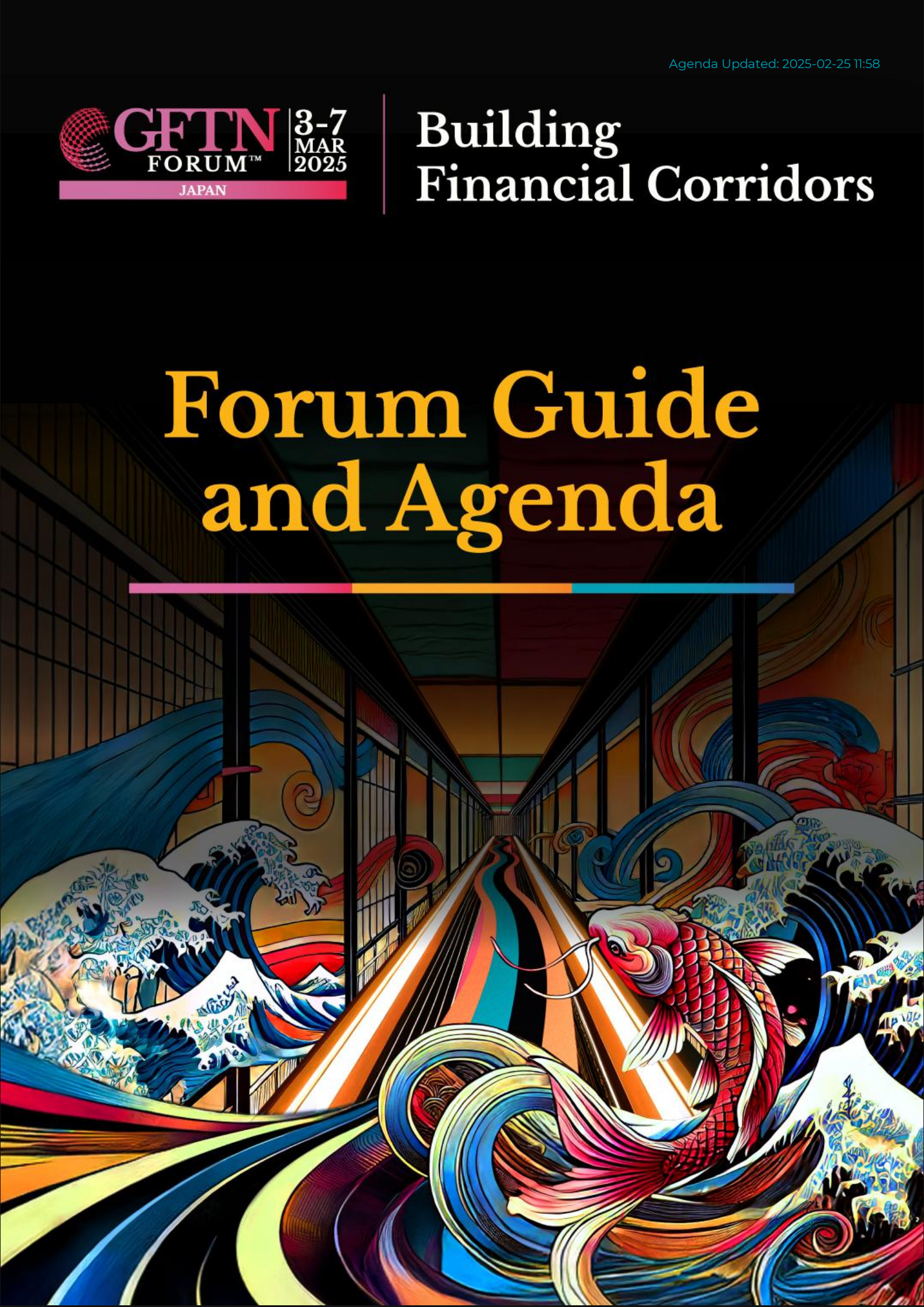




# Building Financial Corridors

# Forum Guide and Agenda

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## About GFTN Forum, Japan

The third edition of **GFTN Forum, Japan** (formerly Japan FinTech Festival) will take place from **3 – 7 March 2025** across three iconic venues in Tokyo: **Bellesalle Nihonbashi, the Tokyo Stock Exchange, and the historic Kanda Myojin Shrine.**

The Forum is Japan's premier gathering of local and international **policymakers, financial services leaders, investors, and founders** to engage in **progressive dialogues on driving growth across Asia and beyond.** **This year's theme, Building Financial Corridors,** will examine their role in advancing technology, innovation, entrepreneurship, and capital flows.

Designed to **drive business development, investment, and partnership opportunities across both the public and private sectors,** this year's programme will highlight emerging technologies—**Agentic AI, Quantum Computing, Digital Assets, and Stablecoins**—set against the context of the global macroeconomic and geopolitical environment.

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The Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN) is a not-for-profit organisation established by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) in 2024 to harness technology and foster innovation for more efficient, resilient, and inclusive financial ecosystems through global partnerships.

# 5 Days of Insights and Activities

\*Live Bilingual Translation

Monday 03 March	Tuesday 04 March	Wednesday 05 March	Thursday 06 March	Friday 07 March
Bellesalle Nihonbashi & TSE Hall		Kanda Myojin Shrine		Across Tokyo
Global Leaders Dialogue*		Digital Assets Summit*	Founders Day	Delegations Day Side Events
GFTN Insights™ - Deep-dive Roundtables		FutureTech Forum	The Founders Peak™	FinoPitch Showcase @FINOLAB
Asset Management Forum @TSE		JFSA Blockchain Roundtable	Investor Hours™	
Exhibition Showcase & 1-1 Meetings		The CXO Conversations Podcast		
Innovation Tour	Tokyo Rooftop Night @ SKY LAB	Bar Crawl	The Founders ROCK™	
VIP Reception			Hitachi Hackcelerator	
International Delegations' Receptions and Community Partner Events				Delegations to Japanese Cities
			FinoPitch Awards	



## Across 3 Iconic Venues



**BELLESALLE NIHONBASHI**  
(3 - 4 Mar)



**TOKYO STOCK EXCHANGE**  
(4 Mar)



**KANDA MYOJIN SHRINE**  
(5 - 6 Mar)

## Location Guide



## Featured Speakers

**Akika Ichiki**, Head of Sustainable Trade Finance, Mizuho Financial Group

**Akio Isowa**, Senior Managing Executive Officer & Group Chief Digital Innovation Officer, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC)

**Alexandre Kech**, Chief Executive Officer, Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation (GLEIF)

**Alp Eroglu**, Deputy Director Standards Development, IOSCO General Secretariat

**Amira Karim**, Head of Public Policy, Payments & Financial Services, Amazon

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

**Andre Leung**, Chief Executive Officer, aereve.io

**Angela Ang**, Head of Policy and Strategic Partnerships, APAC, TRM Labs

**Anju Patwardhan**, Independent Board Director, Gulf International Bank, Xapo Bank, Upgrade, AWARE, Deep Future

**Arisa Matsuzawa**, Deputy Director, Japan Financial Services Agency

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

**Ayako Fujita**, Chief Economist at J.P. Morgan Securities Japan, J.P. Morgan

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

**Beju Shah**, Head of Nordics, Innovation Hub, Bank for International Settlements (BIS)

**BG Mahesh**, Chief Executive Officer, Sahamati

**Bhargav Dasgupta**, Vice President, Market Solutions, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

**Bluefin Zhao**, Tencent Cloud Managing Director for North East Asia, Tencent

**Bob Takai**, Chief Executive Officer, EEX Japan (European Energy Exchange)

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

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

**Carole House**, Former White House Special Advisor & Senior Visiting Scholar, Georgetown University

**Chan Yam Ki**, Vice President, Asia Pacific, Circle

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

**Chikako Matsumoto**, Managing Executive Officer & Chief Sustainability Officer, Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Inc.

