THE NETWORK FORUM MIDDLE EAST
27 OCTOBER 2025 ABU DHABI

MONDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2025

Registration & Morning Coffee

08:15 - 09:00

The Network Forum Welcome

09:00 - 09:10

Andrew Barman, The Network Forum | Rachel Bo Shields, The Network Forum

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Official Welcome from ADX

09:10 - 09:30

Ahmad Naseer, Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange

Tabadul Update

09:30 - 09:50

Saker Asllan, Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange | Roudha Alhaj, Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX) Group

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Regional Market Linkages, Collaboration and Digital Transformation in Post-Trade Infrastructures – The Latest Updates

09:50 - 10:40

Alex Krunic, Commercial Bank of Kuwait - Al Tijari | Afra AlSuwaidi, Dubai CSD | Ahmad Naseer, Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange | Gunsel Topbas, Manifest Executive Consultancy

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Morning Coffee

10:40 - 11:10

Post-Trade Transformation In The Banking Space: Investigating New Digital Custody Models

11:10 - 12:00

Gunsel Topbas, Manifest Executive Consultancy | Reece Merrick, Ripple | Lara Dabis, First Abu Dhabi Bank | Mohamed Kassem, Citi | Ani Saribekyan, Landmark Capital

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Chatham House Rule: What's Good, and What Could Be Better - What’s On The Network Manager Wishlist Now ?

12:00 - 12:40

Alpana Johnsson, SEB | Ahmed Kassem, BNY | Jinn Weng Loh, QNB

Cyber Resilience: Strengthening Defences In An increasingly Interconnected Digital Capital Market

12:40 - 13:10

Edward Starkie, Thomas Murray

Lunch

13:10 - 14:20

Settlement Cycles A: T+1 Settlement - Is The Region Ready for Global Changes?

14:20 - 15:00

Exploring operational challenges, technology solutions & cross-border implications for market participants

Alex Krunic, Commercial Bank of Kuwait - Al Tijari | Gregory Olliffe, First Abu Dhabi Bank | Fatema Al Junaibi | Amr Sonbol, Citi

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Chatham House Rule: Settlement Cycles B: Future-Proof Settlement Models & Digital Assets

15:00 - 15:40

Use of Stablecoins, CBDCs, and the Digital Settlement Layer

Marco Massucco, First Abu Dhabi Bank | Sylvain Bigaud, Euroclear | Tony Ashraf, Blackrock | Mohammed AlKhazraji, NGEX

Afternoon Break

15:40 - 16:10

Securities Lending: How To Energise The Local Markets

16:10 - 16:40

Ricky Maloney, Davies | Andrew Stephen, JP Morgan | Shikkoh Malik, Albilad Capital

AI & Automation in Securities Services

16:40 - 17:30

Real-world use cases for AI in post-trade processing, risk management, client onboarding, and how the region is embracing this transformation

Konstantin Saroyan, FEAS | Sylvain Bigaud, Euroclear | Marios Kampouridis, ADX | Helen Johnson, MYRIAD Group Technologies | Levon Klekchyan, Central Depository of Armenia

Closing Remarks

17:30 - 17:40

Evening Networking Dinner Reception hosted by:

18:00 - 20:00

Your chance to discuss the days issues in a casual environment, get to know your regional counterparts better and forge new relationships.

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