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FINTECH ECOSYSTEM HIGHLIGHTS

- Boston, New York continue to develop their fintech ecosystems. Canada is developing the fintech industry through initiatives in Ontario and Québec.
- Global leading fintech hubs such as London, Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia and Israel are expanding their frontiers.
- Financial and Tech companies are developing their own agreements and fintech labs attracting startups and looking for new talent in other countries: Amazon Payment Services, Franklin Templeton, BlackRock.
- Fintech hubs are growing through collaboration and alliances between government and startups: UAE, Hong Kong, Singapore and Australia.
- AI, Blockchain DeFi and ESG are key topics for the fintech ecosystem development.
- Fintech leaders share their thoughts and trends for the industry this 2022.



4 Fintech leaders outline 4 key trends for 2022

On [Geektime](#) on Feb 20, 2022

Multinationals 4 Fintech leaders outline 4 key trends for 2022 Amidst a backdrop of economic uncertainty, the global Fintech ecosystem experienced unprecedented growth in 2020. Then, in 2021, the space reached new heights of innovation, with Fintech companies raising more than \$140 billion, three times higher than that of 2020, setting an all-time record. Guest Contributor / 20 Feb 2022 The... [Read more](#)

NORTH AMERICA - NEWS

Fintech Cadence Announces Third Cohort of Their Financial Health Focused Startup Incubator, IFH Lab

On newsfilecorp.com on May 27, 2022

Fintech Cadence Announces Third Cohort of Their Financial Health Focused Startup Incubator, IFH Lab The 6-month IFH Lab is a no-fee and no-equity program for 8 early stage startups who are helping to build a more inclusive and accessible financial system. Toronto, Ontario--(Newsfile Corp. - May 27, 2022) - Non-profit incubator and ecosystem development organization Fintech Cadence kicked off the... [Read more](#)

6th Annual Fintech & Funding Summer Kickoff Mixer

On canadaone.com on May 25, 2022

6th Annual Fintech & Funding Summer Kickoff Mixer July 14, 2022 Toronto, ON Join the National Crowdfunding & Fintech Association of Canada and Partners on Thursday, JULY 14 on the Rooftop patio and Loft @Spaceworks (180 John St., Toronto, M5T 1X5) for it's annual SUMMER KICKOFF event in the heart of trendy Queen West for a celebratory night and prime networking mixer. Interested in disrupting the... [Read more](#)



Carolina Fintech Hub launches app powered by The Meta Lab accelerator program

On [The Business Journals](https://thebusinessjournals.com) on May 23, 2022

The Meta Lab is launching a new application, featuring services provided by the accelerator program's challenge winners. The Meta Lab is a financial-technology and health-tech accelerator that launched here last October. Carolina Fintech Hub partnered with Boston's MassChallenge to bring the program to Charlotte. The new app is a way to promote upward mobility and other opportunities for the... [Read more](#)

The Future of Finance: From Cryptocurrencies to Responsible Investing A Conversation with Industry Experts

On [McGill University](https://mcgilluniversity.ca) on May 16, 2022

Join this panel discussion to learn more about the current state of the Canadian financial sector and discover how technology and sustainability – major transformative forces – are reshaping the world of finance today. The panelists will share their insights and examine the current trends, such as cryptocurrencies and opportunities/challenges they present; the use of artificial intelligence in... [Read more](#)

Fintech Cadence receives \$400,000 government grant to help Québec FinTechs scale

On [BetaKit](https://betakit.com) on Apr 5, 2022

Fintech Cadence has received a \$400,000 grant from the federal government's Canadian Economic Development for Quebec Regions (CED). The money will enable Fintech Cadence to extend the reach and scope of one of its flagship projects, the Fintech Hub. Fintech Cadence is a nonprofit FinTech incubator, and its Fintech Hub helps startups build and scale. While the incubator works with early stage... [Read more](#)



Aladdin Grants BlackRock's Wish & Other News

On *FTF News* on Mar 30, 2022

BlackRock Lands \$150B Mandate with AIG BlackRock's investment management technology platform Aladdin will play a key role in the \$150 billion mandate that the asset manager just signed with insurance giant American International Group (AIG), officials say. The Aladdin platform encompasses portfolio management and risk analytics. The world's largest asset manager will oversee key AIG [...]