**Chin Ching Lau**, Director, Financial Development and Innovation, Bank Negara Malaysia

**Chrysty Esperanza**, Chief Legal Officer, Block, Inc.

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

**Cynthia Ding**, Founding Partner, Yincubator

**Daniel Fujii**, President & Chief Executive Officer, Trust Capital

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

**Dr. David Brunner**, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, ModuleQ

**Dea Markova**, Policy Director, Fireblocks

**Dipen Mehta**, Executive Vice President & General Manager, SoftServe APAC

**Doug Feagin**, President, Ant International

**Eleanor Groves**, Head of Strategy, Official Institutions Group, State Street Global Advisors

**Eleanor Hughes**, General Counsel, Binance

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

**Eun-mi Rhee**, Chief Executive Officer, Toss Bank

**Fiona Murray**, Managing Director, APAC, Ripple

**Frank Packard**, Partner, Eight Peak Partners

**Gary Liu**, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Terminal 3

**Genri Goto**, Chief Executive Officer, Kotozna, Inc.

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**Giorgi Gurgenedze**, Head of Capital Market Development, Insurance Policy and Pension Reform Department, Ex-officio Member of the Governing Board of Pension Fund of Georgia, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia

**Giorgio Zinetti**, Chief Technology Officer, Cardano Foundation

**Hakan Eroglu**, Advisor – BIS Innovation Hub, Bank for International Settlements (BIS)

**Hero Choudhary**, Managing Partner, BEENEXT

**Hideki Ito**, Commissioner, Financial Services Agency Japan

**Hirofumi Hirano**, Chief Executive Officer, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts Japan

**Hiroshi Ozeki**, President & Chief Executive Officer, Nissay Asset Management Corporation

**Inderbir Singh Dhingra**, Chief Investment Officer & Head, Global Infrastructure Fund and Principal, Emerging Asia Fund, International Finance Corporation (IFC)

**Jane Moore**, Head of Department, Payments & Digital Assets, Financial Conduct Authority

**Jason Allegrante**, Chief Legal & Compliance Officer, Fireblocks

**Javier Pérez-Tasso**, Chief Executive Officer, Swift

**Jawed Ashraf**, Former Ambassador of India to France and High Commissioner to Singapore, Former member of the Indian Foreign Service

**Jay Surti**, Division Chief of Financial Supervision and Regulation Division, International Monetary Fund (IMF)

**Jennifer Buckley**, Founder & Managing Director, Sweef Capital

**Jesper Koll**, Global Ambassador, Monex Group, Inc.

**Joe Breeden**, Chief Executive Officer, Future Analytics

**Johann (Joe) van der Lith**, Regulatory Specialist, Financial Sector Conduct Authority

**Jordan Fisher**, Co-founder & Chairman, Zehitomo Inc.

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

**Julian Sawyer**, Chief Executive Officer, Zodia Custody

**Prof. Jun Murai**, Distinguished Professor, Keio University

**Junichi Kanda**, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Cabinet Office, Japan

**Keiji Matsunaga**, General Manager, Digital Strategy Department, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC)

**Kenneth Gay**, Chief FinTech Officer, Monetary Authority of Singapore

**Khaled Albasias**, Director Financial Sector Development, Saudi Central Bank

**Koh Harada**, Co-founder, Aleo

**Kosuke Mori**, Chief Executive Officer, Saison International

**Kotaro Takahashi**, Chief Operating Officer, Sustainable Lab Inc.

**Kristo Käärman**, Chief Executive Officer, Wise

**Prof. Lam Khin Yong**, Vice President (Industry), Nanyang Technological University

**Laura Loh, Director**, Investment (Blockchain), Temasek

**Leo Lewis**, Tokyo Bureau Chief, Financial Times

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

**Livia Benisty**, Chief External Affairs Officer, Banking Circle

**Loren Bushkar**, Innovation Policy, Federal Reserve Board

**Prof. Louis de Koker**, Professor of Law, La Trobe LawTech, La Trobe University & Senior Financial Crime Consultant, CGAP

**Lu Yin**, APAC Lead, Solana Foundation

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

**Marita McGinley**, Head of Digital Asset Strategy, Schroders

**Mark Makdad**, Director, Co-Founder, Moneytree KK

**Martin Moloney**, Deputy Secretary General, Financial Stability Board (FSB)

**Masafumi Kondo**, Head of Corporate Strategy, Japan Exchange Group, Inc.

**Masashi Yanase**, Deputy Director, Fintech and Innovation Office, Financial Services Agency

**Masashige Nakazono**, Managing Director, Head of Global Commercial Banking Planning Division, MUFG Bank, Ltd.

**Matthew Long**, Director, Payments and Digital Assets, Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)

**Matthew White**, Chief Executive Officer, VARA

**McLaughlin Cartan**, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Nihon Cyber Defence Co., Ltd.

**Merion Anggerek**, Director & Head (Capital Markets Policy Division), Markets Policy & Consumer Department, Monetary Authority of Singapore

**Mihoko Matsubara**, Chief Cybersecurity Strategist, NTT Corporation

**Milind Sanghavi**, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, XWeave.io

**Mitsutoshi Kajikawa**, Deputy Vice Minister, Ministry of Finance, Japan

**Moriyuki Iwanaga**, Chief Executive Officer, Tokyo Stock Exchange

**Naphongthawat Phothikit**, Senior Director of the Payments & Fintech Policy Department, Bank of Thailand

**Nat Sakimura**, Chairman, OpenID Foundation

**Naveen Mallela**, Global Co-head of Kinexys & Managing Director, J.P. Morgan

**Navin Gupta**, Chief Executive Officer, Crystal Intelligence

**Neil Parekh**, Executive Deputy Chairman, GFTN & Nominated Member of Parliament, Singapore, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)

**Nelson Zha**, Tencent Cloud International Chief Solutions Architect, Tencent

**Nikhilesh Goel**, Co-founder & Group Chief Executive Officer, Validus

**Nivruti Rai**, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Invest India

**Noboru Takahashi**, Co-founder, M-DAQ Global

**Noritoshi Murakami**, Board Director, SWIFT

**Novita Bachtiar**, Director, Regulatory & Development Unit, Indonesia Financial Services Authority

**Oki Matsumoto**, Representative Executive Chairman, Monex Group & Executive Chairman, Coincheck Group

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

**Paolo Montano**, Assistant Director FinTech Office, Philippines Securities & Exchange Commission

**Paolo Ong**, Assistant Director, Securities and Exchange Commission

**Parag Bhise**, Chief Executive Officer, Nucleus Software

**Paul Chapman**, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Moneytree KK

**Paul Twarog**, General Counsel, Square

**Pedro Sousa Cardoso**, Chief Digital Officer, Retail Banking & Wealth Management, Emirates NBD

**Peter Goodrich**, Member of Secretariat, Financial Stability Board

**Dr. Peter Morgan**, Senior Consulting Economist & Advisor to the Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute

**Phillip Straley**, President, FNA

**Ram Iyer**, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Vayana

**Rei Murakami**, Founding Partner, Kadan Capital

**Dr. Rhys Bollen**, Senior Executive Leader, Digital Assets, Australian Securities and Investments Commission

**Richard Teng**, Chief Executive Officer, Binance

**Ritesh Shukla**, Chief Executive Officer, NPCI International

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

**Russell Cummer**, Founder & Executive Chairman, Paidy

**Ryosuke Ushida**, Chief Fintech Officer, Financial Services Agency of Japan

**Salim Dhanani**, Chief Executive Officer, Pave Bank

**Sam Ahmed**, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Smartpay

**Sam Ghiotti**, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Habitto

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

**Sandeep Patil**, Partner & Head of Asia Investments, QED Investors

**Sandra Ro**, Chief Executive Officer, Global Blockchain Business Council

**Satoshi Ikeda**, Chief Sustainable Finance Officer, Japan Financial Services Agency (JFSA)

**Scott Lucas**, Managing Director, J.P. Morgan

**Sebastian Gehrmann**, Head of Responsible AI, CTO Office, Bloomberg

**Shinichi Takatori**, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Kyash Inc.

**Shiu Raj Singh**, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

**Shrikant Patil**, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, DigiAlly

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

**Siddharth Shetty**, Co-Creator, Finternet & Co-Founder, Sahamati

**Sopnendu Mohanty**, Group Chief Executive Officer, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)

**Sumnesh Joshi**, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Communications, Government of India

**Sunil Kulkarni**, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Fidel Technologies KK

**Taejun Shin**, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Gojo & Company

**Takahiko Kawasaki**, Co-founder, Authlete, Inc.

**Takeshi Chino**, Chief Executive Officer, Binance Japan

**Tim Kobe**, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Eight Inc.

**Tom Fox Hughes**, CEO for Energy and Commodities APAC, TP ICAP

**Toshiyuki Miyoshi**, Vice Commissioner for International Affairs, Financial Services Agency of Japan (JFSA)

**Umang Moondra**, Chief Executive Officer, APIX Platform

**Prof. Urbasi Sinha**, Professor, Raman Research Institute

**Utkarsh Amitabh**, Chief Executive Officer, Network Capital

**Yang Jiang-Ming**, Chief Innovation Officer, Ant International

**Yasuki Imai**, Vice President and Executive Officer, Head of Digital System & Services APAC Business, CEO of Financial Institutions Business Unit, Hitachi, Ltd.

**H.E. Yazeed Alnafjan**, Deputy Governor for Financial Innovation, Saudi Central Bank

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

**Yuki Kamimoto**, Chief Executive Officer, N.Avenue Inc (CoinDesk JAPAN)

**Yumiko Murakami**, General Partner, MPower Partners Fund L.P.

**Yuriko Koike**, Governor of Tokyo, Tokyo Metropolitan Government

**Yuta Takanashi**, Member of Secretariat, Financial Stability Board

**Yuto Tanaka**, Chief Executive Officer, Fore-co

**Yuval Rooz**, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Digital Asset

# Impactful Dialogues Across 5 Stages and Roundtables

## Global Leadership Dialogue

3 - 4 March 2025 | 8.45 AM - 4.30 PM | Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle Nihonbashi

*English & Japanese Languages Available*

The forum's flagship stage, the Global Leadership Dialogue features global leaders tackling the most consequential topics impacting the financial services industry—geopolitics, macroeconomics, AI, digital assets, payments, sustainability and more.

