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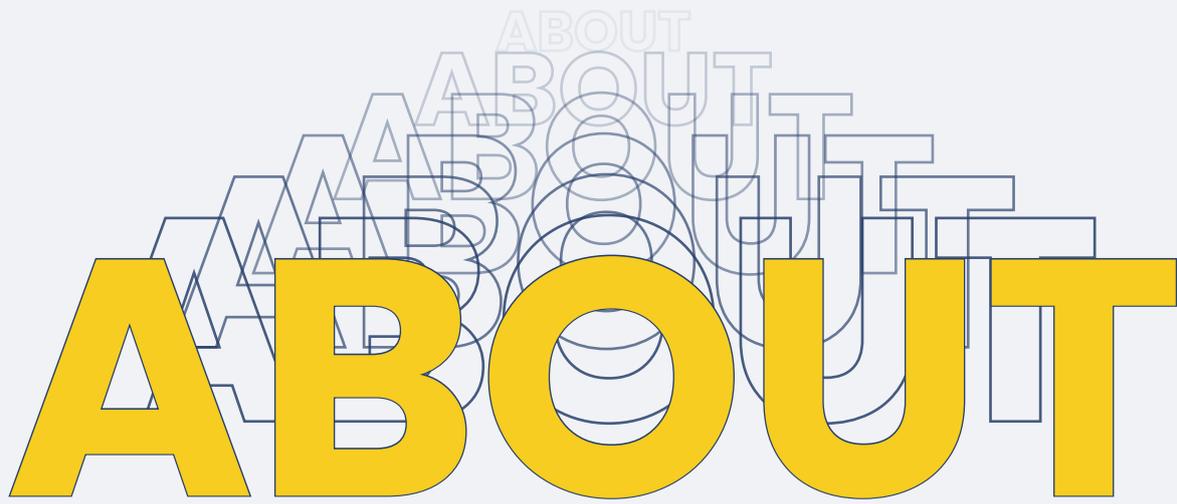
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4TH ASEAN FINANCE INNOVATION SUMMIT 2026

The 4th ASEAN Finance Innovation Summit (AFIS) 2026 brings together most influential finance leaders, disruptive innovators, and policy architects to rewrite the rules of finance. More than a conference, it's a strategic command hub for navigating economic volatility, disruptive technologies, and shifting regulatory landscapes.

Over two days of high-impact exchanges, AFIS 2026 confronts the decade's defining questions: How will finance leaders thrive in an era of autonomous decision-making, borderless markets, and constant disruption? What will truly define the CFO of 2035? Which future-ready capabilities will separate the strategy-makers from the strategy-takers?

Set against the backdrop of digital transformation and next-generation finance models, the summit goes far beyond traditional playbooks. Participants gain actionable strategies, foresight, and resilience frameworks to master the complexities of modern finance ensuring agility, influence, and long-term value creation in an unpredictable world.

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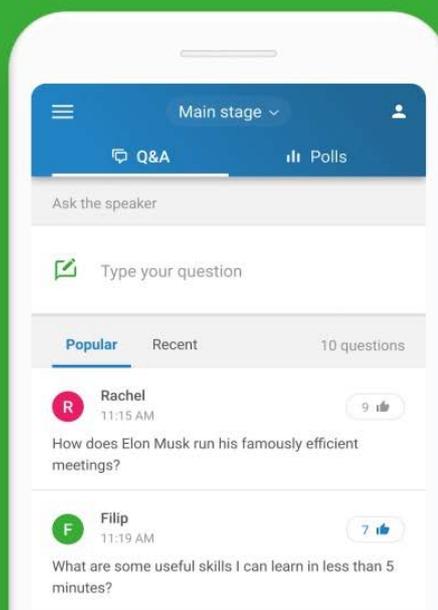
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27TH JANUARY 2026, TUESDAY

DAY 1

8:30 AM ▶ REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE

9:00 AM ▶ OPENING NOTE BY CHAIRPERSON

THEME 1

BUILT TO LAST: STRENGTHENING REGIONAL FINANCE IN DISRUPTIVE MARKETS

9:15 AM ▶ **PLENARY 1 | SPEAKING SLOT:**
NEW FACE OF THE CFO: A CORPORATE ATHLETE

The CFO role has transformed from traditional financial oversight into one that demands agility, resilience, and holistic leadership. To succeed, today's CFOs must think and act like corporate athletes, cultivating mental clarity, physical stamina, and strategic focus to deliver sustained high performance. This session highlights how finance leaders can sharpen decision-making, build resilience under pressure, and reposition themselves as catalysts for business transformation.

