

28 - 29 JUNE 2022

THE RITZ-CARLTON, DIFC, DUBAI

DAY 1

08:00 – 09:30 WELCOME COFFEE AND REGISTRATION

09:30 – 09:40 OPENING KEYNOTE BY



H.E. ESSA KAZIM
Governor, DIFC

09:40 – 09:50 KEYNOTE PRESENTATION



H.E. HAMMAD BU AMIM
President & CEO, Dubai Chamber of Commerce

09:50 – 10:10 FIRESIDE CHAT

Technology & ESG



ARSHAD GHAFUR
President – MENA,
Bank of America

MODERATOR



SALMAAN JAFFERY
Chief Business Development
Officer, DIFC

10:10 – 10:50 PANEL DISCUSSION

Decrypting the crypto regulatory landscape

- Mapping the Global Regulatory Advances
- Establishing Clear Regulatory Perimeters
- Identifying potential challenges and risks

PANELISTS:



HENRI ARSALANIAN
Managing Partner, Nine Blocks Capital Management



RENÉ MICHAU
Global Head of Digital Assets,
Standard Chartered



PETER SMITH
Managing Director – Policy &
Strategy, DFSA



MUNEER KHAN
Partner,
Simmons & Simmons

MODERATOR



ALEXIA HEFTI
Executive Chairman,
Abed Ventures

10:50 – 11:10

TECH TALK

Enabling digital payments for customers



MOHAMED IMTIYAZ
Head of Business
Development,
Amazon Payment Services

11:10 – 11:40

COFFEE AND NETWORKING BREAK

11:40 – 12:20

PANEL DISCUSSION

Collaborations for a Greener world-
Fintech actors taking the lead

PANELISTS:



BRYAN STIREWALT
Sr. Managing Director,
K2Integrity



NAMEER KHAN
Chairman,
MENA Fintech Association



SUFİYAN AL ISSA
Regional Head of Operations
International Finance
Corporation (IFC)



LISA NYMAN
Senior Director,
Digital Partnerships,
Fintech & Ventures, Visa

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FEDERICA PIAZZA
Regional Head of Regulatory
Affairs, American Express

12:20 – 12:40

FIRESIDE CHAT

Every company can become a fintech
company

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ALAIN BEJJANI
CEO,
Majid Al Futtaim

MODERATOR



MIRNA SLEIMAN
Founder & CEO,
Fintech Galaxy

12:40 – 12:50

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Views from CZ on crypto market



CHANPENG ZHAO
CEO, Binance
(Pre-recorded video)

12:50 – 13:50

NETWORKING LUNCHEON

13:50 – 14:30

PANEL DISCUSSION

The role of VCs in fostering the Fintech and Digital Asset Ecosystem

- Global VC Trends in 2022
- Investors: Perspective: How is the digital landscape evolving?
- Where is capital flowing to, what sectors are heating up, and what trends do investors and founders need to be aware of?

PANELISTS:



RABIH KHOURY
Managing Partner &
Chief Exit Officer,
Middle East Venture Partners



SHARIF ELBADAWI
CEO,
Dubai Future District Fund



FAISAL BELHOUL
Chairman, The Latest Ventures



RAVISHANKAR G V
Managing Director,
Sequoia Capital



MODERATOR
PHILIP BAHOSHY
CEO, MAGNITT

14:30 – 15:10

PANEL DISCUSSION

BNPL Evolution – An Innovation

- Enabling healthy competition between the closed-loop and open-loop systems
- Becoming the preferred payment option with category-specific value propositions
- What will be the acceptance of BNPL across industries/merchants and customers?

PANELISTS:



ABDULMAJEED ALSUKHAN
CEO,
Tamara



HOSAM ARAB
CEO,
Tabby



SRINATH HARIHARAN
Head of Product
Management (Payments),
Amazon Payment Services



MELISSA GUZY
Co-Founder & Managing
Partner, Arbor Ventures

MODERATOR



KARL TLAIS
Strategic Advisor & Founder,
iAdvisory

15:10 – 15:30

FIRESIDE CHAT

Fintech fuel for E-commerce growth



FARAZ KHALID
CEO, Noon

MODERATOR



RACHEL PETHER
Sr. Advisor, Skybridge Capital

15:30 – 16:00

COFFEE & NETWORKING BREAK

16:00 – 16:40

PANEL DISCUSSION

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Digital payments are moving fast.
What's now and what's next?



PANELISTS:

OLIVIER CRSPIN

Co-Founder & CEO, Zand



HISHAM AL FALIH

CEO & Co-founder, Lean Tech



ARSHAD KHAN

CEO,
Yoshi Markets Limited



ANUBHAV SHARMA

Head of Business
Development & Marketing,
NPCI International



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ALEX BAGHDJIAN

Partner & Co-Founder,
Funday

16:40 – 17:20

PANEL DISCUSSION

**The Metaverse, Web3, and the
Inevitability of NFTs**

- State of the Industry - Where the Metaverse is Today
- Web 3.0: The new player in the open banking ecosystem
- How NFTs Are Likely to Change FinTech



PANELISTS:

AMRITA SETHI

First NFT Artist in the Middle
East, Creator of SoundBYTES(c)