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## GFTN Insights Roundtables

3 - 4 March 2025 | 9.30 AM - 5.30 PM | Roundtable Rooms, 5F, BelleSalle Nihonbashi

*English only*

Engage in exclusive roundtable discussions where industry leaders, regulators, and market makers collaborate on real-world solutions. Held under Chatham House Rules, these sessions enable candid conversations in a confidential setting. Each roundtable is designed with a clear objective—whether drafting a whitepaper, launching a working group, or issuing a public commitment.



## Asset Management Forum

4 March 2025 | 9 AM - 4.20 PM | TSE Hall, 2F, Tokyo Stock Exchange

*English only*

Japan is emerging as a key hub for asset management, capital markets, and sustainable finance, bridging South Asia, North Asia, and the Middle East. As financial corridors shift, this forum will explore Japan's domestic transformation, transition finance, carbon credit trading, and foreign direct investment, examining how Japan can unlock value, drive sustainable investments, and redefine its role in shaping the future of finance.

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## FutureTech Forum

5 March 2025 | 10 AM - 4 PM | Studio, BIF, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin

*English only*

The FutureTech Forum brings together industry leaders, policymakers, and technologists to explore how cutting-edge technologies are transforming financial services. This forum delves into the most critical themes at the intersection of AI, Quantum Computing, Cybersecurity, Cloud Computing, Web3, Climate Tech, InsurTech, and RegTech—driving actionable insights, fostering collaboration, and shaping the next era of finance and technology.



## Digital Assets Summit

5 March 2025 | 9.15 AM - 3.50 PM | Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin

*English & Japanese Languages Available*

The Digital Assets Summit explores the dynamic intersection of traditional finance and digital assets, covering the regulatory landscape, tokenization, DeFi and institutional adoption, compliance by design in digital asset infrastructure, and forward-looking analysis of blockchain scalability, interoperability, and the convergence of traditional finance and responsible crypto.

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## JFSA Blockchain Roundtable

5 March 2025 | 10.30 AM - 5.30 PM | BCRT, B2, Kaikan, Kanda Myojin

*English only*

Hosted by the Japan Financial Services Agency (JFSA) as part of Japan FinTech Week and GFTN Forum, Japan, discussions will focus on accelerating global crypto and stablecoin regulation, advancing a stable tokenization ecosystem, leveraging blockchain and smart contracts for regulatory oversight, and exploring Japan's Web3 growth and international business opportunities.



## Investor Hours

6 March 2025 | 9 AM - 12 PM | EDOCCO Studio, B1F, Kanda Myojin

*English only*

Investor Hours connects founders, investors, and industry leaders to drive funding and strategic collaborations. Designed to encourage investment and enable founders to raise capital, it features 1:1 Investor Pitch Tables, where founders pitch directly to investors who pre-select meetings. The Networking Power Mixer provides an open space for startups, investors, and key ecosystem players to connect, while LPxGP Connect offers an invite-only forum for general and limited partners to explore investment opportunities. A Fundraising Masterclass will equip founders and investors with insights on navigating Series A fundraising. [Learn more.](#)

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## The Founders Peak

6 March 2025 | 9.15 AM - 7.30 PM | Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin

*English & Japanese Languages Available*

The Founders Peak, is a popular platform where exceptional founders share valuable insights on successful entrepreneurship. Now in its third edition in Tokyo, offers valuable resources, connections, and real-world experiences essential for founders to thrive.



## Exhibition Showcase

3 - 4 March 2025 | 8.30 AM – 5 PM | 5F, BelleSalle Nihonbashi

Designed as a hub for networking and collaborating, the Exhibition Showcase will feature cutting-edge FinTech innovations, digital finance solutions, and emerging technologies shaping the future of financial services.



# Initiatives for Impactful Connections and Communities

## VIP Reception (By-Invite only)

3 March 2025 | 6 PM – 8 PM

Exclusive to speakers, sponsors, Executive Pass, and Global Summit PLUS Pass holders, this gathering offers a prime opportunity to connect with industry leaders in a relaxed setting.

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## Innovation Tour

3 March 2025 | 5 PM – 6 PM | Nihonbashi Takashimaya and Yamada Denki Labi Nihonbashi

The Innovation Tour will offer participants a firsthand look at cutting-edge FinTech payment solutions in real-world retail environments. This curated tour will visit two prominent locations in Nihonbashi—Nihonbashi Takashimaya and Yamada Denki Labi Nihonbashi—to observe how digital payment technologies are transforming the consumer experience in Japan.



## Tokyo Rooftop Night @ SKY LAB

4 March 2025 | 6 PM – 8 PM | 7F, Otemachi Building

Participants of Japan FinTech Week are invited to an exclusive rooftop reception at SKY LAB, atop the Otemachi Building. Set against a stunning blend of nature and cityscape, this evening offers a relaxed atmosphere for networking and connection with fellow attendees. [Register here.](#)

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## Bar Crawl

5 March 2025 | 6 PM – Late | Otemachi Area, Tokyo

Join the bar crawl, exploring local bars and restaurants along the vibrant High Corridor. Enjoy refreshing drinks while networking and soaking in the mesmerising glow of Japanese Umbrella (和傘) illuminations.

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## Founders ROCK

6 March 2025 | 6 PM – 8 PM | Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin

Dive into "The Founders ROCK", where entrepreneurial minds jam on stage, igniting connections and innovation!



Monday, 3 March 2025

## Global Leaders Dialogue

*English & Japanese Languages Available*

<p>Mon, Mar 3 9:00am - 9:05am</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h3>Welcome to GFTN Forum Japan: Day 1</h3> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Sharanjit Leyl</b>, Chancellor, Bath Spa University</p>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 9:15am - 9:30am</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h3>Opening Musical Performance</h3>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 9:30am - 9:40am</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h3>[Virtual] Welcome Address: Building the Future Financial Corridors</h3> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Yuriko Koike</b>, Governor of Tokyo, Tokyo Metropolitan Government</p>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 9:40am - 9:55am</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h3>GFTN Opening Presentation</h3> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Sopnendu Mohanty</b>, Group Chief Executive Officer, Global Finance &amp; Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 9:55am - 10:20am</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h3>Japanese and Global Macroeconomic Outlook for 2025</h3> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Jesper Koll</b>, Global Ambassador, Monex Group, Inc. <b>Ayako Fujita</b>, Chief Economist at J.P. Morgan Securities Japan, J.P. Morgan</p>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 10:25am - 10:40am</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h3>Keynote Remarks by MUFG</h3>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 10:40am - 10:50am</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h3>Keynote by Javier Pérez-Tasso, Chief Executive Officer at SWIFT</h3> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Javier Pérez-Tasso</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Swift</p>

<p>Mon, Mar 3 10:50am - 11:40am</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Wallets, Identity, AI And Cross-Border Payments: The (R)Evolution</h2> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Sandeep Malhotra</b>, Executive Vice President, Products &amp; Innovation, Asia Pacific, Mastercard  <b>Ritesh Shukla</b>, Chief Executive Officer, NPCI International  <b>Doug Feagin</b>, President, Ant International  <b>Eun-mi Rhee</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Toss Bank  <b>Mishal Ruparel</b>, Chief Commercial Officer, Banking Circle</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Pat Patel</b>, Executive Director, Global Finance &amp; Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 11:40am - 12:00pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Apple's Best Kept Secret: Design is King</h2> <p><b>Speaker:</b>  <b>Tim Kobe</b>, Founder &amp; Chief Executive Officer, Eight Inc.</p>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 12:00pm - 1:30pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Lunch Break</h2>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 1:30pm - 1:45pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Hitachi's Key Note: Inspire the Next in Finance</h2> <p><b>Speaker:</b>  <b>Yasuki Imai</b>, Vice President and Executive Officer, Head of Digital System &amp; Services APAC Business, CEO of Financial Institutions Business Unit, Hitachi, Ltd.</p>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 1:45pm - 2:15pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Web3 Fireside with Richard Teng, CEO of Binance</h2> <p><b>Speaker:</b>  <b>Richard Teng</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Binance</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Yuki Kamimoto</b>, Chief Executive Officer, N.Avenue Inc (CoinDesk JAPAN)</p>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 2:15pm - 2:45pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Global Regulators Dialogue: Digital Assets, AI, and the Future of Fintech</h2>

<p>Mon, Mar 3 2:45pm - 3:15pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Future Shapers: Rationalising sustainable finance – Asia’s perspective amidst rising global polarisation</h2> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Chikako Matsumoto</b>, Managing Executive Officer &amp; Chief Sustainability Officer, Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Inc.  <b>Satoshi Ikeda</b>, Chief Sustainable Finance Officer, Japan Financial Services Agency (JFSA)  <b>Parag Bhise</b>, Executive Director &amp; Chief Executive Officer, Nucleus Software Exports Limited  <b>Dr. Junkyu Lee</b>, Director, Finance, ADB</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Akari Serena Yamashita</b>, Japan and Korea Business Development Manager, BNEF</p>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 3:15pm - 3:30pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>The Roles of Academia in Driving Research and Innovation in the Digital Age</h2> <p><b>Speaker:</b>  <b>Prof. Lam Khin Yong</b>, Vice President (Industry), Nanyang Technological University</p>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 3:30pm - 4:00pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Stablecoins, Web3, and the Next Wave of Financial Transactions</h2> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Chan Yam Ki</b>, Vice President, Asia Pacific, Circle  <b>Ryosuke Ushida</b>, Chief Fintech Officer, Financial Services Agency of Japan  <b>Pradyumna Agrawal</b>, Managing Director, Investment, Temasek</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Jessica Renier</b>, Managing Director &amp; Head of Digital Finance, Institute of International Finance (IIF)</p>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 4:00pm - 4:15pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Keynote by SMBC: By Akio Isowa San</h2> <p><b>Speaker:</b>  <b>Akio Isowa</b>, Senior Managing Executive Officer &amp; Group Chief Digital Innovation Officer, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC)</p>

