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13:00	**Registration & Networking Light Lunch**
14:15	**Welcome Remarks** **Philip Kam** — Chief Executive Officer **Asia Pacific Loan Market Association**
14:25	**Keynote Speech** **Han Kwee Juan** — Group Head of Institutional Banking Group **DBS Bank**
14:45	**Economic Outlook** • Asia entered 2026 with solid momentum, but the Middle East conflict has introduced a meaningful shock. What does the disruption to energy prices and global growth mean for this region? • How will central banks in Asia strike a balance between inflation and growth? • Where are the bright spots for economic growth in Asia? **Elcin Akcura** — Senior Regional Economist for East Asia & the Pacific **International Finance Corporation**
15:05	**Fireside Chat: Borrower's Perspective** **Birendra Baid** — Managing Director, Head of Loan Syndication, APAC and Head of Loans and Structured Credit, Southeast Asia **Deutsche Bank** **Joseph Gagnon** — Co-Head, **Rava Partners**
15:35	**Networking**
16:15	**Heads of Syndication Roundtable** • Will an uncertain US rates outlook push more borrowers toward local currency alternatives? • In Asia's liquid loan markets, how can lenders defend margins while maintaining strong borrower relationships? • Amid increased geopolitical uncertainty, can the Asia-Middle East corridor keep growing? **Moderator:** **Gavin Chappell** — Global Head of Acquisition Finance & Syndications **ANZ** **Panellists:** **Matthew Liaw** — APLMA Taiwan Committee Chair Executive Vice President, Head of Structured Finance Division **CTBC Bank Co., Ltd** **Ashish Sharma** — APLMA Vice Chair; Managing Director, Head of Leveraged, Acquisition & Syndicated Finance and Head of Loan Syndication, APAC, **HSBC** **Marilyn Fung** — Managing Director, Head of Loan Syndicate, ASEAN & Australia **Standard Chartered Bank** **Samuel Tan** — Head of Group Investment Banking **United Overseas Bank Limited**

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17:00	**Panel Discussion: Is Asia Safe From the Private Credit Storm?** • Globally, private credit funds have faced redemption pressures amid fears of rising default rates. What is the state of play in Asia Pacific? • What's driving the outlook for private credit in Asia – across real estate, digital infrastructure and energy transition? • With a limited secondary market and competitive pressure on leverage, covenants and security, how are private equity players managing risks in their portfolios today? **Moderator:** **Parag Ranade** — Managing Director, Head of Loans and Private Credit Distribution, Asia, **Deutsche Bank** **Panellists:** **Andrew Ashman** — APLMA Singapore Branch Co-Chair, Managing Director, