



## TiE APAC Fintech SIG Launch

Panel Discussion: Blockchain Opportunities and Solutions including Cryptocurrencies

Chennai | Brisbane | Hong Kong | Melbourne

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in collaboration with **FinTech Australia**

# SUMMARY OUTCOME

## What Happened

4 cities across APAC with around 100 participants. Melbourne had around 50 & 15/20 each in Hong Kong, Chennai & Brisbane. 4 speakers in an hour covered a range of diverse topics. Zoom video with projection facilities were used.

## Feedback Received

Positive feedback during the evening & unsolicited feedback, e.g. *“it was an enjoyable, high relevant event yesterday evening. A great way to demonstrate the benefits of an international organisation such as TiE which not only claims to harness the power of international networks but deploys in a highly efficient and effective manner. I have just joined”*. It could be summarised as:

- Great quality speakers
- Covered a lot of ground in a short time
- Dialogue and conversations flowed freely
- Could it not be longer?
- Can we have some collateral – now provided

## Next Steps

Watch this space for a collaborative APAC Focussed Fintech ecosystem being formed to support growth & funding!!! Singapore & Mumbai to join the TIE APAC Fintech community. Interests from UK & US to be factored in. Next event in May.

# PANEL OF SPEAKERS

## **ALAN TSEN | Director, Fintech Australia**

Alan is the Melbourne GM of Stone & Chalk - an independent, not-for-profit fintech hub which fosters and accelerates the development of world-leading fintech start-ups. He is also currently a board member of FinTech Australia where he has led numerous submissions to government departments on digital currency and blockchain tech - including the removal of 'double GST' from digital currency and amendments to KYC/AML laws designed to incorporate digital currency.

**Focus Topic: Blockchain & Cryptocurrencies - regulation and opportunities**

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## **MANDEEP SANDHU | Director, KPMG Australia**

Mandeep is the national consulting lead for Fintech at KPMG Australia, he is also a member of the firm's global Fintech practice. Mandeep has 15 years experience in the design and execution of technology enabled business strategy. His focus is on working with clients across the financial services spectrum to develop transitional strategies and approaches as they move from incumbent business and operating models, to digitised modes of operations. This includes the application of distributed ledger technologies as an enabler of driving connected marketplaces and platform business models. Through his global role Mandeep works with both global Fintechs and financial institutions to identify opportunities and approaches for local Australian clients to leverage as part of their organic and inorganic growth strategies. Mandeep is currently advising Fintechs and start-ups on the both strategy development and capital raising.

**Focus Topic: Fintech and Blockchain, funding and the ecosystem**

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## **KARTHIK IYER | CEO, BlockchainMonk, Chennai, India**

Karthik Iyer is the India Ambassador of the P2P-Foundation (the world's largest think tank on decentralization and peer to peer), and founder and CEO of BlockchainMonk, a DLT research and consulting firm. He was part of one of the largest EU research project on P2P, [P2PValue.eu](http://P2PValue.eu). He holds close to half dozen degrees in technology, research and management from leading schools in Europe and Asia like KTH in Sweden, BI Norwegian Business School in Norway and Fudan University in China. He has over a decade of experience working for large technology firms such as Red Hat, Novell and Sun Microsystems and has successfully ran various hi-tech ventures in the past.

**Focus Topic: Initial Coin Offering, its challenges & opportunities**

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## **PETER BULLOCK | Partner, King & Wood Mallesons, Hong Kong**

Peter Bullock acts for major information technology and telecommunications brands and for investors in and users of TMT systems and services. He advises on regulatory areas such as cyber risks, data law, FinTech and the digital economy, as well as employment law matters. He also has extensive experience in conducting litigation, arbitration, mediation and investigations. He is also an HKIAC Accredited Mediator.

**Focus Topic: Legal regulations concerning ICOs and FinTech**

# REFERENCE LIST

**KPMG Thought leadership Paper - [Introduction to Blockchain](#)**

**What is Bitcoin?**

<https://bitcoin.org/en/>

**What is Blockchain technology?**

<https://blockgeeks.com/guides/what-is-blockchain-technology/>

**Australia's First Initial Coin Offering has raised 34 million**

<https://www.businessinsider.com.au/australias-first-initial-coin-offering-has-raised-34-million-2017-10>

**Venezuela Launches Virtual Currency, Hoping to Resuscitate Economy**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/20/world/americas/venezuela-petro-currency.html>

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