Monday, 3 March 2025

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<p>Mon, Mar 3 12:30pm - 2:00pm</p> <p>Roundtable Room 2, 5F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2 style="color: #0056b3;">Navigating the Nexus of Financial Crime Prevention and Financial Inclusion in the Age of Technology and FinTech</h2> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Beju Shah</b>, Head of Nordics, Innovation Hub, Bank for International Settlements (BIS)  <b>Jessica Chuah</b>, VP, Growth, Crystal Intelligence  <b>Paul Twarog</b>, General Counsel, Square  <b>Mitsutoshi Kajikawa</b>, Deputy Vice Minister, Ministry of Finance, Japan  <b>Prof. Louis de Koker</b>, Professor of Law, La Trobe LawTech, La Trobe University &amp; Senior Financial Crime Consultant, CGAP  <b>Dr. Rachita Gulati</b>, Research Fellow &amp; Economist, Asian Development Bank Institute  <b>Vincent Li</b>, Senior Director, Group Compliance and AML, Ant International</p> <p><b>Moderators:</b>  <b>Shawn Hunter</b>, Industry Fellow (APEC) &amp; Director, Inclusive Growth Programs, Griffith Asia Institute  <b>Prof. Andreas Chai</b>, Director, Financial Crime Investigation and Compliance Academy, Griffith Business School</p>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 1:00pm - 2:30pm</p> <p>Roundtable Room 3, 5F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2 style="color: #0056b3;">AI Technology to Mitigate Correspondent Bank Derisking</h2> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Siddharth Shetty</b>, Co-Creator, Finternet &amp; Co-Founder, Sahamati  <b>Prof. Bob Wardrop</b>, Professor, University of Cambridge &amp; Spin-out Founder, RegGenome  <b>Raj Singh Shiu</b>, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, Asian Development Bank (ADB)  <b>Kenneth Gay</b>, Chief FinTech Officer, Monetary Authority of Singapore  <b>Lotte Schou Zibell</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Impact Financial Advisory  <b>Dr. Peter Morgan</b>, Senior Consulting Economist &amp; Advisor to the Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Dr. Giovanni Bandi</b>, Executive Director - Regulatory Genome Project, Cambridge Judge Business School</p>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 2:00pm - 3:30pm</p> <p>Roundtable Room 1, 5F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2 style="color: #0056b3;">More than 5 Eyes to See, You Need Vision</h2> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Yuto Tanaka</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Fore-co  <b>Mihoko Matsubara</b>, Chief Cybersecurity Strategist, NTT Corporation  <b>Dirk Engeler</b>, Regional CISO, Blackwired  <b>Daniel Riedel</b>, Managing Partner &amp; Chief Executive Officer, GenLab Venture Studio  <b>Cartan McLaughlin</b>, Founder &amp; Chief Executive Officer, Nihon Cyber Defence Co., Ltd.  <b>Vishal Sacheendran</b>, Head of Regional Markets, Binance</p>

Mon, Mar 3  
2:30pm - 4:00pm

Roundtable Room 2, 5F,  
BelleSalle

## Future Opportunities and Challenges for the Development and Adoption of Open Banking and Open Finance

### Speakers:

**Camilla Bullock**, Chief Executive Officer, Emerging Payments Association Asia  
**Matthew Long**, Director, Payments and Digital Assets, Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)  
**Shrikant Patil**, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, DigiAlly  
**Hasan Fawzi**, Commissioner of Financial Sector Technology Innovation, Digital Financial Asset and Crypto Asset Supervision, Otoritas Jasa Keuangan Indonesia  
**Angelina Kwan**, Senior Advisor, IMC Asia Pacific  
**Hakan Eroglu**, Advisor – BIS Innovation Hub, Bank for International Settlements (BIS)  
**Alvinder Singh**, Head, Innovation Acceleration Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore  
**Paolo Ong**, Assistant Director, Securities and Exchange Commission

### Moderators:

**Dr. Peter Morgan**, Senior Consulting Economist & Advisor to the Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute  
**Pavle Avramovic**, Head of Market and Infrastructure Observatory, Cambridge Centre for Alternative Finance

Mon, Mar 3  
3:00pm - 4:30pm

Roundtable Room 3, 5F,  
BelleSalle

## Coining the Right Strategy for Stability - Stablecoin Innovation that Works

### Speakers:

**Dea Markova**, Director of Policy, Fireblocks  
**Peter Goodrich**, Member of Secretariat, Financial Stability Board  
**Kenta Sakakibara**, Country Manager, Japan, Circle  
**Lu Yin**, APAC Lead, Solana Foundation  
**Angela Ang**, Head of Policy and Strategic Partnerships, APAC, TRM Labs  
**Kiran Mistry**, RVP, Head of Financial Services, APAC, SAP  
**Deborah Algeo**, Head of Enterprise, Global, Zodia Custody

### Moderator:

**Elise Soucie Watts**, Executive Director, Global Digital Finance

Mon, Mar 3  
3:30pm - 5:00pm

Roundtable Room 1, 5F,  
BelleSalle

## Finding the Impact in Capitalism

### Speakers:

**Taejun Shin**, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Gojo & Company  
**Yumiko Murakami**, General Partner, MPower Partners Fund L.P.  
**Arjun Vir Singh**, Partner & Global Head of FinTech, Arthur D. Little  
**Tram Anh Nguyen**, Board Advisor, GFTN Japan & Co-founder, CFTE  
**Dr. Amlan Roy**, Partner LCP, Research Associate LSE (FMG & SRC), Author "Demographics Unravelling", LCP & LSE  
**Candace Kelly**, Chief Legal & Policy Officer, Stellar Development Foundation  
**Jennifer Buckley**, Founder & Managing Director, Sweef Capital  
**Hiroshi Ozeki**, President & Chief Executive Officer, Nissay Asset Management Corporation

### Moderator:

**Hiro Mizuno**, Founder & CEO, Good Steward Partners, LLC; Special Advisor to CEO, MSCI, Inc. & Senior Adviser, TNFD,

Monday, 3 March 2025

## Workshops

Mon, Mar 3  
1:30pm - 3:30pm

Workshop 1 - Room 7,  
5F, BelleSalle

## Japan Entry Desk Supported by FSA, JETRO & Cabinet Secretariat

Tuesday, 4 March 2025

## Global Leaders Dialogue

*English & Japanese Languages Available*

<p>Tue, Mar 4 9:10am - 9:15am</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h3>Welcome to GFTN Forums Japan: Day 2</h3> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Sharanjit Leyl</b>, Chancellor, Bath Spa University</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 9:15am - 9:30am</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h3>Opening Musical Performance</h3> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Bruce Huebner</b>, Shakuhachi Flute Player, Zabu Tone Music <b>Kaoru Arai-Colucci</b>, Harpist, Harp &amp; Soul</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 9:40am - 10:10am</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h3>Japan-India Dialogue: The Geopolitical Imperative</h3> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Jawed Ashraf</b>, Former Ambassador of India to France and High Commissioner to Singapore, Former member of the Indian Foreign Service <b>Dr. Amar Patnaik</b>, Partner, A&amp;N Legal Solutions LLP</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Sopendu Mohanty</b>, Group Chief Executive Officer, Global Finance &amp; Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 10:10am - 10:40am</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h3>Japan-India Dialogue: The Big India-Japan Story</h3> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Nivruti Rai</b>, Managing Director &amp; Chief Executive Officer, Invest India <b>Kosuke Mori</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Saison International</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Clay Chandler</b>, Executive Editor, Asia, Fortune</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 10:40am - 11:10am</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h3>Japan-India Dialogue: Trade and Connectivity Corridor</h3> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Ritesh Shukla</b>, Chief Executive Officer, NPCI International <b>Ashish Khanna</b>, Chief of Staff to MD &amp; Chief Marketing Officer, Nucleus Software Exports Limited</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Clay Chandler</b>, Executive Editor, Asia, Fortune</p>