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10 Tech Companies Selected for 12th Annual FinTech Innovation Lab New York Run by Accenture and Partnership F

On *Newsroom Accenture.com* on Mar 29, 2022

10 Tech Companies Selected for 12th Annual FinTech Innovation Lab New York, Run by Accenture and Partnership Fund for New York City Leading financial services firms to mentor financial technology entrepreneurs whose solutions address key industry themes, including sustainability and cryptocurrencies NEW YORK; March 29, 2022 – Ten emerging technology companies have been selected to participate in... [Read more](#)



Franklin Templeton, F10 to Launch Singapore Fintech Incubator

On *finews.asia* on Feb 8, 2022

Franklin Templeton has tied up with start-up accelerator F10 Global Innovation Network Singapore to create an incubation program in Singapore for early-stage fintech start-ups, the companies said in a press release Wednesday. Chosen start-ups will receive seed funding from Franklin Templeton, the statement said. Franklin Templeton isn't the first financial institution to tie up with F10.... [Read more](#)

Regulation: A threat or benefit to innovation?

On *Canadian Underwriter* on Feb 8, 2022

While there is a perception that regulation is a threat to innovation in the Canadian financial services space, that's not the case, say executives from a fintech hub. "[For] any start-up here in Canada, I think there's a bit of a discussion around how regulation can hurt innovation, but we truly don't believe that's the case," says Elvis Wong, director of financial health with Montreal-based... [Read more](#)



FinTech Sandbox Reports Company Growth Following Success of Fintech Hub and Boston Fintech Week

On *The Fintech Times* on Dec 20, 2021

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FinTech Sandbox: Mass Fintech Hub More Than Doubles Membership to Bolster

Expanding Fintech Ecosystem in the Commonwealth

On [FinanzNachrichten.de](#) on Dec 9, 2021

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ASIA & OCEANIA - NEWS

MAS will chart its own path in the crypto world: regulator says at digital asset summit

On [tamiltechs.in](#) on May 27, 2022

SINGAPORE – There is a race among financial centers around the world to become a major hub for cryptocurrencies but Singapore authorities have vowed to “draw their own path” and not “react to what other countries are doing”. Mr Alvinder Singh, team leader from the fintech ecosystem office at the Singapore Monetary Authority (MAS), stated on Friday (May 27) that Singapore is a small country so the... [Read more](#)

Results Of AI and Big Data Survey

On [smartcitystech.io](#) on May 25, 2022

The FinTech Association of Hong Kong (FTAHK) has released the results of a new survey of the local Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Big Data ecosystem. The survey illustrates the current situation and points to future opportunities for the sector in Hong Kong. The findings show that 75% of respondents have chosen Hong Kong as their headquarters while around 70% regard Hong Kong as their top... [Read more](#)

BaaS Platform Buildd Bags 2 M Aims To Accelerate India Growth

On [bwdisrupt.businessworld.in](#) on May 24, 2022

Buildd, Banking-as-a-Service (BaaS) platform recently secured \$2 Million in Pre-Seed funding. The round was led by Germany-headquartered venture capital firm Picus Capital and Mankekar Family Office. The company is also backed by operator founders including Ranjeet Singh (co-founder Pratilipi), Kunal Sharma (ex Freecharge), Nitin Agarwal (Founder B21), Aniruddha Patwardhan (Phonepe Engineering... [Read more](#)

Uob's Finlab Shines Focus On Esg With The Greentech Accelerator | Fintech Singapore

On [planetstoryline.com](#) on May 5, 2022

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Hong Kong's Sparklabs raises \$5m to launch in Pakistan

On [Ripples Nigeria](#) on May 3, 2022



Hong Kong-based accelerator programme, SparkLabs Fintech, has raised a \$5 million fund to launch in Pakistan. SparkLabs Fintech's Managing Director, William Chu, made the announcement in a statement seen by Ripples Nigeria. The accelerator is part of SparkLabs Group, an early-stage tech investor founded in 2013 by Frank Meehan, Bernard Moon and John Lee. Ripples [...] The post Hong Kong's Sparklabs... [Read more](#)

