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## Building a Future-Ready Bank

*2025 Global Summit Series*



## THE BANKING WORLD IS TRANSFORMING. IT'S TIME TO HAVE A FEW CONVERSATIONS. WELCOME TO OUR 2025 SERIES OF SUMMITS.

The “industrial revolution” of the banking sector has accelerated with the advent of AI and the rapid change of demographics. Regulatory runways across the world are maturing, and many more pure digital banks are being set-up. Gen-Z wants everything, including banking instantly. SME’s and corporations can’t succeed without digital transaction banking helping them manage their business. What about next-gen Core? Payments & Lending needs to move to the next level of development. The questions, challenges and opportunities are innumerable.

So, what will the Bank of The Future look like? Will Strategy drive Technology, or will Technology Drive Strategy? It's time to have a few conversations. Cedar and IBS Intelligence are pleased to announce its 2025 Global Summit Series across 8 cities. Half-Day curated sessions packed with multiple panels that include insightful leaders from banking and technology firms in serious conversations. Panels are moderated by our Senior Partners, all with over two decades of consulting and advisory experience to leading banks and technology firms. Walk away enlightened, or at least more curious about what the future will be and what you can do about it.

Cedar-IBS Intelligence Summit's are a great opportunity for panelist to share their insights, for senior bankers in the audience to absorb and reflect, and for technology firms to use this platform to showcase their brands, and potentially meet their next client.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

