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Wednesday, 6 November 2024

FESTIVAL STAGE

<p>Wed, Nov 6 9:10am - 9:30am</p> <p>Hall 1, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Chasing greatness: Decoding the mind of a 5x world champion</h3> <p>This opening session draws inspiration from Lesley Paterson, a five-time world champion in triathlon and an award-winning film producer, whose story exemplifies greatness through adaptability and perseverance. From dominating in the gruelling sport of triathlon to conquering the creative world of filmmaking, Paterson's journey showcases the transformative power of versatility. She will share how she overcame personal and professional hurdles, used mental toughness to break through barriers, and embraced change to excel in diverse fields.</p> <p>Speaker: Lesley Paterson, Film Writer & Producer and Professional Triathlete, Brave Art Entertainment</p> <p>Moderator: Navin Suri, Chief Executive Officer & Founder, Percipient & Advisor to Board of Directors, Elevandi</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 6 9:30am - 9:35am</p> <p>Hall 1, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Announcement of Fortune's FinTech 100 Asia 2024</h3> <p>This session will showcase the Fortune FinTech 100 Asia List for 2024.</p> <p>Speaker: Clay Chandler, Executive Editor, Asia, Fortune</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 6 9:35am - 10:05am</p> <p>Hall 1, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Singapore FinTech Festival 2024 Plenary Keynote: Crossroads of change - Steering financial services into 2025</h3> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Speaker: Ravi Menon, Ambassador for Climate Action and Senior Adviser to the National Climate Change Secretariat, Singapore</p>

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Wed, Nov 6
10:05am - 10:30am

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

Wed, Nov 6
10:30am - 10:50am

Hall 1, Singapore EXPO

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

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

Hall 1, Singapore EXPO

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

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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:

Mary Ann Francis, Executive Consultant & Ambassador, Global Payments & Strategic Initiatives Advisory
Rajat Taneja, President of Technology, Visa

Moderator:

Steve Suarez, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, HorizonX

Wed, Nov 6
11:30am - 12:20pm

Hall 1, Singapore EXPO

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

Wed, Nov 6
12:20pm - 1:00pm

Hall 1, Singapore EXPO

CBDCs: The policymakers' view of global finance 2.0

In this session, global central bank leaders will explore the future of digital money - how CBDCs and blockchain can be harmonised with traditional financial architecture. Join this session to better understand the global push towards CBDCs, their potential to reshape monetary systems, and the challenges of implementation.

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

Moderator:

Prof. Bob Wardrop, Professor & Spin-out Founder, University of Cambridge & RegGenome

Wed, Nov 6
1:00pm - 1:10pm

Hall 1, Singapore EXPO

Special Announcement: Fuelling Financial Movement

As the global fintech and payments ecosystem continues on a growth trajectory, Fuelling Financial Movement through innovative blockchain solutions that optimize the existing financial infrastructure to deliver game-changing flexibility, which powers business momentum is imperative.

Join Umar Farooq for this special announcement that will uncover the ways in which J.P. Morgan is reimagining the way money, assets and financial information move to build a more connected ecosystem.

Speaker:

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

Wed, Nov 6
1:10pm - 1:20pm

Hall 1, Singapore EXPO

The India story: On the path to a \$7 trillion economy - Opening Address

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.

Speaker:

K. V. Kamath, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Jio Financial Services Limited

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1:20pm - 2:00pm

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Speakers:

K. Rajaraman, Chairperson, International Financial Services Centres Authority

Venkatraman Anantha Nageswaran, 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 12:25pm - 12:30pm</p> <p>Hall 2, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>Welcome to the FutureMatters Stage: Day 1</p> <p>Moderator: Sharanjit Leyl, Consultant, Bath Spa University</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 6 12:30pm - 12:50pm</p> <p>Hall 2, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>Sustainability stocktake (SDGs & ESG): Why fintech is critical for speed and impact</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 a sustainable, equitable, efficient, and inclusive world.</p> <p>Speaker: Dr Amlan Roy, Partner LCP, Research Associate LSE (FMG & SRC), Author "Demographics Unravelling", LSE & LCP</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 6 12:50pm - 1:30pm</p> <p>Hall 2, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>AI in action: Real-world use cases for the financial services of tomorrow</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 & Group Chief Digital Innovation Officer, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) Anette Bronder, Chief Technology & Operations Officer, Prudential plc Matthew Driver, Executive Vice President, Head of Services Asia Pacific, Mastercard Asia Pacific Shaun Khalfan, Senior Vice President & Chief Information Security Officer, PayPal</p> <p>Moderator: Hongbin Jeong, Producer & Presenter, MoneyFM</p>

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1:30pm - 2:15pm

Hall 2, Singapore EXPO

Redefining cross-border commerce: How digital payments benefit local and regional economies

Gone are the days of carrying large amounts of cash while traveling—at least, that's the vision driving the transformation of cross-border commerce. In this session, explore the cutting-edge innovations reshaping the payments landscape and discover how regional companies are making seamless, borderless payments a reality for consumers and bring more opportunities for local and regional economies beyond payments.

Speakers:

Doug Feagin, President, Ant International
Akihiko Sato, Deputy Division Head, Finance Business Strategy Division, Finance Business Group, PayPay Corporation
Zubin Rada Krishnan, Chief Executive Officer, BigPay

Moderator:

Seo Young Lee, Partner & Head of Southeast Asia, Oliver Wyman

Wed, Nov 6
2:15pm - 3:00pm

Hall 2, Singapore EXPO

AI in focus: Applications to unlock new pathways for SME growth

Ready to see how AI is driving real change in trade and finance? This session explores the powerful ways AI is being used to empower underserved SMEs across payments, digitalisation, and financing. By lowering costs, AI enables both traditional institutions and fintechs to deliver more efficient, tailored services to SMEs. Join our speakers as they delve into how AI is optimising cross-border transactions, enhancing customer experiences, and revolutionising SME financing through smarter credit scoring models and personalised solutions, making capital more accessible than ever before.

Speakers:

Kamal Quadir, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, bKash Limited
Li Zhixian, Senior Director, Ant International
Vincent Iswara, Chief Executive Officer, DANA

Moderator:

Pat Patel, Executive Director, Elevandi

Wed, Nov 6
3:00pm - 3:15pm

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

Wed, Nov 6
3:30pm - 4:15pm

Hall 2, Singapore EXPO

CMPD Ministerial panel: Innovation-first or regulation-first? The right model for policymaking, attracting capital, and enabling innovation is...?

In an increasingly interconnected and technologically-driven world, governments and policymakers face the ever more complex challenge of balancing the need for innovation with the need for regulation. This panel brings together influential leaders from Germany, Albania, Bahrain, Pakistan, and Lithuania, to discuss the merits and challenges of an "innovation-first" versus "regulation-first" approach. The panel will explore how each country is uniquely navigating this balance to attract capital, stimulate entrepreneurship, while building stable financial and economic ecosystems.

Speakers:

Delina Ibrahimaj, Minister of State, State Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Business Climate of Albania
Karolis Zemaitis, Vice Minister of the Economy and Innovation, Ministry of the Economy and Innovation of the Republic of Lithuania

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:

Neil Esho, Secretary General, Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, Bank for International Settlements
Sarah Pritchard, Executive Director of Supervision, Policy and Competition - Markets and Executive Director of International, Financial Conduct Authority
K. Rajaraman, Chairperson, International Financial Services Centres Authority
Dr Jutaro Kaneko, Deputy Commissioner for International Affairs, Financial Services Agency

Moderator:

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

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4:55pm - 5:45pm

Hall 2, Singapore EXPO

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

Adel Meer, Global Manager for Financial Inclusion, International Finance Corporation

Moderator:

Rafat Kapadia, Head of Investments, Elevandi

Wed, Nov 6
5:45pm - 6:05pm

Hall 2, Singapore EXPO

CMPD Policymaker's Keynote: Innovate, integrate, elevate - Policies for a thriving digital economy

**Innovate: **Innovative policies that foster a robust digital ecosystem

**Integrate: **Initiatives that integrate cutting-edge technologies across industries, creating sustainable growth

**Elevate: **Need to empower businesses and the workforce to lead in the digital economy, driving inclusive development and global competitiveness.

