

## AGENDA



23-24 SEPTEMBER | GRAND HYATT, DUBAI | TREASURERS.ORG/METS25

**DAY ONE:** Tuesday 23 September 2025

08:30	<i>Registration, refreshments and exhibition opening</i>
10:00	<b>Welcome and opening remarks from the ACT</b>
10:15	<b>Opening keynote: Global macroeconomic and geopolitical trends</b>  The opening presentation will look at the latest geopolitical trends and give a global macroeconomic outlook.
10:45	<b>ACT education update</b>
10:55	<b>Where are we with AI? Technology, transformation and local opportunity</b>  Artificial intelligence is the subject of the moment, with growing impact across industries and the potential to reshape many aspects of how we live and work. With the UAE positioning itself as a global AI leader, artificial intelligence is becoming a cornerstone of its long-term economic vision. But where are we now in the AI journey, and what does it really mean for financial services and the region's competitiveness?
11:30	<i>Morning refreshments in the exhibition hall</i>
12:10	<i>Choose between <b>STAGES</b></i>  <b>STAGE A</b>  In association with FAB  <b>STAGE B: Interest rates and liquidity – effective management in 2025</b>  With interest rates falling in the GCC, debt costs rising and volatility increasing, robust principles around managing liquidity are essential. What strategies are treasurers using in 2025? How are treasurers managing the adjustment to lower interest rates? What are the new trends in liquidity management?  <b>STAGE C</b>  In association with JP Morgan
13:00	<i>Lunch in the exhibition hall</i>
14:10	<i>Choose between <b>STAGES</b></i>  <b>STAGE D: Strategies for optimising working capital</b>  As the global economic environment continues to face volatility, due to factors including inflationary pressures, geopolitical tensions, and fluctuating interest rates, it's important for treasurers to effectively manage their working capital cycle, so what strategies and tools can a treasurer use to support this? And what benefits can commercial cards play, particularly in managing accounts receivables?

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	<i>In association with VISA</i>
	<b>STAGE E</b>
	<i>In association with Barclays</i>
	<b>STAGE F: Self-arranged financing: why and how?</b>  Self-arranged financing can bring many benefits to a treasurer and their company. This session will explore what these are and give a step-by-step guide about how to undertake this and what a treasurer needs to be aware of, both internally and when coordinating with the relationship banks.
<b>15:00</b>	<i>Afternoon refreshments and networking</i>
<b>15:30</b>	<i>Choose between STAGES</i>
	<b>STAGE G</b>
	<i>In association with Kyriba</i>
	<b>STAGE H: Digital assets and tokenisation: what a treasurer needs to be aware of?</b>  With digital assets and tokenization becoming more talked about along with the role of programmable money, what should treasurers consider and be aware of before taking a leap into this space?
	<b>STAGE I: ESG: globally down but regionally up!</b>  Following Trump's re-election in the US, there has been a global re-adjustment of the focus on sustainability. But prioritisation of sustainability projects by Gulf governments means it's still high on the agenda regionally. How can a treasurer continue to support their organisations in the push for net zero, and how is the environment changing, whether in respect to financing or beyond? What impact will new disclosure requirements have? And how is Islamic sustainable finance developing?
<b>16:20</b>	Travel time
<b>16:30</b>	<i>Choose between STAGES</i>
	<b>STAGE J: FX: to hedge or not to hedge?</b>  With the currency peg, the recent strengthening of the dollar has little direct, but considerable indirect impact on FX exposures (such as the devaluation of the Egyptian pound). How are treasurers managing FX risks and challenges over recent months? What are the strategies being employed and what do you need to consider to avoid issues in times of volatility? How do you effectively determine your risk appetite and what role can technology play in managing FX exposures?
	<b>STAGE K: Private credit: what treasurers need to know?</b>

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	With a doubling in AUM to in excess of \$2tn since 2019 globally, private credit is providing an alternative financing solution. What are the key considerations that a treasurer should consider including pricing dynamics, covenant structures, and counterparty risks? What advantages can private credit bring for a treasurer, including supporting liquidity management, strategic growth, and financial resilience?
<b>17:20</b>	<i>Networking drinks reception and ACT Middle East Treasury Awards Dinner 2025</i>

**DAY TWO:** Wednesday 24 September 2025

<b>08:30</b>	<i>Breakfast in the exhibition hall</i>
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Welcome to day two</b>
<b>10:10</b>	<b>Keynote: Regional macroeconomic and geopolitical trends</b>  Having delved into global trends in the day one opening, this session will explore the trends and outlook for the GCC and wider Middle East region.
<b>10:45</b>	<b>Panel discussion: The view from the C-suite – how can the treasurer help?</b>  Taking a look at the C-suite, what are the priorities of the c-suite and how can the treasurer help and add value? This discussion will explore what a treasurer can do to better support their board, both for treasury and their wider organisation.
<b>11:20</b>	<i>Morning refreshments in the exhibition hall</i>
<b>11:50</b>	<b>Choose between <i>TREASURY LABS</i></b>  <b>Treasury Lab 1</b>  <i>In association with FAB</i>  <b>Treasury Lab 2: AI: what can a treasurer actually do with it?</b>  We've seen what is out there and the direction of travel yesterday morning, but how can a treasurer consider the practical implications for how and decide which avenue to pursue given the range of opportunities from risk analysis, KYC, reconciliation through to developing treasury policies?  <b>Treasury Lab 3: Performance management of a treasurer</b>  How do you enhance the performance of the treasurer and what KPIs can be used? What role can training and qualifications play to make sure that treasury and finance professionals have the skills they need operate effectively.
<b>12:30</b>	<i>Travel time</i>

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12:40	Choose between <b>TREASURY LABS</b>
	<b>Treasury Lab 4: Talent and recruitment: the state of the market in 2025</b>  Exploring the treasury recruitment market in 2025, this session will give you an update on the recruitment trends and the skills needed, as well the role that qualifications can play to give you the edge in your treasury career.
	<b>Treasury Lab 5: Restructuring: the process and considerations</b>  With a tighter monetary environment comes an increase in companies in financial distress, as a treasurer at a time of difficulty, what is the process and the options available to you and how can you help to lead to a positive outcome?
	<b>Treasury Lab 6: Maintaining cybersecurity in treasury</b>  With the rise of AI, defining a real image, video or recording from deepfakes is an increasing challenge. How do you manage the risks as a treasurer and should you be targeted, where do the liabilities sit? What are the steps a treasurer can take to enhance their cybersecurity?
13:15	<i>Lunch in the exhibition hall</i>
14:15	Choose between <b>ROUNDTABLES</b>
	ROUNDTABLE 1
	ROUNDTABLE 2
	ROUNDTABLE 3
15:30	<i>Close of conference</i>

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