<p>Tue, Mar 4 11:10am - 11:30am</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Road Ahead: A look into the future of FinTech</h2> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Leong Sing Chiong</b>, Deputy Managing Director, Markets and Development, Monetary Authority of Singapore</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Sopnendu Mohanty</b>, Group Chief Executive Officer, Global Finance &amp; Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 11:30am - 12:00pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Future Proofers: Brown to Green to Gold – Opportunities in Asia’s climate transition</h2> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Chen Leiming</b>, Chief Sustainability Officer, Ant International &amp; Senior Vice President, Ant Group, Ant International <b>Olivier Kuziner</b>, Managing Partner, Ekimetrics <b>Tomohiro Ishikawa</b>, Chief Regulatory Engagement Officer, MUFG Bank, Ltd.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Anju Patwardhan</b>, Independent Board Director, Gulf International Bank, Xapo Bank, Upgrade, AWARE, Deep Future</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 12:00pm - 1:00pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Lunch Break</h2>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 1:00pm - 1:20pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Fireside chat with Kristo Käärman, Co-founder and CEO of Wise</h2> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Kristo Käärman</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Wise</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Jaskaran Bhalla</b>, Head of Content, Global Finance &amp; Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 1:20pm - 1:40pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>The Central Banking Dialogue with H.E. Yazeed Alnafjan, Deputy Governor for Financial Innovation at Saudi Central Bank (SAMA)</h2> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>H.E. Yazeed Alnafjan</b>, Deputy Governor for Financial Innovation, Saudi Central Bank</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Pat Patel</b>, Executive Director, Global Finance &amp; Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 1:40pm - 1:55pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Keynote by Martin Moloney, Deputy Secretary General, FSB</h2>

<p>Tue, Mar 4 2:00pm - 2:30pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Institutional On-Chain Evolution: Navigating the Commercialization of Digital Assets</h2> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Fiona Murray</b>, Managing Director, APAC, Ripple  <b>Julian Sawyer</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Zodia Custody</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Sandra Ro</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Global Blockchain Business Council</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 2:30pm - 2:40pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>JFSA Keynote</h2> <p><b>Speaker:</b>  <b>Hideki Ito</b>, Commissioner, Financial Services Agency Japan</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 2:40pm - 3:10pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Digital Assets Outlook 2025</h2> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Eric Anziani</b>, President &amp; Chief Operating Officer, Crypto.com  <b>Matthew White</b>, Chief Executive Officer, VARA</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Arjun Vir Singh</b>, Partner &amp; Global Head of FinTech, Arthur D. Little</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 3:40pm - 4:10pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Cloud Computing in the era of AI: Empowering financial services with next-gen solutions</h2> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Ronit Ghose</b>, Head of Future of Finance, Citi  <b>Hanson Liu</b>, Japan Country Manager, Tencent Cloud  <b>Stephen Peters</b>, Head of Enterprise Payment Solutions, FIS</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Sharanjit Leyl</b>, Chancellor, Bath Spa University</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 4:10pm - 4:40pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Governing AI in Financial Services: Policies for a Smarter Future</h2> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Khaled Albasias</b>, Director Financial Sector Development, Saudi Central Bank  <b>Kenneth Gay</b>, Chief FinTech Officer, Monetary Authority of Singapore  <b>Sebastian Gehrmann</b>, Head of Responsible AI, CTO Office, Bloomberg</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Jaskaran Bhalla</b>, Head of Content, Global Finance &amp; Technology Network (GFTN)</p>

Tue, Mar 4  
4:40pm - 5:20pm

Main Stage, B2F,  
BelleSalle

## Evolution of Payments in Japan: Status and Next Steps

**Speakers:**

**Keita Suzuki**, General Manager, GMO Payment Gateway

**Sam Pemberton Ahmed**, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Smartpay

**Ryosuke Nomura**, COO, Sony Payment Services Inc.

**Moderator:**

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

Tuesday, 4 March 2025

## Asset Management Forum

*English only*

<p>Tue, Mar 4 9:45am - 9:50am</p> <p>TSE Hall, JPX</p>	<h3>Welcome</h3> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Pieter Franken</b>, Co-founder &amp; Director, Japan, Global Finance &amp; Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 9:50am - 10:00am</p> <p>TSE Hall, JPX</p>	<h3>Opening Remarks by GFTN</h3> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Neil Parekh</b>, Executive Deputy Chairman, GFTN &amp; Nominated Member of Parliament, Singapore, Global Finance &amp; Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 10:00am - 10:40am</p> <p>TSE Hall, JPX</p>	<h3>Unlocking FDI: Bridging the Gap for Japan's Growth</h3> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Hero Choudhary</b>, Managing Partner, BEENEXT <b>Fujiko AMANO</b>, Director for Investment Collaboration, METI <b>Daniel Fujii</b>, President &amp; Chief Executive Officer, Trust Capital <b>Mitsuru Myochin</b>, Director-General for Foreign Direct Investment Promotion, Director-General for International Economic Affairs, Cabinet Office</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Frank Packard</b>, Partner, Eight Peak Partners</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 10:40am - 11:20am</p> <p>TSE Hall, JPX</p>	<h3>Public Markets vs Private Markets: In the eyes of foreign investors (An asset allocation conundrum)</h3> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Marco Bizzozero</b>, Head of International &amp; Member of the Executive Committee, iCapital <b>Fahad Bin Hamdan</b>, Assistant Deputy of Investment, Capital Market Authority, Saudi Arabia <b>Neil Parekh</b>, Executive Deputy Chairman, GFTN &amp; Nominated Member of Parliament, Singapore, Global Finance &amp; Technology Network (GFTN)</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Mukund Tatipamula</b>, COO &amp; Head of Hybrid Markets Japan, TP ICAP</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 11:20am - 12:00pm</p> <p>TSE Hall, JPX</p>	<h3>Bridging the Gap: Building a Corridor for Growth Between Capital Markets and Startups</h3> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Logan Allin</b>, Founder &amp; Managing Partner, Fin Capital <b>Jeff Hutchins</b>, Head of Japan Equities, Jefferies <b>Allan Chou</b>, Co-Founder &amp; CEO, 21st Fintech <b>Junichiro Goto</b>, General Manager, New Listings, Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc.(JPX)</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Dr. Amlan Roy</b>, Partner LCP, Research Associate LSE (FMG &amp; SRC), Author "Demographics Unravelling", LCP &amp; LSE</p>

<p>Tue, Mar 4 12:00pm - 1:00pm</p> <p>Kabuto One Restaurant</p>	<h2>Networking Lunch @KabutoOne</h2>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 1:00pm - 1:35pm</p> <p>TSE Hall, JPX</p>	<h2>Fireside Chat with Financial Times' Tokyo Bureau Chief Noah Snider</h2> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Noah Snider</b>, East Asia Bureau Chief, The Economist</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Jesper Koll</b>, Global Ambassador, Monex Group, Inc.</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 1:35pm - 2:10pm</p> <p>TSE Hall, JPX</p>	<h2>The Evolution of Asset Management: Adapting to a Changing Landscape</h2> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Inderbir Singh Dhingra</b>, Chief Investment Officer, IFC AMC &amp; Head, Global Infrastructure Fund and Principal, Emerging Asia Fund, International Finance Corporation (IFC) <b>Kei Okazaki</b>, Head of ETF Secondary Trading, Equities Department &amp; ETF Business Development, Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc.(JPX) <b>David Richards</b>, Managing Director, Chief Administrative Officer, Morgan Stanley MUFG Securities</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Naomi Takegoshi</b>, Senior Relationship Manager, FinCity.Tokyo</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 2:10pm - 2:45pm</p> <p>TSE Hall, JPX</p>	<h2>Carbon Credits &amp; Transition Finance: Unlocking Japan's Net-Zero Future</h2> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Bob Takai</b>, Chief Executive Officer, EEX Japan (European Energy Exchange) <b>Natsuko Gunji</b>, General Manager, Carbon Credit Market Office, Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Tamara Singh</b>, Sherpa, Global Finance &amp; Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 2:45pm - 2:55pm</p> <p>TSE Hall, JPX</p>	<h2>Keynote remarks by ADB Vice President</h2> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Bhargav Dasgupta</b>, Vice President, Market Solutions, Asian Development Bank (ADB)</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 2:55pm - 3:05pm</p> <p>TSE Hall, JPX</p>	<h2>Keynote by JPX</h2> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Moriyuki Iwanaga</b>, President &amp; CEO, Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc.</p>

Tue, Mar 4  
3:05pm - 3:35pm

TSE Hall, JPX

## Beyond Legacy: Modernising Japanese Asset Management for Global Success

**Speaker:**

**Ken Hokugo**, Director, Head of Corporate Governance, Pension Fund Association

**Moderator:**

**Yuko Oka**, Board Member, Managing Partner, SDG Impact Japan Inc.

Tue, Mar 4  
3:35pm - 4:15pm

TSE Hall, JPX

## Reimagining Stock Exchanges: Innovation, Access, and Growth

**Speakers:**

**Takeshi Chino**, General Manager, Binance Japan

**Masafumi Kondo**, Head of Corporate Strategy, Japan Exchange Group, Inc.

**Ulf Carlsson**, MD Head of Asia Pacific & Japan, Nasdaq

**Moderator:**

**Oliver Matthew**, Head of Institutional Equities, CLSA, CLSA

Tue, Mar 4  
4:15pm - 4:20pm

TSE Hall, JPX

## Closing Remarks: Key Takeaways & The Road Ahead

**Speaker:**

**Sopendu Mohanty**, Group Chief Executive Officer, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)

Tue, Mar 4  
5:00pm - 7:00pm

TSE Hall, JPX

## GFTN GP/LP Mixer with CARTA (invite only)

Tuesday, 4 March 2025

GFTN Insights™

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Tue, Mar 4  
9:30am - 11:00am

