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FUTURE FINANCE NETWORK FORMS TO DRIVE THINKING, SUPPORT FINANCE INDUSTRY, IN EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES, SKILLS, REGULATION

The **Future Finance Network**, a global collaboration between industry leaders, technology experts and customer experience strategists, has been formed with hubs in Australia, China, Korea, Europe and the US.

The network aims to drive thinking about the evolution of the financial ecosystem as new technologies change the nature of business models, value chains and the customer experience.

Peter Thomas, CEO and founding partner of the network, says:

"We have been extraordinarily fortunate to be able to bring together a global group of highly-experienced professionals who have enormous experience of a wide range of finance companies and markets, have led their organisations through transformational change, have created market-changing fintechs, created and refined new strategy and who have practical, hands-on experience of emerging technologies and the design of customer experiences.

Technology is the catalyst for change, and the way to support and manage change at velocity is through harnessing then thinking of a global network of highly-experienced colleagues in an agile, transparent collaboration.

We aim to challenge assumptions, drive new thinking and pose new questions - and to rainmake for the future of technology and finance."

Initial projects for the Future Finance Network include:

PowerUP LONDON, the first in a series of global pitch competitions for fintechs who aim to redefine the nature of SME, auto, fleet and equipment finance, in collaboration with **Asset Finance International**, at the IAFN 2019 conference.

<https://powerup.finance>

Circle, an intensive global executive development programme for senior leaders who are driving transformational change.

<https://futurefinance.network/circle>

The Future Finance Network Playbooks, a series of on-point practical guides to the key issues facing finance organisations as they find their place in the new emerging financial ecosystem.

The Future Finance Network's **founding partners** are:

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