Speakers:**

Victoria Sanchez-Terry, Head of Innovation Asia Pacific, BNY  
Fernando Plaza, Group Chief Digital Officer, ADIB

**Moderator:**

Fri, Nov 8  
3:05pm - 3:35pm

Hall 3, Singapore EXPO

## Money travelling: Convergence of travel and fintech

As digital ecosystems evolve, the convergence of travel and fintech is reshaping industries and unlocking new value propositions. This session delves into how these sectors are coming together to create unified platforms, enabling seamless customer journeys from booking to payment. Discover how collaboration across these industries is driving innovation in mobile payments, loyalty programmes, and personalised travel experiences, while exploring the future potential of integrated services to enhance convenience and growth.

**Speakers:**

Abdallah Abu-Sheikh, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Astra Tech & Botim  
Caecilia Chu, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, YouTrip

Fri, Nov 8  
3:35pm - 3:55pm

Hall 3, Singapore EXPO

## Evolution of InsurTech: Next steps in the journey

Watch this space for more information!

**Speaker:**

Rob Schimek, Founder & Group Chief Executive Officer, bolttech

**Moderator:**

Varun Mittal, Head of Innovation & Ecosystem, Singlife

Fri, Nov 8  
3:55pm - 4:35pm

Hall 3, Singapore EXPO

## Road to G20 goals: How to make payments faster, cheaper, more accessible and more transparent?

In today's hyper-connected internet era, it still costs more than 6% on average to send money as remittance across borders - this can reach as high as 52% across certain global corridors. In this light, it is no surprise that, G20 has made a priority to make payments faster, cheaper, more transparent and more accessible. Additionally, new functionalities such as programmability and tokenization are being added to various forms of digital money (like CBDCs, Tokenized Deposits and Stablecoins). This panel session will focus on the key actions needed to make the global payment system more resilient and aligned with the G20 goals..

**Speakers:**

Anouska Ladds, Executive Vice President, Commercial & New Payment Flows, Asia Pacific, Mastercard  
Gajja Parsons, VP, Liquidity Partnerships, Circle  
Arif Khan, Chief Innovation officer, Razorpay

**Moderator:**

Irina Chuchkina, Chief Marketing Officer, Volt.io

Fri, Nov 8  
4:35pm - 5:05pm

Hall 3, Singapore EXPO

## Powering payments: Driving business growth with seamless payment solutions

In an era of rapid digital transformation, efficient and innovative payment solutions are crucial for business success. This session will explore the latest advancements in payment technologies, from real-time transactions to embedded finance, and how they can enhance customer experience, improve cash flow, and streamline operations. Gain insights from industry leaders on how to optimise payment systems for scalability, security, and speed, and discover strategies to unlock new revenue streams through smarter payment infrastructures.

**Speakers:**

Andrea Baronchelli, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Aspire  
Gary Liu, GM of Global Merchant Services, Antom, Ant International

**Moderator:**

Michael Abbott, Senior Managing Director, Global Banking Lead, Accenture

Fri, Nov 8  
5:05pm - 5:35pm

Hall 3, Singapore EXPO

## Bridging the gap between TradFi and DeFi: How digital asset banking is entering the mainstream

There is a rising trend of digital asset banks that replicate services similar to a savings account and personal finance management. Hear from DeFi experts as they discuss opportunities and challenges with digital asset banking entering the mainstream. They will also discuss about complying with strict banking processes such as know-your-customer (KYC) regulations which set a high bar for financial services to clear.

**Speakers:**

Salim Dhanani, Chief Executive Officer, Pave Bank  
Jeannie Lim, Executive Director, Paxos  
CK Ong, Chief Operating Officer, SBI Digital Markets  
Robert MacDonald, Chief Legal & Compliance Officer, ByBit

**Moderator:**

Sheila Chiang, Content Manager, Elevandi

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**Amanda Wick**, Principal, Incite Consulting

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**Anantha Nageswaran Venkatraman**, Chief Economic Advisor, Government of India

**Andrea Baronchelli**, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Aspire

**Anette Bronder**, Chief Technology & Operations Officer, Prudential plc

**Anikó Szombati**, Executive Director & Chief Digital Officer, Magyar Nemzeti Bank

**Ari Redbord**, Global Head of Policy and Government Affairs, TRM Labs

**Ari Sarker**, President, Asia Pacific, Mastercard

**Arjun Vir Singh**, Partner & Global Head of FinTech, Arthur D. Little

**Arnaud Caudoux**, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Bpifrance

**Balaji Srinivasan**, Co-founder & Board Member, Coin Center

**Barkha Dutt**, Television Journalist & Author, Mojo Story

**Brad Carr**, Executive, Innovation & Partnerships, National Australia Bank

**Brad Garlinghouse**, Chief Executive Officer, Ripple

**Caecilia Chu**, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, YouTrip

**Camilla Bullock**, Chief Executive Officer, Emerging Payments Association Asia

**Candace Kelly**, Chief Legal Officer & Head of Policy, Stellar Development Foundation

**Charles Cascarilla**, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Paxos

**Clay Chandler**, Executive Editor, Asia, Fortune

**Daniela Barbosa**, General Manager, Decentralized Technologies, Linux Foundation & Executive Director, LF Decentralized Trust