Speaker:

Dr Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, Minister for Information Technology & Digital Services, Tamil Nadu

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ESG Stage

<p>Wed, Nov 6 12:00pm - 12:30pm</p> <p>Hall 5, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>"Bridging the gap: Collaborations for sustainable impact" - Powered by UOB</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: Shannon Lung, Head, UOB FinLab Marianne Tan, Programme Director, UOB FinLab</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 6 1:10pm - 1:30pm</p> <p>Hall 5, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>Reinventing a sustainable future: Leveraging innovation for sustainable and inclusive economic growth</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, Paris Région</p> <p>Moderator: Tamara Singh, Sherpa, Elevandi</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 6 1:30pm - 2:10pm</p> <p>Hall 5, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>Harnessing AI for sustainable supply chain finance</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 Sabrina Noiran, Chief Sustainable Business Officer, BNP Paribas</p> <p>Moderator: Dr James Ong, Founder & Managing Director, Artificial Intelligence International Institute (AIII)</p>

Wed, Nov 6
2:10pm - 2:50pm

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)
Harry Lee, Deputy Director and Head, Data Governance & Transformation Division, Monetary Authority of Singapore
Li Ming Ong, Director of Data Management & Statistics Department, Bank Negara Malaysia
Olivier Trecco, Regional Head, Sustainability Solutions Sales, Asia Pacific Middle East & Africa, S&P Global Market Intelligence

Moderator:

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

Wed, Nov 6
2:50pm - 3:30pm

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
3:30pm - 4:10pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

A Greenprint for Singapore, Part 1: Going far and fast with the ecosystem

The MAS-launched Gprnt platform is going live with its first wave of digital offerings to support Singapore's national sustainability needs. A Disclosure tool will automate businesses' reporting of basic climate metrics, and a Marketplace will connect users to the growing ecosystem of training, technology and financing solutions.

These offerings must not only work in concert with each other, but also with the broader ecosystem to jointly address the industry's multiple use cases. How can this be achieved? Gprnt and its partners share more.

Speakers:

Simin Liu, Head of Product, Gprnt
Cedric Chong, Senior Sales Director, APAC, Persefoni
Zhi Xiang Wong, Head of Sustainability (ASEAN), TUV SUD

Wed, Nov 6
4:10pm - 4:50pm

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 and International Business Officer, SCBX
Helge Muenkel, Chief Sustainability Officer, DBS Bank
Kalliopi Chioti, Chief Environmental, Social & Governance Officer, Temenos
Janet Johnstone, International Chief Administrative Officer, BNY

Moderator:

Kavitha Menon, Director, Singapore Sustainable Finance Association

Wed, Nov 6
4:55pm - 5:25pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

Sustainable tourism and financing as the catalytic engine for a thriving shared future

We will delve into the potential of ecotourism to serve as a sustainable economic driver, promoting both environmental conservation and economic development. Experts from the tourism and sustainability sectors will share successful model and discuss how sustainable tourism can, through digital solution and financing, contribute to shared prosperity by creating local jobs, preserving cultural heritage, and protecting natural ecosystems.

Speakers:

Doug Feagin, President, Ant International
Dr Richard JEO, Chief Field Officer, Conservation International
Toh Su Mei, Chief Executive Officer, ANEXT Bank
Vincent Iswara, Chief Executive Officer, DANA

Wed, Nov 6
5:25pm - 5:55pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

Launch of MSME Sustainability Impact Scorecard: Harnessing the power of technology Innovation to propel MSME sustainability

By leveraging new technologies and innovative practices and industry standards, MSMEs can easily build their ESG credentials and seamlessly integrate sustainability into their core business strategies and operations, creating long-term value while addressing environmental and social challenges.

In this session, Ant International together with its industry partners, will debut their new MSME Sustainability Impact Scorecard collaborations and share their insights on how digital innovation can drive and scale sustainable growth for MSMEs in the region.

Speakers:

Chen Leiming, Chief Sustainability Officer, Ant International & Senior Vice President, Ant Group, Ant International

Martha Sazon, President & Chief Executive Officer, GCash

Vivek Pathak, Regional Chief Risk Officer, International Finance Corporation

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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.

Speakers:

Prof. Chia Tek Yew, Advisor, NUS - Asian Institute of Digital Finance

Hironori Shimojima, Executive Officer, Deputy Head of Asia Pacific Division, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC)

Moderator:

Yasminne Cheng, CLASS 95 DJ, Mediacorp

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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

Christoph König, Deputy State Secretary, Head of Policy Planning and Strategy Division, State Secretariat for International Finance (SIF)

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

Wed, Nov 6
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, BIS Innovation Hub – Hong Kong Centre
Jane Moore, Head of Department, Financial Conduct Authority

Moderator:

Nilixa Devlukia, Chief Executive Officer, Payments Solved

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

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

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

Vincent Pek, Deputy Director, Monetary Authority of Singapore

Moderator:

Sonja Davidovic, Advisor, BIS Innovation Hub - Singapore Centre

Wed, Nov 6
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:

Kenneth Gay, Executive Director, Enterprise Knowledge Department, Monetary Authority of Singapore

Susan Slocum, Former Head of Innovation, Reserve Bank of Australia

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

Wed, Nov 6
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:

Alan Hwong, Head, Singapore Cash Product Management, DBS Bank
Chavi Jafa, Senior Vice President and Head of Commercial and Money Movement Solutions, Asia Pacific, Visa
Diana Ooi, Managing Director, Emerging Business, OCBC Bank
Hong Wei Teo, Director, Innovation and Customer Solutions, Mastercard
Paul Kan, Country Head, Business Banking Singapore, UOB

Moderator:

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

Wed, Nov 6
4:30pm - 5:10pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

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
Valerie Wagoner, Head of Product APAC, Stripe

Moderator:

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

Wednesday, 6 November 2024

TALENT STAGE

<p>Wed, Nov 6 12:05pm - 12:35pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Empowering the next generation of financial services and fintech talent</h3> <p>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.</p> <p>**Key points to be covered: **</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>Speakers: Jay Chan, Executive Director, Head of Talent Acquisition, Group Human Resources, United Overseas Bank Kenneth Gan, Managing Director and Head, Talent Acquisition Advisory, OCBC Mukul Anand, Head of Human Resources, Singapore, HSBC Winnie Lim, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Institute of Banking and Finance</p> <p>Moderator:</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 6 12:35pm - 12:45pm</p>	<h3>Launch of ASEAN FinTech Report 2024</h3> <p>Join us for the launch of our FinTech in ASEAN report, as we reflect on the last decade of FinTech evolution in the region. Hear firsthand experiences from industry leaders on navigating the funding landscape, discuss challenges posed by the global slowdown, and how FinTechs can continue to drive innovation despite economic pressures.</p> <p>Speaker: Janet Young, Managing Director & Group Head, Channels & Digitalization, United Overseas Bank</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 6 12:45pm - 1:20pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Reflecting on a decade of fintech in ASEAN</h3> <p>Join us for the launch of our fintech in ASEAN report, as we reflect on the last decade of fintech evolution in the region. Hear firsthand experiences from industry leaders on navigating the funding landscape, discuss challenges posed by the global slowdown, and how fintechs can continue to drive innovation despite economic pressures.</p> <p>Speakers: Janet Young, Managing Director & Group Head, Channels & Digitalization, United Overseas Bank Shadab Taiyabi, President, Singapore FinTech Association Walter de Oude, Founder Singlife & Chocolate, Chocolate Pte. Ltd.</p> <p>Moderator: Wanyi Wong, FinTech Leader, Financial Services Partner, PwC</p>

Wed, Nov 6
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 saviness 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

Voices of tomorrow: Blockchain Guardians on the future of digital assets and innovation

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Angela Ang, Senior Policy Advisor, TRM Labs
Kennie Ong, Payment Innovation Lead, Amazon

Moderator:
Matteo Rizzi, Investor, Author, Co-founder, FTS Group

Wed, Nov 6
1:55pm - 2:20pm

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Blockchain Guardians Programme Graduation Ceremony

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

Hall 4, Singapore EXPO

PolyFintech100 API Hackathon Grand Finals: Opening Address

Organised by PolyFinTech100, a pan-poly initiative comprising all 5 local polytechnics in Singapore, and supported by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), to develop and nurture fintech talent.

