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Introduction

Insurance CFOs are navigating an era marked by intensifying headwinds and unprecedented opportunities. Persistently low interest rates in some markets, inflationary cost pressures, and mounting capital adequacy demands are reshaping product economics. At the same time, emerging risks such as climate change, cyber exposures, and demographic shifts are altering underwriting portfolios and capital planning models. Leading finance executives must therefore balance short-term financial discipline with long-term enterprise resilience — all while stakeholders demand greater transparency, agility and sustainability performance.

Amid these challenges, technology is both a disruptor and an enabler. Advanced analytics, AI-driven forecasting, and cloud-native finance architectures are empowering CFOs to drive predictive insights, streamline risk reporting, and optimise capital allocation. But harnessing digital potential requires not just investment in tools, but a fundamental shift in organisational capability and culture.

The 19th Asia Insurance CFO Summit, taking place in Singapore on 19–20 May 2026, stands at a pivotal moment for the insurance sector. As Global markets recalibrate in response to macroeconomic volatility, digital transformation accelerates, and regulatory landscapes evolve, chief financial officers are uniquely positioned at the intersection of strategy, resilience and growth. This Summit brings together the region's most influential finance leaders to explore the future of financial stewardship in insurance — unlocking insights that will define competitive advantage in the years ahead.

The 19th Asia Insurance CFO Summit will spotlight pragmatic strategies for navigating this complex landscape. Through high-level dialogues, case studies and peer exchange, participants will address how to strengthen balance sheet resilience, elevate risk-adjusted returns, and future-proof financial operations. More importantly, the Summit will forge a collaborative forum where visionary CFOs and finance leaders set the agenda for sustainable growth across Asia's dynamic insurance markets.



8:00am Registration & Welcome Coffee

9:00am



Chairperson's Opening Remarks & Introduction to the Conference Theme

John Spence

Managing Director,
Asian Capital Advisors Limited

9:15am



The CFO as Chief Value Architect: From Financial Steward to Strategic Co-Pilot

- Redefining the CFO mandate in an era of disruption and uncertainty
- Partnering the CEO and Board on long-term value creation
- Balancing performance, resilience and transformation agendas

Vojtěch Pivný

Regional Chief Financial Officer,
Allianz Asia Pacific

Power Talk

9:40am

Leading Through Disruption: A Leadership Dialogue on Strategy, Resilience and the Future of Insurance in Asia

- Discussing the biggest financial and strategic risks facing Asia's insurance industry over the next three years, from macroeconomic headwinds and geopolitical disruption to talent scarcity, cyber exposure, and the accelerating pressure of climate-related losses, and how insurers are building organisational resilience to navigate them
- The human capital dimension of financial leadership: how organisations are building, developing and retaining the finance, actuarial and risk management talent that their organisations need to execute their strategies and why investing in financial leadership capability is as important as investing in capital and technology
- Looking ahead to 2030: what Asia's insurance industry will look like at the end of the decade, which markets will have grown, which business models will have been disrupted, which risks will have emerged, and the financial strategies that today's CFOs must begin building now to ensure their organisations are positioned to lead rather than follow



Moderator:

Dustin Ball

Managing Director – Asia Financial Services,
Alvarez & Marsal



Panellists:

Stephen Geisler
CEO - South Asia,
QBE Insurance



Ury Gan
Chief Financial Officer,
Prudential Assurance Company Singapore



Manish Gurbuxani
Regional Chief Strategy and Growth Officer,
Daiichi Life Asia Pacific



Darren Ma
Chief Actuary - APAC
W. R. Berkley Corporation

10:20am



More Portfolio Optimization Examples for Insurance Company CFOs

Vinaya Sharma
Actuary & Managing Director,
Quantitative Risk Management

10:45am

Interactive Q&A Session

11:00am

Morning Refreshments Break

11:30am



Asset Liability Management Considerations for Asian Insurers

Benjamin Yeo
Managing Director, Financial Institutions Group,
DBS Bank

11:55am



Leadership That Delivers: Redefining Expectations in a High-Stakes Environment

- Defining non-negotiables for leadership in uncertain times
- A practical framework to drive accountability and execution

Akash Gupta

Managing Director and Head of Life and Health, Southeast Asia, Munich Re

12:20pm



Reimagining Capital Management in a Climate-Risk World

Hannelli J. Oasan

Chief Financial Officer,
KRM Reinsurance Brokers Phils., Inc.

12:45pm

Interactive Q&A Session

1:00pm

Networking Lunch

2:15pm



The Future Insurance CFO: What Will Define Success in the Next Decade?

- How AI tools can/will change the way we work over the next few years
- Challenges the industry will need to navigate to realise the potential
- What successful insurers of the future will expect of their CFOs

Andrew McGrath

Chief Financial Officer, Singapore,
QBE Asia

Fireside Chat

2:55pm

Strategic Priorities Shaping the Future of Finance Professionals in Asia's Insurance Industry

A candid conversation with one of Asia's most experienced insurance finance leaders on how the roles of CFOs and finance leaders are evolving, what it takes to build financial resilience across a complex multi-market portfolio, and the strategic priorities shaping the future of finance professionals in the insurance industry in Asia.



