



Building a Future-Ready Bank

Thursday, October 15, 2026 | Shangri-La, Dubai

EVENT PARTNERS





AGENDA

08:15 - 09.15 AM	Breakfast and Registration
09.15 - 09.30 AM	Welcome Note
09.30 - 09.45 AM	Market Overview and Trends
09.45 - 10.30 AM	Panel 1: Future of Banking A Business Leadership Strategic Perspective Strategy drives technology, or is it now the other way around? Enjoy an interesting conversation with banking business leaders on what's the right answer to this question, and how will a bank strategy evolve for the future. Also, the kind of organization, skills, and culture needed to make it work.
10:30 - 11:15 AM	Panel 2: Future Ready Digital Lending Retail and Corporate Digital transformation is redefining how banks serve retail customers and small and medium enterprises alike. This panel explores the strategies, platforms, and partnerships enabling banks to deliver seamless digital experiences across segments, and the opportunities and challenges in building scalable, customer-centric digital propositions for diverse banking needs.
11:15 - 11:30 AM	Tea/Coffee Break





11.30 - 12.15 PM

Panel 3: AI in Action | Pioneering the Next Wave of Digital Banking

AI is reshaping the financial services industry globally. This panel explores how AI is driving personalized customer experiences, optimizing operations, and enabling real-time decision-making. As the industry embraces data-driven strategies, what are the key opportunities and challenges in adopting AI and analytics at scale across financial institutions?

12.15 - 01.00 PM

Panel 4: AI in Action | Driving Next Gen Payments and Transaction Banking

AI is transforming payments and transaction banking through intelligent automation and real-time processing. This panel explores how banks can modernize payment rails, enhance fraud detection, streamline trade and cash management, and deliver smarter transaction services. What opportunities and challenges must bank address to build resilient, future-ready payment ecosystems?

01.00 - 01.15 PM

Closing Note

01.15 - 02.15 PM

Lunch and Networking

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