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Singapore FinTech Festival Celebrates its 10th Anniversary

Shaping the next decade of growth through AI, Tokenisation and Quantum in Financial Services

Singapore, 18 September 2025... The Singapore FinTech Festival (SFF) 2025 will be held from 12–14 November at the Singapore EXPO, convening over a thousand global leaders in finance, technology, and policy to discuss how AI, Tokenisation, and Quantum Computing can be harnessed to promote a secure and efficient global financial system. The programme will feature insights from both pioneers behind key technologies which have driven transformation of the financial sector, and changemakers working on technologies that will shape a new financial architecture in the next decade.

2. Organised by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), the Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN), and Constellar, in collaboration with the Association of Banks in Singapore (ABS), the Festival celebrates ten years of success, having attracted 65,000 participants from 134 countries in 2024. It will gather senior ministers, central bank governors, policymakers, industry and technology leaders for keynotes, panels, roundtables, and curated meetups, anchored around the central theme of the SFF 2025 — *Shaping the Next Decade of Growth*.

SFF 2025 Key Highlights

Changemaker Insights: Leaders Who Transformed the Financial Sector

3. The Festival will feature globally renowned leaders at the forefront of linking digital innovation with real world social impact. Attendees will hear insights on key foundational technologies that have shaped the last decade of financial sector development. Speakers include:

- **Dr Roy Fielding**, whose **Application Programmable Interface (API)** design principles support modern FinTech platforms, fostering agility and interoperability.
- **Nandan Nilekani**, who led pioneering work on **Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)**, expanded access for over a billion citizens and set a global example.
- **Dr Paul Taylor**, whose work on **cloud-native banking** led to modernising core banking platforms.
- **Eric Jing**, who is known for his leadership in driving inclusive growth and industry digitisation with **technology innovation** in China and beyond.



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- **Dr Agustín Carstens**, whose leadership at the Bank for International Settlements and initiative to establish key **innovation hubs** around the world have guided the central bank community through this period of digital transformation.

Next-Gen Financial Technologies: Artificial Intelligence, Tokenisation, and Quantum Computing

4. Over 70 focused sessions will be held to explore how AI, Tokenisation, and Quantum Computing can transform global finance over the next decade. Discussions will delve into AI's role in transforming risk management, regulatory compliance, financial inclusion, Tokenisation's potential to enhance capital market efficiencies, and how cybersecurity and encryption standards will need to evolve given advances in Quantum Computing. Some of the speakers include:

- **Charles Cascarilla**, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Paxos
- **Rafael Echemendia**, Global Cybersecurity Expert and Founder of The Ethical Hacker
- **Tamas Kadar**, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, SEON
- **Tomas Skoumal**, Chairman and Co-President, Dyna.Ai
- **Professor Urbasi Sinha**, Head of the Quantum Information and Computing laboratory, Raman Research Institute; named one of Asia's Top 100 Scientists in 2018; Gates Cambridge Impact Prize winner
- **Vijay Shekhar Sharma**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, One97 Communications and Paytm

Special 10th Anniversary Spotlight on Founders from Singapore and Asia

5. SFF 2025 will feature insights and reflections from over **20 visionary founders** from Singapore and across Asia. These founders have not only overcome challenges of the past decade but also thrived, shaping industries and ecosystems. They continue to drive momentum and innovation for years to come.

Connecting Policymakers, Innovators, and Investors

6. As a prelude to SFF 2025, the invite-only **Insights Forum™** will be held on 10–11 November at the Sands Expo & Convention Centre. The Forum will convene regulators, policymakers, and industry leaders for two days of high-impact discussions focused on shaping actionable outcomes and setting the roadmap for the year ahead.

7. **SFF 2025 will also feature special programmes such as:**

- The Founders Peak™, Capital Meets Policy Dialogue, Investor Hours, and SFF MeetUp will bring together capital, ideas, and talent to boost collaboration and growth.



