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FEDERATION OF EURO-ASIAN CAPITAL MARKETS (FEAS)

FEAS and Euronext Academy Launch Joint Training on AI, Data and ETF Markets

The Federation of Euro-Asian Capital Markets (FEAS) has announced its third year of cooperation with Euronext Academy, delivering an exclusive training programme in Milan, Italy, from October 28-30, 2026.

Aimed at capital market professionals, the course will explore how AI, data, ETF markets and digital transformation are reshaping financial market infrastructures and trading ecosystems. The agenda covers artificial intelligence and the future of exchanges, algorithmic trading, market data challenges, and emerging trends in European ETF markets.

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THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF SECURITIES COMMISSIONS (IOSCO)

CPMI-IOSCO Publish Cyber Resilience Toolkit and Discussion Paper on Third-Party Risks for FMIs

The BIS Committee on Payments and Market Infrastructures (CPMI) and IOSCO have published two consultation documents: a Cyber Resilience Toolkit: Practical Considerations for FMIs and a discussion paper, FMIs' Reliance on Third-Party Service Providers: Challenges and Risks.

The toolkit offers practical, voluntary and non-binding tools to help financial market infrastructures strengthen cyber resilience and implement operational resilience components of the CPMI-IOSCO Principles for Financial Market Infrastructures (PFMI). It's designed to complement the 2016 CPMI-IOSCO Guidance on Cyber Resilience for FMIs.

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IOSCO Announces Themes for 10th World Investor Week

IOSCO's World Investor Week (WIW) will run from 5-11 October 2026, marking its tenth edition, with a focus on Investor Resilience and Scams Awareness. The primary themes are Investor Resilience, Digital Deception, and Scam Alert, supported by complementary themes on Basics of Investing and Young Investors & Next Generation. This year's campaign tagline is "Invest in Your Future. Protect It Today."

Since launching in 2017, WIW has grown to reach millions of individuals across more than 100 jurisdictions, with last year's edition involving 137 participants across 118 jurisdictions. The 2026 campaign will again be supported by partner organizations, including the Financial Planning Standards Board's World Financial Planning Day on October 8 and the World Federation of Exchanges' Ring the Bell for Financial Literacy event.

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SECURITIES INDUSTRY AND FINANCIAL MARKETS ASSOCIATION (SIFMA)

SIFMA Publishes Done-Away Clearing Agreement Ahead of SEC Treasury Mandate

SIFMA and SIFMA's Asset Management Group (SIFMA AMG) have published the "2026 SIFMA Master Treasury Securities Clearing Agreement: Done-Away" and its accompanying Schedule, aimed at helping market participants meet documentation needs as Treasury market clearing expands.

Done-away clearing refers to trades executed with a third-party broker but centrally cleared through a firm's designated clearing provider, rather than the executing broker — distinct from the more common "done-with" model, where the same broker executes and clears. A done-with version of the agreement was issued in 2024 and updated in 2026.

Rob Toomey, SIFMA's head of capital markets, said the new agreements will support the industry's transition to the SEC's Treasury clearing mandate, which will bring significant additional transaction volume into central clearing. The mandate's compliance dates are December 31, 2026, for eligible cash market transactions, and June 30, 2027, for eligible repo transactions.

The agreement was developed over eighteen months by a cross-section of broker-dealers and asset managers, with terms serving as a starting point for individual negotiations. Bill Thum of SIFMA AMG said the done-away model can enhance liquidity, support price competition, improve margin efficiency, and reduce legal complexity by consolidating clearing through a single agent.

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Financial Trade Groups Outline Best Practices for Sharing Sensitive Data with Regulators

A coalition of nine financial trade associations — including SIFMA, the Bank Policy Institute, American Bankers Association, GFMA and others — has published a joint paper recommending best practices for sharing sensitive supervisory information with regulators during examinations.

Examiners require access to sensitive data such as cybersecurity roadmaps, CEO succession plans and M&A proposals, much of which extends beyond examiners' core mandate of assessing material risks like interest rate risk. The groups said improved data-sharing practices would reduce cybersecurity risks tied to collecting, retaining and transmitting such information.

The paper follows cybersecurity incidents at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency in 2025 and the Treasury Department in 2024, after which banking agencies worked with industry to strengthen sharing practices. The OCC, Federal Reserve and FDIC recently issued guidance updating procedures for handling sensitive bank data, encouraging consistent secure transfer methods, greater use of firm-controlled access, and added controls for particularly sensitive information.

Building on that guidance, the industry paper recommends: providing firm-controlled access electronically, via screen-sharing, or on-site rather than transmitting data; limiting the number of examiners with access based on need-to-know; sharing summaries or aggregated data instead of full records; providing samples rather than complete datasets; and redacting sensitive details such as personally identifiable information, compensation data, board evaluations, internal IP addresses, and privileged material.

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WORLD FEDERATION OF EXCHANGES (WFE)

WFE Launches New Academic Journal for Exchange and Post-Trade Research

The World Federation of Exchanges (WFE) has launched the Journal of Exchanges, Clearing & Settlement (JECS), a new international, peer-reviewed, open-access journal focused on financial market infrastructure — covering exchanges, trading venues, central counterparties, central securities depositories, and settlement systems.

JECS aims to give academics, practitioners and policymakers a dedicated outlet for research on the exchange and post-trade industry, with all articles freely available upon publication and no fees for readers or authors. Coverage spans the full lifecycle of market activity, from trading through clearing, settlement and custody, including market structure, risk management, regulation, cross-border integration, new technologies, and market infrastructure development in emerging markets.



Professor Rodney Garratt of UC Santa Barbara will serve as founding Editor-in-Chief, supported by an international Editorial Board of academics, regulators and industry experts.

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WFE Calls on ESMA to Address Growth of Bilateral Trading in European Shares

WFE has urged the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) to consider the impact of growing bilateral trading on well-functioning markets, in its response to ESMA's consultation on European equity market structure.

WFE argues that while bilateral trading has expanded across Europe, the UK and US, transparent multilateral markets remain the primary source of price discovery, since bilateral trading relies on prices set elsewhere rather than generating them. Continued growth in bilateral activity could shrink the share of trading that contributes to price formation.

WFE also flagged a gap in ESMA's analysis: the lack of data on UK trading in EEA shares, which it says makes it hard to build a complete picture of activity, particularly around systematic internalisers (SIs) and OTC trading. It challenged the current definition of "addressable" liquidity, noting some liquidity is only available to certain participants, unlike multilateral venues offering fair, non-discriminatory access. It also highlighted the growing importance of closing auctions, which concentrate liquidity and serve as a key valuation benchmark for asset managers.

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ABU DHABI SECURITIES EXCHANGE (ADX)

ADX and CoSSE Sign MoU to Expand Cross-Border Trading Between the Middle East and Southern Africa

The Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX) Group and the Committee of SADC (Southern African Development Community) Stock Exchanges (CoSSE), representing 14 stock exchanges across southern Africa, have signed an MOU to explore connecting SADC member exchanges to ADX's Tabadul cross-border trading network.

CoSSE's members span the 16-country SADC bloc and collectively represent over 776 listed companies with a combined market cap of USD1.3 trillion.

The Tabadul Hub already connects 11 member exchanges with a combined market cap of over \$1 trillion, linking more than 700 listed companies and 11 million registered investors. Trading on the platform has reached 13.5 billion dirhams so far in 2026, surpassing total 2025 volumes.

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ADX and Virtu Financial Launch Block Crossing for Abu Dhabi-Listed Equities

Virtu Financial (NYSE: VIRT) and the Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX) have launched Virtu's POSIT block-trading network for equity securities listed on ADX. Virtu is a US-based firm that provides electronic trading and liquidity services across global markets. POSIT is Virtu's block-trading system, used by institutional investors to trade large quantities of shares directly with each other, away from the public order book, minimizing price impact and information leakage. This marks the first phase of extending POSIT to MENA-listed equities.

The launch follows recent upgrades to ADX's Negotiated Block Trade facility, giving members more flexibility to execute large trades on-platform. Virtu is the first firm using the upgraded facility for electronic block trades sourced through POSIT. Trades will settle on a T+2 basis through the Abu Dhabi Central Securities Depository, in line with ADX's standard settlement cycle. Firms that aren't direct ADX members can access the service through Arqaam Capital, a regional brokerage partner providing connectivity, execution and post-trade support.

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ADX Signs MOU with Al Mabarrah to Support Charitable Giving Through Endowment Shares

ADX Group has signed an MOU with the Al Mabarrah International Charitable Association to use ADX's Endowment Shares Service for humanitarian and community initiatives across the UAE.

The Endowment Shares Service lets investors donate shares of listed securities to fund causes like education, healthcare, elderly care, orphan support, and family assistance programs. Subject to investor approval, Al Mabarrah can either hold donated shares to collect ongoing dividend income or sell them to fund specific charitable projects. Under the MOU, ADX will help monitor and manage the donated assets and oversee the transfer of securities.

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Emirati Women Represent 94% of Female-Held Wealth on ADX

ADX Group marked Emirati Women's Day with a bell-ringing ceremony honoring female employees and welcoming their mothers and grandmothers to the trading floor, part of the first month-long celebration of the day in the UAE under the theme "We Emerge Stronger and Better."

According to ADX market data as of end-July 2026, close to 125,000 active female Emirati investors participate in the market, holding shares worth approximately 39 billion dirhams – 94% of the total value held by women on the exchange.

ADX Group CEO Abdulla Salem Alnuaimi highlighted Emirati women's role in driving economic growth, noting that women make up 40% of ADX's own workforce.

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ADX Achieves 99% Compliance in H1 2026 Financial Disclosure

ADX has achieved a 99% compliance rate for the disclosure of audited H1 2026 financial statements by its listed companies, within the legally mandated 45-day window from the end of the financial period.

Of ADX's 104 total listed companies, 101 are actively traded (three have been suspended for over six months). Of those 101, 100 companies submitted their second-quarter financial statements on time, in line with their respective fiscal year-ends. Comparing H1 2025 to H1 2026 financial data, ADX reported a 38% increase in aggregate profits among its listed companies.

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ADX and Botswana Stock Exchange Sign Agreement to Connect Middle East and Africa via Tabadul

ADX Group and the Botswana Stock Exchange (BSE) have signed an agreement making BSE the 11th member of Tabadul, and the first African exchange to join the platform. Tabadul is a cross-border trading hub launched by ADX in 2022 with Bahrain Bourse, connecting regional markets and letting investors trade across borders through local brokerages via a single gateway.

The BSE, based in Gaborone, is Botswana's only stock exchange and Africa's third-largest by market capitalization. Founded in 1989, it lists 33 companies, 121 bonds and eight ETFs. The exchange surpassed P1 trillion in market capitalization for the first time in May 2026 – roughly 2.5 times Botswana's GDP.

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ADX Rings Bell Aboard Moving Etihad Rail Train to Mark Derivatives Expansion

ADX Group held the world's first investment bell-ringing ceremony aboard a moving passenger train, turning Etihad Rail's Abu Dhabi–Fujairah service into a trading hall to mark the expansion of ADX's derivatives market.

The event celebrated the launch of six new single-stock futures, bringing ADX's total derivatives suite to 17 futures products across 50 contracts. Representatives from listed companies, brokerages and market participants attended, along with a chess activity during the journey illustrating the strategic use of derivatives in portfolio management.

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ADX Honors Members and Listed Companies at 2025 Annual Recognition Awards

ADX Group presented 29 awards at its Annual Members Recognition Awards, honoring brokerage firms, listed companies and post-trade service members for their performance in 2025.

The ceremony coincided with the launch of six new single-stock futures on ADX's derivatives market. In 2025, trading value on the exchange rose 12.6% to 342 billion dirhams, with foreign investor trading value up 13.8%. Institutional buy/sell activity totaled 600 billion dirhams (up 10% from 2024), and ADX's market capitalization grew 4.6% to 3.13 trillion dirhams.