Australia, Singapore to deepen FinTech collaboration

On *The Straits Times* on Apr 13, 2022

SINGAPORE - To strengthen cooperation between the FinTech ecosystems of Australia and Singapore, the Australia Treasury and the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) have signed the Australia-Singapore FinTech Bridge Agreement, said the two government bodies in a joint statement on Wednesday (April 13). The FinTech Bridge aims to build on the overarching framework for digital economy cooperation... [Read more](#)

ADGM Academy, National University of Singapore to promote collaboration in FinTech ecosystem

By WAM/MOHD AAMIR/Hazem Hussein on *WAM* on Mar 31, 2022

ABU DHABI, 31st March, 2022 (WAM) -- Abu Dhabi Global Market Academy (ADGM Academy), the educational arm of Abu Dhabi Global Market has announced today the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National University of Singapore's Asian Institute of Digital Finance (AIDF). Under the... [Read more](#)

Singapore fintech ecosystem produces world-leading, globally compliant wallet as a service

On *Fintech Finance* on Mar 31, 2022

Singapore fintech Wallet Engine has partnered with leading cloud banking platform Mambu to fast-track the development of its innovative wallet-as-a-service offering, which aims to become the go-to solution to embed financial services into any app or user experience. Wallet Engine empowers non-financial organisations to launch their own branded wallets for seamless money transfers between their... [Read more](#)



What's driving China's fintech prowess?

By Kim Bo-eun on *The Korea Times News* on Feb 28, 2022

HONG KONG -- China carved out a lead in fintech services over the past decade, with big tech firms having taken the lead on the back of deregulated government policies and surging public demand for electronic payment options.

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Monetary Authority Of Singapore-Led Industry Consortium Publishes Assessment Methodologies For Responsible Use Of AI By Financial Institutions

On [Mondo Visione](#) on Feb 4, 2022

The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) announced today the release of five white papers detailing assessment methodologies for the Fairness, Ethics, Accountability and Transparency (FEAT) principles, to guide the responsible use of AI by financial institutions (FIs). The white papers were published by the Veritas Consortium, comprising 27 industry players. The Consortium also released an... [Read more](#)

Fintech Australia Releases Another Resource Offering Detailed Overview of Fintechs in the Country

On [Crowdfund insider](#) on Feb 2, 2022

Fintech Australia has introduced a third resource for the industry, publishing a new map outlining Fintechs in the local ecosystem. Following on from regulatory and investor maps, the ecosystem map from Fintech Australia offers a detailed overview of Fintech platforms currently in this market. The... [Read More](#)

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FinTech Australia welcomes Temenos to its corporate partner program

On [Fintech Finance](#) on Jan 27, 2022

Global banking software company Temenos has joined FinTech Australia's corporate partner program. It joins Facebook, Xero, Amazon Web Services (AWS) and over 21 others as the latest company to join the program. FinTech Australia's ecosystem partnership program helps companies collaborate with the fintech sector and foster relationships with its key players. Last year marked a new record for the... [Read more](#)

Global Fast Track 2021 Supports Over 300 Fintech Companies Worldwide To Scale In Hong Kong

On [Mondo Visione](#) on Jan 6, 2022

Over 300 fintech companies supported to scale in the region through Global Fast Track 2021's pitching competition, one-to-one business meetings, mentoring sessions, regulators' and partners' consultations and soft landing programmes 89 top fintech companies featured in the pitching competition across eight verticals this year, with Fano Labs from Hong Kong being the final winner of 2021 Over 300... [Read more](#)



Christopher Hui visits tech institute

On [News.gov.hk](#) on Dec 28, 2021

Secretary for Financial Services & the Treasury Christopher Hui today visited the Applied Science & Technology Research Institute (ASTRI). During the visit, Mr Hui exchanged views with the institute on how financial technology can drive the growth of financial services. He noted that ASTRI's strategic initiatives include partnerships with top local universities to harness knowledge and nurture... [Read more](#)

1st fintech initiatives meeting held

On [News.gov.hk](#) on Dec 27, 2021

The Coordination Group on Implementation of Fintech Initiatives, chaired by Secretary for Financial Services & the Treasury Christopher Hui, convened its first meeting



today. During the meeting, representatives of the Government and financial regulators exchanged views on the latest fintech developments with those from the financial services sector, academia and research institutions. Mr Hui said... [Read more](#)



Kuala Lumpur leaps to 15th place of Top 20 Asia Fintech Hubs

On *The Malay Mail Online* on Dec 20, 2021

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 20 — Kuala Lumpur leapt 11 places to number 15 of the Top 20 Asia Fintech Hubs, according to Asia Pacific Fintech Rankings: Bridging Divides report. The report by global research and analytics firm...