The 5 category champions will be pit against each other in this exciting Grand Finals to win the title of Grand Champion:

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Decentralized Finance: Team GG Tech, Ngee Ann Polytechnic
InsurTech: Team Backathon, Temasek Polytechnic
RegTech: Team BullsEye, Ngee Ann Polytechnic
Sustainability in Eldercare: Team Databaes, Singapore Polytechnic

Speaker:

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

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2:25pm - 4:00pm

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Speakers:

Team Backathon, PolyFinTech100 Finalist, Temasek Polytechnic
Team Bullseye, PolyFinTech100 Finalist, Ngee Ann Polytechnic
Team Databaes, PolyFinTech100 Finalist, Singapore Polytechnic
Team GGTech, PolyFinTech100 Finalist, Ngee Ann Polytechnic
Team Xperts, PolyFinTech100 Finalist, Nanyang Polytechnic
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>"Improve customer experience, engagement, and security with just a tap" - Powered by Arculus by CompoSecure</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 & Innovation Officer, Arculus by CompoSecure</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 6 10:45am - 11:00am</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>"Is your digital strategy future-ready? How not to get stuck in the past" - Powered by BPC</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 11:00am - 11:15am</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>"Achieving transparency and speed in transactions with Purpose Bound Money" - Powered by OCBC</p> <p>In this session, join OCBC and the Singapore Land Transport Authority (LTA) to find out how Purpose Bound Money helps LTA achieves transparency and governance, helps main contractors kickstart projects and ensures sub-contractors receive payments promptly.</p> <p>Speakers:</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 6 11:15am - 11:30am</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>"Sparking the next generation of future-ready solutions for businesses today" - Powered by DBS Bank</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>"The need for speed: Instant payments for the generation" - Powered by Banking Circle</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: Piers Cracknell, General Manager Australia, BC Payments Australia Pty Ltd</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 6 11:45am - 12:00pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>"Supercharging security and growth: AI-driven innovations in financial risk management" - Powered by Tencent</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 & Risk Products, Tencent Cloud International</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 6 12:00pm - 12:15pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>"The future of seamless payments" - Powered by Tencent</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) & 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>"Growing the USDC + EURC economy together: The Circle Alliance Program" - Powered by Circle</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>"Integrating foresight into data-driven financial decision-making using GenAI" - Powered by SMBC</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>"No (customer) voice left behind: Leveraging Gen AI to enhance customer feedback" - Powered by Amazon</p> <p>Customer feedback is critical to business growth, but when it spans millions of voices across the globe, ensuring no one is left behind becomes a big challenge. How can businesses manage this seamlessly in the AI era? Amazon is leading the way with Percept, which leverages AI-driven language detection, translation, and sentiment analysis, to transform vast amounts of unstructured feedback into actionable insights in a matter of hours - regardless of language or format. In this session, discover how Percept works and how GenAI empowers businesses to build more inclusive, customer-centric experiences across diverse global markets.</p> <p>Speaker: Partha Ayalasangam, Senior Manager, Software Development, Digital Payments & Emerging Markets, Amazon</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 6 1:15pm - 1:30pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>"Unlock speed, unlock trust: Passkeys for seamless guest checkout" - Powered by Mastercard</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>Speakers: Sandeep Malhotra, Executive Vice President, Products & Innovation, Asia Pacific, Mastercard</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 6 1:30pm - 1:45pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>"Connecting cross-border secondary markets for tokenized securities" - Powered by SBI Digital Markets</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>

Wed, Nov 6
1:45pm - 2:00pm

Hall 3, Singapore EXPO

"The future of cross-border money transfers" - Powered by Temasek

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.

Speaker:
Milind Sanghavi, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, XWeave.io

Wed, Nov 6
2:05pm - 2:35pm

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
2:35pm - 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:

Alexander Sulaimani, Director, Business Development, APAC, Euroclear
Andrew O'Neill, Managing Director, Analytical Lead on Digital Assets, S&P Global
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:

John O'Neill, Group Head of Digital Assets & Currencies, HSBC
Kelvin Li, Head of Platform Tech, Ant International
Scott O'Malia, Chief Executive Officer, International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.
Kevin Barr, Head of Digital Cash and Innovation, BNY

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, Financial Infrastructure and Artificial Intelligence 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

Wednesday, 6 November 2024

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

Allan Nguyen, Co-founder, EzyRemit

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:

Joseph McGuire, Head of Digital labs APAC, Mastercard

Wednesday, 6 November 2024

SIDE EVENTS

Wed, Nov 6
11:30am - 12:00pm

Pay it Forward Lounge,
Hall 4, Singapore EXPO

Book Launch: Know Decide Act: 10x Your Productivity at Work with AI and Automation by Keith Carter

"Know Decide Act" is your essential guide to navigating the AI revolution, whether you're a seasoned executive, a rising professional, or just starting your career. Packed with real-world examples, from police departments to banks, this book doesn't just explain AI—it shows you how to harness it as a force multiplier to amplify productivity at work.

In this transformative read, you'll explore:

- How to future-proof your career by understanding AI's strengths and limitations, ensuring you remain relevant in an evolving job market.
- The importance of experimentation and balancing data privacy with AI's immense benefits.
- Strategies for deciding to use AI as a productivity enhancer, capable of slashing task times by up to 80%.
- Insightful advice tailored for various sectors, including supply chain, banks, financial services, and business functions such as marketing, sales, and HR, illustrating how AI and automation can reshape these industries.
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- **Speaker:**
- Prof. Keith B. Carter, Partner, KDA Capabilities

Thursday, 7 November 2024

FESTIVAL STAGE

<p>Thu, Nov 7 9:00am - 9:20am</p> <p>Hall 1, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>Gaming, e-commerce and glocalisation: A Singaporean success story</p> <p>Very few start-ups have diversified from gaming into popular spaces such as e-commerce and FinTech, like Sea Limited has. After having gone public and scaled globally into new markets, the expansion into wallets and payments brings a new dimension into the journey. Join this session to hear from Forrest Li, the founder of Sea Limited, on the journey so far and the next stages in the company's evolution.</p> <p>Speaker: Forrest Li, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Sea Limited</p>
<p>Thu, Nov 7 9:20am - 9:50am</p> <p>Hall 1, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>Annual State of FinTech Address</p> <p>Watch this space for more information!</p> <p>Moderator: Manisha Tank, Broadcaster & TV Presenter</p>
<p>Thu, Nov 7 9:50am - 10:10am</p> <p>Hall 1, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>Enhancing connectivity to power growth in ASEAN</p> <p>Watch this space for more information!</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <p>Moderator: Sopnendu Mohanty, Chief FinTech Officer, Monetary Authority of Singapore & Chair of the Board of Directors, Elevandi</p>
<p>Thu, Nov 7 10:10am - 10:35am</p> <p>Hall 1, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>Better financial health for billions: Expanding access, driving growth</p> <p>Financial inclusion measures the access to financial services and products from regulated institutions - this has improved globally. A key metric, ownership of accounts reached 76% of the world's adult population in 2021 – up from 51% in 2011 (as per BIS).</p> <p>But financial inclusion does not necessarily equate to financial health. For example, less than a third of adults globally are aware of core financial concepts (as per BIS). Join this session to better understand the strategies being deployed to improve financial health for billions globally.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Tilman Ehrbeck, Managing Partner, Flourish Ventures</p>

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Thu, Nov 7
10:35am - 11:05am

Hall 1, Singapore EXPO

Walking the line: Navigating Asia's journey to a sustainable future

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.