Notable winners included International Securities (top trading value, and top broker by trading value on Tabadul), EFG Hermes UAE (top by number of transactions), QMM (top-performing market maker across equities, ETFs and derivatives), Thndr (first remote retail trading member), Emirates NBD Bank (most active general clearing member), and First Abu Dhabi Bank (top custodian by assets under custody). Awards also recognized listed companies for financial reporting efficiency, including Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank, Sharjah Islamic Bank and Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank.

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ADX Lists Six New Single Stock Futures, Deepens Bloomberg Collaboration

ADX Group has listed six new single-stock futures — on ADNOC Gas, ADNOC Drilling, ADNOC Logistics & Services, Presight AI, Sharjah Islamic Bank, and Two Point Zero Group — expanding its derivatives suite to 17 futures and 50 contracts. The new contracts span energy, AI, logistics and financial services, sectors central to Abu Dhabi's economic diversification strategy.

Since launching its derivatives market in 2021 with five single-stock futures, ADX has steadily expanded to meet institutional demand. The launch was marked at Bloomberg's Dubai office, with ADX's derivatives data now fully integrated into the Bloomberg Terminal, giving 350,000 professionals worldwide real-time access to pricing and trading data.

All contracts are cash-settled and centrally cleared by Abu Dhabi Clear (AD Clear).

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Tabadul Marked Four Years as H1 2026 Trading Value Surpassed Full-Year 2025

Tabadul, the cross-border trading platform launched by ADX and Bahrain Bourse in 2022, marked four years of operation, on 7 July, by reporting record trading value of 13.5 billion dirhams (about USD3.68 billion) in H1 2026 — already exceeding its full 2025 trading value.

At the time, the Tabadul network comprised 10 exchange members: ADX, Bahrain Bourse, Amman Stock Exchange (which went live 1 June 2026), Armenia Stock Exchange, Kazakhstan Stock Exchange, Astana International Exchange, Central Asian Stock Exchange, Muscat Stock Exchange (Oman), Baku Stock Exchange, and Iraq Stock Exchange.

Combined, the connected markets represented over USD1 trillion in market capitalization, more than 700 listed companies, and over 11 million registered investors.

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ADX Removed Daily Price Limits on ETFs and Futures Contracts

ADX Group announced the removal of daily price limits for exchange-traded funds (ETFs) and futures contracts listed on the exchange, effective 3 August 2026, aimed at supporting more efficient price formation and continuous liquidity.

By allowing ETF and futures prices to move freely with new information, ADX said the move would reduce trading disruptions such as halts and pauses caused by daily price bands, and give investors greater flexibility to hedge exposures and execute strategies without price-limit restrictions.

ADX, described as the most liquid ETF hub in the MENA region, offers a range of thematic and Sharia-compliant funds. The exchange said it would continue managing intraday volatility through temporary trading pauses in exceptional circumstances to maintain an orderly market.

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AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES EXCHANGE (ASX)

ASX Marks 25 Years of ETFs

The Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) is marking 25 years since it introduced Australia's first exchange-traded funds (ETFs). State Street Investment Management launched the market's first two ETFs in August 2001 — the SPDR S&P/ASX 200 ETF (STW) and SPDR S&P/ASX 50 ETF (SFY).

As of end-July 2026, ASX listed 457 ETFs with more than \$360 billion in assets, after a record FY26 that saw 72 new ETFs listed — the highest annual total to date. Of ASX-listed ETFs, about 26% offer exposure to Australian shares, 49% to international shares, and 25% to other assets like fixed income, cash and gold. ETF trading activity grew 26% year-on-year in FY26, outpacing the 22% growth in overall equity market trading.

State Street now has 19 ETF products on ASX, representing about \$12.8 billion in assets as of 10 August 2026.

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ASX Partially Underwrites FY26 Final Dividend Reinvestment Plan

ASX Limited has entered an underwriting agreement with Barrenjoey Markets Pty Limited covering part of its Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP) for its FY26 final dividend of 104.7 cents per share, payable 21 September 2026.

Around 31.06% of ASX shareholders elected to participate in the DRP, representing \$63.56 million of the total \$204.6 million dividend. Barrenjoey will underwrite approximately 18.94% (about \$38.74 million), bringing the total DRP size to 50%, or \$102.3 million. New shares under the DRP will be issued at a 2.5% discount to the average volume-weighted price over a nine-trading-day pricing period starting 26 August 2026; no discount applies to shares issued to Barrenjoey as underwriter.

Barrenjoey will receive a \$150,000 brokerage fee plus hedging costs (capped at \$25,000), payable on settlement. The agreement includes standard termination rights for Barrenjoey covering events such as material adverse changes, regulatory action, or market disruption.

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ASX Launches Australia's First Exchange-Traded Bond and Credit Index Futures with Bloomberg Indices

ASX, in collaboration with Bloomberg Indices, has launched Australia's first exchange-traded bond and credit index futures, giving institutional investors a simpler way to manage exposure to Australian fixed income markets.



The contracts are based on the Bloomberg AusBond Composite Index and Bloomberg AusBond Credit Index — established in 1989 and tracked by more than A\$60 billion in assets across asset managers, ETF issuers and superannuation funds. One index covers a broad mix of government, semi-government, supranational and corporate bonds, while the other focuses specifically on Australian corporate bonds. The futures trade on ASX 24 and are cash-settled against the relevant index.

The contracts let investors manage risk or gain fixed income exposure without buying or selling individual bonds, supporting uses like portfolio hedging, liquidity management and cash equitisation. ASX said the launch expands its interest rate derivatives offering and follows extensive engagement with banks, asset managers, ETF issuers and superannuation funds, amid growing global demand for similar exchange-traded fixed income products.

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ASX Delivers Strongest Listings Results Since FY22

ASX recorded its strongest listings year since FY22, with 100 new entities listing in FY26 — up 45% on FY25 — despite higher interest rates and heightened global uncertainty. Total new capital quoted reached \$91.0 billion, the highest since FY22, while new listings added \$32.6 billion in market capitalisation, an 86% increase on FY25. IPO capital raised totalled \$5.6 billion, above the five-year average of \$4.9 billion.

International listings were a standout, rising to 23 in FY26 from just five in FY25. Four international companies listed with market caps above \$1 billion, including Ryman Healthcare, DPM Metals, Channel Infrastructure NZ and Pan African Resources. US-based Light & Wonder also delisted from Nasdaq to become sole-primary listed on ASX in November 2025, bringing roughly \$11 billion in market cap onto the exchange.

Materials was the largest source of new listings (30), driven by interest in gold, silver, copper, lithium and critical minerals, alongside activity from real estate, healthcare, industrials, financial services and consumer sectors. Follow-on capital raisings reached \$37.8 billion, up 20% on FY25, with ASX ranking first globally by follow-on transaction volume in nine of the past ten financial years.

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ASX ETF Market Reaches Record Year Milestone

ASX recorded its strongest year for ETF listings, with 72 new ETFs added in FY26 — the highest on record and well above FY25's 50 listings — cementing its position as Australia's leading ETF market.

Australia's ETF market now holds more than \$350 billion in assets across 458 products listed on ASX, with over \$50 billion in FY26 inflows. ETF trading activity grew 26% year-on-year, outpacing the 22% growth in overall equity market trading. Growth has been supported by strong retail uptake, particularly among younger investors, with nearly one in five Gen Z investors now holding ETFs. Based on current momentum, ASX expects the number of listed ETFs to reach 500 within FY27.



To support continued growth, ASX is finalising pricing changes to reduce ETF listing fees, following positive feedback from industry consultation.

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BOERSE STUTTGART GROUP

BW-Bank Connects to Boerse Stuttgart Group's Zero-Fee TradeREBEL Platform

BW-Bank has connected to Boerse Stuttgart Group's TradeREBEL trading platform, letting its clients trade around 2,900 domestic and foreign stocks, 11,000 bonds, 1,700 funds, and 3,300 exchange-traded products (ETPs) without trading venue fees, from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

TradeREBEL is a regulated, exchange-based trading platform offering full pre- and post-trade transparency. Boerse Stuttgart's Peter Smolny said more banks and online brokers are expected to gradually join the platform, giving their clients access to zero-fee trading, including during off-hours and volatile market conditions.

BW-Bank (Baden-Württembergische Bank), headquartered in Stuttgart, has served private customers and businesses — with a focus on small and medium-sized enterprises — for over 200 years. It operates as a savings bank in the Stuttgart metropolitan area and as a customer-facing bank within the LBBW group nationwide.

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BRASIL BOLSA BALCAO (B3)

Regime FÁCIL: The Next Generation of Brazilian Companies on B3

B3 has published an explainer on Regime FÁCIL — a regulatory regime created by Brazil's securities regulator, the CVM, to simplify capital markets access for companies with annual gross revenue of up to BRL 500 million.

FÁCIL (Facilitação do Acesso a Capital e de Incentivo a Listagens — "Facilitating Capital Access and Encouraging Listings") aims to simplify processes, ease rules, and lower fundraising costs while preserving transparency and governance, giving smaller companies continuous settlement and access to a broad investor base. Since joining B3's ecosystem in March 2026, the regime has already enabled more than BRL 149 million in capital raised through four corporate debt operations.

B3 currently hosts around 400 listed companies and 2,000 companies in the over-the-counter market. According to the World Bank, the annual financing gap for formal SMEs in emerging markets reaches around USD 5.7 trillion, and B3 says Brazilian companies often struggle to diversify funding sources, relying on limited financing alternatives. FÁCIL builds on a prior trend of smaller-ticket issuances — including commercial notes now available to limited liability companies (LTDA's) — by further easing capital raising for mid-sized firms.

Through FÁCIL, companies can raise capital via corporate debt instruments (debentures, commercial notes, CRIs and CRAs) or equity issuances, while gaining visibility alongside the country's largest listed companies, access to B3's trading technology, and regulatory support throughout the process.

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BUCHAREST STOCK EXCHANGE (BVB)

Bucharest Stock Exchange Gets Regulator Approval for New MTS Code, Creates SME Growth Market

The Bucharest Stock Exchange (BVB) has received approval from Romania's Financial Supervisory Authority (ASF) for a new Multilateral Trading System (MTS) Code, creating a new segment called the SME Growth Market for companies in their growth and expansion phase. Operational launch of the new market will follow once the necessary technical and operational steps are completed.

The new Code restructures BVB's MTS into three distinct markets: the SME Growth Market, for expanding companies; the Base Market (AeRO Market), for issuers not qualifying for the Growth Market; and the International MTS, for financial instruments admitted to trading on regulated markets or equivalent MTS platforms in other jurisdictions.

The Growth Market introduces a new admission and monitoring model based on issuer quality and investor trust, including a scoring model for admission, greater emphasis on corporate governance, consolidated financial transparency, ongoing issuer monitoring, and an enhanced role for the Authorized Advisor. Companies will be able to raise financing through share or bond issuances, via public offers or private placements.

The Growth Market will have a dedicated benchmark index, initially made up of top AeRO Market issuers that opt to move to the new segment and meet the applicable criteria – a potential future basis for investment products, including ETFs.

BVB is Romania's sole securities exchange operator. Its benchmark BET index surpassed 35,000 points for the first time in July 2026, and is up 45% year-to-date. Romania's capital market was upgraded to Emerging Market status by FTSE Russell in 2020 (with 12 Romanian companies now in FTSE Russell emerging-market indices), and to Advanced Frontier Market status by MSCI in 2025 (with 35 Romanian companies in MSCI indices).

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Bucharest-Listed Shares Now Available Through Interactive Brokers

Shares of companies listed on the Bucharest Stock Exchange's (BVB) Regulated Market, along with BVB-listed ETFs, became available through Interactive Brokers starting 13 August, expanding international access to Romanian-listed companies for investors using the broker's global platform.

Interactive Brokers is a global automated broker offering online trading solutions and access to a wide range of asset classes across more than 170 markets worldwide.

Over 300 companies are listed on BVB, of which 88 are on the Regulated Market, spanning a broad range of sectors, some of strategic importance to Romania's economy. BVB's listed market capitalization recently surpassed €130 billion. Over the past 12 months, BVB's main index delivered a total return of more than 80% – the highest among major EU market indices.