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**Dr David Hardoon**, Chief Executive Officer, Aboitiz Data Innovation Pte Ltd

**Deborah Young**, Chief Executive Officer, The RegTech Association

**Deep Thomas**, Chief Data Officer, Nomura

**Denis Beau**, First Deputy Governor, Banque de France

**Desiree Fixler**, Founder, DF Consult Group

**Diana Paredes**, Chief Executive Officer, Suade Labs

**Dowson Tong**, Senior Executive Vice President & Chief Executive Officer, Cloud and Smart Industries Group, Tencent

**Dushyant "D" Shahrawat**, Managing Director, Rosenblatt Securities

**Dwaipayan Sadhu**, Chief Executive Officer, Trust Bank

**Eric Anziani**, President & Chief Operating Officer, Crypto.com

**Eric Lim**, Chief Sustainability Officer, United Overseas Bank

**Fernanda Lima**, Partner, LeapFrog Investments

**Fernando Luis Vázquez Cao**, Chief Executive Officer, SBI Digital Asset Holdings

**Gabriel Makhoul**, Governor, Central Bank of Ireland

**H.E. Gilles Roth**, Minister of Finance, Luxembourg

**Dr Gillian Tett (speaking virtually)**, Columnist and Member of the Editorial Board, Financial Times

**Hans Koning**, Global Chief Industry Specialist Digital Finance, World Bank Group

**He Dong**, Deputy Director, Monetary and Capital Markets Department, International Monetary Fund (IMF)

**Humphrey Valenbreder**, Chief Executive Officer, Partior

**Janet Young**, Managing Director & Group Head, Channels & Digitalization, United Overseas Bank

**Jean-Marc Stenger**, Chief Executive Officer, Societe Generale - FORGE

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**Jim McCarthy**, Chief Executive Officer, Thredd

**Joanne Harper**, Executive Director Digital, Data and Technology, Australian Securities and Investments Commission

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**Jonathan Larsen**, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of Ping An Global Voyager Fund & Chief Innovation Officer, Ping An Group

**Kevin Lam**, Group Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Hong Leong Bank

**Kfir Godrich**, Chief Innovation Officer, BlackRock

**Leong Sing Chiong**, Deputy Managing Director, Monetary Authority of Singapore

**Lesley Paterson**, Film Writer & Producer and Professional Triathlete, Brave Art Entertainment

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**Dr Marco Pistoia, Ph.D.**, Managing Director, Head of Global Technology Applied Research, J.P. Morgan

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**Ong-Ang Ai Boon**, Director, The Association of Banks in Singapore (ABS)

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**Ronit Ghose**, Head of Future of Finance, Citi

**Sabrina Noiran**, Chief Sustainable Business Officer, BNP Paribas

**Sarah Breedon**, Deputy Governor, Bank of England

**Sarah Pritchard**, Executive Director of Supervision, Policy and Competition - Markets and Executive Director of International, Financial Conduct Authority

**H.E. Dr. Serey Chea**, Governor, National Bank of Cambodia

**Sergey Nazarov**, Co-founder, Chainlink

**Shaun Khalfan**, Senior Vice President & Chief Information Security Officer, PayPal

**Shelley McKinley**, Chief Legal Officer, GitHub

**Shun Kobayashi**, Head of FinTech Center, Bank of Japan

**Siddharth Shetty**, Co-founder, Sahamati

**Tal Cohen**, President, Nasdaq

**Tan Su Shan**, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, DBS Bank

**Prof. Thomas Puschmann**, Executive Director, Global Center for Sustainable Digital Finance, Stanford & Zurich University

**Dr Tilman Ehrbeck**, Managing Partner, Flourish Ventures

**Timothy Lane**, Former Deputy Governor, Bank of Canada

**Tommaso Mancini-Griffoli**, Division Chief of the Payments, Currencies, and Infrastructure Division, International Monetary Fund

**Umar Farooq**, Co-head of Global Payments, J.P. Morgan

**Valerie Szczepanik**, Director, US SEC's Strategic Hub for Innovation and Financial Technology (FinHub), US Securities and Exchange Commission

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**Vijay Shekhar Sharma**, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Paytm

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