- Cultivate the "corporate athlete" mindset for sustained leadership performance
- Apply resilience and stamina strategies to thrive under pressure
- Evolve from finance steward to trusted business partner and change driver

SPEAKER: RAMKY RAMAKRISHNAN, SR VICE PRESIDENT, APOLLO HOSPITALS



9:45 AM ▶ **PLENARY 2 | PANEL SYMPOSIUM:**
BUILT TO LAST: FITNESS, MENTAL AGILITY & RESILIENCE FOR HIGH-PERFORMANCE FINANCE LEADERS

MODERATE BY: CHRISTINA ONG, COUNTRY HEAD OF FINANCE, HAVI LOGISTICS

In a high-stakes, fast-moving financial world, technical skill alone isn't enough. Today's leaders must sustain peak mental clarity, physical energy, and emotional resilience to thrive under constant pressure. This session explores science-backed strategies to sharpen focus, boost stamina, and build the adaptability needed to lead with confidence through uncertainty.

- Neuroscience-backed techniques to sharpen focus and decision speed
- Physical fitness strategies that fuel sustained executive performance
- Resilience-building habits for high-pressure financial environments
- Creating a performance and wellness culture within finance teams

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- **STEFAN MIHAYLOV, HEAD OF FINANCE NETHERLANDS, JUST EAT TAKEAWAY**
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- **MOHAMAD FARIZUL YAHAYA, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, HRD CORP**



10:30 AM ▶ **PLENARY 3 | SPEAKING SLOT:**
FROM DATA TO DECISIONS: MANAGING COMPLEXITY AND CLIMATE RISK IN FINANCIAL AND DEVELOPMENT CONTEXTS

- Uncover patterns across complex organisational structures.
- Integrate climate risk into core risk frameworks.
- Translate data into action.
- Build a forward-looking risk-to-investment pipeline

SPEAKER: MEKAIL AHMED, PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT SPECIALIST, ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB)



11:00 AM ▶ NETWORKING MORNING TEA BREAK

THEME 2

FINANCE AT THE HELM: BUILDING RESILIENCE IN A VOLATILE WORLD

11:15 AM ▶ **PLENARY 4 | SPEAKING SLOT:**
ANTITRUST & REGULATORY MINEFIELDS IN MODERN M&A: NAVIGATING THE NEW ERA OF DEAL COMPLIANCE

As global M&A faces unprecedented regulatory and political headwinds, CFOs, corporate strategists, and deal advisors must master the art of navigating overlapping antitrust regimes, national security reviews, and shifting trade policies. This session brings together leading experts to decode the latest regulatory trends, share strategies for mitigating antitrust risk, and outline the tactics needed to secure multi-jurisdictional deal approvals without derailing timelines or value creation.

- Mapping evolving antitrust laws in high-growth and mature markets
- Practical strategies for fast-tracking multi-country approvals
- Managing national security and foreign investment reviews in volatile markets
- Designing deal structures that balance competitive advantage with compliance integrity

SPEAKER: MAYOON BOONYARAT, DIRECTOR OF THE SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEM STRATEGY & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, MINISTRY OF FINANCE THAILAND



11:45 AM



PLENARY 5 | PANEL SYMPOSIUM:

NAVIGATING TURBULENCE: BUILDING RESILIENT FINANCE FRAMEWORKS AMID ECONOMIC AND GEOPOLITICAL RISKS

MODERATE BY: FADI AL-SHIHABI, PARTNER – SUSTAINABILITY SOLUTIONS LEADER, KPMG MIDDLE EAST

In an era marked by escalating geopolitical tensions, shifting trade policies, and economic uncertainties, finance leaders must proactively design resilient frameworks to safeguard organizational stability. Traditional forecasting methods are increasingly insufficient; instead, integrating scenario planning and adaptive strategies is essential to navigate this complex landscape. This panel delves into how CFOs and finance leaders can embed resilience into their financial strategies, ensuring agility and preparedness in the face of unforeseen challenges.