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CCP.RO Bucharest Receives First EMIR Authorization in Romania, First in Europe Under New EMIR3 Framework

The Bucharest Stock Exchange (BVB) and CCP.RO Bucharest S.A., Romania's central counterparty for the capital and energy markets, announced that Romania's Financial Supervisory Authority (ASF) has authorized CCP.RO to operate as a central counterparty under EMIR (Regulation (EU) No. 648/2012), as amended by EMIR 3 (Regulation (EU) 2024/2987), effective since 24 December 2024.

The authorization makes CCP.RO the first EMIR-authorized central counterparty in Romania, and the first central counterparty in Europe authorized under the new EMIR3 framework.

CCP.RO will move toward a phased operational launch, starting with derivatives clearing for cash-settled index and equity futures contracts. It will continue working with ASF, the National Bank of Romania and ESMA through the pre-launch phase and ongoing EMIR supervision. CCP.RO's shareholder structure reflects both Romania's capital market and energy market infrastructures.

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BURSA MALAYSIA

Bursa Malaysia Holds Inaugural IR Awards 2026

Bursa Malaysia held its inaugural IR Awards on 4 September 2026, recognizing 32 winners across eight main categories for excellence in investor relations, corporate transparency and market communication among public listed companies (PLCs).

Winners were determined through a market-led evaluation involving local and international investors and analysts, backed by independent verification and Bursa Malaysia's due diligence review. FinanceAsia served as the polling partner, with analysts and fund managers covering Malaysian equities nominating their top three choices per category under a weighted scoring system (three points for first place, two for second, one for third); votes from company employees or unverified sources were disqualified. Categories assessed both quantitative and qualitative dimensions of IR practice, including access to management, disclosure clarity and timeliness, strategic messaging, engagement quality, and ESG integration.

The Awards accompanied the release of related findings showing only 32% of Bursa-listed companies currently have a dedicated investor relations function.

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SC and Bursa Malaysia Launch InvestSmart x Bursa Marketplace Fair 2026

The Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) and Bursa Malaysia have launched the inaugural InvestSmart x Bursa Marketplace Fair 2026, a joint initiative to help Malaysians make informed investment decisions and better protect themselves against scams. The programme covered investment fundamentals, stock market investing, portfolio building, market outlooks, financial planning and scam prevention, and included a Financial Education Network pavilion tied to Malaysia's National Strategy for Financial Literacy 2026-2030. The SC is also working with the National Scam Response Centre and Financial Education Network to strengthen investor education and financial literacy more broadly.

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Bursa Malaysia Delivers Resilient First-Half Performance, Raises 2026 IPO Market Cap Target

Bursa Malaysia delivered a resilient first-half 2026 (1H2026) performance, underpinned by strong market activity and healthy fundraising momentum. The exchange recorded Profit After Tax, Zakat and Minority Interest (PATAMI) of RM144.6 million, up 15.2% year-on-year, while operating revenue rose 19.6% to RM411.7 million, driven mainly by higher securities trading activity. Operating expenses rose 21.0% to RM229.0 million, largely due to higher staff costs and regulatory fees.

Reflecting strong IPO market performance and a robust listing pipeline, Bursa Malaysia raised its 2026 IPO market capitalisation target from RM28 billion to RM34 billion. In Q1 2026 alone, the exchange saw 16 IPOs across its Main, ACE and LEAP markets.

The Board approved an interim dividend of 16.5 sen per share for the financial year ending 31 December 2026, totalling roughly RM133.5 million — a 92% payout ratio.

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CBOE GLOBAL MARKETS (CBOE)

Cboe Clear Europe to Expand Securities Financing Transactions Clearing into Fixed Income

Cboe Global Markets announced that Cboe Clear Europe, its pan-European clearing house, will expand its Securities Financing Transactions (SFT) clearing service to include fixed income lending starting 24 August 2026 — extending central clearing to a market traditionally run bilaterally.



The expanded service covers certain EU, Swiss and UK government and corporate bonds for all lenders and borrowers, plus U.S. Treasuries and U.S. corporate bonds for non-U.S. participants. Settlement will run through Euroclear Bank for European and Swiss instruments, CREST for UK instruments, the Federal Reserve for U.S. Treasuries, and the Depository Trust Company for U.S. corporate bonds.

The move builds on Cboe Clear Europe's 2025 launch of SFT clearing for European cash equities and ETFs across 19 European central securities depositories, which has since grown to EUR9 billion in daily outstanding loan value and over 1,000 settlements per day. By shifting SFTs from a bilateral to a centrally cleared model, the service aims to help participants improve balance-sheet efficiency and simplify post-trade processes like settlement, reporting and client onboarding.

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Cboe Completes Sale of Cboe Australia to TMX Group

Cboe Global Markets has completed the sale of Cboe Australia — now renamed TMX Australia Exchange — to Canada's TMX Group, part of a broader deal announced in April that also included Cboe's planned sale of Cboe Canada to TMX Group, which is still pending regulatory approval and expected to close later.

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Cboe Introduces Cboe Predicts, Launching First Products in New Prediction Markets Suite

Cboe Global Markets has launched the first products in Cboe Predicts, a new suite of prediction-market products. Prediction markets let traders take a position on the outcome of a specific future event — here, where a market index will close — rather than trading the underlying asset itself. The first products are binary option contracts based on the Mini-S&P 500 Index (XSP), listed under the symbols XSPBW and XSPBX. The contracts are live on Interactive Brokers now, with a rollout at Charles Schwab expected in the coming months and further brokerage platforms to follow.

XSP tracks the S&P 500 Index but at 1/10th the size of the standard SPX contract, making it a smaller, more retail-friendly product. With these binary contracts, traders take a simple "yes" or "no" position on whether the index will settle at or above a specified level at expiration — paying \$100 if correct, \$0 if not. It's a simplified, all-or-nothing alternative to traditional options, where payouts otherwise vary with how far the index moves.

Cboe plans to later expand the offering with XSP vertical spreads, using its patent-pending Quoted Spread Book (QSB) framework, designed to package common options strategies into a simpler, more approachable format for newer traders moving beyond basic yes/no contracts.

The products are securities-based options, regulated within the same framework as other U.S.-listed options and centrally cleared through the Options Clearing Corporation (OCC) for added risk management. Cboe has also introduced supporting educational resources, including a dedicated prediction-markets hub and courses through its Options Institute.



Cboe executives framed the launch as an extension of demand seen in its existing SPX ODTE (zero-days-to-expiration) options, aiming to bring regulated market structure, transparency and investor protections to a fast-growing prediction markets space. Leaders at OCC, Interactive Brokers and Charles Schwab voiced support, citing demand for defined-risk, event-based trading products.

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DEUTSCHE BORSE GROUP

Deutsche Börse Places EUR 600 Million Convertible Bonds

Deutsche Börse AG has successfully placed unsubordinated, unsecured convertible bonds worth EUR 600 million with institutional investors outside the U.S., Australia, Canada, Japan and South Africa, in a private placement excluding shareholders' pre-emptive rights.

The bonds, denominated at EUR 100,000 each, are convertible into new or existing Deutsche Börse shares (or repayable in cash) and carry a 0.50% annual interest rate. Unless converted or redeemed earlier, they mature on 16 September 2031 at 107.85% of face value, implying a 2.00% yield to maturity.

The initial conversion price is EUR 363.67, a 32.5% premium over the EUR 274.47 reference share price (the volume-weighted average price on Xetra during the bookbuild). Factoring in the redemption premium at maturity, the effective conversion price rises to about EUR 392.21 — a 42.9% premium.

Deutsche Börse can redeem all outstanding bonds early starting 5 November 2029 if the shares trade at 130% or more of the bonds' value over a set period, or at any time if outstanding bonds fall to 20% or less of the issued amount. The company has agreed to a 90-day lock-up period after settlement.

Proceeds will go toward general corporate purposes, including refinancing existing debt. Settlement is expected around 16 September 2026, with the bonds set to trade on the Open Market (Freiverkehr) segment of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange. BNP Paribas and Deutsche Bank acted as Joint Global Coordinators, alongside Barclays and J.P. Morgan as Joint Bookrunners.

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STOXX Launches Investable Market Indices Global Equity Benchmark Family

STOXX Ltd. has launched the STOXX Investable Market Indices (IMI), a new global equity index family designed to support cost-effective portfolio construction and benchmarking through a consistent, transparent methodology.

STOXX is an index provider best known for major European equity benchmarks like the EURO STOXX 50 and STOXX Europe 600, along with Germany's DAX. It's part of ISS STOXX, a data and index business that is itself owned by Deutsche Börse Group — the German exchange operator that also runs the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, Eurex derivatives market and Clearstream settlement business. In short, STOXX is Deutsche Börse's index-provider arm.

STOXX IMI aims to capture around 99% of the investable global equity universe, covering 23 developed and 23 emerging markets across large-, mid- and small-cap segments. At launch, the family includes more than 1,300 indices spanning global, regional and single-country exposures, built on a "building-block" architecture designed to scale consistently from country level up to global level.

STOXX and DAX indices together comprise more than 18,000 rules-based indices, licensed to over 550 companies worldwide for benchmarking and as underlyings for ETFs, futures, options and structured products.

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Xetra-Gold: H1 2026 Results Show Record Gold Price Amid Strong Private Investor Demand

Deutsche Börse Commodities reported that gold holdings backing the exchange-traded bond Xetra-Gold reached 171 tons in H1 2026, with assets under custody at EUR 19.4 billion — down slightly from EUR 20.8 billion a year earlier, even as the gold price hit a record EUR 149 per gram in March, reflecting a reduction in tonnage held even as the price surged.

Xetra-Gold is a bearer bond, fully backed by physical gold, where each certificate corresponds to one gram of gold stored in Germany. It combines the security of physical gold ownership with the ease of stock-exchange trading; profits are tax-free in Germany after a one-year holding period, and physical delivery is available on request — 272.6 kilograms were delivered in H1 2026.

The bond is issued by Deutsche Börse Commodities GmbH, a joint venture between B. Metzler, Commerzbank, Deutsche Bank, Deutsche Börse, DZ Bank, Umicore, and Vontobel. It's authorized for public distribution in Germany, Denmark, Finland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Austria, Sweden and the UK.

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DUBAI FINANCIAL MARKET (DFM)

Nasdaq Dubai Welcomes New Development Bank's USD 1.75 Billion Bond Listing

Nasdaq Dubai has listed a USD 1.75 billion, 3-year benchmark bond issued by the New Development Bank (NDB) — a multilateral development bank founded by the BRICS nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) to fund infrastructure and sustainable development projects across member and other emerging economies. The listing brings NDB's total listed value on the exchange to USD 3.75 billion under its USD 50 billion Euro Medium Term Note (EMTN) Programme.

The bond carries a 4.375% coupon and matures in 2029. It attracted a final order book exceeding USD 3.2 billion — 1.8 times the issue size — with demand led by investors from Asia Pacific (65%), EMEA (32%) and the Americas (3%). Participants included central banks, official institutions, banks, fund managers and corporations.

Total outstanding debt securities listed on Nasdaq Dubai now stand at USD 143.9 billion.

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DFM Net Profit Before Tax Reaches AED 443.2 Million as Trading Activity Rises 40.4% in H1 2026

Dubai Financial Market (DFM) reported a net profit before tax of AED 443.2 million for the first half of 2026, as trading activity surged across the exchange. Total traded value rose 40.4% year-on-year to AED 119.5 billion, while average daily traded value climbed 45.1% to AED 1.004 billion — supported by sustained institutional participation and continued international investor interest.

Total consolidated revenue reached AED 557 million, down from AED 888.9 million in H1 2025, which had included AED 462.2 million in one-off income from a property sale. Excluding that, operating income rose to AED 384.8 million, with AED 172.2 million from investment returns and other income. Expenses (excluding tax) held largely steady at AED 113.8 million, reflecting continued investment in market infrastructure and technology.

Total trades rose 31% to 2.23 million, and average daily trades increased 35.4% to about 18,759 — despite fewer trading days (119 versus 123 in H1 2025). Market capitalization stood at AED 981.6 billion, down 1.4% year-on-year, while the DFM General Index closed the half at 5,955.58 points.