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.

Speakers:

Masakazu Osawa, Managing Executive Officer, Chief Executive for Asia Pacific, MUFG Bank, Ltd.
Dr Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, Minister for Information Technology & Digital Services, Tamil Nadu
Rodrigo Kede Lima, President, Microsoft Asia

Moderator:

Oi-Yee Choo, Chief Executive Officer, Climate Impact X

Thu, Nov 7
11:05am - 11:45am

Hall 1, Singapore EXPO

Safeguarding the economy's backbone: Accelerating global SME growth through digital innovation

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.

Speakers:

Doug Feagin, President, Ant International
Mahendra Nerurkar, Vice President Payments for Emerging Markets, Amazon
Martha Sazon, President & Chief Executive Officer, GCash
H.E. Dr. Serey Chea, Governor, National Bank of Cambodia

Moderator:

Pat Patel, Executive Director, Elevandi

Thu, Nov 7
11:45am - 12:05pm

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GenAI in action: Embedding AI into the heart of a bank

Watch this space for more information!

Speaker:

Marco Argenti, Chief Information Officer, Goldman Sachs

Moderator:

Clay Chandler, Executive Editor, Asia, Fortune

<p>Thu, Nov 7 12:05pm - 12:30pm</p> <p>Hall 1, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>The future of finance: Powered by smart contracts and programmable money</p> <p>This session will examine the technologies driving the transformation of finance.</p> <p>Speakers: Balaji Srinivasan, Co-founder & Board Member, Coin Center Dante Disparte, Chief Strategy Officer & Head of Global Policy, Circle</p> <p>Moderator: Candace Kelly, Chief Legal Officer & Head of Policy, Stellar Development Foundation</p>
<p>Thu, Nov 7 12:50pm - 1:20pm</p> <p>Hall 1, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>A Brave New World?: Looking at the Future of Tech Policy</p> <p>Watch this space for more information!</p> <p>Speaker: Dr Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament & Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs, Republic of India</p>
<p>Thu, Nov 7 1:50pm - 2:30pm</p> <p>Hall 1, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>Financial network in the world's fastest growing continent</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Speakers: Dr Dimitrios Dosis, President, Eastern Europe, Middle East and Africa, Mastercard Dr Ernest Kwamina Yedu Addison, Governor, Bank of Ghana John Rwangombwa, Governor, National Bank of Rwanda</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Luca Antonio Ricci, Advisor & Mission Chief, International Monetary Fund</p>
<p>Thu, Nov 7 2:30pm - 3:00pm</p> <p>Hall 1, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>Singapore FinTech Festival celebrates Piyush Gupta's iconic journey</p> <p>This special session honours the contributions of a distinguished industry leader who has left an indelible mark on the financial services sector.</p> <p>Speaker: Piyush Gupta, Chief Executive Officer, DBS Bank</p> <p>Moderator: Sopnendu Mohanty, Chief FinTech Officer, Monetary Authority of Singapore & Chair of the Board of Directors, Elevandi</p>

Thu, Nov 7
3:00pm - 3:40pm

Hall 1, Singapore EXPO

The future of wealth: Evolving markets and expanding access

As private and public markets continue to evolve, the landscape of wealth management is undergoing a significant transformation. This session will explore how technology is democratising access to wealth solutions. With new digital platforms and investment tools, traditional barriers to entry are being lowered, paving the way for a future where wealth creation is more diverse.

Speakers:

Marco Bizzozero, Head of International & Member of the Executive Committee, iCapital
Caesar Sengupta, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Arta
Roman Regelman, Group President, FNZ

Moderator:

Manisha Tank, Broadcaster & TV Presenter

Thu, Nov 7
3:40pm - 4:20pm

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.

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

Thu, Nov 7
12:05pm - 12:45pm

Hall 2, Singapore EXPO

Empowering Global South growth and currency flows through integrated digital networks

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.

In addition, Global South countries have notable digital and financial transformation targets, which need innovative and integrated approaches to fully access the global economy.

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.

Speakers:

Wang Bing Ling, Deputy Chief Executive, Chiyu Banking Corporation Limited, Hong Kong
Kwamina Duker, Chief Executive Officer, Development Bank Ghana
Cyrus Bhathawalla, Chief Administrative Officer, J.P. Morgan Payments
Jeremy Tan, Chief Executive Officer, Liquid Group

Moderator:

Eugene Goh, Deputy Director, Monetary Authority of Singapore

Thu, Nov 7
12:45pm - 1:25pm

Hall 2, Singapore EXPO

Project Guardian: 2024 reflections, 2025 directions

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.

Speakers:

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 & Country Head, DBS Singapore, DBS Bank

Moderator:

Alan Lim, Director & Head, Financial Infrastructure and Artificial Intelligence Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore

Thu, Nov 7
1:25pm - 2:10pm

Hall 2, Singapore EXPO

Bridging the gap: Advancing financial access

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.

Speakers:

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
Toh Su Mei, Chief Executive Officer, ANEXT Bank

Moderator:

Fernanda Lima, Partner, LeapFrog Investments

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

Hall 2, Singapore EXPO

Shaping a responsible tomorrow: Why sustainable economic growth matters

In this keynote, H.E. Pedro Reis, Minister of Economy for Portugal, will underscore the critical role of sustainable economic growth in shaping a resilient and thriving future. He will explore how embedding sustainability into economic policies and business strategies can drive long-term prosperity while addressing contemporary challenges.

Minister Reis will showcase Portugal's and the European Union commitment in advancing sustainability goals on the global stage and will discuss how innovation and entrepreneurship are driving forces behind this transition. He will share insights from Portugal's experience in promoting a green transition and how these initiatives contribute to the country's economic development.

The Minister will also explore how these efforts are creating growth opportunities for both established enterprises and startups.

Speaker:

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

Thu, Nov 7
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 are 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, Financial Infrastructure and Artificial Intelligence 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

Thu, Nov 7
1:35pm - 1:50pm

Book launch: Superhumans of fintech - the power of gratitude

Building a startup is a lonely and complex journey, in which a large number ultimately do not succeed. Lessons and experiences from each success and failures are shared memories and assets for a society. Over the years we saw gratitude being a powerful unifier for trailblazers making a tangible impact on founders' lives.

Superhumans of Fintech is a community initiative by Fintech Nation & Aspire to institutionalise a way for founders to express gratitude and celebrate those who helped them along the way. It aims to say thank you to those who helped others to build their ventures and inspire the next generation by telling them that they are alone. It takes a village to raise a child, and this is our way of bringing together the village for entrepreneurship.

Speakers:

Varun Mittal, Head of Innovation & Ecosystem, Singlife
Tawishi Singh, Chair, SFA Women in FinTech Subco & Ecosystem and Investment Lead, FinTech Nation
Andrea Baronchelli, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Aspire

Thu, Nov 7
2:20pm - 3:00pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

Bridging the gap: Empowering women through micropensions and financial inclusion

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.

Yet, 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. Join speakers as they have a frank conversation on the barriers hindering greater financial inclusion, and consider the solutions that will bridge the gap.