- **Scenario Planning:** Developing adaptable models to anticipate and respond to geopolitical shifts.
- **Risk Assessment:** Identifying and mitigating financial exposures arising from global uncertainties.
- **Supply Chain Resilience:** Implementing strategies to ensure continuity amid trade disruptions.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Navigating evolving international regulations to maintain operational integrity.
- **Strategic Agility:** Cultivating a finance function capable of rapid response to crises

PANELLIST:

- **MOHD KHAIRUL IZZAD MOHAMMED SHAMSUDIN, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, KPJ HEALTHCARE BERHAD**
- **CECILIA BORGATTI, GLOBAL FINANCE BUSINESS PARTNER, FLS GROUP**
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- **KHOO KAH JIN, VPI, HEAD POLITICAL RISK & STRUCTURED TRADE TAKAFUL, INSURANCE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS DIVISION, EXIM BANK MALAYSIA**



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PLENARY 6 | SPEAKING SLOT:

TRANSFORMING FINANCE OVERSIGHT, TALENT, COMPLIANCE, AND DIGITAL EVOLUTION ON THE AUDIT COMMITTEE RADAR

Audit committees are redefining their priorities elevating finance and internal audit talent, regulatory compliance, and finance transformation to the top of the oversight agenda. This discussion will explore how finance leaders, technology heads, and governance experts can work together to close the skills gap, navigate complex compliance landscapes, and accelerate digital transformation while maintaining trust, transparency, and resilience in the finance function.

- *Strengthening finance and internal audit talent pipelines in a fast-changing technology landscape*
- *Meeting escalating compliance demands amid evolving laws and regulations*
- *Overseeing finance transformation and emerging tech adoption, from ERP upgrades to generative AI governance*
- *Ensuring oversight structures support agility, accountability, and innovation in the finance function*

SPEAKER: SHANNON COLE, VICE PRESIDENT, CFO EFFECTIVENESS, GARTNER



1:00 PM



NETWORKING LUNCHEON

THEME 3

FROM CLOSE TO CASH AT SPEED: DRIVING CAPITAL VELOCITY FOR GROWTH

2:20 PM



PLENARY 7 | SPEAKING SLOT:

UNIFIED FINANCIAL CLOSE & CONSOLIDATION: ACCELERATING FINANCE TRANSFORMATION THROUGH ANALYTICS

As finance teams face increasing pressure to deliver faster, more accurate financial reporting, this panel explores how organizations can build a unified financial close and consolidation process powered by advanced analytics. Discussions will focus on breaking down silos, automating manual tasks, and enabling finance leaders to shift from historical reporting to strategic decision-making in real time.

- *Streamlining close and consolidation workflows with analytics and automation*
- *Enhancing transparency and control across financial data flows*
- *Using predictive analytics to identify risks and opportunities early*
- *Overcoming change management challenges in finance transformation*
- *Aligning close processes with compliance and strategic business goals*
- *Driving Strategic Value: Accelerated close cycles and real-time insights enable proactive decision-making.*

SPEAKER: STEFAN MIHAYLOV, HEAD OF FINANCE NETHERLANDS, JUST EAT TAKEAWAY



3:05 PM



PLENARY 8 | FIRESIDE CHAT:

OPTIMIZING WORKING CAPITAL: ACCELERATING CASH FLOW THROUGH EFFICIENT RECEIVABLES MANAGEMENT

MODERATE BY: DWITIL MAHIMKAR, SENIOR VP & REGIONAL PRODUCT MANAGER, HSBC BANK

In today's dynamic business environment, efficiently converting receivables into cash is paramount for maintaining liquidity and supporting growth. Finance leaders must adopt strategic approaches to enhance cash flow and optimize working capital. This panel delves into effective strategies for accelerating receivables collection, reducing days sales outstanding (DSO), and leveraging technology to streamline the order-to-cash process.

