



AI adoption in financial services is no longer the challenge; scaling it safely, reliably, and with measurable impact is. As AI in Finance returns to London for its 11th edition, it brings together the leaders and practitioners navigating this exact shift: **moving beyond pilots to production-ready systems that are tested, governed, and resilient by design.**

WHAT'S NEW IN 2026?

- **Execution Over Strategy.** A working-session format built around deployment problems, not AI theory.
- **The "Failure Files".** Candid post-mortems from real production failures at financial institutions.
- **End-to-End AI Security.** From non-human identities to AI supply chain attacks, the 2026 threat landscape.
- **Foundation Model Strategy.** Live debates on building, buying, or renting, and the economics behind each path.
- **Hands-On Workshops.** Stress-testing and adversarial AI sessions you won't find anywhere else.
- **Cross-Event Networking.** Practitioner-led networking with experts across AI in finance and CDAO FSI events.

Key themes:

- From Pilot to Production
- Foundation Model Strategy
- AI Security and the Agent Attack Surface
- Agentic AI Design and Control
- AI Governance, Accountability and Human Oversight
- AI in Capital Markets and Quant
- Red-Teaming and AI Validation
- AI Sovereignty and Enterprise Control

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Confirmed Speakers:

Roxanne Howdle-Rowe, *Group Head of Data Product and Marketplace, Chief Data and AI Office* — **LLOYDS BANKING GROUP**
 Nikolaos Louloudakis, Ph.D., *Assistant Vice President - AI Engineering & Research* — **BARCLAYS**
 Jared Browne, *Head of Privacy & AI Governance* — **FEXCO**
 Kelly Moses, *Managing Director, Head of Global Payment Services Legal* — **HSBC**
 Kaushik Chaubal, *Senior Director, Investor Solutions* — **BLACKROCK**
 Hemant Patkar, *Cybersecurity Lead Designer/Architect* — **VIRGIN MONEY**
 Parinita Kothari, *Engineering Lead* — **LLOYDS BANKING GROUP**
 Amit Kumar, *Associate Director, eFx Quant* — **HSBC**
 Ronan Brennan, *Artificial Intelligence Strategist* — **NATWEST GROUP**
 Caroline Cartellieri, *Non-Executive Board Member* — **SAFFRON BUILDING SOCIETY**
 Phani Ravindra Kaligotla, *Vice President, Global Product AI & Data Strategy* — **MASTERCARD**
 Dr David Crelley, *Head of Responsible AI and Data* — **ADMIRAL GROUP PLC**
 Ryan Courtier, *Director of AI Strategy and Solutions Engineering* — **CITI**
 Ramy Erfan, *Vice President, Business & Technology Enablement* — **CITI**
 Rajasree Ramakrishnan, *Product Lead - Agentic Observability* — **LLOYDS BANKING GROUP**
 Sebastian Obeta, *Member of European AI Alliance* — **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**
 Temi Afeye, *Technical Lead, Senior AI Scientist* — **LLOYDS BANKING GROUP**
 Disha Mukherjee, *Lead Data Engineer* — **FORD CREDIT**
 Adam Niazi, *Corporate & Investment Banking, Chief Operating Office, Business Manager* — **GLOBAL INVESTMENT BANK**
 Annapoorani Lakshmi Narayanan, *Product Manager Lead, AI Research* — **J.P. MORGAN CHASE**
 Alex Byron, *Fintech Politics and Policy Expert* — **FGS GLOBAL**
 Purnima Padmanabhan, *General Manager, Tanzu Division* — **BROADCOM**
 Rob Woods, *AI Platform Architect, Strategic Accounts* — **IBM**