Speakers:

Mayada El-Zoghbi, Managing Director, KIT Institute
Kalpana Ajayan, Regional Head South Asia, Women's World Banking

Moderator:

Parul Seth Khanna, Co-founder & Director, Pinbox

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

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

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
Greg Mittman, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, HySights

Moderator:

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

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

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

A Greenprint for Singapore, Part 2: Laying the foundations for a national sustainability utility

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.

Speaker:

Adrian Ow, Managing Director, Head of ESG Solutions, Group Wholesale Banking, UOB

Moderator:

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

Thu, Nov 7
4:10pm - 4:50pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

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, CapitaLand Investment
Vipul Shetty, Head of Energy Transition Solutions, Howden
Steve Tunstall, Director, PARIMA

Moderator:

John Maroney, Chief Executive Officer, Global Asia Insurance Partnership

Thu, Nov 7
4:50pm - 5:30pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

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 @ EOS, NTU Singapore

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

Gladys H. Morales Guevara, Global Head of Innovation, United Nations International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

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>Christoph's untold founder story</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Dr Christoph Gebald, Co-founder & Co-Chief Executive Officer, Climeworks</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 & Producer and Professional Triathlete, Brave Art Entertainment</p>
Thu, Nov 7 3:25pm - 3:35pm Hall 4, Singapore EXPO	<h3>Tom's untold founder story</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Thomas Peacock-Nazil, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Seven Clean Seas</p>
Thu, Nov 7 3:35pm - 3:45pm Hall 4, Singapore EXPO	<h3>Anthony's untold founder story</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Anthony Thomas, Managing Director FinTech, Delivery Hero & Chairman, MoMo</p>
Thu, Nov 7 3:45pm - 3:55pm 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>

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Thu, Nov 7 4:25pm - 4:35pm Hall 4, Singapore EXPO	<h3>Sergey's untold founder story</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Sergey Nazarov, Co-founder, Chainlink</p>
Thu, Nov 7 4:35pm - 4:45pm Hall 4, Singapore EXPO	<h3>Vipul's untold founder story</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Vipul Parekh, Co-founder, Bigbasket</p>
Thu, Nov 7 4:45pm - 4:55pm 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>
Thu, Nov 7 4:55pm - 5:05pm Hall 4, Singapore EXPO	<h3>Albert's founder story</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Albert Geisler Fox, Chief Executive Officer, Performativ</p>

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REGULATION STAGE

<p>Thu, Nov 7 11:15am - 11:30am</p> <p>Hall 5, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>"Canada's legal frontier: Regulating AI in financial services for global leadership"</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 12:45pm - 1:15pm</p> <p>Hall 5, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>"An economic outlook for the island of Ireland" by Enterprise Ireland</p> <p>This fireside chat will provide attendees with an economic outlook on the Island of Ireland, highlighting the vast opportunities available for companies looking to establish a presence, particularly in the fintech sector. The discussion, led by CEOs of Invest Northern Ireland and Enterprise Ireland, will delve into Ireland's current economic landscape, showcasing key industries and emerging opportunities that position the island as a strategic gateway for future growth and innovation across multiple sectors.</p> <p>Speakers: Kieran Donoghue, Chief Executive, Invest Northern Ireland Leo Clancy, Chief Executive Officer, Enterprise Ireland</p> <p>Moderator:</p>
<p>Thu, Nov 7 1:35pm - 1:50pm</p> <p>Hall 5, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>Policymaker's keynote on building fintech ecosystems</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, Germany</p>

Thu, Nov 7
1:50pm - 2:35pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

A framework for digital asset growth: Global regulatory insights

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.

Speakers:

Antonio Alvarez, Chief Compliance Officer, Crypto.com
Ari Redbord, Global Head of Policy and Government Affairs, TRM Labs
Nilmini Rubin, Chief Policy Officer, Hedera
Dr Nopnuanparn Pavasant, Assistant Secretary-General, SEC Thailand
Winston Quek, Chief Executive Officer, SBI Digital Markets

Moderator:

Sandra Ro, Chief Executive Officer, Global Blockchain Business Council

Thu, Nov 7
2:35pm - 3:15pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

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:

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

Moderator:

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

Thu, Nov 7
3:15pm - 4:00pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

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

Panellists 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
Rosemary Lim, Executive Director, Monetary Authority of Singapore
Beju Shah, Centre Head, BIS Innovation Hub - Nordic Centre

Moderator:

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

Thu, Nov 7
4:00pm - 4:35pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

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

Thu, Nov 7
4:35pm - 5:00pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

The RegTech Association: RegTech Showcase

The RegTech Association has curated a selection of leading companies to present their innovative products and solutions in fast-paced three-minute pitches. Discover cutting-edge technologies that simplify compliance and enhance efficiency, showcasing how RegTech tackles global challenges within a complex regulatory landscape.

Speakers:

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

Moderator:

Peter Deans, Board Member, The RegTech Association

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TALENT STAGE

<p>Thu, Nov 7 11:00am - 11:15am</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>"Fintech talent: What matters most?" - Powered by JobStreet</p> <p>The Singapore fintech market is highly competitive. With the growing demand for skilled professionals, businesses are dealing with significant talent gaps.</p> <p>Key takeaways from this session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The talent challenge in fintech • What talent wants • Emerging global talent trends • Key strategies for attracting talent • • • Speaker: • Vic Sithasanan, Acting Managing Director, Singapore, Jobstreet by SEEK
<p>Thu, Nov 7 12:35pm - 12:45pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>Launch of Singapore Tech Talent Report 2024</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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? <p>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".</p> <p>Speaker: Nesan Govender, Managing Director, Strategy & Consulting, Southeast Asia, Accenture</p>
<p>Thu, Nov 7 12:45pm - 1:30pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>Singapore Tech Talent Report 2024 Panel Discussion</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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? <p>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".</p> <p>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 Yap Aye Wee, Head, Learning & Transformation, Group Human Resources, OCBC Bank</p> <p>Moderator: Reuben Lim, Chief Executive Officer, Singapore FinTech Association</p>

Thu, Nov 7
1:30pm - 2:10pm

Hall 4, Singapore EXPO

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

Thu, Nov 7
2:10pm - 2:55pm

Hall 4, Singapore EXPO

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

Thu, Nov 7
2:55pm - 3:35pm

Hall 4, Singapore EXPO

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.

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Speakers:

Carolyn Neo, Chief Executive Officer, Institute of Banking and Finance
Dr Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, Minister for Information Technology & Digital Services, Tamil Nadu

Moderator:

Kirti Seth, Ex-CEO Sector Skills Council, NASSCOM

Thu, Nov 7
3:35pm - 4:20pm

Hall 4, Singapore EXPO

Pivoting to a career in tech in finance

The panel will provide an update on the latest jobs and skills in demand in tech in finance and touch on the programmes and resources available to help professionals pivot to this exciting growth area.

Speakers:

Neetha Nair, Chief Human Resources Officer, Prudential Assurance Company Singapore
Tan Yan Wei, Director and Group Head (Workforce Development), The Institute of Banking and Finance
Ying Ying Lian, Head HR Singapore and Private Banking Emerging Markets, Deutsche Bank

Moderator:

Reuben Lim, Chief Executive Officer, Singapore FinTech Association

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

Singapore's role in the global web3 landscape

As web3 reshapes the global digital landscape, Singapore has emerged as a pivotal hub for building the next generation of blockchain-based applications. This talk draws on insights from the Singapore Fintech Association's Web3 Industry Report, Singapore: The Onchain State, and features industry representatives discussing Singapore's role as a key destination for global web3 companies.

The session will explore the major factors attracting top professionals to pursue careers in web3, while also highlighting Singapore's growing influence in the global onchain ecosystem.