- *Strategic Credit Management:* Implementing robust credit policies to minimize bad debts.
- *Efficient Invoicing Practices:* Ensuring timely and accurate invoicing to expedite payments.
- *Advanced Collection Techniques:* Utilizing automated reminders and dedicated account managers.
- *Leveraging Technology:* Adopting AI-driven solutions for cash application and dispute resolution.
- *Alternative Financing Options:* Exploring factoring and supply chain financing to improve cash flow.

PANELLIST:

- **SHIRISH JAIN, PARTNER, ARTHUR D. LITTLE SOUTHEAST ASIA**
- **MITHERPAL (MIT) SIDHU, GENERAL MANAGER, CARDUP**
- **MAYOON BOONYARAT, DIRECTOR OF THE SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEM STRATEGY & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, MINISTRY OF FINANCE THAILAND**



THEME 4

GENERATIVE AI IN ACTION: REAL-TIME INTELLIGENCE FOR SMARTER, FASTER FINANCE

3:35 PM



PLENARY 9 | SPEAKING SLOT:

GENERATIVE AI & MLOPS: THE NEW CORNERSTONE OF FRAUD DETECTION AND COMPLIANCE

Explore how financial institutions are leveraging Generative AI (LLMs for forecasting, compliance) and end-to-end MLOps to detect fraud in real time, streamline operations, and embed ethical guardrails pointing toward Malaysia's own innovation path.

- *Generative AI is entering its "second innings,"* where early pilots become mission-critical solutions automating call centers, reducing scam losses, and enabling new business models in banking.
- *AI is automating up to 75% of analyst tasks* such as modeling and memo writing making human roles shift toward oversight, meaning CFOs and ops heads must rethink resourcing models.

SPEAKER: SIDDHARTHA MISHRA, PARTNER & CIO ANZ AND HEALTHCARE PRACTICE LEADER, MINDMAP TECHNOLOGIES



4:05 PM



EVENING COFFEE BREAK

4:15 PM



PLENARY 10 | FIRESIDE CHAT:

CAN WE DEPLOY GENERATIVE AI WITH REAL-TIME MLOPS TO DETECT FRAUD, FORECAST SMARTER, AND ENFORCE ETHICAL GOVERNANCE ?

MODERATE BY: MEKAIL AHMED, PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT SPECIALIST, ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB)

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- **SYED ISMAIL AHMAD, SENIOR MANAGER, SE, ASEAN, DATAIKU**



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AUTONOMOUS FINANCE, TALENT & STRATEGIC VALUE

28TH JANUARY 2026, WEDNESDAY DAY 2

8:30 AM

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THEME 5

FROM AUTOMATION TO AUTONOMY: THE NEW ERA OF SELF-DRIVING FINANCE

9:00 AM

PLENARY 11 | SPEAKING SLOT:

TURNING FORECAST INTO ACTION: HOW AGENTIC AI CREWS ARE REDEFINING FP&A

Agentic AI Crews are redefining FP&A moving beyond static reporting into an era of self-directed, insight-driven operations. This session will unveil how autonomous AI agents collaborate to perform forecasting, variance analysis, and scenario planning without human prompts, enabling continuous planning and real-time adaptation. Discover how this shift empowers finance leaders to steer strategy proactively, accelerate decision cycles, and unlock new levels of operational agility.

- **What's Covered:** A deep dive into how agentic AI crews specialized, autonomous AI agents collaboratively handle FP&A tasks like forecasting, variance analysis, and scenario planning without manual prompts.
- **Why It Matters:** Disrupts traditional finance operations by allowing continuous planning, real-time adaptation, and insight-driven execution. Agentic AI elevates finance from reactive reporting to proactive, strategic steering.

SPEAKER: LAURENT DOUCET, PARTNER | INSURANCE APAC & VALUE CREATION, ROLAND BERGER



9:30 AM

PLENARY 12 | FIRESIDE CHAT:

FROM AUTOMATION TO AUTONOMY: HARNESSING AGENTIC AI TO TRANSFORM ERP, AR, AND TREASURY

MODERATE BY: SIDDHARTHA MISHRA, PARTNER & CIO ANZ AND HEALTHCARE PRACTICE LEADER, MINDMAP TECHNOLOGIES

Finance is entering a new era where AI agents autonomously manage core operations from ERP processing to treasury optimization delivering speed, accuracy, and strategic foresight at a scale never before possible. This panel will uncover how agentic AI is transforming financial workflows, enabling predictive cash flow, and powering real-time forecasting, all while ensuring ethical governance and trust.

