DUBAI FINTECH SUMMIT 2026

DAYS 1 & 2

2–3 November

26

AGENDA ENTRIES

Day 1 15
Day 2 11

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DFS Agenda at a Glance

Emirates NBD programme across both days

5

Thought Leadership

3 panels, 1 keynote
1 fireside chat

Day 1: 3 Day 2: 2

6

MoUs & Launches

5 MoUs
1 product launch

Day 1: 5 Day 2: 1

6

Podcasts

On-stand conversations

Day 1: 3 Day 2: 3

8

On Stand Panels

Dedicated stand sessions

Day 1: 4 Day 2: 4

Also on Day 2: 1 government meeting

Agenda Partners & Contributors

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BCG
Bridgewise
CBD
DIFC Innovation Hub
Dubai Future Foundation
ElevenLabs
Euronews
Julius Baer
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NDTI
Neo Ventures / Mashreq
NewBridge
OpenAI
Pay10
RBL
Red Hat (TBC)
Sarwa
SC Ventures (StanChart)
Stake
Universal
Unqork
Visa

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DAY 1

Monday 2 November

Part 1 of 2

MORNING

10:00–13:15

Lunch 13:00–14:00
All teams

Podcast
On Stand Panel
MoU / Product Launch
Keynote
Panel

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TIME	SESSION	EMIRATES NBD & PARTNERS
10:00 10:30	**Property Investing through Bank–Fintech Partnerships** **Podcast** / On Stand	Moderator: **Sean Sarginson**, Head of Group Innovation & Fintech Engagement ENBD: **Carlos Almeida**, Head of Group Digital Wealth Partner: **Stake** Founder
10:30 11:00	**Wealth Advice in the Age of AI** **On Stand Panel** / On Stand	Moderator: **Nacira Alioua**, Head of Fintech Engagement ENBD: **Maurice Gravier**, Chief Investment Officer Wealth Management Partner: **Julius Baer**, **Sarwa**
11:05 11:20	**Emirates NBD & AWS: Bank-Wide Agentic AI through the Leap Developer Portal** **MoU** / MoU Stage	ENBD: **Miguel Rio Tinto**, Group CIO & Digital Officer; **Deepak Kumar Sharma**, Head of Software Engineering Partner: **Chris Erasmus**, Managing Director UAE & MENA Growth Markets, **AWS**
11:30 12:00	**AI Coding Agents and the Future of Engineering Roles** **On Stand Panel** / On Stand	ENBD: **Deepak Kumar Sharma**, Head of Software Engineering Partner: **Chris Erasmus**, Managing Director UAE & MENA Growth Markets, **AWS**; **OpenAI**
12:00 12:30	**Stablecoins in the UAE: Use Cases and Trust** **Podcast** / On Stand	Moderator: **Sean Sarginson**, Head of Group Innovation & Fintech Engagement ENBD: **Jalal Douame**, Tribe Head, Everyday Banking – Core & International Partner: **Ramana Kumar A**, President of Stablecoin Ecosystem, **ADI Foundation**
12:25 12:40	**Emirates NBD Launches AI Accelerator for Business Banking Customers** **MoU** / MoU Stage	ENBD: **Rohit Garg**, Group Head of Retail Products & RBWM CDO; **Hamad Zayed**, Group Head of Business Banking; **Miguel Rio Tinto**, Group CIO & Digital Officer Partner: **Mohammad Alblooshi**, CEO, **DIFC Innovation Hub**; **Chris Erasmus**, Managing Director UAE & MENA Growth Markets, **AWS**; **Mario Makary**, UAE Country Head, **Visa**
13:05 13:20	**NewBridge** **MoU** / MoU Stage	ENBD: **Neeraj Makin**, Group Head of Strategy, Analytics & VC; **Hitesh Vithal Asarpota**, CEO, Emirates NBD Capital; **Karan Goyal**, Senior MD Group Strategy & Head of Investor Relations Partner: **NewBridge**