Speakers:

Ang Chin Tah, General Manager, Singapore, Crypto.com
Eric Barbier, Chief Executive Officer, Triple-A
Kim Mikyeong, Contributor, SG Builders

Moderator:

Thu, Nov 7
4:45pm - 5:05pm

Hall 4, Singapore EXPO

Talent & third parties in cyber: Building the future workforce

In an interconnected digital ecosystem, Third-Party Risk Management (TPRM) is increasingly critical, and with it, the demand for skilled cybersecurity professionals. From the strategic role of certifications to practical training pathways, our expert panel will discuss the essential capabilities that define TPRM talent and outline strategies for building a resilient cybersecurity workforce.

Speakers:

Niko Akatyev, Principal Consultant, Bitdefender

Rowena Lee, Director, HRS Talents

Thomas Kung, CISO & CRCO, Rakkar Digital

Moderator:

Tobias Klingel, Head of Information Security, Aspire App

Thu, Nov 7
5:05pm - 5:35pm

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:

Abby Ho, Investor (Fintech), MVP (M Venture Partners)

Sweta Rau, Founder & General Partner, White Venture Capital

Moderator:

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

Thursday, 7 November 2024

TECHNOLOGY STAGE

<p>Thu, Nov 7 10:30am - 10:45am</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>"Delivering AI solutions built on unified data" - Powered by InterSystems</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>"Maximising idle cash reserves: Striking the perfect balance between liquidity and investment" - Powered by JP Morgan</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 & Accounts Payments, J.P. Morgan Payments</p>
<p>Thu, Nov 7 11:00am - 11:15am</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>"Boosting resilience and smarter finance together" - Powered by Huawei</p> <p>In the session, join Huawei in discussing the digital innovation in finance in the AI era, the resilience and experience requirements of core transactions and digital currency. Gain insights into how to bridge the financial services gap by adopting mobile financing, AI and data technologies to reach end customers.</p> <p>Speaker:</p>

Thu, Nov 7
11:15am - 11:30am

Hall 3, Singapore EXPO

"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

Thu, Nov 7
11:30am - 11:45am

Hall 3, Singapore EXPO

"The state of data and AI in Asia Pacific" - Powered by SAS Institute

SAS Institute, in collaboration with IDC, interviewed over 500 leaders across various industries to explore the state of data and AI in Asia Pacific**. ** The session will share key insights of the survey which include:

- Data and AI strategy: Enterprises need to adapt their technology investments and skills based on their data and AI maturity.
- Trustworthy AI: Ensuring fairness, accountability, and transparency in AI is crucial for trust and risk management.
- AI Productivity: ModelOps and low/no-code tools can enhance AI project efficiency and reduce reliance on extensive data science expertise.

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• Speakers:

• Dr Chris Holmes, Editorial Director Asia, CIO.com

• Deepak Ramanathan, Vice President, SAS

Thu, Nov 7
11:45am - 12:00pm

Hall 3, Singapore EXPO

"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

Thu, Nov 7
12:00pm - 12:15pm

Hall 3, Singapore EXPO

"Payment solutions in the era of globalisation: How cross-border transactions for businesses are facilitated" - Powered by XTransfer

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.

Speaker:

Bill Deng, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, XTransfer

Thu, Nov 7
12:15pm - 12:30pm

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.

Speakers:

Walter Hessert, Head of Strategy, Paxos
Ronak Daya, Head of Product, Paxos

Thu, Nov 7
12:45pm - 1:00pm

Hall 3, Singapore EXPO

"Innovative horizons: Shaping the future of global cash management" - Powered by ICBC

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.

Speaker:

Wang Zhengping, Specialist, Payment & Cash Management, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China

Thu, Nov 7
1:00pm - 1:15pm

Hall 3, Singapore EXPO

"Empowering merchants through value-driven partnerships" - Powered by NETS

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.

Speaker:

Lawrence Chan, Group Chief Executive Officer, NETS

<p>Thu, Nov 7 1:15pm - 1:30pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>"Optimise and improve business efficiency with AI" - Powered by Netron</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>
<p>Thu, Nov 7 1:30pm - 1:45pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>"Supercharging instrument authorisations with xAI" - Powered by Thredd</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Speaker: Edwin Poot, Global Chief Technology Officer, Thredd</p>
<p>Thu, Nov 7 1:45pm - 2:00pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>"From vision to reality: How Conversational AI is revolutionising the finance industry" - Powered by Dyna.AI</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Speaker: Tomas Skoumal, Co-founder, Co-president & Chairman, Dyna.AI</p>
<p>Thu, Nov 7 2:25pm - 3:00pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>Forging the future: Unveiling the pillars of an AI hub for the financial industry</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Moderator: Jill Malandrino, Global Markets Reporter, Nasdaq</p>

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

Hall 3, Singapore EXPO

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
Etienne Ng, Country Manager, Singapore, Regional Director, Southeast Asia, Weixin Pay, Tencent
Miguel Pereira Tanco, Chief Executive Officer, ZOOMOOV

Moderator:

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

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

Hall 3, Singapore EXPO

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:

Ian Glasner, Group Head of Emerging Technology, Innovation and Ventures, HSBC
Ryan Kim, Group Chief Digital Officer, FWD Group
Kenneth Siow, Regional Director SE Asia & General Manger (Singapore/Malaysia), Tencent

Moderator:

Thu, Nov 7
5:00pm - 5:40pm

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:

Dipen Mehta, EVP, Head of Financial Services, APAC, Softserve

Piruze Sabuncu, Partner, Square Peg

Christine Yu, Co-founder, Sophia

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

Moderator:

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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

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

Garnet Room, Level 2,
Singapore EXPO

"Ready for prime time? Why a digital asset first strategy makes sense" - Powered by Temasek

Financial market participants have become increasingly comfortable with tokenization, leading to wide strides in adoption in recent years. How will tokenization disrupt existing business models? Is the technology ready for operations at scale? And how should businesses design and implement a digital-asset first strategy?

Speaker:
Aaron Seabrook, Chief Operating Officer, Marketnode

Friday, 8 November 2024

FESTIVAL STAGE

<p>Fri, Nov 8 9:30am - 10:20am</p> <p>Hall 1, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Digital currencies in a billion wallets: The Big Hairly Audacious Goal (BHAG)</h3> <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 & Chief Executive Officer, Paxos Eric Anziani, President & Chief Operating Officer, Crypto.com Monica Long, President, Ripple Richard Teng, Chief Executive Officer, Binance Sarah Breedon, Deputy Governor, Bank of England</p> <p>Moderator: Sopnendu Mohanty, Chief FinTech Officer, Monetary Authority of Singapore & Chair of the Board of Directors, Elevandi</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 10:20am - 11:05am</p> <p>Hall 1, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Financial market infrastructure for the future</h3> <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 & DC Fintech Week</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 11:05am - 11:20am</p> <p>Hall 1, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Insights on the state of Global Equity Markets</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information!</p> <p>Speaker: Phil Mackintosh, Chief Economist, Nasdaq</p>

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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
Wang Bing Ling, Deputy Chief Executive, Chiyu Banking Corporation Limited, Hong Kong
Tim Shen, Co-Chief Executive Officer, LianLian Global
Shi Wei, General Manager, Country Head, Bank of China Singapore Branch

Moderator:

Tin Pei Ling, Co-President, MetaComp

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

Hall 1, Singapore EXPO

Make a life, not just a living

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Speaker:

Gurcharan Das, Author & Thought Leader

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:

Barkha Dutt, Television Journalist & Author, Mojo Story
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

Friday, 8 November 2024

FUTUREMATTERS STAGE

<p>Fri, Nov 8 1:05pm - 1:20pm</p> <p>Hall 2, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>From tradition to innovation: Transition of the financial industry</p> <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>	<p>Central bank strategies for 2025: Navigating a shifting landscape</p> <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>	<p>The CSOs' Dialogue: How FIs are stepping up to finance the region's transition</p> <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: Chen Leiming, Chief Sustainability Officer, Ant International & Senior Vice President, Ant Group, Ant International Diana Guzmán, Chief Sustainability Officer & Chair of the Prudence Foundation, Prudential plc Melissa Moi, Head of Sustainable Business, United Overseas Bank</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
Tommaso Mancini-Griffoli, Division Chief of the Payments, Currencies, and Infrastructure Division, International Monetary Fund
Laura Loh, Director, Investment (Blockchain), Temasek

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

Moderator:

Fiona Murray, Managing Director, APAC, Ripple

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
Humphrey Valenbreder, Chief Executive Officer, Partior
Carmen Hett, Corporate Treasurer, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
Chong Kok Kee, Chief Executive Officer, AsiaNext

Moderator:

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

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

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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:

Tom Duff Gordon, VP of International Policy, Coinbase
Vishal Sacheendran, Head of Regional Markets, Binance
Lesley Chavkin, Global Head of Public Policy, Paxos

Moderator:

Amanda Wick, Principal, Incite Consulting

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4:30pm - 4:40pm

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Applications of AI: Financial and capital markets

Watch this space for more information!