DFM attracted 42,864 new investors during the period, with international investors making up 71.4% of new registrations. Institutional investors accounted for 71.2% of total traded value (up from 70.8% in H1 2025), and foreign investors contributed 51% of trading activity. Foreign ownership of market cap held steady at around 20%, while institutional ownership reached 86.5%.

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Nasdaq Dubai Records 33 Fixed Income Listings Worth USD 13.8 Billion in H1 2026

Nasdaq Dubai recorded USD 13.8 billion in new fixed income listings across 33 issuances in H1 2026 — 17 bond listings worth USD 7.83 billion and 16 Sukuk listings worth USD 5.97 billion. UAE-based issuers accounted for 57% of listings, with international issuers making up the remaining 43%. Total outstanding debt securities on the exchange reached USD 141 billion by mid-year, split between USD 98.6 billion in Sukuk and USD 42.4 billion in bonds.

The exchange also advanced its digital and sustainable finance capabilities, admitting issuances in US dollars, euros, UAE dirhams and Chinese renminbi. Emirates NBD listed the exchange's first-ever digitally native note, while new green and blue bond listings expanded its ESG footprint. The UAE Federal Government continued regular dirham-denominated Treasury Bond and Sukuk issuances to build out the domestic yield curve.

A key milestone was the UAE Ministry of Finance's inaugural Retail Sukuk — subscribed during H1 and listed on 2 July 2026 — aimed at UAE nationals and expat residents, with subscriptions starting at AED 1,000. The offering drew AED 445 million in subscriptions against an initial AED 100 million target, a bid-to-cover ratio of nearly 9 times, and attracted more than 18,000 subscribers across 116 nationalities. Daily trading launched with five market makers (ENBD Bank, ADIB, Mashreq Bank, Ajman Bank and BHM Capital). Notably, 76% of retail participants subscribed with AED 10,000 or less, and 16% were first-time capital markets investors.

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Nasdaq Dubai Welcomes Ajman Bank's USD 300 Million Additional Tier 1 Perpetual Sukuk

Nasdaq Dubai has listed a \$300 million Additional Tier 1 (AT1) Perpetual Sukuk issued by Ajman Bank — the bank's first capital securities transaction. AT1 instruments are a type of bank capital designed to absorb losses and strengthen a bank's regulatory capital buffer, typically carrying no fixed maturity (perpetual) with an option for the issuer to redeem after a set period.

Structured as a Perpetual Non-Call 5.5-year Sukuk under a Mudaraba arrangement (an Islamic finance structure based on a profit-sharing partnership), the issuance carried a 6.50% profit rate. It builds on Ajman Bank's inaugural senior Sukuk issuance last year and brings the bank's total Sukuk listed on Nasdaq Dubai to USD 800 million.

The deal attracted strong demand, with the order book peaking above USD 500 million — about 1.7 times oversubscribed, excluding Joint Lead Manager interest. Geographically, 89% was allocated to MENA-region investors, with the remaining 11% split across the UK, Europe and Asia.

With this listing, total outstanding Sukuk on Nasdaq Dubai reached USD 98 billion, and total outstanding debt securities on the exchange surpassed USD 140 billion across 174 listings.

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UAE Launches Inaugural Sovereign Retail T-Sukuk Programme

The UAE Ministry of Finance has officially listed its inaugural Sovereign Retail T-Sukuk Programme, with secondary market trading now underway on Nasdaq Dubai. A Sukuk is an Islamic finance instrument functioning similarly to a bond, structured to comply with Sharia principles by representing ownership in an underlying asset rather than a debt obligation; a "T-Sukuk" refers to a Treasury-issued Sukuk, and this programme was designed specifically for individual (retail) investors rather than institutions.

The inaugural offering drew AED 445 million in subscription orders against an initial AED 50 million target — a nearly 9x oversubscription — prompting the Ministry to raise the issuance size to AED 100 million. Retail investors subscribing AED 10,000 or less made up the largest segment, at 76% of total subscribers, while UAE nationals accounted for 72% of subscribers. Young investors under 25 and women together made up 45% of the subscriber base, reflecting strong uptake in financial inclusion goals.

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EURONEXT

Euronext Signals Openness to Potential Deutsche Börse Group Merger

Shares in Euronext and Deutsche Börse rose around 2% on Monday after Euronext CEO Stéphane Boujnah said he was open to a tie-up with the German exchange operator, reviving long-standing talk of a combination between Europe's two largest exchange groups.

In an interview with the Financial Times, Boujnah said "one deal that would make sense is the merging of the exchanges business," while stressing no talks were currently taking place between the two companies. He added that a tie-up could create pan-European market infrastructure of "planetary scale," though any deal would face significant antitrust hurdles. The comments come as European policymakers explore ways to strengthen the bloc's capital markets and boost competitiveness against the US.

Kepler Cheuvreux noted that Boujnah is due to step down as CEO in May 2027, with no successor yet named — flagging CFO Giorgio Modica as a leading internal candidate who "might have different thoughts on the matter." Boujnah's remarks echo comments he made at an Italian parliamentary hearing in May, when he said a merger would make sense but was unlikely in the near term.

By mid-morning trading, Euronext shares were up 2.1% and Deutsche Börse up 2.9%, outperforming a slightly lower broader European market. Both stocks are up around 26% year-to-date in 2026. Shares in London Stock Exchange Group also gained, up 3.8%.

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Seanergy Maritime Raises EUR 100 Million Through Corporate Bond on Euronext Athens

Seanergy Maritime Holdings Corp. has successfully issued and listed a EUR 100 million corporate bond on Euronext Athens (ticker: SHIPB1), highlighting the exchange's role in financing Greece's shipping industry.

The bond was issued via public offering on 10 July 2026 and admitted to trading on Euronext Athens' Fixed Income Securities Segment on 13 July. It carries a 4.90% annual coupon, paid semi-annually, and matures in July 2031. The offering was oversubscribed 2.03 times, reflecting strong demand from both institutional and retail investors.

Seanergy is a US-listed, pure-play Capesize shipping company providing dry bulk marine transportation.

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Euronext Corporate Solutions Launches Investor Relations Portal

Euronext Corporate Solutions — Euronext's subsidiary providing SaaS and services to listed companies across investor relations, governance and compliance — has launched its Investor Relations (IR) Portal, a secure, AI-powered digital workspace giving IR teams a centralised gateway to Euronext's issuer-facing tools, market data and expert resources. The portal provides companies with access to investor relations tools and services through a single, secure login. Through the platform, issuers can access live share price information powered by Euronext; investor activity insights and shareholder analysis; an Academy & learning hub with expert content, IR-focused events and resources, and an AI agent to guide users through the platform.

The portal has already onboarded more than 180 companies across Euronext's markets in Belgium, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway and Portugal. The launch supports Euronext's "Innovate for Growth 2027" strategic plan, which aims to scale up its subscription-based SaaS business and deepen engagement with listed companies throughout their capital markets journey.

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HONG KONG EXCHANGES AND CLEARING (HKEX)

HKEX, HKMA, DFSA and Nasdaq Dubai Form Strategic Working Group to Strengthen Hong Kong-Dubai Financial Market Connectivity

Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing (HKEX), the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA), the Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA), and Nasdaq Dubai have established a Strategic Working Group to deepen financial market cooperation between Hong Kong and the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC).



The group brings together exchanges and regulators from both jurisdictions to align strategic priorities and pursue practical initiatives, with a focus on sustainable finance, Islamic finance, innovation, capital markets development and market connectivity. It builds on ongoing regulatory and market dialogue between the two financial centres.

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HKEX Welcomes Mainland Insurance Funds to Invest in Hong Kong ETFs

HKEX has welcomed an announcement from China's National Financial Regulatory Administration (NFRA) allowing Chinese Mainland insurance funds to invest in Hong Kong exchange-traded funds (ETFs) through Southbound Stock Connect – the channel that lets Mainland investors trade Hong Kong-listed securities.

Since ETFs were added to Stock Connect in 2022, trading volumes across both Northbound and Southbound channels have grown steadily. For the first seven months of 2026, average daily turnover for Southbound ETFs reached HKD 5.8 billion (up 61% year-on-year) and Northbound ETFs reached RMB 5.1 billion (up 86%). Average daily ETF turnover in Hong Kong overall reached HKD 40.6 billion, up 22% from the same period last year.

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HKEX Launches 5-Year China Government Bond Futures

HKEX launched its 5-year China Government Bond (CGB) Futures contract today, marking a key milestone in developing Hong Kong's Fixed-Income and Currencies (FIC) ecosystem. It's the first tenor in a planned CGB futures product line, giving investors an on-exchange tool to manage exposure to Chinese government bonds.

The launch follows an announcement from Hong Kong's Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) in June 2026 setting the 3 August target date. HKEX Chairman Carlson Tong called the debut an important step in strengthening Hong Kong's role as a risk-management hub for RMB-denominated fixed income, building on existing Mainland-Hong Kong connectivity programmes: Bond Connect (launched 2017), which drove international participation in the Mainland's onshore bond market, and Swap Connect (launched 2023), which gives international investors access to the onshore RMB interest rate swap market.

International investors' holdings of onshore bonds in the China Interbank Bond Market have grown from RMB 0.8 trillion in June 2017 to around RMB 3.2 trillion by the end of May 2026, reflecting steadily deepening foreign participation in China's fixed income market that the new futures contract aims to support further.

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HKEX Adds Bursa Malaysia as Recognised Stock Exchange

The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong has added Bursa Malaysia as a Recognised Stock Exchange (RSE) — a status that lets companies with a primary listing on Bursa Malaysia's main market apply for a secondary listing in Hong Kong. Bursa Malaysia becomes the 21st exchange across 19 countries recognized by HKEX, and the fourth in Southeast Asia, joining Indonesia Stock Exchange, Singapore Exchange, and Stock Exchange of Thailand.

The move builds on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between HKEX and Bursa Malaysia earlier this year, and coincides with a separate MOU between Hong Kong's Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) and the Securities Commission Malaysia (SC).

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HKEX Signs MoU with SSE and SZSE to Facilitate Information Exchange under Northbound Stock Connect

HKEX subsidiary, the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong (SEHK), has signed Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with the Shanghai Stock Exchange (SSE) and Shenzhen Stock Exchange (SZSE) to deepen collaboration and information sharing under Stock Connect.

Under the agreements, SEHK will support participants engaged in proprietary trading under Northbound Stock Connect — the channel allowing international investors to access China's A-shares — in voluntarily sharing relevant trading information with SSE or SZSE. The arrangement is designed to help these participants better comply with the two Mainland exchanges' programme trading rules.

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HKEX, CIPS Sign MOU to Strengthen Hong Kong's Offshore RMB Settlement Structure

HKEX has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CIPS Co. Ltd., operator of China's Cross-border Interbank Payment System (CIPS), to explore strategic cooperation in cross-border renminbi (RMB) business and support the long-term development of Hong Kong's fixed income and currencies (FIC) ecosystem. CIPS is the primary channel for cross-border RMB payments and clearing, operating under the supervision of the People's Bank of China (PBOC); as of June 2026, it had 210 direct participants across more than 5,200 banking institutions in 191 countries and regions. Under the MOU, HKEX's clearing subsidiary, OTC Clearing Hong Kong Limited (OTC Clear), plans to apply to become a direct CIPS participant, with application materials expected to be submitted by the end of 2026. As a direct participant, OTC Clear would be able to conduct RMB fund settlements directly through CIPS, improving cross-border clearing and settlement efficiency for the market and its participants. CIPS will provide guidance and training to support the application, and the two organizations plan to deepen cooperation on product development, research sharing and cross-border RMB services more broadly.

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HKEX Enters Data Licensing Agreement with ChinaBond Pricing Center to Support CGB Futures Launch

HKEX subsidiary, Hong Kong Futures Exchange (HKFE), has signed a data licensing agreement with ChinaBond Pricing Center (CBPC) to support the launch of 5-Year China Government Bond (CGB) Futures in Hong Kong, targeted for 3 August 2026.