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In Conversation with:

Richard Da Silva

Regional CFO,
MSIG Asia

3:10pm



Building the Analytics-Driven Finance Function: Upskilling Talent for Data-Led Decision Making

Identifying the critical skills finance teams need to transition from traditional reporting to advanced analytics and strategic insight generation

Mark Hart

Chief Actuary and Head of Finance Transformation, APAC,
Zurich Insurance

3:35pm

Interactive Q&A Session

4:00pm

Chairperson's Closing Remarks and Networking Tea

5:00pm

End of Day One

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9:25am



Resilience in a Polycrisis World: Managing Risks Across Asia Pacific

- Assessing the impact of interconnected risks to strengthen financial, operational and business resilience.
- Strengthening company resilience through forward-looking stress testing and scenario planning beyond regulatory requirements
- Redefining the CFO–CRO partnership to enable faster, integrated responses to systemic and emerging risks

Olga Petrenko

Regional CRO,
Allianz Asia Pacific

9:50am



Finance at the Frontier – Leading a High-Performance Finance Function Across Asia's Most Complex Specialty Insurance Markets

- Managing a multi-market finance function across Asia's vastly different regulatory, reporting and capital environments demands a finance leadership philosophy built on adaptability, local intelligence and an unwavering commitment to consistent standards
- The most effective finance leaders in specialty insurance are those who have successfully made the transition from financial controller to genuine business partner – sitting at the strategy table, not just reporting on it
- Building a finance team that is simultaneously technically rigorous, commercially astute, and resilient enough to perform under the pressure of market volatility, regulatory change, and organisational transformation is the defining leadership challenge for every senior finance executive in Asia's insurance industry today

Mayuri Singhal

Head of Finance, Asia,
AXA XL

10:15am



The Resilient CFO Playbook: Transforming the Insurance Ecosystem to Anticipate Opportunity Through Proactive Financial Intelligence

As market volatility continues to reshape risk, capital requirements, and customer expectations across Asia, insurance CFOs are increasingly expected to lead with agility, rigour, and insight. Finance leaders can strengthen organisational resilience by more closely integrating the broader insurance ecosystem including risk, actuarial, investment, and operational functions to support proactive decision-making, accelerate the responsible adoption of AI, and enable timely, connected financial intelligence.

Kate Porter

Head of Solutioning, Treasury & Risk, APAC,
FIS Global

10:40am

Interactive Q&A Session

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Morning Refreshments Break

11:25am



M&A, Partnerships and Inorganic Growth: A CFO's Playbook

- Moving from backward-looking reporting to predictive finance
- AI use cases and what Insurance CFOs can learn from them
- Governance, controls, and ethics in AI-enabled finance

John Spence

Managing Director,
Asian Capital Advisors Limited

11:50am



From Ledger to Leader: How Finance Chiefs Are Driving Transformation, Sustainability and Strategic Value in a Decade of Disruption

A CFO's perspective on why critical thinking, sustainability integration and finance transformation are no longer optional capabilities, they are the defining characteristics of financial leadership that will separate tomorrow's industry leaders from today's financial managers.

Dr Vincent Lim

Chief Financial Officer,
Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR)

12:15pm



AI, Analytics, and the Intelligent Finance Function

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Dr Ashish Chandra

Partner & Global Head of AI,
KPMG

12:40pm

Interactive Q&A Session

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2:15pm

Winning in Asia: Value Creation, Market Opportunity and the Strategic Choices That Will Define the Next Decade

A leadership dialogue on where the real opportunities lie, which markets deserve bold investment, and how insurance leaders are making the high-stakes decisions that will separate the region's winners from its also-rans by 2035



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Christopher Albrecht

Chief Executive Officer,
Sun Life Singapore



Harpreet Bindra

Chief Executive Officer,
HSBC Life Singapore



Dustin Ball

Managing Director – Asia Financial Services,
Alvarez & Marsal

2:55pm



From Numbers to Narrative: How Technology is Transforming Finance into a Driver of Strategic Value in Asian Insurance

Sourabh Chitrachar
Chief Technology Officer,
MS First Capital Insurance

Fireside Chat

3:20pm

Speed vs Scale: Can Financial Products Keep Up with the Modern Customer?



Moderator:
John Spence
Managing Director,
Asian Capital Advisors Limited



In Conversation with
Anto Lawrence
Chief Product Officer,
Chocolate Finance

3:35pm

Pulse of the Industry: Live Polling Session

Share your insights through our quick live polls and see how your thinking compares with your peers in the room. Designed to cut through the noise, this interactive session captures the unfiltered views of Asia's insurance finance leaders on the key challenges, strategic priorities, and uncertainties shaping the industry today. Anonymous, instant, and genuinely revealing, the results will not only benchmark perspectives across the room but also help shape the conversations that matter most.

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