- **ERP Innovation (FinRobot & GBPAs)** to explore accelerated financial workflows driven by AI agents embedded in ERP achieving up to 40% faster processing with nearly error-free operations.
- **Accounts Receivable Modernization:** How agentic AI is moving AR from manual chasing to proactive, predictive cash flow optimization automating collections and reducing errors significantly.
- **Real-Time Forecasting & Decision Automation:** Elaborate how finance agents gather ERP and market data to autonomously generate and adjust forecasts in real time, enabling agile working capital decisions.
- **Ethics, Trust, and Oversight Discussion** on establishing governance frameworks to ensure agentic AI operates safely, reliably, and with transparency.

PANELLIST:

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- **AIDA LIM, CHIEF DIGITAL OFFICER (CDO), KK GROUP OF COMPANIES (KK SUPERMART)**
- **MINH LE, VICE PRESIDENT, SENIOR RELATIONSHIP MANAGER, BNY**
- **CHARI TVT, BOARD MEMBER & CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD GOVERNANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE, UEM SUNRISE BERHAD**



10:15 AM

PLENARY 13 | GOLD SPONSOR SLOT:

DEALING WITH AI EXPLOSION

Dealing with the "AI explosion" in financial services requires a shift from viewing AI as a series of experimental pilots to managing it as a core, governed enterprise utility. In 2026, the industry has moved beyond basic automation into the era of Agentic AI—autonomous systems that can reason, plan, and execute multi-step financial workflows.

While GenAI drafts emails, AI Agents now manage loan underwriting, conduct end-to-end AML (Anti-Money Laundering) investigations, and execute real-time portfolio rebalancing. Leading institutions are experiencing 20-60% increases in productivity for complex tasks, such as credit risk memo generation, and up to an 80% reduction in cycle times for transaction matching.

SPEAKER: SYED ISMAIL AHMAD, SENIOR MANAGER, SE ASEAN, DATAIKU



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THEME 6

FUTURE-READY FINANCE TALENT: SKILLS, AGILITY, AND DIGITAL MASTERY

11:00 AM



PLENARY 14 | SPEAKING SLOT: HARNESSING INNOVATION TO RESKILL AND FUTURE-PROOF FINANCE TEAMS

Finance Leaders are no longer just guardians of finance they're architects of transformation. This session reveals how leading finance organizations are shifting from rigid career ladders to skills-based development frameworks, empowering talent with AI literacy, digital acumen, ethics, and soft skills to future-proof finance functions.

- CFO roles have expanded nearly 19%, now demanding leadership in digital innovation, sustainability, and talent strategy.
- Through 2027, digital finance talent is projected to rise from 17% to 46% of finance teams.
- Organizations adopting skills-based development report enhanced employee ownership, stronger succession pipelines, and improved organizational agility.
- Only 51% of finance leaders believe new graduates are job-ready highlighting a critical urgency to reskill and bridge the AI skills gap.

SPEAKER: MICHAEL SIOW, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, TNG DIGITAL SDN. BHD.



11:30 AM



PLENARY 15 | PANEL SYMPOSIUM: RETAIN AND REIGNITE: NURTURING DIGITAL FINANCE TALENT THROUGH SKILLS-FIRST STRATEGY

MODERATE BY: NG YEN HENG, ANDY, PRESIDENT, MFPC NATIONAL COUNCIL

As finance transforms, so must its talent strategy. This panel dives into how CFOs can attract, develop, and retain digital-native professionals by aligning organizational culture, training investment, and career flexibility around advancing AI, data, and ethical finance competencies creating an inclusive, future-ready workforce.

- Embedding AI literacy and digital fluency into finance roles at every level.
- Building cross-functional collaboration skills to bridge finance, technology, and operations.
- Retention strategies for high-performing digital finance talent.
- Creating a culture of continuous learning to adapt to evolving finance technologies.
- Balancing technical upskilling with critical soft skills such as ethical leadership.