Roundtable Room 1, 5F,  
BelleSalle

## From Sandboxes to Regulatory Reform: Charting a Path for Tokenized Asset Regulation

**Speakers:**

**Carrie Suen**, Vice President and Head of Global Affairs & Strategic Development, Ant International

**Rahul Advani**, Head of Public Policy, APAC, Ripple

**Dr. Rhys Bollen**, Senior Executive Leader, Digital Assets, Australian Securities and Investments Commission

**Merion Anggerek**, Director & Head (Capital Markets Policy Division), Markets Policy & Consumer Department, Monetary Authority of Singapore

**Johann (Joe) van der Lith**, Regulatory Specialist, Financial Sector Conduct Authority

**Hasan Fawzi**, Commissioner of Financial Sector Technology Innovation, Digital Financial Asset and Crypto Asset Supervision, Otoritas Jasa Keuangan Indonesia

**Paolo Ong**, Assistant Director, Securities and Exchange Commission

**Atiqah Zaki**, Manager, Financial Development and Innovation, Bank Negara Malaysia

**Tim Way**, Head of Business Solutions and Advisory, APAC, Fireblocks

**Moderators:**

**Hugo Coelho**, Head of Digital Policy and Regulation, Financial Innovation for Impact (FII) & Cambridge Centre for Alternative Finance, Cambridge Judge Business School

**Nick Clark**, Head, Cambridge Regulatory Innovation Hub, Cambridge Centre for Alternative Finance

Tue, Mar 4  
10:00am - 11:30am

Roundtable Room 2, 5F,  
BelleSalle

## Implications of AI from Financial Stability and Market Integrity Perspectives – Challenges and Solutions

**Speakers:**

**Loren Bushkar**, Principal, AI Policy, Federal Reserve Board

**Yuta Takanashi**, Member of Secretariat, Financial Stability Board

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

**Ryosuke Ushida**, Chief Fintech Officer, Financial Services Agency of Japan

**Dr. Mark Shmulevich**, Managing Partner, Aloniq

**Mayumi Ojima**, Director, Bank of Japan

**Matthias Obrecht**, Head Market Analysis, Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA)

**Dr. Joseph Breeden**, Chief Executive Officer, Deep Future Analytics

**Kenneth Gay**, Chief FinTech Officer, Monetary Authority of Singapore

**Chair:**

**Ryosuke Ushida**, Chief Fintech Officer, Financial Services Agency of Japan

Tue, Mar 4  
 12:30pm - 2:00pm

Roundtable Room 2, 5F,  
 BelleSalle

## Protecting People: Technology to Safeguard Consumers and the Financial System

**Speakers:**

**Navin Gupta**, Chief Executive Officer, Crystal Intelligence  
**Niki Ariyasinghe**, Head of Business Development, Asia-Pacific and Middle East, Chainlink  
**Giorgi Gurgenidze**, Head of Capital Market Development, Insurance Policy and Pension Reform Department, Ex-officio Member of the Governing Board of Pension Fund of Georgia, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia  
**Phillip Straley**, President, FNA  
**Kenneth Gay**, Chief FinTech Officer, Monetary Authority of Singapore  
**Angela Ang**, Head of Policy and Strategic Partnerships, APAC, TRM Labs  
**Beju Shah**, Head of Nordics, Innovation Hub, Bank for International Settlements (BIS)  
**Dirk Engeler**, Regional CISO, Blackwired

**Moderator:**

**Deborah Algeo**, Head of Enterprise, Global, Zodia Custody

**Chair:**

**Junichi Kanda**, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Justice, Japan

Tue, Mar 4  
 2:30pm - 4:00pm

Roundtable Room 2, 5F,  
 BelleSalle

## The New World of Data: Challenges and Opportunities for the Payments Ecosystem and Fintechs

**Speakers:**

**Hakan Eroglu**, Advisor – BIS Innovation Hub, Bank for International Settlements (BIS)  
**Amira Karim**, Head of Public Policy, Payments & Financial Services, Amazon  
**Zhang Yinfan**, Director for International Public Policy & Government Affairs, Ant International  
**Dipen Mehta**, Executive Vice President & General Manager, SoftServe APAC  
**Gary Liu**, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Terminal 3  
**BG Mahesh**, Chief Executive Officer, Sahamati  
**Pawan Bhat**, Vice President Business Development - Japan, Nucleus Software Exports Limited  
**Naphongthawat Phothikit**, Senior Director of the Payments & Fintech Policy Department, Bank of Thailand  
**Young Jin (YJ) Kim**, Head of International Business, Korea Financial Telecommunications & Clearings Institute

**Moderators:**

**Camilla Bullock**, Chief Executive Officer, Emerging Payments Association Asia  
**Rahul Bhargava**, Founder & Director, Avivate Consulting

Tue, Mar 4  
 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Roundtable Room 3, 5F,  
 BelleSalle

## Bridging the Digital Divide: Building a Connected Future for Global Prosperity

**Speakers:**

**Alexandre Kech**, Chief Executive Officer, Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation (GLEIF)  
**Candace Kelly**, Chief Legal & Policy Officer, Stellar Development Foundation  
**Shun Kobayashi**, Head of FinTech Center, Bank of Japan  
**David Katz**, Vice President for Strategy & Public Policy, Asia Pacific, Circle  
**Yusuke Takezawa**, Chief Strategy Officer, Progmatic Inc  
**Noritoshi Murakami**, Board Director, SWIFT  
**Siddharth Shetty**, Co-Creator, Finternet & Co-Founder, Sahamati  
**Alvinder Singh**, Head, Innovation Acceleration Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore  
**Hasan Fawzi**, Commissioner of Financial Sector Technology Innovation, Digital Financial Asset and Crypto Asset Supervision, Otoritas Jasa Keuangan Indonesia

**Moderator:**

**Louise Taylor-Digby**, MD Industry Engagement, ESG. Vice Chair, ICC Banking Commission, Swift

Tue, Mar 4  
3:30pm - 5:00pm

Roundtable Room 1, 5F,  
BelleSalle

## Navigating the Future: Global Digital Asset Infrastructure - Insights from GLI and Project Guardian

### Speakers:

**Russell Cummer**, Founder, Paidy & AltX Research

**Naveen Mallela**, Global Co-head of Kinexys & Managing Director, J.P. Morgan

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

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

**Mayumi Ojima**, Director, Bank of Japan

**Matthias Obrecht**, Head Market Analysis, Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA)

**Yuta Takanashi**, Member of Secretariat, Financial Stability Board

### Moderators:

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

**Ryosuke Ushida**, Chief Fintech Officer, Financial Services Agency of Japan

Tuesday, 4 March 2025

## Workshops

<p>Tue, Mar 4 1:00pm - 3:00pm</p> <p>Workshop 1 - Room 7, 5F, BelleSalle</p>	<p><b>Japan Entry Desk supported by FSA</b></p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 3:00pm - 4:00pm</p> <p>Workshop 1 - Room 7, 5F, BelleSalle</p>	<p><b>"Navigating the U.S. fintech and digital assets landscape" - Powered by A&amp;O Shearman</b></p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 3:00pm - 4:00pm</p> <p>Workshop 2 - Room #, 5F, BelleSalle</p>	<p><b>"USDC and the future of digital finance in Japan: a fireside chat" - Powered by Circle</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Kenta Sakakibara</b>, Country Manager, Japan, Circle  <b>Yuki Kamimoto</b>, Chief Executive Officer, N.Avenue Inc (CoinDesk JAPAN)</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 4:30pm - 5:30pm</p> <p>Workshop 1 - Room 7, 5F, BelleSalle</p>	<p><b>"MUFG's Disruptive Challenges with Startups at Silicon Valley" - Powered by MUFG</b></p>

Wednesday, 5 March 2025

## Digital Assets Summit

*English & Japanese Languages Available*

<p>Wed, Mar 5 9:15am - 9:30am</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Opening Musical Performance</h3>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 9:30am - 10:10am</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Scaling Tokenized Markets: Driving Market Acceptance and Building Liquidity</h3> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Naveen Mallela</b>, Global Co-head of Kinexys &amp; Managing Director, J.P. Morgan  <b>Alan Lim</b>, Director &amp; Head, Financial Infrastructure and Artificial Intelligence Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore  <b>Kirit Bhatia</b>, VP, Business Development, Ripple  <b>Ram Iyer</b>, Founder &amp; Chief Executive Officer, Vayana</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Elise Soucie Watts</b>, Executive Director, Global Digital Finance</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 10:10am - 10:50am</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Transforming the Capital Markets Lifecycle</h3> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Kelvin Li</b>, Head of Platform Tech, Ant International  <b>Humphrey Valenbreder</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Partior  <b>Lu Yin</b>, APAC Lead, Solana Foundation  <b>Lee Kai Yang</b>, Co-Founder &amp; Chief Executive Officer, DMZ Finance  <b>Scott Lucas</b>, Managing Director, J.P. Morgan</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Ananya Kumar</b>, Deputy Director for Future of Money at the GeoEconomics Center, Atlantic Council</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 10:50am - 11:30am</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>The Next Stage of Institutional Digital Money</h3> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Chan Yam Ki</b>, Vice President, Asia Pacific, Circle  <b>Milind Sanghavi</b>, Founder &amp; Chief Executive Officer, XWeave.io  <b>Masashi Watanabe</b>, Managing Director, Deputy Head of Digital Strategy Division, MUFG Bank, Ltd.  <b>Daniel Lee</b>, Head of Web3, Banking Circle</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Laura Loh</b>, Director, Investment (Blockchain), Temasek</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 11:30am - 12:00pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Unlocking the Global Economy Through Fungible Stablecoins</h3> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Rahul Advani</b>, Head of Public Policy, APAC, Ripple</p>

