



Qatar Trade & Treasury Transformation Summit

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Under the Patronage of HE Sheikh Faisal bin Thani bin Faisal Al Thani, Minister of Commerce and Industry, International Chamber of Commerce Qatar (**ICC Qatar**) by its local Banking Commission with the support from **MERGE** is delighted to present the inaugural "**Qatar Trade and Treasury Transformation Summit 2025**". This one day in-person gathering will bring together the industry's brightest minds from the GCC region and beyond, to discuss the latest trends and critical market insights.

This first edition in Qatar builds on the success of the recent ICC Qatar event on the UNCITRAL MLETR and the digitisation initiatives by the banking commission. It will also shine a spotlight on digital transformation in the transaction banking space, examining how this change is empowering corporate treasury teams through innovative and intelligent cash and payment solutions.

As such, this event aims to drive further digital innovation and adoption in Qatar – acting as a strategic platform for advancing discussions on modernising trade finance, treasury, and payment practices. There will be critical market updates, candid corporate discussions, expert explainer sessions, and lively panel debates, with plenty of opinions on offer.

Corporate attendees will benefit from networking with a range of local and international service providers – from government representatives to industry leaders from top financial institutions, trade credit insurers, law firms, brokers, consultants, fintechs, TMS vendors, and regulators, who are involved in international trade and treasury management.

Join us to take advantage of hearing from local figureheads on a well-rounded outlook on the region's economic growth, trade concerns, and priorities for the future, including ongoing concerns such as interoperability and developments such as artificial intelligence.

We look forward to welcoming you at this new industry benchmark event.

It is a highly engaging event not to be missed! Register today to secure your place.

Event Programme

10:00 - 10:20

OPENING
AND
WELCOME
SPEECH

> Qatar's Growing Firepower as a Trading Nation

Qatar Chamber of Commerce, Chairman
Ministry of Commerce and Ministry
Strategic Partner

10:20 - 11:20

PANEL
DEBATE

> The Future of Trade Finance: Reaping the Rewards of Digital Transformation

With the advent of the UK's Electronic Trade Documents Act and the growth of MLETR, how ready is Qatar – and the rest of the globe – to embrace digital trade and supply chain documentation? What do industry participants need to do to foster digital adoption? Where does the ICC's Digital Standards Initiative (DSI) fit in establishing a globally harmonised digital trade environment. How much progress has been made with blockchain? Elsewhere, how will developments such as Artificial Intelligence reshape the future of trade?

11:20 - 11:40

> Coffee Break and Networking

11:40 - 12:20

BEST PRACTICE
MASTERCLASS

> Tackling Money Laundering, Sanctions, and Fraud

One of the downsides of digital progress is the range of new tools available to organised crime gangs to 'assist' them accomplishing their aims. But technology, such as AI, is also helping to crack down on trade-related money laundering and terrorist financing, as well as catching fraudulent payments and stopping sanctions violations. How are Qatari institutions staying ahead of the game?

12:20 - 13:00



> Women Empowerment - Trade & Treasury MENA

Join us for an inspiring panel session designed to promote gender balance and empower women within the trade and treasury industry. Led by influential female leaders, this session will feature an insightful discussion on gender diversity, equity, and inclusion. Our goal is to create a powerful and motivating experience that showcases the strength and potential of women in the trade and treasury industry, particularly in the MENA region. This part of the event will serve as a platform for women to connect, learn, and empower each other to strive for success and achieve their goals.

13:00 - 14:00

> Lunch and Networking

14:00 - 15:00

PANEL
DEBATE

> Islamic Finance and ESG: Natural Partners in Trade and Supply Chain Finance

Many of the tenets of operating Shariah Law are highly compatible with the shift towards sustainable business practices. What, then, are the latest innovations in Islamic supply chain financing, as well as sustainable SCF? And what lessons can the ESG industry learn from the history of Islamic finance, to drive a better future for all?

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15:00 - 15:40

PANEL
DEBATE

Treasury Transformation – Moving from Theory to Reality

Transformative technologies – ranging from APIs to AI, data analytics, and blockchain – are revolutionising treasury management. Predictive tools are being put to use to enhance cash flow forecasting, while blockchain can help ensure secure and transparent payment transactions. Cloud-based treasury management systems, meanwhile, offer scalable, collaborative solutions, reducing reliance on traditional banking channels. How will these technologies collectively continue to increase automation and assist with risk mitigation, as well as improved strategic decision-making, for modern treasury teams? And how will the role of the treasurer change accordingly?

15:40 - 16:00

Coffee Break and Networking

16:00 - 16:40

PANEL
DEBATE

Cross-border Payments: From Instant and Blockchain Payments to Embedded FX

Cross-border payments are undergoing their own transformative trends with the rise of instant payments, blockchain technology, and SWIFT gpi. At the same time, foreign exchange capabilities are being integrated directly into payment platforms, allowing businesses to manage currency conversions seamlessly during cross-border transactions. These trends collectively signify a shift towards faster, more secure, and integrated international payment processes. But is sufficient progress being made? And how can the entire industry get on the same page?

16:40

Closing Remarks