DR. MARWAN AL ZAROUNI

CEO,
Dubai Blockchain Centre



NADEEM LADKI

Executive Director – Business
Development & Strategic
Partnerships, Binance



BASIL AL ASKARI

Co-Founder & CEO,
Midchains

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JAWAD ASHRAF

CEO & Co-Founder,
Virtua

17:20 – 17:25

CLOSING REMARKS

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DAY 2

08:30 – 09:20 NETWORKING

09:20 – 09:30 OPENING KEYNOTE



ARIF AMIRI
CEO, DIFC

09:30 – 09:50 FIRESIDE CHAT

Decentralized Finance



ARIK SHTILMAN
CEO and Co-Founder,
Rapyd

MODERATOR



CAL EVANS
Founder,
Gresham International

09:50 – 10:30 PANEL DISCUSSION

DeFi and crypto: The bridge to the future of finance

- The evolution of DeFi and its mechanics
- Key considerations for policymakers
- What Is DeFi 2.0 and why does it Matter?

PANELISTS:



RONIT GHOSE
Global Head of Banking,
Fintech & Digital Assets,
Citi Global Insights



TALAL TABBAA
CEO and Co-Founder,
CoinMENA



PAUL DAWALIBI
CEO,
Holodeck Ventures



JOSEPH DALLAGO
Co-Founder & CEO,
Rain

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GORDON EINSTEIN
Founding Partner,
CryptoLaw Partners

10:30 – 10:45 TECH TALK

Why connecting teams to data is so important



EMMET KELLY
Chief Data Officer,
YAP

10:45 – 11:15 COFFEE AND NETWORKING BREAK

11:15 – 11:55 PANEL DISCUSSION

The Disruption of Wealth Management - Robot VS Human

- Who should you trust with your money?
- The rise of the Robo advisors
- The proliferation of AI (Artificial Intelligence) in wealth management

PANELISTS:



FERAS JALBOUT
CEO & Founder,
Baraka



NADINE MEZHER
CMO & Co-Founder,
Sarwa



DEEPAK MEHRA
Head of Investments,
Commercial Bank of Dubai



KHURRAM JAFFRE
Head of Products & Services,
BNP Paribas Wealth
Management Middle East &
Africa

MODERATOR



SARA HAMDAN
Editor

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TECH TALK

Insights into Crypto Payments



ANDREW MATUSHKIN
Global Business Development
Manager, B2Broker

12:10 – 12:50

PANEL DISCUSSION

The InsurTech landscape in UAE:
Reflecting appetite for change while
creating opportunities

PANELISTS:



AMBAREEN MUSA
CEO, Souqalmal



TALAL BAYAA
CEO and Co-Founder,
Bayzat



SAMEER YOGISHWAR
CEO, HDFC International
Life and Re



PETER ENGLUND
Senior Executive Officer,
Head of Commercial
Insurance Middle East,
Zurich Insurance Company Ltd

MODERATOR



DANIELLE SZETHO
Global Head of FinTech, Client
Advisory, Standard Chartered

12:50 – 13:50

NETWORKING LUNCHEON

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PANEL DISCUSSION

How to embed RegTech in your digital
transformation strategy?

PANELISTS:



SANDEEP CHOUHAN
Former Group Chief Operating
Officer, Abu Dhabi Islamic
Bank (ADIB)



KEN COGHILL
Director and Head of
IT Risk Supervision,

Dubai Financial Services
Authority (DFSA)



YARON HAZAN
VP Regulatory Affairs
ThetaRay

MODERATOR



BHAVIN SHAH
Partner & Head of MEA,
Forensic Risk Alliance (FRA)

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PANEL DISCUSSION

Payments Innovation

PANELISTS:



MOSAM GADIA
Senior Vice President,
Noon Pay



FAISAL AL HAROUN
Senior Vice President,
Tap Payments



IMANE ADEL
Executive Vice President
- Strategy, Paymob



SALIM AWAN
Managing Director -
Institutional Payments,
Magnati



IBTISSAM OUASSIF
Co-Founder &
Chief Product Officer,
Cashew Payments

MODERATOR



NAMEER KHAN
Chairman,
MENA Fintech Association

15:10 – 15:50

PANEL DISCUSSION

Studios & Corporate Innovation:
The Emergence of Venture Studios in
the MENA Region

- The new greenfield for scaling start-ups

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- Low risk environment for new entrepreneurs
- Boosting entrepreneurship while attracting new talent to ideate & innovate

PANELISTS:



ALPER CELEN
Founding Partner,
Enhance Ventures



WIM TORFS
Founding Partner,
Glowfish Ventures



AKSHAY CHOPRA
Vice President,
Head of Innovation & Design,
Visa



SULTAN AL MAHMOUD
CEO, Instant Cash FZE

MODERATOR



CHRISTIAN KUNZ
SVP - Strategy,
DIFC Authority, DIFC

15:50 - 16:30

PANEL DISCUSSION

**Crypto-related payments:
Transforming the future**

PANELISTS:



JORGE SEBASTIÃO
Project Advisor,
Co-Founder, Global Blockchain
Organization,
Co-Founder EcoX, CISSP



SAQR ERIQAT
Co-Founder & Managing
Partner, Crypto Oasis



**REMO GIOVANNI-
ABBONDANDOLO**
SVP MENA, Checkout.com



HUBERTUS THONHAUSER
Chairman & Partner,
Ghaf Capital

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CAL EVANS
Founder,
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PITCH COMPETITION

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