<p>Wed, Mar 5 12:00pm - 1:00pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Lunch Break</h2>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 1:00pm - 1:20pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Fireside Chat with Oki Matsumoto</h2> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Oki Matsumoto</b>, Representative Executive Chairman, Monex Group &amp; Executive Chairman, Coincheck Group</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Yuki Kamimoto</b>, Chief Executive Officer, N.Avenue Inc (CoinDesk JAPAN)</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 1:20pm - 2:00pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Bridging Blockchains, Building Businesses</h2> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Daniela Barbosa</b>, General Manager, Decentralized Technologies, Linux Foundation &amp; Executive Director, LF Decentralized Trust <b>Niki Ariyasinghe</b>, Head of Business Development, Asia-Pacific and Middle East, Chainlink <b>Giorgio Zinetti</b>, Chief Technology Officer, Cardano Foundation <b>Russell Cummer</b>, Founder, Paidy &amp; AltX Research</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Qin En Looi</b>, Partner, Saison Capital</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 2:00pm - 2:40pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Navigating Global Headwinds in Digital Assets</h2> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Salim Dhanani</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Pave Bank <b>Eleanor Hughes</b>, General Counsel, Binance <b>Dr. Lisa Cameron</b>, Former Member of UK Parliament, Global Legislators Forum in Digital Assets</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Dea Markova</b>, Director of Policy, Fireblocks</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 2:30pm - 3:10pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Privacy and Security in the Future of Digital Assets Infrastructure</h2> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Sophia Lopez</b>, Founder &amp; President, Kaleido <b>Dr. Jorgen Ouaknine</b>, Global Head of Innovation and Digital Assets, Euroclear <b>Angela Ang</b>, Head of Policy and Strategic Partnerships, APAC, TRM Labs <b>Gary Liu</b>, Co-founder &amp; Chief Executive Officer, Terminal 3</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Amanda Wick</b>, Principal, Incite Consulting</p>

Wed, Mar 5  
3:10pm - 3:50pm

Festival Stage, 2F,  
EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin

## **IOSCO Fintech Task Force Panel – Keeping pace with evolving trends in crypto-asset markets, AI and financial asset tokenization**

**Speakers:**

**Matthew Long**, Director, Payments and Digital Assets, Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)  
**Valerie Szczepanik**, Director, US SEC's Strategic Hub for Innovation and Financial Technology (FinHub), US Securities and Exchange Commission  
**Lim Tuang Lee**, Assistant Managing Director (Capital Markets Group), Monetary Authority of Singapore

**Moderator:**

**Alp Eroglu**, Deputy Director Standards Development, IOSCO General Secretariat

Wed, Mar 5  
4:20pm - 5:00pm

Festival Stage, 2F,  
EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin

## **The Evolution of Crypto Exchanges and Shifting Consumer Expectations**

**Speakers:**

**Jason Allegrante**, Chief Legal & Compliance Officer, Fireblocks  
**Joey Garcia**, Executive Director, Chief Digital Asset & Legal Officer, Xapo Bank  
**Jae Hur**, Head of Asia, Benzinga  
**Vishal Sacheendran**, Head of Regional Markets, Binance

Wed, Mar 5  
5:00pm - 5:20pm

Festival Stage, 2F,  
EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin

## **Fireside chat with Hirofumi Hirano, CEO of KKR Japan**

**Moderator:**

**Frank Packard**, Partner, Eight Peak Partners

Wednesday, 5 March 2025

## FutureTech Forum

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<p>Wed, Mar 5 10:00am - 10:05am</p> <p>Studio, BIF, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Welcome</h3> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Tram Anh Nguyen</b>, Board Advisor, GFTN Japan &amp; Co-founder, CFTE</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 10:05am - 10:30am</p> <p>Studio, BIF, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Keynote by Father of Internet in Japan: Corridors for Digital Civilization</h3> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Prof. Jun Murai</b>, Distinguished Professor, Keio University</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 10:30am - 10:50am</p> <p>Studio, BIF, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>State of AI: The Japan Perspective</h3> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Akira Shibata</b>, Country Manager Japan &amp; Korea, Weights and Biases</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 10:50am - 11:30am</p> <p>Studio, BIF, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>The Role of Incumbents in Shaping AI's Future</h3> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Yang Jiang-Ming</b>, Chief Innovation Officer, Ant International <b>Dr. David Brunner</b>, Founder &amp; Chief Executive Officer, ModuleQ <b>Ronit Ghose</b>, Head of Future of Finance, Citi</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Akira Shibata</b>, Country Manager Japan &amp; Korea, Weights and Biases</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 12:00pm - 12:45pm</p>	<h3>Lunch Break</h3>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 12:45pm - 1:00pm</p> <p>Studio, BIF, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Keynote by Professor Urbasi Sinha Winner of Gates-Cambridge Impact Prize 2025</h3> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Prof. Urbasi Sinha</b>, Professor, Raman Research Institute</p>

<p>Wed, Mar 5 1:00pm - 1:40pm</p> <p>Studio, B1F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Quantum Computing: Redefining the Future of Finance</h2> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Prof. Urbasi Sinha</b>, Professor, Raman Research Institute  <b>Shuya Kekke</b>, Representative Director, Chief Executive Officer (Japan), Quantinuum K.K.  <b>Jean-Charles Cabelguen</b>, Head of Quantum Adoption &amp; Impact, Pasqal Japan  <b>James Sanders</b>, Investment Manager and Program Director, QAI Ventures</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Prof. Chia Tek Yew</b>, Advisor, NUS - Asian Institute of Digital Finance</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 1:40pm - 2:20pm</p> <p>Studio, B1F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Rising Startups: Transforming the Financial Industry with AI</h2> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Keiji Matsunaga</b>, General Manager, Digital Strategy Department, Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group (SMFG)  <b>Dr. Joseph Breeden</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Deep Future Analytics  <b>Jan Szilagyi</b>, Co-founder &amp; Chief Executive Officer, Reflexivity</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Takuto Takizawa</b>, Industry Specialist in Generative AI and Business Innovation, Senior AI Advisor at INCITE Advisory Group</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 2:20pm - 3:00pm</p> <p>Studio, B1F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Cybersecurity and Financial Crime in the Age of AI and Quantum</h2> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Carole House</b>, Former White House Special Advisor &amp; Senior Visiting Scholar, Georgetown University  <b>Chrysty Esperanza</b>, Chief Legal Officer, Block, Inc.  <b>Daniel Riedel</b>, Managing Partner &amp; Chief Executive Officer, GenLab Venture Studio  <b>Cartan McLaughlin</b>, Founder &amp; Chief Executive Officer, Nihon Cyber Defence Co., Ltd.  <b>Yuto Tanaka</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Fore-co</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 3:00pm - 3:40pm</p> <p>Studio, B1F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Accelerating Digital Transformation with API-Driven FinTech Solutions</h2> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Paul Chapman</b>, Founder &amp; Chief Executive Officer, Moneytree KK  <b>Umang Moondra</b>, Chief Executive Officer, APIX Platform  <b>Georgia Westbrook</b>, Legal Counsel and Director, Square Australia, Block  <b>Varlam Ebanoidze</b>, Head of FinTech Development &amp; Innovation Office, National Bank of Georgia</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Pieter Franken</b>, Co-founder &amp; Director, Japan, Global Finance &amp; Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 3:40pm - 3:55pm</p> <p>Studio, B1F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Cloud and AI: Driving Secure, Resilient Growth for the Future of Finance Services</h2> <p><b>Speaker:</b>  <b>Bluefin Zhao</b>, Vice President of Tencent Cloud, Managing Director of APAC, Tencent</p>