CBPC — a wholly-owned subsidiary of China Central Depository & Clearing Co., and a key pricing benchmark provider for the Chinese Mainland's fixed income market — will license bond valuation data to HKFE and provide price calculation services to support the new futures contract. CBPC's bond data is widely used by institutions across trading, risk management and accounting.

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INTERCONTINENTAL EXCHANGE (ICE)

ICE Launches Private Credit Reference Data Service

Intercontinental Exchange (NYSE: ICE) has launched a new reference data service for private credit instruments, building on its recently introduced ICE IDs — the first foundational identifiers for private credit. As the private credit market has scaled, the data infrastructure supporting it has lagged, with participants often relying on unstructured, fragmented datasets. The new service extracts and delivers structured private credit data directly to clients, using ICE IDs assigned at origination that persist through an asset's full lifecycle, aiming to support instrument identification, research, market discovery, secondary market liquidity and benchmarking.

Both the reference data service and ICE IDs sit under ICE Private Credit Intelligence, an industry-wide initiative launched with Apollo to build foundational data infrastructure for the private credit market. Apollo, as an anchor originator, has contributed deal-level data covering over 5,000 deals and more than USD 1.3 trillion in notional value.

The platform enables secure, permissioned data sharing using a standardized reference dataset, letting instrument-level information flow between authorized counterparties without exposing proprietary data. ICE said it also uses its technology stack to ingest deal documents and extract key terms at scale.

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NYSE and Korea Exchange Sign MOU for Business Collaboration

The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), part of Intercontinental Exchange (ICE), and Korea Exchange (KRX) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate on several business activities aimed at expanding access to global capital markets. The collaboration covers settlement cycle modernization, extended trading hours, ETFs, and market data and index products, and may lead to the formation of a NYSE-KRX Joint Collaboration Council to support implementation.

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ICE to Acquire MarketAxess, Creating a Premier Fixed Income Marketplace

Intercontinental Exchange (NYSE: ICE) has agreed to acquire MarketAxess Holdings (Nasdaq: MKTX), a leading electronic trading platform for institutional fixed income markets, for USD 167 per share in cash — a 33% premium to MarketAxess's prior closing price, representing an equity value of about USD 6.0 billion and an enterprise value of roughly USD 5.7 billion. The deal has been unanimously approved by both companies' boards and is expected to close in the first half of 2027, pending stockholder and regulatory approvals.

MarketAxess connects around 2,100 institutional investors and broker-dealers across more than 90 countries, enabling electronic trading in corporate bonds, municipal bonds, emerging market debt, Eurobonds and U.S. Treasuries. Combined with ICE's existing retail bond trading franchise, data and analytics capabilities, and global index business, the merged platform aims to serve every segment of the fixed income market — spanning pre-trade analytics, execution, and post-trade data and compliance tools — through a single connected ecosystem.

ICE frames the deal as addressing long-standing fragmentation in the roughly USD 145.1 trillion global bond market, where trading has remained more manual and opaquer than in equities.

The transaction will be funded entirely in cash via newly issued debt. ICE also raised its quarterly share repurchase target to USD 400 million from USD 350 million, and expects USD 100 million in annual run-rate cost synergies within three years, with the deal accretive to adjusted earnings per share in the first full year post-close.

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ICE's Fixed Income Data Available to Licensed Users Over Leading AI Platforms

Intercontinental Exchange (NYSE: ICE) announced that its fixed income data and methodologies are now available to licensed users through leading AI platforms, using the Model Context Protocol (MCP) — an open standard, originally developed by Anthropic and now governed by the Agentic AI Foundation, for connecting large language models and AI applications with enterprise data systems. This gives licensed customers open connectivity across leading AI services, including Claude, ChatGPT, Gemini and Microsoft Copilot, letting them query their preferred AI platform and get responses informed by ICE's data and analytics.

The datasets made available include: ICE's End-of-Day Fixed Income Evaluations (daily evaluations covering more than 3 million financial instruments across over 150 countries and 80+ currencies); Enhanced Evaluation Transparency (around 160 data points per identifier, spanning evaluations, reference data, price movement commentary, MBS assumptive data, and trade/quote information); the ICE AAA Municipal Bond Curve; U.S. Treasury Benchmark Data; and FINRA TRACE and MSRB RTRS trade data covering corporate, agency, securitized and municipal bond trades.

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MultiLynq Becomes First Provider to Offer Connectivity to ICE Bonds' RMA Protocol

MultiLynq LLC, a financial technology provider for electronic fixed income trading, has become the first company to offer its clients connectivity to the ICE Bonds Risk Matching Auction (RMA) protocol — part of ICE Bonds' suite of trading tools that runs multiple dealer-to-dealer sweep auctions weekly for corporate bonds.

The integration, built through the ICE Application Programming Interface (API), lets dealers on MultiLynq's platform connect directly to ICE Bonds' session-based trading workflow and access its liquidity pool. Six firms have already begun using the RMA protocol through MultiLynq, adding to a broader network of 15 firms already connected via ICE Bonds' own graphical interface and API channels. MultiLynq has also built connectivity to ICE Bonds' Automated Trading System (ATS), giving dealers unified access to multiple trading protocols and liquidity pools through one framework.

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JAPAN EXCHANGE GROUP (JPX)

JPXI to Launch Daily Distribution Service for Outstanding Margin Trading by Issue

JPX Market Innovation & Research (JPXI) currently offers a weekly distribution service for outstanding margin transactions on Tokyo Stock Exchange-listed stocks. Starting 28 September 2026 (planned), JPXI will add a new daily distribution service, providing outstanding margin transaction data as of the end of the previous business day.

The daily service will break down outstanding margin positions by issue, long/short positions, and negotiable/standardized margin transactions, letting users track daily changes in supply, demand and leverage conditions — aimed at improving trade timing decisions and risk management amid rapid market shifts. Data will be available through multiple channels, including APIs, file transfer (FTP/SFTP), Snowflake data sharing, and CSV downloads, accessible via either JPX's TMI distribution system or J-Quants Pro, depending on the method chosen. JPXI said the machine-readable format is designed to support integration into proprietary trading strategies and retail investment services. Customers who sign contracts by the end of December 2026 will receive a 75% discount on usage fees through March 2027, regardless of intended use.

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KOREA EXCHANGE (KRX)

KRX Launches Low-PBR Company Publication Framework, Holds Briefings for Listed Companies

Korea Exchange (KRX) has launched a new framework for publishing a list of low-PBR (Price-to-Book Ratio) companies, following measures jointly announced by South Korean authorities in March 2026 to improve the country's capital markets. PBR compares a company's market value to its book value; a persistently low PBR suggests a stock is undervalued relative to its underlying assets.

Following regulatory approval in September 2026, KRX will publish its first list of low-PBR companies on 2 November 2026 — those whose PBR ranked in the bottom 25% of their industry on KOSPI, or bottom 10% on KOSDAQ, over a cumulative three years (six half-year periods). From 14 September, companies can check their historical PBR through a new inquiry service to assess their risk of inclusion. Companies that disclose a Corporate Value-up Plan, including a PBR improvement plan, by 22 October will be exempt from publication for one year — unless they've met the low-PBR criteria for 12 consecutive half-years.



To support companies through the transition, KRX is holding "Value-Up Week" from 11-18 September 2026 — a series of on-site briefings for regional listed companies across six cities (Seoul, Pangyo, Daegu, Busan, Daejeon and Gwangju), expecting around 600 attendees. Sessions will cover the new institutional changes, guidance on preparing Value-up Plan disclosures, and support programs including IR services and disclosure consulting from major accounting firms. Each session will be followed by small-group or one-on-one meetings with individual companies. Attendance counts toward KOSPI's mandatory training requirement or KOSDAQ's disclosure-penalty mitigation training.

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FSC Approves Revisions to KRX Listing Regulations to Speed Up Delisting of Unviable Companies

South Korea's Financial Services Commission (FSC) has approved revisions to Korea Exchange (KRX) listing rules, implementing reform measures first announced in February 2026 to move the market from a "many listings, few delistings" structure toward faster removal of financially troubled companies. The changes apply to both KOSPI and KOSDAQ.

Four requirements are strengthened: market capitalization thresholds rise on an accelerated (semi-annual rather than annual) schedule — KOSPI to KRW 30 billion in July 2026 and KRW 50 billion in January 2027, KOSDAQ to KRW 20 billion then KRW 30 billion — with the delisting grace period tightened to 45 consecutive trading days within 90; a new penny stock rule targets shares below KRW 1,000, with safeguards against companies dodging it via reverse stock splits or capital reductions; capital impairment reviews now apply at half-year-end, not just fiscal year-end; and the disclosure violation penalty-point threshold drops from 15 to 10, with a single serious violation now enough to trigger review.

Most changes take effect 1 July 2026; the capital impairment rule applies from H1 2026 reports onward.

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LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE GROUP (LSEG)

Direct Indexing Becomes Core Capability for Wealth Managers, FTSE Russel Survey Findssh

FTSE Russell's third annual direct indexing survey, based on 400 US financial advisors, finds direct indexing has become a mainstream wealth management tool, though implementation and education gaps remain barriers. Direct indexing lets investors own an index's underlying securities directly rather than through a fund, enabling greater personalization and tax management than traditional ETFs.

Adoption is climbing across the board: familiarity with the strategy rose from 49% to 57% year-over-year, usage from 33% to 41%, and average allocation from 13% to 17% of advisor AUM. Tax efficiency remains the top draw, and 83% of advisors believe AI will accelerate its growth.

Friction persists — 78% of advisors report implementation difficulty, driven mainly by integration challenges with existing technology (59%, up from 52%). A growing majority (57%) now see direct indexing as essential to remaining competitive, and adoption skews younger and toward larger practices. Cost is an emerging barrier, cited by 29% of advisors versus 19% in 2025.

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LCH Clears First POLSTR Overnight Index Swaps

LCH SwapClear has cleared its first swaps referencing POLSTR, the new risk-free benchmark rate for Polish zloty-denominated swaps, replacing WIBOR.

The launch supports Poland's National Working Group, established to manage an orderly transition away from WIBOR in Polish zloty rates markets. Erste Group, ING Slaski and Societe Generale were among the first participants to clear the new product. GPW Benchmark began publishing POLSTR in June 2025, and it has since been incorporated as the official fallback rate to WIBOR under ISDA's 2021 Interest Rate Derivatives Definitions; restrictions on WIBOR's use in swaps take effect from early 2027.

Polish zloty is currently SwapClear's tenth-largest currency by cleared notional, with \$7 trillion equivalent cleared in H1 2026.

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LSEG and BNI Announce Strategic Data and Analytics Partnership to Strengthen Client Delivery

LSEG and PT Bank Negara Indonesia (BNI) have announced a strategic data and analytics partnership to support the bank's client delivery, data governance and digital transformation priorities.

Under the agreement, BNI will use LSEG's data, analytics and workflow solutions across key parts of its business, aiming to improve access to rights-cleared content, standardize workflows, and support faster, better-informed decision-making. LSEG will provide multi-asset AI-ready data spanning market pricing, reference data, company information, economic indicators, news, risk intelligence and regulatory data, along with access to workflow tools like LSEG Workspace and enterprise data delivery via APIs. The partnership is expected to support use cases across treasury, markets, corporate banking, wealth, advisory, risk management and compliance.

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FTSE EU SAS Receives ESMA Authorization for Endorsement of Third-Country Benchmarks Under EU Benchmark Regulation

FTSE Russell's Paris-based subsidiary, FTSE EU SAS, has received authorisation from the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) to endorse third-country "significant" and climate benchmarks for use in the EU under the EU Benchmark Regulation (EU BMR). This "endorsement" mechanism allows a benchmark administered outside the EU to still be legally used by EU market participants, provided an EU-authorized entity — here, FTSE EU SAS — takes responsibility for it.

The authorisation ensures FTSE Russell's indices can continue to be used by market participants across the EU, and follows FTSE EU SAS's earlier authorisation as a benchmark administrator by France's Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF) in November 2025. LSEG said the move won't change the operational or contractual arrangements of existing benchmarks or client agreements.