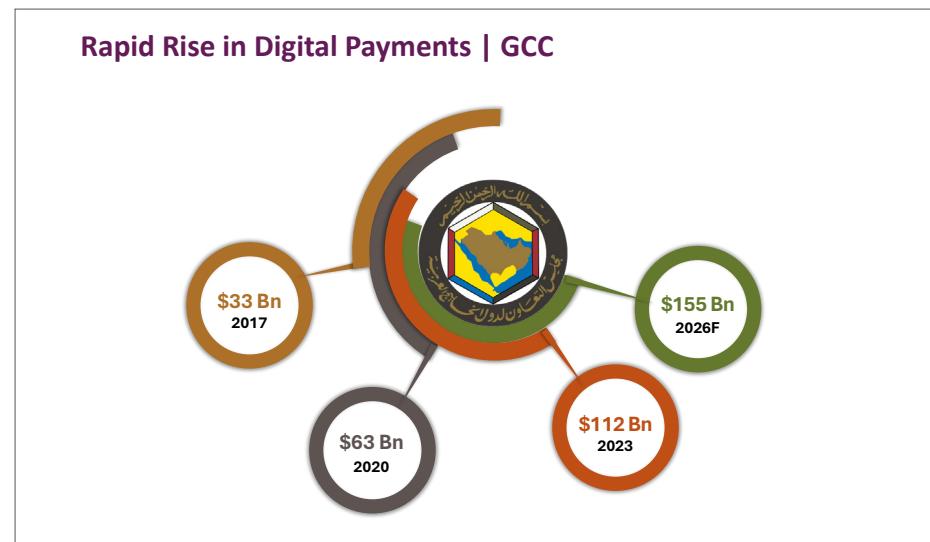
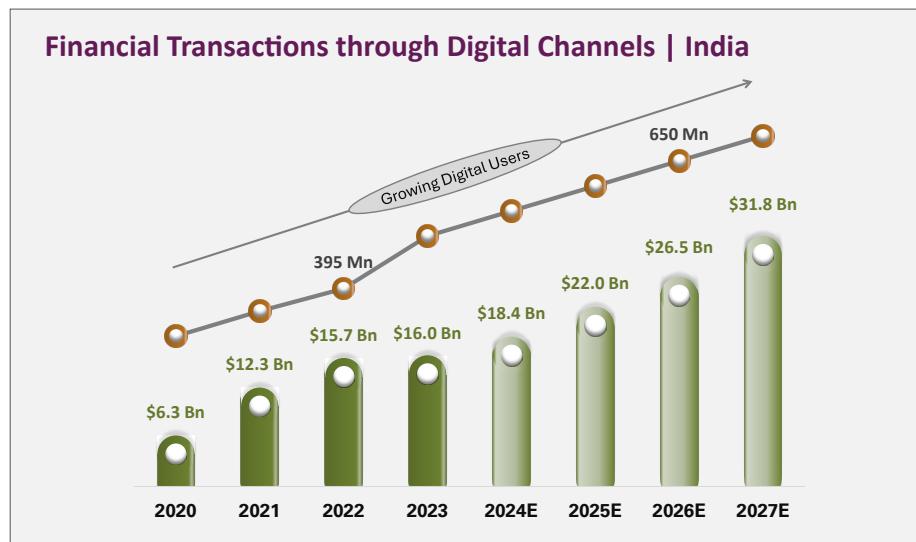
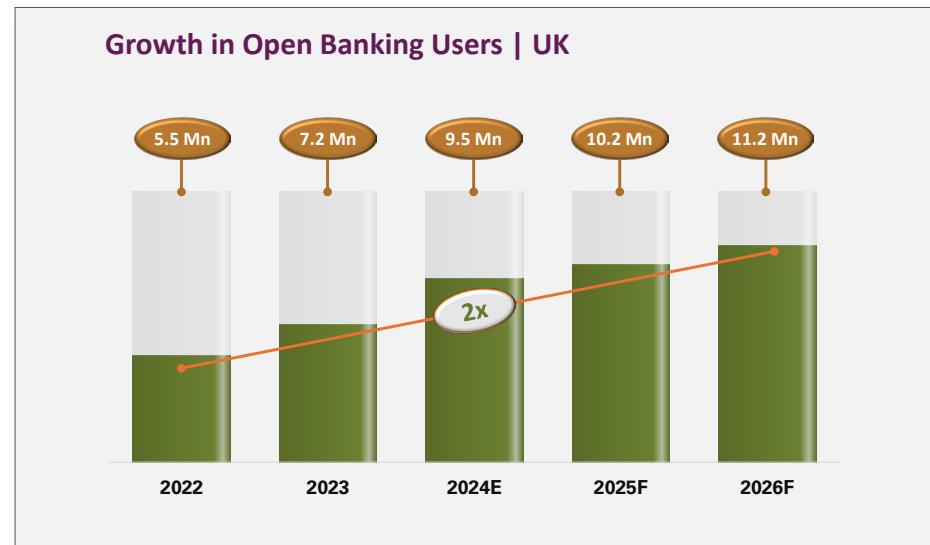
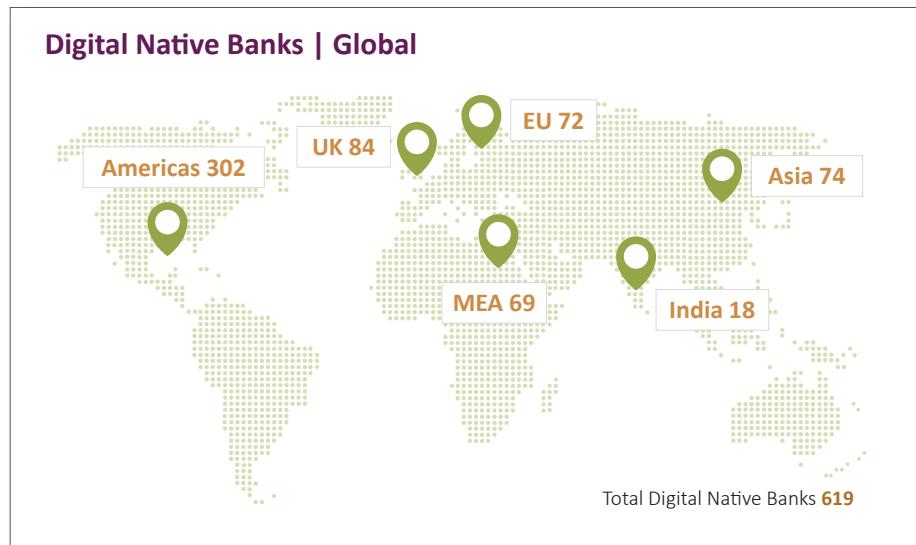