Wednesday, 5 March 2025

## FSA Blockchain Roundtable

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<p>Wed, Mar 5 10:30am - 10:40am</p> <p>BCRT - B2, Kaikan, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Introductory Remark to FSA Blockchain Roundtable</h3>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 10:40am - 12:00pm</p> <p>BCRT - B2, Kaikan, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Accelerating Global Harmonization of Crypto and Stablecoin Regulation</h3> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Matthew Long</b>, Director, Payments and Digital Assets, Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)  <b>Ryosuke Ushida</b>, Chief Fintech Officer, Financial Services Agency of Japan  <b>Matthew White</b>, Chief Executive Officer, VARA  <b>Matthias Obrecht</b>, Head Market Analysis, Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA)  <b>Dr. Rhys Bollen</b>, Senior Executive Leader, Digital Assets, Australian Securities and Investments Commission</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 1:00pm - 2:20pm</p> <p>BCRT - B2, Kaikan, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Building Blocks of the Stable and Reliable Tokenization Ecosystem</h3> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Daniel Lee</b>, Head of Web3, Banking Circle  <b>Morten Bech</b>, Centre Head - Switzerland, BIS Innovation Hub  <b>Yuta Takanashi</b>, Member of Secretariat, Financial Stability Board  <b>Alan Lim</b>, Director &amp; Head, Financial Infrastructure and Artificial Intelligence Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore  <b>Masashi Watanabe</b>, Managing Director, Deputy Head of Digital Strategy Division, MUFG Bank, Ltd.  <b>Jason Allegante</b>, Chief Legal &amp; Compliance Officer, Fireblocks  <b>Jessica Renier</b>, Managing Director &amp; Head of Digital Finance, Institute of International Finance (IIF)</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 2:40pm - 4:00pm</p> <p>BCRT - B2, Kaikan, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Safeguarding the Crypto Ecosystem: Lessons from the ByBit Hack and the Imperative for Stronger Cybersecurity &amp; AML/CFT Measures</h3> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Daniel Lee</b>, Head of Web3, Banking Circle  <b>David Katz</b>, Vice President for Strategy &amp; Public Policy, Asia Pacific, Circle  <b>Dea Markova</b>, Director of Policy, Fireblocks  <b>Angela Ang</b>, Head of Policy and Strategic Partnerships, APAC, TRM Labs  <b>Adam Zarazinski</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Inca Digital  <b>Angelina Kwan</b>, Senior Advisor, IMC Asia Pacific</p> <p><b>Moderators:</b>  <b>Prof. Bob Wardrop</b>, Professor, University of Cambridge &amp; Spin-out Founder, RegGenome  <b>Ryosuke Ushida</b>, Chief Fintech Officer, Financial Services Agency of Japan</p>

Wed, Mar 5  
4:10pm - 5:30pm

BCRT - B2, Kaikan,  
Kanda Myojin

## Web3 Development in Japan and Business Opportunities for International Players

**Speakers:**

**Yusuke Takezawa**, Chief Strategy Officer, Progmatic Inc

**Mark Medum Bundgaard**, Chief Product Officer, Partisia

**Matthew Van Niekerk**, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, SettleMint

**Moderator:**

**Ryosuke Ushida**, Chief Fintech Officer, Financial Services Agency of Japan

Thursday, 6 March 2025

## Founders Day

*English & Japanese Languages Available*

<p>Thu, Mar 6 9:00am - 9:15am</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Musical Welcome to Founders Day</h3> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Sharanjit Leyl</b>, Chancellor, Bath Spa University  <b>Tamaki Hikari</b>, Musician,  <b>Chizuru Segawa</b>, Musician , Guitarist (Musician)</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 9:20am - 9:30am</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>(Part 1) Global &amp; Japan fund-raising trends, capital structures &amp; what matters in 2025</h3> <p><b>Speaker:</b>  <b>Charlie Pennington</b>, Head of GTM, APAC &amp; Middle East, Corporations, Carta</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 9:40am - 10:20am</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Panel - Unlocking Liquidity: Charting the Course for Startup Exits in Japan</h3> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Jordan Fisher</b>, Co-founder &amp; Chairman, Zehitomo Inc. and Venture Partner, Antler Japan  <b>Rei Murakami</b>, Founding Partner, Kadan Capital  <b>Russell Cummer</b>, Founder, Paidy &amp; AltX Research  <b>Sam Ghiotti</b>, Co-founder &amp; Chief Executive Officer, Habitto</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Jesper Koll</b>, Global Ambassador, Monex Group, Inc.</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 10:20am - 10:25am</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Welcome to The Founders Peak™</h3> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Sagari White</b>, Startup Success Lead, Global Finance &amp; Technology Network  <b>Sharanjit Leyl</b>, Chancellor, Bath Spa University</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 10:25am - 10:35am</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Noboru's Untold Founder Story</h3> <p><b>Speaker:</b>  <b>Noboru Takahashi</b>, Co-founder, M-DAQ Global</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 10:35am - 10:45am</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Utkarsh's Untold Founder Story</h3> <p><b>Speaker:</b>  <b>Utkarsh Amitabh</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Network Capital</p>

<p>Thu, Mar 6 10:45am - 10:55am</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Howard's Untold Founder Story</h2> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Howard Wu</b>, Founder of Aleo, Aleo</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 10:55am - 11:05am</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Tim's Untold Founder Story</h2> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Tim Kobe</b>, Founder &amp; Chief Executive Officer, Eight Inc.</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 11:15am - 12:00pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Global Dialogue - We The Women: Breaking Barriers, Building Businesses with Women in Entrepreneurship, Science and Tech</h2> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Prof. Urbasi Sinha</b>, Professor, Raman Research Institute <b>Nivruti Rai</b>, Managing Director &amp; Chief Executive Officer, Invest India</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Barkha Dutt</b>, Television Journalist &amp; Author, MoJo Story</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 12:00pm - 1:00pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Networking Lunch</h2>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 1:00pm - 1:40pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Japan-India Dialogue: Technology, Innovation &amp; Investment</h2> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Inderbir Singh Dhingra</b>, Chief Investment Officer, IFC AMC &amp; Head, Global Infrastructure Fund and Principal, Emerging Asia Fund, International Finance Corporation (IFC) <b>Sumnesh Joshi</b>, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Communications, Government of India <b>Sunil Kulkarni</b>, Founder &amp; Chief Executive Officer, Fidel Technologies KK</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 1:40pm - 1:50pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Russell's Untold Founder Story</h2> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Russell Cummer</b>, Founder, Paidy &amp; AltX Research</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 1:50pm - 2:00pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Sairee's Untold Founder Story</h2> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Sairee Chahal</b>, Founder, Chairperson, Mahila Money &amp; Founding Partner, Appreciate Capital</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 2:00pm - 2:10pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Nikhilesh's Untold Founder Story</h2> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Nikhilesh Goel</b>, Co-founder &amp; Group Chief Executive Officer, Validus</p>

<p>Thu, Mar 6 2:10pm - 2:20pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Taejun's Untold Founder Story</h2> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Taejun Shin</b>, Founder &amp; Chief Executive Officer, Gojo &amp; Company</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 2:30pm - 3:10pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Panel - Accelerating Ambition: The Road to 100 Unicorns by 2027</h2> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Shinichi Takatori</b>, Founder &amp; Chief Executive Officer, Kyash Inc. <b>Genri Goto</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Kotozna, Inc. <b>Chrysty Esperanza</b>, Chief Legal Officer, Block, Inc. <b>Upasana Taku</b>, Co-founder &amp; Chief Financial Officer, MobiKwik</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Clay Chandler</b>, Executive Editor, Asia, Fortune</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 3:10pm - 3:20pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Takahiko's Untold Founder Story</h2> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Takahiko Kawasaki</b>, Co-founder, Authlete, Inc.</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 3:20pm - 3:30pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Antoni's Untold Founder Story</h2>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 3:30pm - 3:40pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Mark's Untold Founder Story</h2> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Mark Makdad</b>, Director, Co-Founder, Moneytree KK</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 3:40pm - 4:20pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Panel - The Road to 100 Unicorns by 2027: Assessing the Role of Board Advisors</h2> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Yumiko Murakami</b>, General Partner, MPower Partners Fund L.P. <b>Anju Patwardhan</b>, Independent Board Director, Gulf International Bank, Xapo Bank, Upgrade, AWARE, Deep Future <b>Paul Chapman</b>, Founder &amp; Chief Executive Officer, Moneytree KK</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 4:20pm - 4:30pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Keynote by Financial Services Agency</h2>

<p>Thu, Mar 6 4:30pm - 4:40pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>We the Women x The Founders Peak™ – Nivruti's Success story</h2> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Nivruti Rai</b>, Managing Director &amp; Chief Executive Officer, Invest India</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Barkha Dutt</b>, Television Journalist &amp; Author, MoJo Story</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 5:10pm - 5:45pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Tokyo's Financial Corridor: Nurturing Next-Generation Leaders</h2> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Cynthia Ding</b>, Founding Partner, Yincubator <b>Logan Allin</b>, Founder &amp; Managing Partner, Fin Capital <b>Shiki Osawa</b>, Assistant Manager, Tokyo Tatemono <b>Prof. Huang Ke-Wei</b>, Executive Director, Asian Institute of Digital Finance, AIDF</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Jil Ebanoidze</b>, Chairwoman, Board Member, Global Impact Fintech (GIFT)</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 6:00pm - 8:00pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>The Founders ROCK™ &amp; Networking Drinks</h2> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Prof. Bob Wardrop</b>, Professor, University of Cambridge &amp; Spin-out Founder, RegGenome <b>Mukund Tatipamula</b>, COO &amp; Head of Hybrid Markets Japan, TP ICAP <b>Carrie Suen</b>, Vice President and Head of Global Affairs &amp; Strategic Development, Ant International <b>Shawn Hunter</b>, Industry Fellow (APEC) &amp; Director, Inclusive Growth Programs, Griffith Asia Institute <b>Pieter Franken</b>, Co-founder &amp; Director, Japan, Global Finance &amp; Technology Network (GFTN)</p>

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