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Fintech Week Tel Aviv 2022

On *Ourcrowd* on Dec 14, 2021

21-23 MARCH 2021 | TEL AVIV STOCK EXCHANGE Fintech Week Tel Aviv 2022 21-23 MARCH 2021 | TEL AVIV STOCK EXCHANGE finechweektelaviv.com Fintech Week Tel Aviv is an annual conference bringing together players from a host of global fintech hotspots and financial services world to look at the very latest issues, deliberate, share ideas and [...] The post Fintech Week Tel Aviv 2022 appeared first on... [Read more](#)

MIDDLE EAST - NEWS

Israel supporting Ghana to use fintech as engine for inclusive growth

On *Ghana News Agency* on Jun 1, 2022

Accra, June 1, GNA – Israel, a global leader in innovation and financial technology (fintech), is supporting Ghana through collaboration with startups to scale up and provide creative solutions to drive financial inclusiveness and development. The two countries are holding a two-day Ghana-Israel fintech summit in Accra on the theme: “Innovations in financial services delivery,” to strengthen... [Read more](#)

Dubai launches \$100 million debt fund to finance startups

On *Wamda* on Apr 28, 2022

Dubai has launched a Dh370 million (\$100.7 million) VC debt fund to finance startups and fuel their global expansion. The Venture Debt Fund, managed and supervised by the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC), aims to position Dubai as an innovation hub for fintech and other tech-driven startups. The fund, which will be deployed in June, is set to contribute around \$816.9 million to the... [Read more](#)

Ireland-UAE fintech collaboration to drive UAE's financial services transformation

By WAM/Amjad Saleh on [WAM](#) on Mar 16, 2022

DUBAI, 16th March, 2022 (WAM) -- Leading Irish Fintech companies will be in Dubai to take part in the Irish Fintech Innovation Showcase event organised by Enterprise Ireland, the Irish Government's trade and innovation agency in collaboration with the Commercial Bank of Dubai (CBD) and Dubai... [Read more](#)



Competitor to Collaborator: How Are Fintechs and Neobanks Partnering with GCC Banks to Ride the Digital Wave?

On [International Banker](#) on Mar 8, 2022

Asad Ahmed, Managing Director, Financial Services, Alvarez & Marsal The banking industry has undergone an extensive transformation over the past decade, buoyed by the advent of digital technologies. Digitalisation is revolutionising the industry, and banks that refuse to adapt will fall behind, struggle and eventually be consigned to financial history. Traditional banks are working to evolve as... [Read more](#)

Amazon Payment Services Supports MENA Start-ups with New Programme

On [The Fintech Times](#) on Feb 26, 2022

News: @amzpymntservs supports #MENA #Start-ups with new programme The post Amazon Payment Services Supports MENA Start-ups with New Programme appeared first on The Fintech Times .

Amazon Payment Services , a payment service provider operating across MENA, has announced a programme that aims to support startups across the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region who are looking to grow their... [Read more](#)

Mashreq Invests in NymCard as Part of Their Plan to Support the UAE FinTech Ecosystem

On [The Fintech Times](#) on Feb 24, 2022

Further support of #UAE #FintechEcosystem comes from @MashreqTweets as it takes a stake in @NymCard The post Mashreq Invests in NymCard as Part of Their Plan to Support the UAE FinTech Ecosystem appeared first on The Fintech Times .

Mashreq, one of the leading financial institutions in the United Arab Emirates, has taken a stake in NymCard, the only Banking-as-a-Service (Baas) provider in the... [Read more](#)



Why Dubai is a booming hotspot for fintech startups

On [The Next Web](#) on Feb 15, 2022

The Middle East and North Africa (MENA) is becoming a leading destination for fast-growing tech startups. In 2020, the region reached a record \$1 billion in startup investments, signaling a voracious investor appetite in the technology sector. The maturing digital economy coupled with region-wide innovation initiatives make MENA an attractive place to launch or scale a startup for an increasing... [Read more](#)