PANELLIST:

- **RAMKY RAMAKRISHNAN**, SR VICE PRESIDENT, APOLLO HOSPITALS
- **UNGKU NORLIZA SYAZWAN UNGKU HALMIE**, DEPUTY CEO, BOOST BANK
- **RAKESH MENON**, DATA EVANGELIST - ENTERPRISE EFFICIENCY, MAYBANK SINGAPORE
- **SIDDHARTHA MISHRA**, PARTNER & CIO ANZ AND HEALTHCARE PRACTICE LEADER, MINDMAP TECHNOLOGIES



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PLENARY 16 | SILVER SPONSOR SLOT: INTELLIGENT FINANCE WORKFLOWS: BRIDGING AUTOMATION GAPS WITH EXCEL-INTEGRATED AI

Discover how AI-powered Excel workflows transform manual, document-heavy finance processes into intelligent, audit-ready operations – using supplier statement reconciliation as a showcase.

SPEAKER: FADZILAH MUSA, SOLUTIONS ENGINEER, DATASNIPPER



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PLENARY 17 | SPEAKING SLOT: TRANSACTION TO CUSTOMER: THE TRANSITION OCCURRING WITHIN THE FINANCE INDUSTRY

New technologies have provided better ways to interact with customers but have organisations been able to capitalise on these platforms.

SPEAKER: COLIN DINN, MANAGING DIRECTOR - PLANTINION, BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP



AUTONOMOUS FINANCE, TALENT & STRATEGIC VALUE

28TH JANUARY 2026, WEDNESDAY DAY 2

THEME 7

CFOS OF TOMORROW: DRIVING STRATEGIC VALUE THROUGH ESG & FUTURE-READY LEADERSHIP

2:35 PM



PLENARY 18 | PANEL SYMPOSIUM:

CFOS AS VALUE ARCHITECTS: INTEGRATING SUSTAINABILITY INTO CORE FINANCE STRATEGY

MODERATE BY: SHANNON COLE, VICE PRESIDENT, CFO EFFECTIVENESS, GARTNER

This Closing session explores how CFOs are reshaping their role to lead sustainability initiatives treating them not as risks to report, but as levers to drive long-term value. We'll uncover how strategic reporting aligns ESG, data quality, and analytics with investor expectations and operational resilience.

- *Transitioning sustainability reporting from compliance to strategic finance*
- *Building governance and data systems for credible ESG insights*
- *Balancing short-term performance with long-term value goals*
- *Leading culture, awareness, and capability in sustainability within finance*

PANELLIST:

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- **MEKAIL AHMED, PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT SPECIALIST, ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB)**



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PLENARY 19 | SPEAKING SLOT:

CFOS AS STRATEGIC STEWARDS: FROM SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING TO VALUE CREATION

CFOs now lead sustainability reporting in 32% of organizations, positioning them as central to ESG integration and financial strategy. Yet many face gaps in data skills and governance readiness, which can limit the strategic value of sustainability insights.

- *CFOs are becoming responsible for ESG reporting, reshaping their role in strategy and value alignment.*
- *Nearly 92% of CFOs plan to increase sustainability spending, with many viewing ESG as having higher ROI than traditional investments.*
- *Financial leaders increasingly support sustainability as a lever for cost savings, efficiencies, and long-term value generation.*

SPEAKER: FADI AL-SHIHABI, PARTNER – SUSTAINABILITY SOLUTIONS LEADER, KPMG MIDDLE EAST



3:50 PM



EVENING COFFEE BREAK

4:05 PM



PLENARY 20 | CLOSING SPEAKING SLOT:

BEYOND 2026: HOW FINANCE LEADERSHIP IS BEING REDEFINED

As automation and AI reshape finance, leadership is moving beyond efficiency toward greater strategic influence. This session explores how finance leaders can scale impact, build future-ready operating models, and strengthen their role as enterprise partners in an increasingly autonomous environment.