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Offshore RMB-Denominated Chinese Government Bonds Eligible as Collateral at LCH

LCH, LSEG's global clearing house, has begun accepting offshore renminbi-denominated Chinese Government Bonds (CGBs) as eligible non-cash collateral — assets clearing members can post to meet margin requirements instead of cash. The move broadens LCH's collateral framework, giving clearing members more flexibility in how they meet margin obligations, and follows LCH's May 2025 move to start accepting CGBs denominated in EUR and USD.

Under the new framework, offshore RMB-denominated CGBs are accepted on a bilateral basis, with settlement through Euroclear Bank. LCH said the change lets firms post high-quality local-currency assets more efficiently, improving balance sheet and liquidity management, while supporting China's push toward greater renminbi internationalization.

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NASDAQ

Nasdaq Verafin and Alloy Partner to Help Financial Institutions Mitigate Fraud Risk Across Customer Lifecycle

Nasdaq Verafin — Nasdaq's financial crime management platform, used by more than 2,800 financial institutions representing \$13 trillion in collective assets — has partnered with Alloy, an AI-powered identity and fraud prevention platform trusted by over 900 financial institutions and fintechs.

The partnership integrates fraud risk signals between the two platforms, giving mutual customers access to Nasdaq Verafin's consortium data network — spanning more than 850 million counterparties — directly within Alloy. This lets institutions check, starting at account onboarding, whether an entity has already been linked to confirmed fraud elsewhere in the network, addressing a gap where incomplete information lets bad actors exploit the same identity across multiple institutions. Per Nasdaq Verafin's 2026 Global Financial Crime Report, fraud losses reached USD 579.4 billion over the past two years.

Under the integration, suspicious activity flagged in Alloy feeds into Nasdaq Verafin for investigation, with case outcomes flowing back into Alloy's proprietary fraud signal system, creating a closed feedback loop.

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Nasdaq Fund Secondaries, Harrison Street Asset Management and LODAS Markets Collaborate to Advance Strategic Liquidity for Interval Funds

Nasdaq Fund Secondaries, LODAS Markets and Harrison Street Asset Management (HSAM) have announced a collaboration to build a managed transaction environment offering interval fund investors additional liquidity options. Interval funds let investors access private markets and alternative strategies through a regulated structure, but historically offer liquidity only through periodic, scheduled repurchase windows — leaving investors with limited exit options in between.

The collaboration divides responsibility three ways: Nasdaq Fund Secondaries — Nasdaq's technology and liquidity platform for private markets — would supply the trading infrastructure, including an alternative trading system run through its NFSTX LLC affiliate; HSAM, via an affiliated investment adviser, would be the first fund manager to authorize transfers through the system, pending regulatory requirements; and LODAS Markets — which operates two SEC-registered platforms covering secondary trading and transfer-agent functions for private investments — would act as broker, handling trading, clearing and settlement, plus access to its investor network.

The framework centers on a periodic auction process letting investors seek liquidity outside scheduled repurchase windows. The first such auction, involving the Harrison Street Real Estate Fund (VCMIX), was set to open for registration on 28 August 2026. The companies describe the arrangement as a "scalable foundation" that could extend to other interval funds and semi-liquid vehicles beyond HSAM's, though no other participants have yet been named.



HSAM manages roughly USD 109 billion in real estate, infrastructure and credit strategies for more than 1,100 institutional investors and 300 registered investment advisers.

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Nasdaq Advances Always-On Markets Strategy with Definitive Agreement to Acquire Level Markets

Nasdaq has entered a definitive agreement to acquire all equity interests of Level Markets, LLC, the third-largest U.S. Alternative Trading System (ATS) by trading volume. An ATS is a regulated venue that matches buy and sell orders away from public exchanges. Level Markets operates a scaled, institutionally connected off-exchange execution platform processing hundreds of millions of shares daily across more than 7,000 symbols, reaching over 2,500 buy-side and sell-side clients — including 300+ institutional buy-side firms via more than 15 order/executive management system integrations. Its average daily volume grew 56% year-over-year in 2025.

The deal advances Nasdaq's broader "always-on markets" strategy, as market structure evolves and the line between traditional and digital markets continues to blur. Following the transaction's close — subject to regulatory approval — Level Markets will keep operating as a trading venue under its existing management team, with Nasdaq planning further investment in its technology and growth.

Alongside the acquisition, Nasdaq announced the creation of Digital Liquidity Networks (DLN), a new organization combining the company's digital assets and market modernization expertise.

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Georgia's Five Largest Banks to Transform Treasury Infrastructure in Landmark Partnership with Nasdaq Calypso

Nasdaq has announced a partnership with the National Bank of Georgia (NBG) to modernize treasury and financial markets infrastructure across the country's banking sector. Five of Georgia's largest commercial banks — Bank of Georgia, TBC Bank, Liberty Bank, Terabank and Basisbank, together representing the majority of the country's commercial banking assets — will adopt Nasdaq Calypso, a treasury and capital markets management platform, under a shared, common infrastructure model spanning the full front-to-back trade lifecycle.

The initiative operates under the Georgian Market Advancement Program (GMAP), coordinated with the Georgian Financial Markets Treasuries' Association (GFMTA), and marks a significant milestone in the development of Georgia's capital markets.

Georgia's commercial banking sector has grown at double-digit rates over the past five years, with total assets approaching USD 38 billion.

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SHANGHAI STOCK EXCHANGE (SSE)

SSE Revises Guideline on Underlying Assets for Asset-Backed Securities to Support Bond Market Development

The Shanghai Stock Exchange (SSE), guided by the China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC), has revised its Guideline No. 2 governing underlying asset categories for asset-backed securities (ABS), aiming to give the market greater regulatory predictability.

The revision adds a new chapter on real estate underlying assets, clarifying admission criteria and formally defining "inter-institutional REITs" — equity-like real estate ABS, formerly known as "holding-type real estate ABS." These products have reached nearly RMB 100 billion in issuance across 15 sub-sectors, including expressways, rental housing, logistics and data centers.

The guideline also tightens credit quality controls: stricter due diligence for factoring receivables ABS, stronger requirements to verify underlying asset independence and related-party transaction fairness, tighter leverage limits on online consumer loan facilitation, and refined disclosure rules for future operating revenue-based projects.

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SSE and SEHK Sign Memorandum of Cooperation

The Shanghai Stock Exchange (SSE) and the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong (SEHK) have signed a Memorandum of Cooperation to facilitate information exchange and cross-border collaboration between the two markets.

Since the launch of the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, the two exchanges have continued refining institutional arrangements as the mechanism has developed. The new memorandum aims to deepen partnerships in information exchange, encourage voluntary reporting of relevant information by SEHK participants, and further strengthen the Stock Connect framework.

Under guidance from the China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC), the SSE said it will continue building cross-border cooperation and improving the efficiency of Stock Connect, as part of its broader push to advance high-level institutional opening-up of China's capital markets.

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SIX SWISS EXCHANGE (SIX)

SIX Continues Its Winning Streak at the Global Custodian Awards

SIX received three awards at the 2026 Global Custodian Awards, further strengthening its position as a leading provider of post-trade, custody, and financial market infrastructure services.

The recognition highlights SIX's commitment to delivering reliable and innovative solutions for market participants and supporting the efficiency of global capital markets.

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SIX Launches Provider Hub to Connect Corporates with Trusted Service Providers

SIX introduced Provider Hub, a new platform designed to connect listed companies with trusted service providers across the Swiss capital market ecosystem.

The solution provides companies with easier access to expertise in areas such as corporate governance, regulatory compliance, investor relations, and capital markets services, helping them navigate the requirements of public markets more efficiently.

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TMX GROUP

TMX Group Completes Acquisition of RAFI Indices from Research Affiliates

TMX Group Limited has completed its acquisition of RAFI Indices, LLC from Research Affiliates Global Holdings, LLC, a global index provider and investment advisor. The deal, first announced in June 2026, will significantly expand the equity portfolio coverage of TMX VettaFi, TMX Group's index provider subsidiary.

RAFI Indices was founded by Research Affiliates and specializes in constructing, publishing and licensing indices built on fundamental factors — an academically grounded approach to identifying the drivers of capital market returns, as opposed to traditional market-cap weighting. The company offers more than 90 indices serving a wide range of investment needs globally.

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TMX Investor Solutions Announces Strategic Technology Collaboration with Optio Incentives

TMX Investor Solutions, a subsidiary of TMX Group, has entered a strategic technology collaboration with Optio Incentives, a global equity compensation and incentive management platform headquartered in Oslo, Norway.

The partnership pairs Optio's scalable global equity management platform with TMX Investor Solutions' existing equity plan business, Canadian market knowledge and regulatory expertise. Optio serves more than 500 companies, administering over 10,000 equity plans for more than 1 million participants across 100+ countries — through this deal, its platform will be available in Canada for the first time.

The Optio platform is planned to launch in Canada by the end of 2026.

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TMX Group Completes Acquisition of Cboe Australia

TMX Group Limited has completed its acquisition of Middlebury Holdings Pty. Limited (Cboe Australia) from Cboe Global Markets, a deal first announced in April 2026. The new subsidiary will be rebranded TMX Australia Exchange.

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TMX Group and MEMX Announce Strategic Combination of MEMX and BOX into USD 2.3 Billion MEMX Group

MEMX, a US exchange operator, has agreed to combine with BOX, a US equity options market, in a deal backed by a strategic investment from TMX Group, which will end up owning roughly 59% of the combined business. The transaction implies an enterprise value of about \$2.3 billion, funded by roughly \$800 million in cash from TMX Group plus its existing BOX stake, alongside rollovers from key MEMX and BOX investors including Morgan Stanley, Jane Street, Optiver, Schwab, Virtu Financial, Interactive Brokers and Citadel Securities.

The combined entity will hold three exchange licenses — three US listed options exchanges and an equities exchange — plus a market technology business, together representing about 10% of US listed options volume.

The deal is expected to close in the second half of 2027, subject to regulatory approval.

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CDCC Announces Inaugural Subscription of Secured General Collateral Notes

The Canadian Derivatives Clearing Corporation (CDCC) — Canada's central counterparty for exchange-traded derivatives and repurchase agreements — has launched its Secured General Collateral (SGC) Notes program, with Bank of Montreal (BMO) as the first eligible subscribing bank to issue notes under it. The inaugural issuance, Series BMO-521, received a Prime-1 (sf) rating from Moody's.

SGC Notes are a new financial instrument for Canadian institutional money market investors, offering secured, short-term cash solutions backed by high-quality debt securities. They're eligible for settlement through The Canadian Depository for Securities (CDS), letting investors purchase them directly from participating subscribers. CDCC is now working with other eligible banks and dealers on the Canadian Collateral Management Service (CCMS) to onboard them as underwriters.

The Bank of Canada added SGC Notes as eligible collateral under its Standing Liquidity Facility in June 2024, and confirmed operational readiness to accept them in January 2025.

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WORLD FEDERATION OF EXCHANGES (WFE)

The WFE Publishes 12th Annual Sustainability Survey: Exchanges See Sustainability as a Strategic Opportunity to Create and Protect Value

On 16 September 2026, the WFE published the 12th edition of its Annual Sustainability Survey, based on responses from 58 exchange groups. The survey identifies transition finance as a growing priority across both equity and bond markets. Investor demand for sustainability-related products was reported by 93% of respondents, with green bonds remaining the most common product, followed by sustainability and social bonds; sustainability indices, ETFs, carbon markets and ESG ratings are also widely available. Five exchanges have already introduced transition designations and another 20 plan to do so.

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Transition Finance, Impact Valuation and Resilience London Climate Action Week 2026 - Follow-up Summary

On 22 July 2026, the WFE published a follow-up summary from its London Climate Action Week roundtable. The discussion highlighted a shift in transition finance from a disclosure-led agenda towards implementation, capital allocation and resilience, with credible transition finance linked to real-economy pathways, governance, measurable progress, financing instruments and risk-adjusted returns.