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- Innovation Lab Crawl where attendees can also explore Singapore's innovative FinTech ecosystem.
- The 10th Global FinTech Hackcelerator marks a decade of innovation. This year will spotlight AI and showcase the boldest early-stage innovators transforming financial services.
- SFF 2025 will recognise the inaugural recipients of GFTN's Global Impact Champions Awards, launched this year under the theme of Financial Health.

8. **Kenneth Gay, Chief FinTech Officer of MAS**, said, "SFF's 10th anniversary represents a decade of convergence between financial services and technology. This journey mirrors the evolution of FinTech from early digital innovations to today's AI-driven transformation. Looking ahead, Singapore continues to provide a dynamic platform for innovation, setting the foundation for the next decade as we harness emerging technologies to create new possibilities for the global financial ecosystem."

9. **Sopnendu Mohanty, Group Chief Executive Officer of GFTN**, said, "SFF 2025 marks ten years of public-private sector dialogue that has propelled the development of open banking, embedded finance, cross-border digital assets, and innovative models of financial inclusion. As we celebrate this milestone, SFF 2025 calls for urgent action to address persistent gaps in global finance and to build the next generation of trusted and inclusive infrastructure powered by AI, Quantum Computing, and Tokenisation. As the flagship event of GFTN's global network of forums, SFF aligns innovation, regulation, and capital to foster resilient and inclusive financial systems, and create new growth opportunities connecting Singapore, Asia, and the world. We are proud to lead this global dialogue from Singapore."

10. **Chua Wee Phong, Group Chief Executive Officer of Constellar**, said, "As we celebrate SFF's 10th anniversary, it's important to recognise that this milestone shows the strength of a whole ecosystem of regulators, start-ups, corporates, investors, academia, and technology pioneers. Each has played a vital role in building SFF into the world's largest FinTech Festival, and Constellar is honoured to help create and nurture this collaborative spirit that drives the festival's growth."

11. **Registration** for SFF 2025 is now open at <https://www.fintechfestival.sg/registration>. Complimentary tickets are available for Governments, policymakers, central banks, academics, students, multilateral agencies, non-profits, and foundations. For more information, visit <https://www.fintechfestival.sg>.



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About the Monetary Authority of Singapore

The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) is Singapore's central bank and integrated financial regulator. As a central bank, MAS promotes sustained, non-inflationary economic growth through the conduct of monetary policy and close macroeconomic surveillance and analysis. It manages Singapore's exchange rate, official foreign reserves, and liquidity in the banking sector. As an integrated financial supervisor, MAS fosters a sound financial services sector through its prudential oversight of all financial institutions in Singapore – banks, insurers, capital market intermediaries, financial advisors and financial market infrastructures. It is also responsible for well-functioning financial markets, sound conduct, and investor education. MAS also works with the financial industry to promote Singapore as a dynamic international financial centre. It facilitates the development of infrastructure, adoption of technology, and upgrading of skills in the financial industry.

About Global Finance & Technology Network

The Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN) is a Singapore-headquartered organisation that leverages technology and innovation to create more efficient, resilient, and inclusive financial systems through global collaboration. GFTN hosts a worldwide network of forums; advises governments and companies on policies and the development of digital ecosystems and innovation within the financial sector; offers digital infrastructure solutions; and plans to invest in financial technology startups through its upcoming venture fund, with a focus on inclusion and sustainability.

About Constellar

Constellar is Asia's preferred partner for convening businesses, curating ideas and creating opportunities for sustainable business growth and global impact. Based in Singapore, we curate and develop influential trade events for key industries, connecting global marketplaces in sectors such as fintech, industrial transformation and ESG. We also manage the Singapore EXPO,



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About The Association of Banks in Singapore

The Association of Banks in Singapore (ABS) plays an active role in promoting and representing the interests of the banking community in Singapore. In doing so, ABS works closely with the relevant government authorities towards the development of a sound financial system in Singapore. Since its establishment in 1973, ABS has promoted common understanding among its members and projected a unifying voice on banking issues. It has brought its members closer together through various guidelines and banking practices as well as the support of projects of mutual benefit to face the challenges of the financial and banking community in Singapore. Today, ABS has a membership of more than 150 local and foreign banks.