- *From operational excellence to strategic leverage*
- *Scalable finance without added complexity*
- *Leadership capabilities for uncertainty and technology-driven change*

SPEAKER: CECILIA BORGATTI, GLOBAL FINANCE BUSINESS PARTNER, FLS GROUP



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Mayoon Boonyarat Is Director Of The Revenue Tax Policy Division At Thailand's Ministry Of Finance, Developing National Policies To Improve Financial Access And Social Protection. He Advises Parliamentary Committees And Leads Initiatives On Tax Legislation, Poverty Alleviation, And Economic Stimulus Measures, Helping Shape Thailand's Financial Inclusion And Economic Development Policies.



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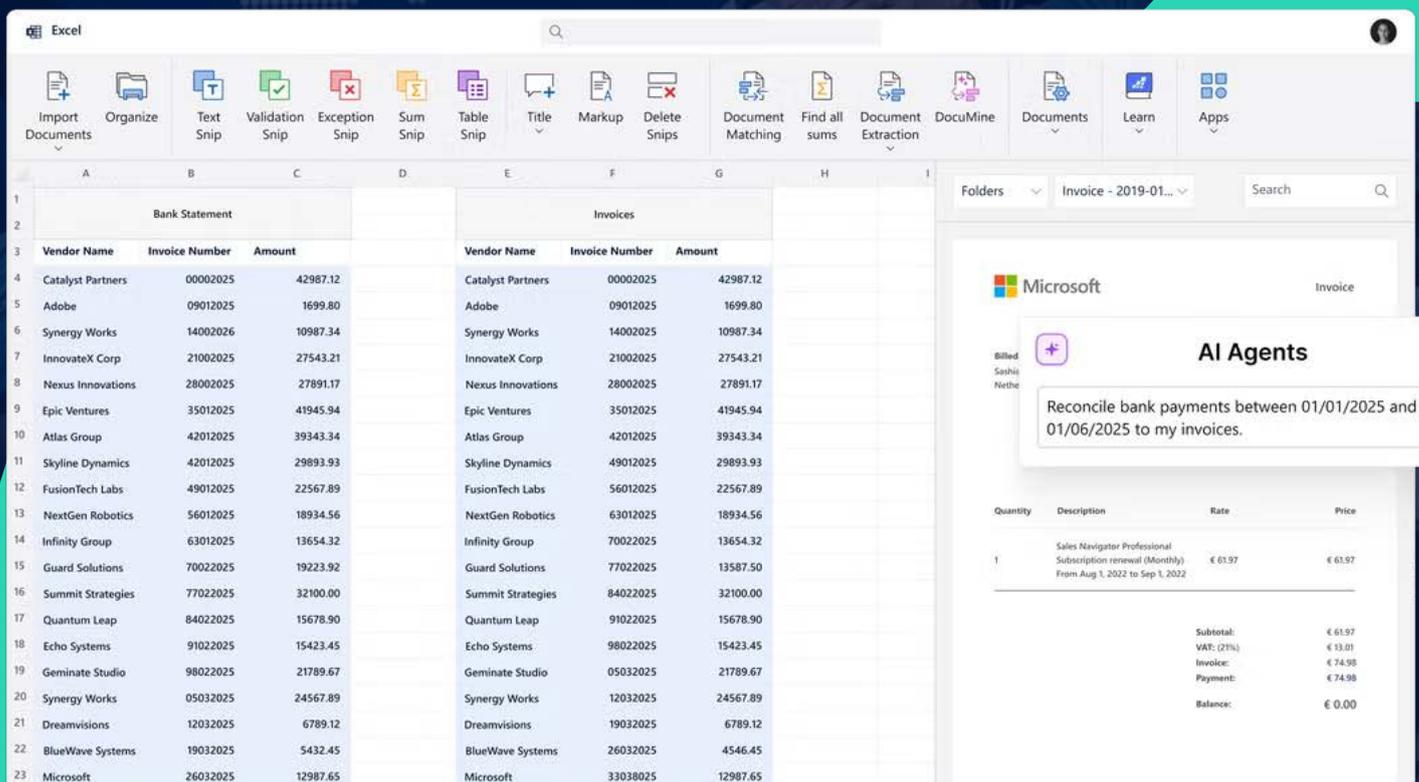
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