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SUSTAINABLE STOCK EXCHANGES INITIATIVES (UN SSE)

Upcoming UN SSE Expert Group Meeting: Commodity Markets & Energy Transition

On 23 July 2026, the UN SSE convened its Commodity Markets and Energy Transition Expert Group, bringing together more than 20 stock exchanges, regulators and market participants. The meeting focused on carbon and emissions markets and on the role of commodity markets in supporting the transition to low- and zero-emissions energy systems.

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Carbon Currents Roundtable: Building the Demand Side – Compliance, Convergence and Exchange-Traded Carbon

On 21 September 2026, during New York Climate Week, CME Group hosted a closed-door roundtable in partnership with S&P Global Energy and the UN SSE. Participants discussed carbon market risk, carbon credit portfolio construction, quality assurance, governance, delivery risk and price exposure as companies move from climate commitments towards implementation.

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Board Leadership on Climate: Navigating Uncertainty and Building Resilience

On 22 September 2026, the UN SSE and Chapter Zero Alliance held an invitation-only roundtable hosted at NYSE/ICE in New York. The event focused on strengthening board-level competencies for navigating climate change, extreme weather, adaptation and corporate resilience.

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AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE (ASE)

100% Compliance Percentage for Companies in Submitting Their Annual Sustainability Report for 2025 Within the Specified Period

On 1 July 2026, ASE reported that all 22 listed companies required to submit an annual sustainability report for 2025 had done so within the specified period through the XBRL e-disclosure system. Under ASE sustainability reporting rules, companies included in the ASE20 index sample are required to prepare sustainability reporting in accordance with GRI Standards.

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Amman Stock Exchange Workshop on Sustainability for SMEs and Beginners

On 21 September 2026, ASE hosted an online workshop facilitated by UN SSE experts. The programme introduced practical tools for integrating sustainability into governance, strategy, operations and disclosures, with particular attention to SMEs and companies at an early stage of sustainability integration.

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BRASIL BOLSA BALCAO (B3)

Sustainability-Related Financial Information Report

On 20 August 2026, B3 published its 2025 Sustainability-Related Financial Information Report. The report was prepared voluntarily in compliance with IFRS S1 and IFRS S2 and audited by an independent third party. It connects sustainability- and climate-related risks and opportunities with B3's financial statements and considers their potential financial impacts over different time horizons.

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B3 Highlights New Financial Instruments As a Way to Expand Investments in Nature-based Solutions

On 6 August 2026, during the World Climate Summit São Paulo 2026, B3 highlighted that transforming nature-related projects into investments with scale, predictability and robust financial models is essential to expand financing for the Nature-Positive agenda. The exchange pointed to sustainable and traceable value chains, the bioeconomy and nature-based solutions as opportunities, and stressed the importance of predictable financial flows, guarantees, reliable metrics and risk-mitigation instruments to attract institutional capital.

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BURSA MALAYSIA

Bursa Malaysia Workshop on IFRS Sustainability Standards

Bursa Malaysia hosted the workshop on 28 July 2026 as part of the UN SSE capacity-building programme on IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards. The session focused on the implementation of IFRS S1 and IFRS S2 by capital-market participants.

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Bursa Malaysia Workshop on Human Rights, Value Chains and Business Responsibility

On 25 September 2026, Bursa Malaysia hosted an online workshop facilitated by the UN SSE, the International Labour Organization and UNDP's Finance Against Slavery and Trafficking programme. The session covered forced-labour risks, human-rights due diligence, supply-chain management and relevant international standards and regulatory expectations.

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EURONEXT

H1 2026 in Review: Continued Strong Momentum for Euronext Bond Listings

On 30 July 2026, Euronext reported continued momentum in its debt-listing business and highlighted several sustainable-finance transactions, including Hera Group's inaugural €500 million European Green Bond and Acea's €500 million Blue Bond, the first blue bond issued by an Italian company. Euronext stated that it again ranked first globally for new ESG bond listings.

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Euronext Sustainability Week 2026: Building Resilience in a Changing World

Euronext opened its fourth Sustainability Week on 14 September 2026. The programme covered 37 events in 11 countries and more than 3,200 participants, with sustainability considered alongside resilience, security and strategic autonomy. During the week, Euronext also launched the Euronext Athens ESG Index and Euronext Athens ESG Tilted Index, as well as new ESG guidance and investor tools, including the Investor Stewardship Guide, ESG Trends Report 2026, ESG Reporting Guide and an expanded Euronext Sustainable Network.

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2026 Euronext ESG Trends Report: Efficiency Gains as Sustainability Reporting Enters Nnew Phase

Published on 14 September 2026, the report is based on reported and verified disclosures from more than 1,680 Euronext-listed companies. It reviews developments in greenhouse-gas emissions, energy efficiency, board gender diversity and sustainability reporting against the evolving European regulatory framework.

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Workshop on Managing and Reporting Nature-Related Risks and Opportunities | CPD Certified

On 18 September 2026, Euronext hosted an online workshop in collaboration with the UN SSE. The session provided practical guidance on identifying, managing and reporting nature-related risks and opportunities and integrating nature considerations into sustainability strategies and disclosures.

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HONG KONG EXCHANGES AND CLEARING (HKEX)

HKEX, HKMA, DFSA and Nasdaq Dubai Form Strategic Working Group to Strengthen Hong Kong-Dubai Financial Market Connectivity

On 10 September 2026, HKEX, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the Dubai Financial Services Authority and Nasdaq Dubai established a Strategic Working Group. Areas identified for cooperation include sustainable finance, Islamic finance, innovation, capital-markets development and market connectivity between Hong Kong and the Dubai International Financial Centre.

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Markets in Motion Series: Episode 5

Published on 21 September 2026, the episode features HKEX Group Chief Sustainability Officer Paul Chow discussing how HKEX is connecting sustainability ambitions with financing opportunities, alongside Towngas Chief Investment Officer Alan Chan, who discusses the company's green transformation journey.

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INTERCONTINENTAL EXCHANGE (ICE)

July 2026 wildfires in Spain and France: Exposure and Projected Loan Delinquency

On 4 August 2026, ICE Climate published an analysis of the financial exposure associated with the July wildfires in Spain and France. ICE Climate's wildfire delinquency model assesses potential increases in mortgage delinquency for exposed properties and demonstrates the use of granular climate-risk and property-level modelling to identify and quantify wildfire exposure.

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Board Leadership on Climate: Navigating Uncertainty and Building Resilience

NYSE/ICE hosted the UN SSE and Chapter Zero Alliance roundtable on 22 September 2026 in New York. The discussion focused on board competencies and governance responses to climate uncertainty, extreme weather and adaptation.

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JAPAN EXCHANGE GROUP (JPX)

Corporate Governance Code (July 2026 Revision) Published

On 21 July 2026, Tokyo Stock Exchange published the revised Corporate Governance Code and amended its Securities Listing Regulations accordingly, with the changes taking effect on the same date.

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Applications Open for FY2026 “Nadeshiko Brands” and “Next Nadeshiko: Companies Supporting Dual Careers and Co-parenting”

On 1 September 2026, TSE and Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry opened applications for the FY2026 Nadeshiko Brands programme. The initiative identifies listed companies demonstrating outstanding efforts in women's empowerment in the workplace, alongside the Next Nadeshiko designation focused on support for dual careers and co-parenting.

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Publication of JPX Report 2026

JPX published JPX Report 2026 on 18 September 2026. The integrated report covers financial and non-financial value creation and includes JPX's sustainability-related market infrastructure. Among the initiatives described are the TSE Carbon Credit Market and TOCOM's participation in the Tokyo Metropolitan Government's Green Hydrogen Trial Trading Project.

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LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE GROUP (LSEG)

Sustainable Investment Insights - July 2026

Published on 9 July 2026, the report “Sustainability navigates energy shocks and market volatility in H1 2026” reviews sustainable-investment performance across equities, fixed income, green bonds, infrastructure and real estate. LSEG noted strong performance of sustainable-investment equity indices and growing green-bond issuance during the first half of the year.

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Decarbonising Portfolios 2026: Tracking the Transition Across Investment Benchmarks

Published on 16 September 2026, the report examines portfolio carbon metrics used in investment decision-making, climate-risk management and regulatory reporting, including financed emissions and carbon-intensity measures.

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Asset Owners Focus on Governance as Concerns About Climate Risk Rise, FTSE Russell Survey Finds

On 22 September 2026, FTSE Russell published its ninth annual sustainable investment asset owner survey. It found that 84% of respondents were incorporating sustainability considerations into investment strategies, while governance had become the leading sustainability priority and corporate reporting was identified as the main barrier to broader sustainable-investment adoption.

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London Stock Exchange Workshop on IFRS Sustainability Standards

On 22 September 2026, the London Stock Exchange hosted an online workshop facilitated by experts from the IFRS Foundation and UN SSE. The programme covered IFRS S1 and IFRS S2 and was designed for professionals working across governance, strategy, risk management, finance and sustainability.

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LUXEMBOURG STOCK EXCHANGE (LUXSE)

SENELEC Brings SLBs with Green Financing Features to LGX

On 13 July 2026, LuxSE celebrated the admission of SENELEC's XOF 108 billion sustainability-linked bonds to the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and their display on the Luxembourg Green Exchange. LuxSE described the transaction as Africa's first securitisation by a public utility and linked it to Senegal's energy transition and broader access to international capital markets in local currency.

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Bringing Together Capital Market Stakeholders to Scale Outcome Bonds: Insights from the World Bank Group

Published on 7 August 2026, the LuxSE article examines the World Bank's use of outcome bonds, which mobilise private capital and link investor returns to the successful performance of underlying projects. The World Bank issues around USD 50 billion of sustainable bonds annually, with outcome bonds forming an innovative part of its issuance programme.

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Financing Korea's Green and Industrial Transformation: Insights from KEXIM

On 17 September 2026, LuxSE highlighted KEXIM's return to the exchange with a new green bond issued in July 2026 following an update to its Sustainable Finance Framework. The revised framework broadened eligible sustainable-financing activities to include Green Enabling projects.

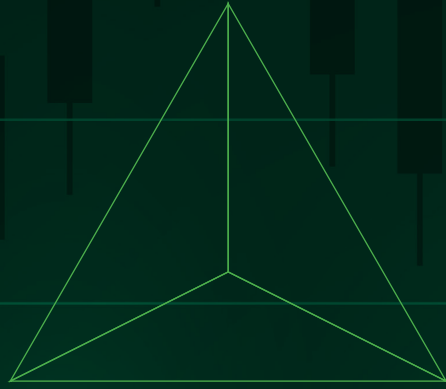
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SHANGHAI STOCK EXCHANGE (SSE)

Supporting Companies in Attracting More Global Long-Term Capital: SSE Hosts the Sixth "Dialogue with International Investors: Empowering Listed Companies through ESG" Event

On 23 July 2026, the Shanghai Stock Exchange held the sixth edition of its dialogue with international investors, involving sustainability experts from Norges Bank Investment Management, Neuberger Berman and S&P Global and representatives of nearly 90 SSE-listed companies. The programme addressed corporate governance, sustainability factors, climate-related issues and ESG disclosure practices. The SSE also reported that, as of 30 April 2026, 1,384 SSE-listed companies had published standalone ESG-related reports, representing a disclosure rate of 59.7%, up 1.5 percentage points year on year.

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WORLD FEDERATION OF EXCHANGES (WFE)

WFE Publishes Position Paper on Mythos AI Cybersecurity Model

The World Federation of Exchanges (WFE) has published a position paper, *Mythos – Beyond the Headlines*, examining recent developments in AI and cybersecurity following announcements about Anthropic's Mythos model. The paper was developed by the WFE's Cybersecurity Working Group (GLEX), which brings together cybersecurity leaders from member exchanges and clearinghouses.

The WFE says Mythos should be taken seriously, but based on current information reinforces an existing direction of travel in cybersecurity rather than representing a fundamentally new threat. As AI models become more capable of identifying vulnerabilities and automating known attack techniques, the paper argues the priority for financial market infrastructures is strengthening existing cyber resilience — vulnerability management, patching, identity and access controls, software supply-chain assurance, and incident detection and response — alongside continued industry information-sharing.