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8:00-8:45	Registration and Coffee in the Exhibition Area
8:50-9:00	Chairperson's Opening Remarks and Icebreaker Caroline Cartellieri, <i>Non-Executive Board Member</i> — SAFFRON BUILDING SOCIETY
9:00-9:35	OPENING PANEL: The Board Has Approved the Budget. Now What? An Honest Assessment of Where AI Is Actually Delivering - Real-world scale outcomes vs. the business cases that funded them - which financial services use cases have genuinely reached industrial production in 2026? - The "deployment wall" and what are the specific organisational, technical, and governance triggers that cause promising AI programs to stall between PoC and scale? - Where is the gap structural (data, talent, legacy) vs. closeable (tooling, process, governance)? Digital-native vs. incumbent differentiation - What does "industrial-grade AI" require, and why is it a different engineering problem than most firms anticipated? Panellists: Roxanne Howdle-Rowe, <i>Group Head of Data Product and Marketplace, Chief Data and AI Office</i> — LLOYDS BANKING GROUP Adam Niazi, <i>Corporate & Investment Banking, Chief Operating Office, Business Manager</i> — GLOBAL INVESTMENT BANK Phani Ravindra Kaligotla, <i>Vice President, Global Product AI & Data Strategy</i> — MASTERCARD Ronan Brennan, <i>Artificial Intelligence Strategist</i> — NATWEST GROUP Moderator: Disha Mukherjee, <i>Lead Data Engineer</i> — FORD CREDIT
9:35-10:05	KEYNOTE: Sovereign AI in the Enterprise: De-risk, Deploy and Scale Agents with VMware Tanzu Every day brings promises of a new, transformational agentic use case. Meanwhile, your organization may be struggling to move from proof-of-concepts to secure, production-grade agents that you can govern. Achieving this requires a strategic,

	enterprise-wide approach to operationalizing and securing AI and the data it needs to be useful. In this session, Purnima Padmanabhan introduces an actionable framework designed to address the real-world challenges of securing and operationalizing agents in highly regulated industries like Finance. We will explore how to maintain compliance, sovereignty and security velocity covering topics such as: • Agentic Runtime Considerations: Establishing guardrails, observability, and standardization for autonomous AI agents to ensure they operate within secure, compliant perimeters. • Data & AI Sovereignty: Balancing regulatory compliance and local control with the flexibility of an open ecosystem of models, frameworks and data sources. • Robust, Centralized Governance: Enforcing strict controls on agent access to sensitive enterprise tools, data, and infrastructure while maintaining sovereignty. • Defending Against AI-Enabled Threats: Strategies for compressing the vulnerability-to-patch cycle to ensure your software supply chain is protected against the growing threat of AI-driven security vulnerabilities. Join us to learn how to operationalize agents without compromising the integrity or security of your data and enterprise systems. Purnima Padmanabhan, <i>General Manager, Tanzu Division</i> BROADCOM
10:05-10:40	PANEL: After the High-Risk Deferral — What Financial Services Firms Must Still Do Now for the EU AI Act • How can financial-services firms quickly identify and classify AI systems that may fall under Annex III before the 2 December 2027 deadline? • Which governance, documentation, testing, human-oversight and third-party controls should firms put in place now to prepare for high-risk AI requirements? • How can firms apply Article 6 guidance consistently—without over-classifying systems, missing in-scope use cases or relying on weak exemptions? • How can UK-regulated firms align EU AI Act preparation with PRA SS1/23, FCA expectations, Consumer Duty and SM&CR—and close the gaps between them? Dr David Crelley, <i>Head of Responsible AI and Data</i> — ADMIRAL GROUP PLC Jared Browne, <i>Head of Privacy & AI Governance</i> — FEXCO Moderator: Michael Borelli, <i>Director</i> — AI & PARTNERS
10:40 – 11:10	<i>Mid-Morning Coffee Break & Networking in Exhibition Area</i>
11:10-11:40	PRESENTATION: Building Trustworthy AI in Financial Services: Security, Resilience and Governance Beyond Prompt Injection • Defending against "excessive agency" and unauthorised actions as autonomous systems become primary targets for cybercrime. • Moving beyond system prompts to secure the non-human identities and "digital insiders" who manage high-value transactions. • Strategies for securing the AI supply chain—from data poisoning and model tampering to deepfake-driven social engineering. • Building "Defensible AI" that maintains operational integrity under the scrutiny of the EU AI Act and DORA. Hemant Patkar, <i>Cybersecurity Lead Designer/Architect</i> VIRGIN MONEY
11:40-12:30	PANEL: From Shadow AI to Automated Guardrails: How Model Risk and Engineering Are Finally Solving Governance Together • How firms discover unsanctioned AI use across SaaS, browser tools, APIs, copilots and locally built agents. • How they replace blanket bans with approved alternatives, data controls, identity/access management, monitoring and escalation. • What “governance by design” looks like in the ML/LLMOps lifecycle: model inventory, policy-as-code, prompt and data controls, evaluation, logging, kill switches and incident response. • How to design meaningful human intervention for agentic workflows—who can pause, override or roll back a system, and at what trigger. • How accountability works operationally when the model, workflow, vendor and business owner are different teams. Panellists:

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12:30-12:40	BROADCOM DEMO SHOWCASE Kevin Strohmeyer, <i>Head of Marketing</i> — BROADCOM
12:30-13:45	<i>Lunch and Networking in the Exhibition Area</i>
13:45-14:30	WORKSHOP: AI Ready Data: The Foundation for Scalable AI Despite significant investment in AI, many organisations remain constrained by fragmented data, governance challenges, and legacy infrastructure. This workshop brings together financial services leaders to discuss how to create the data foundations required for successful AI adoption. Participants will explore the architectural, governance, and organisational considerations that underpin AI at scale, while identifying practical steps to accelerate innovation, build trust, and deliver measurable business outcomes. Rob Woods, <i>AI Platform Architect, Strategic Accounts</i>, IBM Technology
14:30-15:00	CASE STUDY: From Grassroots to Global: Scaling Agentic AI from Bottom-Up Experimentation to Top-Down Enterprise Transformation Phani Ravindra Kaligotla, <i>Vice President, Global Product AI & Data Strategy</i> MASTERCARD
15:00-15:30	<i>Afternoon Coffee Break and Networking in Exhibition Area</i>
15:30-16:00	FIRESIDE CHAT: Algorithmic Alpha vs. Systemic Stability — How Portfolio Leaders Are Navigating AI-Driven Alpha, Herding Risk, and Regulatory Scrutiny • How is AI fundamentally altering alpha generation, execution logic, and portfolio construction in 2026? • Exploring the risks of "Model Herding"—could synchronised AI decision-making trigger new forms of market volatility and flash-instability? • Where should firms draw the line between machine execution and human judgment? • How are regulators approaching AI in capital markets, and what should firms prepare for next? Panellists: Michael Borelli, <i>Director</i> — AI & PARTNERS Alex Byron, <i>Fintech Politics and Policy Expert</i> — FGS GLOBAL Moderator: Kaushik Chaubal, <i>Senior Director, Investor Solutions</i> — BLACKROCK
16:00-16:30	WORKSHOP: Engineering Accountability — Designing Controlled Workflows for Agentic AI • Identifying the "Goldilocks" use cases for agents: tasks with high complexity but clear, programmable constraints. • How do you design workflows with hard-coded "Circuit Breakers" and human-intervention triggers? • Frameworks to ensure consistency across agent systems and meet internal audit and reliability standards. • How to mitigate the risks of data leakage and "permission creep" as agents navigate internal banking silos? Parinita Kothari, <i>Engineering Lead</i> — LLOYDS BANKING GROUP Rajasree R, <i>Product Lead - Agentic Observability</i> — LLOYDS BANKING GROUP
16:30-17:00	PRESENTATION: From Mandate to Habit — Why AI Adoption Is an Organisational Design Problem, not a Technology One • Where are AI tools being used daily vs. abandoned after rollout—and why? • How do you redesign workflows (not just tools) to ensure AI becomes part of decision-making? • What incentives, training, or friction points determine whether teams adopt or reject AI? Ramy Erfan, <i>Vice President, Business & Technology Enablement</i> CITI
17:00	<i>Chairperson's Closing Remarks</i> Caroline Cartellieri, <i>Non-Executive Board Member</i> — SAFFRON BUILDING SOCIETY
17:00-18:00	<i>Networking Drinks Reception and Prize Draw</i>