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AFTERNOON

14:05–17:00

Podcast
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Keynote
Panel

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TIME	SESSION	EMIRATES NBD & PARTNERS
14:05 14:20	**BridgeWise Goes Live on Emirates NBD X** **Product Launch** / MoU Stage	ENBD: **Neeraj Makin**, Group Head of Strategy, Analytics & VC; **Mohammed Al Bastaki**, Group Head – Private Banking and Wealth Management; **Karan Goyal**, Senior MD Group Strategy & Head of Investor Relations Partner: **Dor Eligula**, Co-Founder & CBO, **BridgeWise**
14:20 14:40	**The UAE–India Financial Corridor: Designing Banking Beyond Borders** **Keynote** / Innovation Stage 1	ENBD: **Rohit Garg**, Group Head of Retail Products & RBWM CDO
14:30 15:00	**AI-Powered Investment Insight** **On Stand Panel** / On Stand	Moderator: **Constantinos Christodoulides**, Director Group Strategy ENBD: **Carlos Almeida**, Head of Group Digital Wealth Partner: **BridgeWise**
15:05 15:20	**Liv, Universal & Aquanow: USD-Backed Stablecoin Integration** **MoU** / MoU Stage	ENBD: **Rohit Garg**, Group Head of Retail Products & RBWM CDO; **Mahendar Bisani**, Head of Digital Sales, Partnerships, and Liv Products Partner : **Andy Leung**, Co-founder & CTO, **Aquanow**; **Juha Viitala**, CEO, **Universal**
15:30 16:00	**Banking Across the UAE–India Corridor** **Podcast** / On Stand	ENBD: **Rohit Garg**, Group Head of Retail Products & RBWM CDO Partner: **RBL**
15:30 16:10	**Intelligent Institutions: Financial Services in the AI Era** **Panel** / Plenary Stage 1	Moderator: **Jane Witherspoon**, Managing Editor - Middle East, **Euronews** ENBD: **Neeraj Makin**, Group Head of Strategy, Analytics & VC Partner: **Pay10** senior management; **Kfir Godrich**, Founder, **mAIndfulness; Gary Hoberman,** CEO, **Unqork**
16:00 16:30	**Stablecoins and the Future of UAE Payments** **On Stand Panel** / On Stand	Moderator: **Mahendar Bisani**, Head of Digital Sales, Partnerships & Liv Products Partner: **Andy Leung**, Co-founder & CTO, **Aquanow**; **Padmanabh Diwanji**, Commercial Director, Universal; **Visa** representative; **Ramana Kumar A**, President of Stablecoin Ecosystem, **ADI Foundation**
16:20 17:00	**Beyond the Cheque: Strategic Advantage through Corporate VC** **Panel** / Innovation Stage 1	Moderator: **BCG** ENBD: **Karan Goyal**, Senior MD Group Strategy & Head of Investor Relations Partner: **Gautam Jain**, Member, SC Ventures, **Standard Chartered Bank**; **Amith Rajan**, CEO, Neo Ventures, **Mashreq**; **Adnan Haque**, Head of ADIB Ventures, **ADIB**

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DAY 2

Tuesday 3 November

MORNING

10:00–12:50

Podcast
On Stand Panel
Government Meeting
Fireside Chat

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TIME	SESSION	EMIRATES NBD & PARTNERS
10:00 10:30	**Beyond the AI Hype: Building the Intelligent Economy** **Podcast** / On Stand	Moderator: **Sean Sarginson**, Head of Group Innovation & Fintech Engagement ENBD: **Miguel Rio Tinto**, Group Chief Information Officer & Digital Officer Partner: **His Excellency Abdulaziz Al Jaziri**, Deputy CEO, Dubai Future Foundation
10:30 11:00	**Beyond the AI Hype: Building the Intelligent Economy** **Government Meeting** / On Stand	ENBD: **Miguel Rio Tinto**, Group Chief Information Officer & Digital Officer Partner: **His Excellency Abdulaziz Al Jaziri**, Deputy CEO, Dubai Future Foundation
10:30 11:00	**Agentic Payments** **On Stand Panel** / On Stand	Moderator: **Srinivasan Sampathvenkat**, Head of Voice Transformation ENBD: **Sreedevi Mani**, Tribe Head, Everyday Banking – Products & Services Partner: **Visa or MC**
11:00 11:30	**Voice AI in banking: language, access and trust** **Podcast** / On Stand	ENBD: **Fatima Abdulrahman**, Chief Voice Operations Officer Partner: **ElevenLabs**
11:30 12:00	**Agentic AI in a regulated bank: autonomy and control** **On Stand Panel** / On Stand	ENBD: **Arvind Krishnamurthy**, Tribe Head - Digital Assisted Banking; **Irfaan Alibathusha**, Head of Tribe Engineering - Digital Onboarding Partner: **Red Hat (TBC)**
12:30 12:50	**Beyond the Copilot: How AI Is Changing the Way Banks Build Software** **Fireside Chat** / Plenary Stage 2	Moderator: **Jane Witherspoon**, Managing Editor - Middle East, **Euronews** ENBD: **Miguel Rio Tinto**, Group Chief Information Officer & Digital Officer

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MoU
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14:05 14:20	**Emirates NBD and OpenAI: Powering Agentic AI for Critical Banking** **MoU** / MoU Stage	ENBD: **Miguel Rio Tinto**, Group Chief Information Officer & Digital Officer; **Deepak Kumar Sharma**, Head of Software Engineering Partner: **OpenAI**
14:30 15:00	**Designing Banking Experiences People Trust** **On Stand Panel** / On Stand	Moderator: **External speaker** ENBD: **Vikram Sandhu**, Group Head of Digital Experience & Transformation; **Dimitrios Gkiokas**, Group Head of Customer Experience
14:30 15:00	**Fintech Worldcup** **Panel** / Innovation Stage 2	ENBD: **Nacira Alioua**, Head of Fintech Engagement Partner: **Fintech / Partnerships Team Official, CBD**; **Sonali Goila**, Head of Venture Capital & Private Equity, **Aditum Investment**; **TBC**
15:00 15:30	**Workplace Savings and Financial Wellbeing** **Podcast** / On Stand	ENBD: **Michail Emad Farah Samawi**, Group Head of Asset Management Partner: **Aurem Founder**
15:30 16:00	**Bank–Startup Partnerships: Turning Ideas into Solutions** **On Stand Panel** / On Stand	Moderator: **Alunood Mohammed Abdulla Ahmad Almulla**, Manager – Innovation Partner: **NDTI Founders**