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ABU DHABI SECURITIES EXCHANGE (ADX)

ADX Becomes First MENA Exchange to Open Live Market Data to ChatGPT, Claude and Other AI Platforms

ADX has become the first exchange in the MENA region to offer live market data access through conversational AI tools like ChatGPT and Claude, letting investors query exchange data in plain language instead of using specialist terminals or APIs.

The service runs through a governed Model Context Protocol (MCP) server — a standardized way for AI assistants to securely connect to external data sources. Four usage plans are available, ranging from a free tier to AED 49.99 per month, each with limits on usage, refresh frequency, historical depth and concurrent connections.

Through the integration, users can access per-symbol market depth and bid-ask spreads, retail vs. institutional and foreign vs. local trading flows, structured XBRL financial disclosures, and index constituent data. ADX said the tool is aimed at a range of users: developers building analytics tools, brokers creating white-label AI trading assistants, institutional investors seeking low-latency order book visibility, and retail investors wanting quick answers via natural-language queries.

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BOERSE STUTTGART GROUP

Boerse Stuttgart Digital and Tradias Close Merger, Aim for European Leadership in Crypto

Boerse Stuttgart Digital and tradias have closed their merger after completing the ownership control procedure, creating a fully regulated one-stop shop for cryptocurrencies and digital assets covering trading, custody, staking and tokenization. The new business unit, operating under Boerse Stuttgart Group, has around 300 employees, headquarters in Frankfurt and Stuttgart, and offices in Athens, Berlin, Dubai, Madrid, Milan and Ljubljana. Boerse Stuttgart Digital remains the business unit's name, while tradias becomes its trading brand.

Tradias is a regulated German investment firm and crypto-asset services provider that acts as a B2B2C infrastructure layer – enabling banks and brokers across Europe to offer their own customers crypto trading, rather than trading directly with retail clients itself. Through its bank and broker partners, it already enables more than 30 million Europeans to trade crypto, offering access to over 150 cryptocurrencies and other digital assets, including tokenized financial assets. Its clients include flatexDEGIRO, dwpbank, and various government institutions across Europe.

Boerse Stuttgart Digital already runs the largest crypto and digital-assets business among European exchange groups, with institutional clients including DZ Bank, DekaBank, Intesa Sanpaolo and Societe Generale-FORGE.

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Boerse Stuttgart Digital Expands Institutional Footprint with Societe Generale-FORGE's Regulated Euro Stablecoin

Boerse Stuttgart Digital, Europe's leading crypto infrastructure partner for financial institutions, has integrated EUR CoinVertible – a MiCA-compliant euro stablecoin issued by Societe Generale-FORGE (SG-FORGE) – into its trading and custody solutions. It marks the first onboarding of a euro stablecoin issued by a bank subsidiary into Boerse Stuttgart Digital's regulated ecosystem.

SG-FORGE is a regulated subsidiary of Societe Generale, licensed as an investment firm and authorized to provide MiFID II and MiCA crypto-asset services in the EEA. It's the issuer of the EUR CoinVertible and USD CoinVertible stablecoins.

The integration builds on a two-decade partnership between Boerse Stuttgart Group and Societe Generale, and follows a September 2025 test settlement of EUR CoinVertible on Seturion, Boerse Stuttgart Group's pan-European settlement platform for tokenized securities. It also builds on a May 2026 strategic partnership between Seturion, flatexDEGIRO, Societe Generale and SG-FORGE aimed at developing pan-European settlement infrastructure for tokenized securities.

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LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE GROUP (LSEG)

Partior and LSEG DiSH Collaborate to Bring Always-On Settlement Bank Liquidity to Cross-Border Payments Network

Partior, a blockchain-based clearing and settlement network, and LSEG Digital Settlement House (DiSH) have announced a strategic collaboration to bring round-the-clock settlement bank liquidity to Partior's global cross-border payments network. Working with several banks, the two firms are developing a Multi-Settlement Bank (MSB) solution combining the reach of traditional correspondent banking with the speed of digital settlement, facilitated through LSEG DiSH's trust accounts.

LSEG DiSH is a settlement platform acting as a trusted third party to connect independent payment networks and enable interoperability between different settlement assets, allowing 24/7 movement of cash through commercial bank accounts. Combined with Partior's Multi-Currency Clearing and Settlement Network, the solution aims to let participating banks manage settlement liquidity in real time, reducing reliance on payment cut-off times and pre-funded bilateral nostro accounts — a structural inefficiency in traditional correspondent banking.

The design targets 24/7 liquidity management without opening new nostro/vostro accounts, a more unified payments experience across banks, broader payment rail coverage, and reduced interbank settlement friction. It also lays groundwork for adding intraday FX and repo settlement (PVP and DVP) further down the line.

Partior and LSEG, alongside participating banks, are currently running industry testing, with production go-live and onboarding of additional settlement banks expected from Q1 2027.

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FTSE Russell and 21shares Announce Global Benchmark Partnership Across US, European, and Australian ETP Suites

FTSE Russell, LSEG's global index provider, and 21shares, a major crypto ETF/ETP issuer, have announced a global partnership standardizing the benchmark index framework across 21shares' exchange-traded product suites in the US, Europe and Australia.

Select US-listed single-asset crypto ETFs will transition to FTSE Russell digital asset indices at market open on 27 August 2026, including ARK 21shares Bitcoin ETF (ARKB), 21shares Ethereum ETF (TETH), 21shares Solana ETF (TSOL), and similar funds tracking XRP, Sui, Dogecoin and Polkadot. This follows 21shares' earlier transition of its core European and Australian product lineups — including flagship Bitcoin, Ethereum and Solana ETPs — to FTSE Russell benchmarks in March 2026.

The change is purely an infrastructure upgrade: underlying asset exposures, fund legal structures, custodians, exchange listings and fee schedules remain unchanged, and the transitions are implemented prospectively, preserving an unbroken historical performance and net asset value (NAV) track record.

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LSE to Launch UK Tokenised Equity Structures, Partners with Payward

The London Stock Exchange has announced plans to launch UK tokenised equity structures and formed a partnership with Payward, a financial infrastructure platform, to explore how regulated market infrastructure can support tokenised public equity markets.

LSE is assessing a UK structure designed to broaden capital markets access while preserving existing shareholder rights, protections and governance standards, with LSEG's Digital Securities Depository (DSD) — infrastructure built to support the issuance, settlement and servicing of digital securities — potentially supporting settlement, subject to regulatory approval.

The initiative builds on other LSEG digital infrastructure projects, including LSE 24 (its planned 24-hour trading venue) and Digital Settlement House (DiSH), an open-access platform enabling instantaneous settlement between payment networks, on and off-chain.

The Payward partnership will explore how digital-native, wallet-based access could connect with LSEG's regulated market ecosystem, aiming to link traditional and on-chain infrastructure while continuing to meet regulatory obligations like AML compliance. As part of the collaboration, and subject to regulatory approval, the London Stock Exchange intends to list "xStocks" — tokenised, 1:1-backed representations of publicly traded shares — and begin trading them on LSE 24 in 2027.

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LSE to Launch LSE 24

The London Stock Exchange has announced plans to launch LSE 24, a new near-continuous (24/5) trading venue designed to support digital, algorithmic and agentic (AI-driven) trading. It will operate Monday to Friday from 17:00 to 07:50, with a 30-minute pause between 18:30-19:00 for end-of-day processing, running separately from — and complementing — the Main Market's existing 08:00-16:30 trading hours.

The venue aims to give global investors greater flexibility to respond to market events, access liquidity across time zones, and manage risk outside the traditional UK trading day. It's built on LSEG's market infrastructure, drawing on both central limit order book and request-for-quote functionality to support price transparency and on-demand liquidity.

LSE 24 will be open for client testing by the end of 2026, with Exchange Traded Products (ETPs) launching as the first asset class in H1 2027, subject to regulatory approval — building on London's existing position as a major international ETP hub. The exchange plans to later expand into equities.

The venue is also designed to support agentic trading connectivity, letting clients interact with market data, order management and execution through more automated workflows while preserving the governance and controls of a regulated market. Subject to regulatory approval, LSE 24 will also draw on LSEG's Digital Securities Depository (DSD) — infrastructure being built to support digitised issuance, settlement and asset servicing — to expand its reach across asset classes over time.

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Nasdaq Verafin and Stablecore Partner to Unify Fiat and Digital Asset Financial Crime Detection

Nasdaq Verafin — Nasdaq's anti-financial crime platform used by banks and credit unions for anti-money laundering and fraud detection — has partnered with Stablecore, an infrastructure provider that lets banks and credit unions offer stablecoins, tokenized deposits and other digital asset services within their existing systems.

The partnership feeds Stablecore's digital asset transaction data directly into the Nasdaq Verafin platform, giving financial institutions a single, consolidated view of financial crime risk that spans both traditional (fiat) and on-chain activity. Historically, banks have had limited visibility into blockchain-based transactions, creating a gap when illicit activity moves between fiat and digital asset channels — this integration aims to close that gap by combining fiat-to-digital and digital-to-fiat transaction flows with existing customer data.

Under the arrangement, Stablecore holds digital asset transaction and holdings data without storing personally identifiable information, while banks' core systems retain customer and account data; the two data sources are merged into a single customer profile within Nasdaq Verafin for investigation and risk assessment purposes.

The solution is reportedly in beta with select clients, with a broader rollout expected by early 2027.

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Nasdaq Deepens Relationship with Payward to Advance Tokenized Equities and Always-On Infrastructure

Nasdaq has expanded its relationship with Payward, the parent company of crypto exchange Kraken, announcing a \$100 million investment by Nasdaq Ventures (Nasdaq's strategic investment arm), continued work on Nasdaq Equity Tokens (NETs), and a new market surveillance agreement.

The collaboration is led on Nasdaq's side by Digital Liquidity Networks (DLN), a business unit focused on building "always-on" market infrastructure to help capital and assets move more efficiently. Building on an earlier framework connecting NETs with Payward's xStocks tokenized-equities ecosystem, the two companies plan to advance the global distribution, trading and post-trade infrastructure needed for broader adoption of tokenized equities, with NETs expected to launch in Q2 2027.

Payward Co-CEO Arjun Sethi framed the push around settlement efficiency — noting that over \$2 trillion in US stock trades clear daily, but buy/sell orders net down about 98%, leaving clearinghouses holding \$10-20 billion in collateral while trades wait a day to settle. He said moving Nasdaq Equity Tokens onto always-on, on-chain settlement rails — while preserving shareholder rights — would eliminate that wait entirely.

As part of the deal, Payward will also adopt Nasdaq's market surveillance technology across its trading venues, spanning crypto, equities, tokenized equities, futures and options.

Wells Fargo served as Nasdaq's exclusive capital markets advisor on the transaction.

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Nasdaq Completes Acquisition of Dasseti, Deepening Nasdaq eVestment's AI and Private Markets Capabilities

Nasdaq has completed its acquisition of Dasseti, an AI-powered due diligence and monitoring platform for investment consultants, institutional investors and asset managers, first announced on 23 July 2026. Financial terms weren't disclosed. The deal builds on an earlier relationship that began with an early-stage investment by Nasdaq Ventures in 2022.

Dasseti's capabilities will be integrated into Nasdaq eVestment, Nasdaq's institutional manager research platform, extending it across the full research, due diligence and ongoing monitoring lifecycle. Dasseti applies AI to due diligence questionnaires, requests for proposals (RFPs), and manager monitoring, and covers 17,000 asset managers and general partners representing \$34 trillion in assets under management — one of the industry's largest due diligence ecosystems.

Nasdaq eVestment already connects roughly 4,800 contributing asset managers with more than 1,200 asset owners and intermediaries, powering over \$90 trillion in tracked assets across 112,000+ products in 109 countries, including private markets coverage spanning more than 16,000 managers and 95,000 funds.

The addition specifically targets private markets, where institutional teams face less standardized data and heavier reporting demands than public markets. Integrated into eVestment, Dasseti's tools are expected to speed up response times and improve data quality — giving consultants and institutional investors a single environment spanning screening, selection and ongoing oversight, while unifying the RFP and due diligence questionnaire experience for asset managers.

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