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Agenda announced for GTR Asia Trade & Treasury Week in Singapore – the largest trade and treasury event in the world

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Capitalise on exciting new opportunities for trade and treasury in Asia, while meeting with leading representatives all in one day.

Global Trade Review (**GTR**), the world's leading news source, publisher and event organiser for the global trade, commodity, export and supply chain finance industries, returns to Singapore for its 9th year to host [GTR Asia Trade & Treasury Week](#). The event will take place at Marina Bay Sands Hotel on September 5-8.



"This last year has seen global trade brought back to the top of the global news agenda, as various geopolitical developments have placed globalisation and the importance of countries trading freely firmly in the spotlight," says Jeff Ando, Production Director at **GTR** Events. "FTAs, protectionism and the role of China will all be addressed, whilst commodity trends, trade financing gaps and the role of disruptive technology will also dominate discussions, with a significant part of the programme also devoted to issues impacting on corporate treasury."

The event continues to build on its renowned reputation as the largest and most popular trade finance gathering anywhere in the world, and will provide an effective and impartial marketplace for all involved in trade, commodity and export finance.

Attendance figures are expected to exceed the 900 plus delegates of 2016's event, making this an essential place to be for anyone involved in international trade and treasury.

Day 1 & 2 of the 4-day event will focus on agenda topics including:

» ***Protectionism vs multilateralism, realignment towards China, economic trends and scenarios***

- » **Trade finance gaps in 2017:** The impact on trade, growth and jobs
- » **The Belt & Road Initiative:** The jewel in Asia's crown?
- » **Great expectations:** How is the industry preparing for the era of fintech-enabled trade finance?
- » **Trader perspectives on the commodity rebound and challenges in structured commodity finance**
- » **Country profiles:** Vietnam, the Philippines, India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka
- » **Understanding potential threats to trade and economic stability in Asia**
- » **The role of insurers in managing and mitigating risk in uncertain times**
- » **Managing and financing Asia's supply chains and the importance of working capital optimisation**
- » **Achieving sustainable trade:** The challenges ahead
- » **Are more investors accessing the trade finance market? What are they looking for?**
- » **'The business of treasury':** Operational challenges and the strategic environment

Featured speakers include:

- Bernard Wee, Executive Director, Financial Markets Development & FinTech & Innovation, **Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS)**
- Richard Duncan, Financial Analyst, Author, **Economist & Consultant**
- Chris Pardey, Chief Executive Officer, **RCMA Commodities**
- Vincenzo Zinni, Head of Asia Treasury & Trade Finance, **Noble Group**
- Guillaume Servajean, Business Development & Structuring, **Engie**
- Bharat Gupta, Regional Head, Trade & Structured Finance, Asia, Middle East & Africa, **Olam International**
- Derk Jan Vermeer, Head of Business Development East, **Shell Crude Trading & Supply**
- Sophie Krantz, International Trade Strategy Manager, **BlueScope**
- Sanjay Desai, Head of Supply Chain, **European Chemical Company**
- Munish Kaushal, Supply Chain Finance Director, **GlaxoSmithKline**
- Ashish Sethi, Structured Finance, **Nokia Solutions & Networks**
- Sukumar Narasimhan, Senior Vice-President, Supply Chain, **Reliance Industries**
- Abel Martins Alexandre, Head of Commercial Treasury, **Rio Tinto**
- Alan Lai, Head of Treasury Services, Asia-Pacific & Japan, **Hewlett-Packard Enterprise**
- Leo Kirby, Managing Director, Capital Markets Asia, **GE Energy Financial Services**

Keynote Bernard Wee, Executive Director of Financial Markets Development & FinTech & Innovation at the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), will provide key messages and an update on the government's ambitious plans for regional growth. Among the points to be considered, topics for discussion include improving global market access for multinationals and SME's, building a sustainable ecosystem, providing better access to funding, promoting expansion and forming partnerships, simplifying policy frameworks, updating guidelines and meeting the regulation gap, fostering new technologies and developing key physical and financial infrastructure.

Day 3 & 4 will feature **GTR Training** Masterclass: Practical issues, risks and challenges for international trade. Led by John Turnbull, Director at Certis International, senior banker and trade finance specialist with over 35 years' experience of origination, negotiation, structuring, risk management and regulation of the full range of international trade transactions. This highly valuable, practical and pitch-free content will get you up-to-date on the latest practices including UCP 600, UCP 700, best practises, pitfalls and risks on issuing documentary credits and an update on initiatives in international trade.

Don't miss your chance to join leading corporates and trade specialist for a day of discussion, debate and networking.

For questions or media accreditation please contact Elisabeth at espry@gtreview.com, or more information, visit the event page [here](#).

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