Emirates NBD and DIFC FinTech Hive enter fifth year of tie-up

On [Trade Arabia](#) on Jan 3, 2022

Emirates NBD has marked its fifth year of engagement with DIFC FinTech Hive, supporting FinTechs, driving innovation and developing the FinTech ecosystem in the region. The strategic collaboration between one of the leading banking group in the Menat (Middle East, North Africa and Turkey) region and the largest financial technology hub in the Middle East, Africa and South Asia (MEASA) region and... [Read more](#)

Turning start-up challenges into opportunities

On [McKinsey & Company](#) on Jan 2, 2022

In this episode, McKinsey's Israel managing partner David Chinn and McKinsey's Israel Tech Hub leader Jay Jubas take a deep dive into the challenges facing Israeli start-ups and talk about different ways of approaching those issues. Peleg Dekalo: David, Jay, first of all, thank you for joining. And let's start from a quick introduction, David, do you mind going first? David Chinn: Sure. I'm... [Read more](#)

CBD sets up digital lab at DIFC Innovation Hub

On [Trade Arabia](#) on Dec 15, 2021

CBD sets up digital lab at DIFC Innovation Hub DUBAI, 1 hours, 59 minutes ago Commercial Bank of Dubai (CBD), one of the leading banks in the UAE, has announced the opening of its Digital Lab at the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) Innovation Hub, the region's largest innovation ecosystem. The CBD Digital Lab is the first initiative by a bank to establish a R&D facility in the DIFC... [Read more](#)

EUROPE - NEWS

Athonet Opens 5G Lab Dedicated to Fintech

On [Wallstreet-online.de](#) on Jun 6, 2022

LONDON, June 6, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- Athonet, a global leader in private network technology, announced the opening of its Fintech 5G lab in the heart of London's financial district to help banks, financial institutions, hedge funds and their technology partners discover, develop and integrate highly secure 5G technology into their business, operations and products.

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Shining a spotlight on Europe's next unicorn factory

On [foxfinances.com](#) on Jun 3, 2022

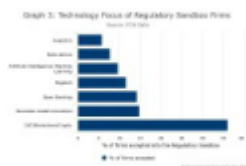
From Atlantic shores to the Black Sea coast, Baltic beaches, and the banks of the Danube, Europe boasts a growing number of vibrant tech hubs and 'unicorn factories' which offer a wide variety of attractive opportunities for IT professionals and investors. If London, Paris, Dublin and Berlin don't take your fancy as places to live and work, there are plenty more European tech hubs to choose from,... [Read more](#)

LHV opens development hub in Leeds

On [Finextra Research](#) on May 26, 2022

Estonia's LHV Group, is to open a second UK office in Leeds to house the firm's engineering and development teams.

Estonia's LHV Group, is to open a second UK office in Leeds to house the firm's engineering and development teams. LHV UK is currently pursuing a UK banking licence as part of plans to separate the business operations of its retail bank, LHV Bank, from those of the London... [Read more](#)



FCA fintech applications top 2,000 since 2014

On *Financial Planning Today* on Mar 29, 2022

New figures from the FCA reveal that over 2,000 new fintech firms have applied for support since its Innovation Hub was opened in 2014. The Innovation Hub and FCA Regulatory Sandbox were launched to encourage fintech start ups to seek FCA advice and support at an early stage. The FCA says that as a result of the growth in applications the fintech sector is no longer a niche but a key part of... [Read more](#)



London & Partners Leads Trade Mission to the UAE

On *The Fintech Times* on Feb 19, 2022

As part of the #MayorsInternationalBusinessProgramme, the business growth and destination agency @londonpartners is sending a cohort of UK fintech talent on a #trademission to the United Arab Emirates. The post London & Partners Leads Trade Mission to the UAE appeared first on The Fintech Times .

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From Portugal To Estonia, We Take A Look At Some Of The Most Crypto-friendly Places Around The Globe

On *Man's World India* on Feb 9, 2022

With almost no taxes on exchange and capital gains, is it surprising that cryptocurrency investors are flocking to these countries? The post From Portugal To Estonia, We Take A Look At Some Of The Most Crypto-friendly Places Around The Globe appeared first on Man's World India .

In 2017, a Dutch family traded their 2,500-square-foot and every other asset they own to go all in on bitcoin. Back then,... [Read more](#)