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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4:40pm - 5:10pm

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Gateway to investment in Africa - Leveraging regulatory frameworks for sustainable growth

This panel at the Singapore Fintech Festival will explore the strategic role of the Kigali International Financial Centre (KIFC) as Africa's leading financial hub. With its robust regulatory frameworks and partnerships, KIFC offers a seamless entry point for global investors looking to capitalize on Africa's emerging markets. The discussion will highlight KIFC's success stories, investor experiences, and its alignment with global standards, offering insights into how international financial centres can drive sustainable economic development.

Expected Outcomes:

- **Comprehensive Understanding of KIFC's Role:** Attendees will gain insight into KIFC's initiatives and milestones, positioning it as Africa's premier financial gateway.
- **Regulatory Insights:** The session will provide a deep dive into the regulatory policies that foster a conducive environment for international investment and fintech innovation in Africa.
- **Investor Perspectives:** Learn firsthand from investors about their experiences in structuring investments through KIFC and operating in Rwanda's dynamic financial landscape.

Speakers:

Antony Mukulu Nshimye, Chief Legal Officer & Company Secretary, Rwanda Finance Limited
John Rwangombwa, Governor, National Bank of Rwanda

Moderator:

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

Friday, 8 November 2024

ESG Stage

Fri, Nov 8
2:50pm - 3:30pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

Sustainability vs affordability: Innovative approaches for a green bottom line

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?

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.

Speakers:

Ben Gattie, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, The Working Capitol
Caroline Struye, Country Director, Muuse
Tom Peacock-Nazil, Chief Executive Officer, Seven Clean Seas
Heather Winsor, Senior Sustainability Consultant, Unravel Carbon

Moderator:

Ming En Liew, Content Manager, Elevandi

Fri, Nov 8
3:30pm - 4:10pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

The paradox of sustainable compute: Cutting the Gordian Knot?

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?

Speakers:

Benjamin Mah, Head, ESG & Head PE/VC Practice, Oracle Netsuite Asia and Japan, Oracle Netsuite, Asia
Han Ming Kuang, Director, DC Consulting, Solutions & Project, Schneider Electric
Ong Kok-Chye, Managing Director & Head of Data Centre Platform, Asia (Ex-China), Gaw Capital

Moderator:

Dr Andrzej Gwizdalski, Researcher, University of Western Australia & Founder, Western Australia Web3 Association

Fri, Nov 8
4:10pm - 4:50pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

ReGenerative AI: How AI is transforming net zero ambitions into reality

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?

Speakers:

German Vegarra, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, ADAPTA Inc.
Olivier Kuziner, Managing Partner, Ekimetrics
Helena Ooi, Head of Strategy, Maybank Singapore
Annie Ong, General Manager, Enterprise Digital, ST Engineering

Moderator:

Syam Nair, Chief Technology Officer, Gprnt

Fri, Nov 8
4:50pm - 5:30pm

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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, Venture Lead (ESG), SC 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 12:30pm - 1:00pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Breaking the stigma: Caring for the mental health of the founder</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speakers: Theodoric Chew, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Intellect</p> <p>Moderator: Amit Gupta, Group Chief Executive Officer & Founder; Chairman, TiE Global , Ecosystm Group & TiE</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 1:05pm - 1:25pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>The Power of Resilient Leadership: A Founders Peak Special</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Dr Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament & Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs, Republic of India</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 1:35pm - 1:45pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Leanne's untold founder story</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Leanne Robers, Co-founder, She Loves Tech</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 1:45pm - 1:55pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<h3>Caesar's untold founder story</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Caesar Sengupta, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Arta</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 1:55pm - 2:05pm</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 2:15pm - 2:55pm</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 & Founder, Percipient & Advisor to Board of Directors, Elevandi Vivian Lim, Lead Curator, TEDxSingapore</p>

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<p>Fri, Nov 8 2:55pm - 3:15pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>It's your worst PR crisis! What's the story you need to tell?</p> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Barkha Dutt, Television Journalist & Author, Mojo Story</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 3:15pm - 3:25pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>Prashanth's founder story</p> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Prashanth Ranganathan, Chief Executive Officer, Zinc Money</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 3:25pm - 3:35pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>Kevin's untold founder story</p> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Kevin Wu, Co-founder & COO, AI Rudder</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 3:35pm - 3:45pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>Sanjib's untold founder story</p> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Sanjib Kalita, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Guppy & Chairman, Fintech Meetup, Guppy & Fintech Meetup</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 3:45pm - 4:00pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>Tram Anh's & Huy's untold founder story</p> <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, Centre for Finance, Technology and Entrepreneurship (CFTE)</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 4:10pm - 4:25pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>Ai Boon's entrepreneurial legacy</p> <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 4:25pm - 4:45pm</p> <p>Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>In conversation with Gurcharan Das: A Founders Peak Special</p> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speaker: Gurcharan Das, Author & Thought Leader</p>

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From banker to a music entrepreneur: A Founders Peak Special

Watch this space for more information.

Speaker:

Dhruv Shrikent, Musicpreneur & Singer Songwriter, Druv Kent Productions Pte Ltd

Fri, Nov 8
5:30pm - 7:00pm

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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! Powered by the Inclusive FinTech Forum, Rwanda.

Speakers:

Anthony Howe, Commercial Director, Asia Market Entry

Arvind Sankaran, Senior Fintech Consultant, Asian Development Bank

Dhruv Shrikent, Musicpreneur & Singer Songwriter, Druv Kent Productions Pte Ltd

Pieter Franken, Co-founder & Director, Elevandi Japan

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REGULATION STAGE

<p>Fri, Nov 8 1:00pm - 1:40pm</p> <p>Hall 5, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>Financial crime: Anatomy of a scam</p> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speakers: Dina Mainville, Founder & President, Collisionless 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>	<p>Dark tech: How AAI and malicious AI solutions for fraudsters are evolving and how we can stop them</p> <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) & 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>	<p>From theory to practice: Quantum research and finance</p> <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: Dr Rebstrost Patrick, Principal Investigator, Centre for Quantum Technologies Dr Georgios Korpas, Senior Research Scientist, HSBC</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Chan Shu Ann, Programme Manager, Centre for Quantum Technologies</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

Premier Oiwoh, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Nigeria Inter-Bank Settlement System Plc.

Gurumurthy Palani, Head of Global Transaction Banking, Gulf International Bank B.S.C. (GIB)

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
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Speakers:

7. Barnabás Virág, Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Hungary

8. Dr Maxwell Opoku-Afari, Deputy Governor, Bank of Ghana

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Moderator:

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

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3:50pm - 4:10pm

Hall 5, Singapore EXPO

Navigating geopolitics: Impact on business and technology

Watch this space for more information!