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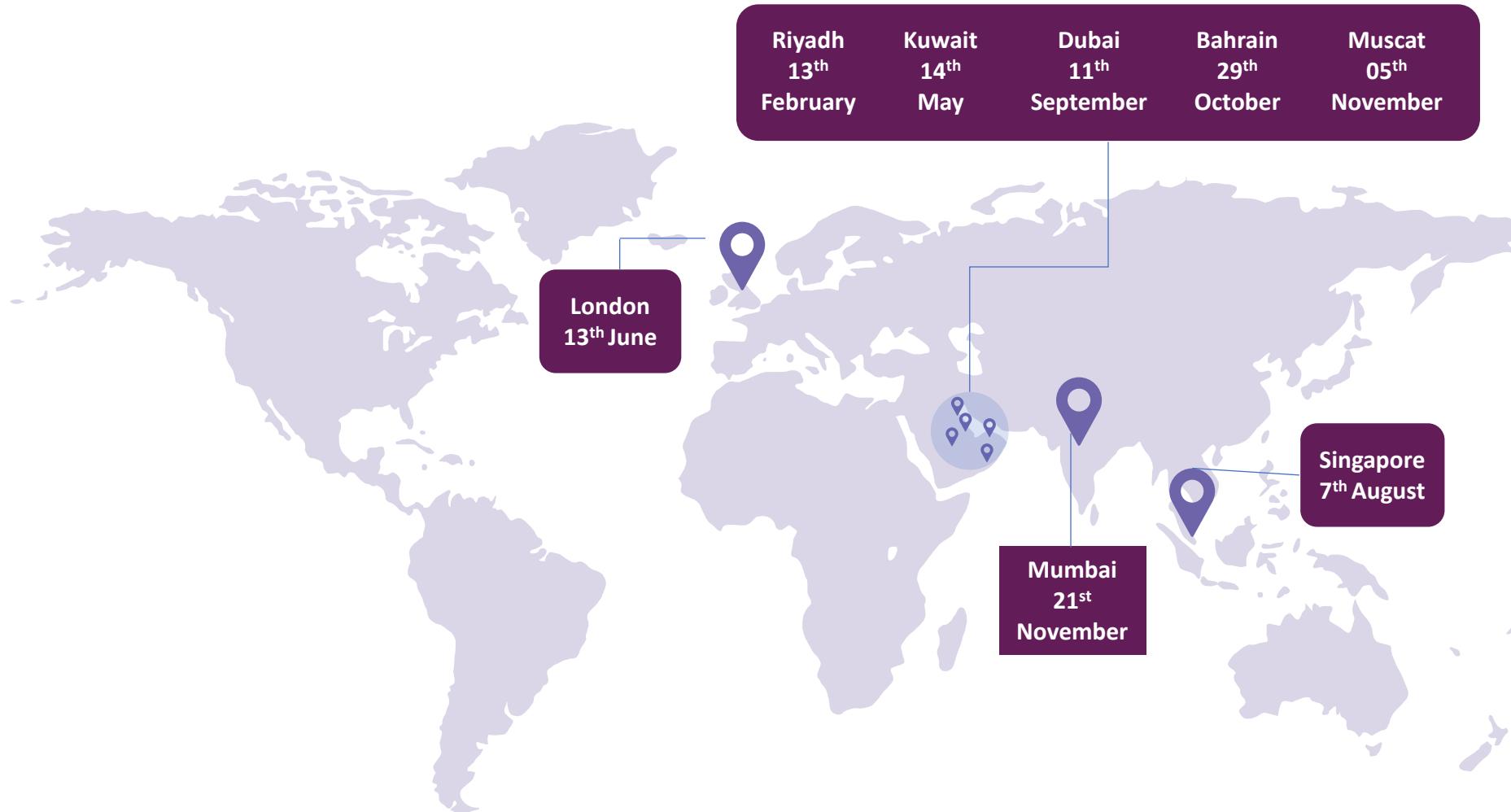
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## DIGITAL POWERED BANKING: BUILDING NEXTGEN ECOSYSTEM



## 2025 SERIES OF 'BUILDING A FUTURE-READY BANK' SUMMITS





## 2025 PANEL TOPICS

5 curated Panels per summit.



### **Panel #1: Future of Banking | A Business Leadership Strategic Perspective**

Strategy drives technology, or is it now the other way round? Enjoy an interesting conversation with banking business leaders on what's the right answer to this question, and how will a bank strategy evolve for the future. Also, the kind of organization, skills, and culture needed to make it work.

### **Panel #2: NextGen Transaction Banking | The Digital Value Chain from SMEs to Corporates**

Transaction banking is unlocking new efficiencies across small, medium and large enterprises. This panel will explore innovations driving payments, trade finance, and cash management, and how banks can build seamless digital value chains to empower their Corporate and SME clients. What are the key challenges and opportunities in creating an interconnected ecosystem?

### **Panel #3: AI in Action | Pioneering the Next Way of Digital Banking**

Welcome to the new industrial revolution – AI. AI is reshaping banking globally. This panel will discuss how AI is driving personalized customer experiences, optimizing operations, and enabling real-time decision-making. As banks embrace data-driven strategies, what are the key opportunities and challenges in adopting AI and analytics at scale? And how can financial institutions leverage these innovations?

#### **Panel #4: Future of Digital Lending & Payments | A Cashless Economy**

Instant payments are surging driven by customer preferences, progressive regulations, and a thriving FinTech ecosystem. What are the emerging global trends and adoption? More importantly, how can banks remain competitive amid opportunities such as mobile wallets, cross-border remittances, BNPL, and personalized loan products?

#### **Panel #5: NextGen Core | The Key to being Future-Ready**

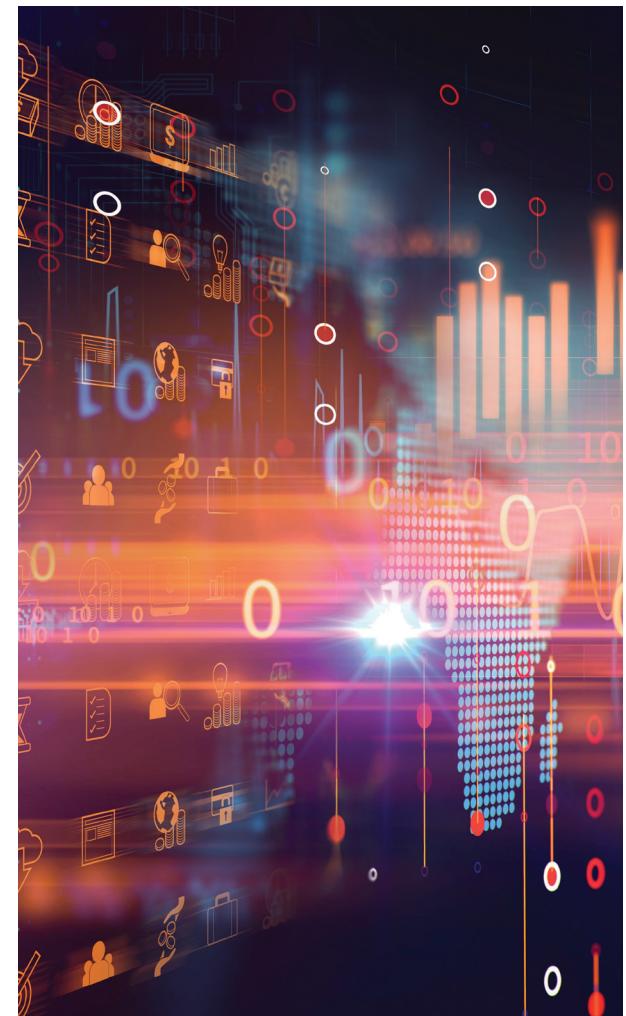
In today's fast-evolving business landscape, where innovation and adaptability are critical, the NextGen Core stands out as a strategic framework that promotes collaboration, drives innovation, and accelerates operational agility. How can banks seamlessly embrace the NextGen Core to stay ahead of the curve in this digital transformation journey?

#### **Panel #6: VC & PE Investing | Fuelling FinTech 2.0**

Has the FinTech bubble burst? Or the best is yet to come? Will BankTechs be the FinTech 2.0 revolution? Learn about the evolution of FinTech investing and how VC and PE funds continue to play a role in backing companies that will transform financial infra and B2B FinTech in the times to come.

#### **Panel #7: Shifting Gears in Islamic Banking**

Middle East's Islamic banking sector is poised to outpace the growth of conventional banking. Digitization is essential to meet this rapid growth and cater to the needs of an increasingly tech-savvy population while staying aligned with Shariah principles. How can technology transform accessibility and ensure compliance in digital Islamic banking?



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## ABOUT IBS INTELLIGENCE

Founded in 1991 and headquartered in the UK, Cedar's group firm, IBS Intelligence (IBSi) is the world's only pure-play Financial Technology focused research, advisory, and news analysis firm, with a 30-year track record and clients globally. We take pride in covering 5,000+ technology vendors globally – the largest by any analyst firm in this space. IBSi's Sales League Table is the industry barometer ranking banking technology suppliers globally for 20+ years.

## ABOUT CEDAR-IBSI FINTECH LAB

Founded in 2017, the Cedar-IBSi FinTech lab has been home to 55+ global financial technology companies seeking "soft-landing" and POC opportunities with banks across the region, making it one of the only such FinTech ecosystems in Asia.

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## ABOUT CEDAR HILL CAPITAL

Cedar Hill Capital (formerly Cedar IBSi Capital) is an early-stage technology venture capital fund backing founders building next-gen enterprise software for the Financial Services industry; leveraging AI and deep technologies. The fund has achieved a First Close and has completed initial investments in Cogniquest and WonderLend Hubs, both disruptive solutions that address large opportunities in Banking and Financial Services and beyond.

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