Speakers:

Alex Capri, Author & Thought Leader, NUS Business School

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

Moderators:

Francesca Aliverti, Co-founder, FTS Group

Jaskaran Bhalla, Head of Content, Elevandi

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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 & Chief Executive Officer, Calm Collective Asia
Yap Qian Yin, Former Singapore Paralympian & 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:

Vanessa Ho, Co-founder, Fintech Nation

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

Fri, Nov 8
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

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

Hall 4, Singapore EXPO

One Asia: Building a joint fintech force in a fragmented world

Watch this space for more information.

Speakers:

Byambasuren Myagmartseren, Chief Executive Officer, Mongolian Fintech Association
Hong Dongpyo, Global Alliance & Partnership Chair, Korea Fintech Industry Association
Weena Llona, Executive Director, Cambodian Association of Finance and Technology

Moderator:

Reuben Lim, Chief Executive Officer, Singapore FinTech Association

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TECHNOLOGY STAGE

<p>Fri, Nov 8 10:30am - 10:45am</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>"AI unleashed: The future of insurance" - Powered by Prudential</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 11:15am - 11:30am</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>"Unlocking financial access: Boost's transformation from e-wallet into digital bank" - Powered by Boost</p> <p>The transition from an e-wallet to a digital bank is a journey of reimagining financial services for the future. In this session, Sheyantha will share Boost's strategic approach to building a seamless and accessible digital banking platform. Attendees will gain insights into how Boost has combined innovation in AI and data to deliver personalised, secure, and efficient banking services. This session will also explore the challenges of regulatory compliance, risk management and cybersecurity. With a focus on financial inclusion, Sheyantha will explain how Boost is playing a key role in reshaping the financial landscape to drive greater access and financial health for underbanked populations across the region.</p> <p>Speaker: Sheyantha Abeykoon, Group Chief Executive Officer, Boost</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 11:30am - 11:45am</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>"Enabling seamless transactions for global travelers in China" - Powered by Thunes</p> <p>Payments in China can be challenging for visitors, as foreign cards are not widely accepted. This session will explore how mobile wallets and bank apps can connect with Chinese QR code systems, like Alipay, WeChat Pay, and e-CNY, allowing users to make payments by simply scanning a QR code from their app.</p> <p>Speaker: Daphne Huang, Chief Revenue Officer, Greater China & North Asia, Thunes</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 11:45am - 12:00pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>"Operationalising GenAI at scale: From prototype to production" - Powered by Zühlke</p> <p>Gartner predicts at least 30% of generative AI projects will be abandoned after proof of concept by the end of 2025. This session will tackle the real-world challenges of operationalising and scaling GenAI in financial services. Learn how to overcome GenAI's biggest barriers to becoming key drivers for positive business impact with proven strategies on responsible governance, through practical learnings from regulated, mission critical implementation. Participants will gain practical insights into the key lessons learned by financial institutions as they navigate from proofs of concept to broader production use cases in live operations.</p> <p>Speakers: Andrea Perl, Data & AI Lead, Zühlke Shaun Lai, Data Lead APAC, Zühlke</p>

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<p>Fri, Nov 8 12:15pm - 12:30pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>"Tokenization: A catalyst for change" - Powered by Hedera</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>"AI governance in cloud ERA: Ensuring responsible innovation in financial services" - Powered by SoftServe</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 APAC, SoftServe APAC</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 1:00pm - 1:15pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>"Bridging TradFi and DeFi: The stablecoin catalyst" - Powered by Ripple</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>Speakers: Fiona Murray, Managing Director, APAC, Ripple Liu Tianwei, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, StraitsX</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 1:15pm - 1:30pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>"Head in the cloud: Why next-gen banking is no longer a pipe dream" - Powered by Pismo</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 1:30pm - 1:45pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>"AI: From experimentation to industrialisation" - Powered by DBS Bank</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 1:45pm - 2:00pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>"Shaping the next generation of financial services through collaboration with HSBC Thrive" - Powered by HSBC</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: Ashmita Acharya, Head of Wealth and Personal Banking, Singapore, HSBC Rudra Basu, Global Head of Employee Banking Solutions, HSBC</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 2:05pm - 2:35pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>A data-powered economic view: Insurance and pensions</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, Partner LCP, Research Associate LSE (FMG & SRC), Author "Demographics Unravelling", LSE & LCP Dr Jason Wei Chenyang, Researcher & Director, Financial MBA Center, Tsinghua University PBC School of Finance Dr Sabine Kapasi, Advisory to Global Strategy Team, United Nations</p> <p>Moderator: Amol Dethe, Editor, ETBFSI & ETCFO, The Economic Times</p>
<p>Fri, Nov 8 2:35pm - 3:10pm</p> <p>Hall 3, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>Driving innovation in banking: Intrapreneurs, fintech partnerships, and venture growth</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Speakers: Victoria Sanchez-Terry, Head of Innovation Asia Pacific, BNY Fernando Plaza, Group Chief Digital Officer, ADIB Kampanat Vimolnoht, Managing Director, KASIKORN X Venture Capital</p> <p>Moderator: Oliver Bussmann, Chief Executive Officer, Bussmann Advisory</p>

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3:10pm - 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

Moderator:

Francesca Aliverti, Co-founder, FTS Group

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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
Milind Sanghavi, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, XWeave.io
Arif Khan, Chief Innovation officer, Razorpay
Hassan Ahmed, Country Director, Singapore, Coinbase

Moderator:

Irina Chuchkina, Chief Marketing Officer, Volt.io

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

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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
Sarita Singh, Managing Director of Southeast Asia, India and Greater China, Stripe

Moderator:

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

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

Hall 3, Singapore EXPO

Bridging 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
Robert MacDonald, Chief Legal & Compliance Officer, ByBit
Tom Menner, Chief Technology Officer, SBI Digital Markets

Moderator:

Sheila Chiang, Content Manager, Elevandi

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SIDE EVENTS

<p>Fri, Nov 8 10:00am - 10:30am</p> <p>Pay it Forward Lounge, Hall 4, Singapore EXPO</p>	<p>Book Launch: The Ai-fication of Jobs: Preparing Ourselves for the Future of Work</p> <p><i>The Ai-fication of Jobs</i> explores the accelerated impact AI is having on the workforce, revealing that the actions we take today will shape the future for millions. Targeted at policymakers, business leaders, and curious readers, this book uses an innovation model - once applied to tech giants like Amazon and Facebook - to map three potential futures for jobs: mass displacement, the rise of supercharged professionals, and the emergence of creative disruptors.</p> <p>Huy Nguyen Trieu combines case studies from industry leaders with his extensive experience in education and technology, highlighting AI's vast potential to either divide or unify society. With a balanced yet urgent tone, <i>The Ai-fication of Jobs</i> argues that embracing this change thoughtfully can lead to an era of collective prosperity. Readers will come away inspired to engage, act, and ensure AI is leveraged to benefit all.</p> <p>Speaker: Nguyen Trieu Huy, Co-founder, Centre for Finance, Technology and Entrepreneurship (CFTE)</p>
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Featured Speakers

Abdallah Abu-Sheikh, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Astra Tech & Botim

Alexandra Beckstein, Chief Executive Officer, QAI Ventures

Amanda Wick, Principal, Incite Consulting

Dr Amlan Roy, Partner LCP, Research Associate LSE (FMG & SRC), Author “Demographics Unravelling”, LSE & LCP

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

Dante Disparte, Chief Strategy Officer & Head of Global Policy, Circle

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David Craig, Co-chair, Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD)

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

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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

Dr Ernest Kwamina Yedu Addison, Governor, Bank of Ghana

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

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

Humphrey Valenbreder, Chief Executive Officer, Partior

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Jeremy Tan, Chief Executive Officer, Liquid Group

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Jim McCarthy, Chief Executive Officer, Thredd

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

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Marco Bizzozero, Head of International & Member of the Executive Committee, iCapital

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

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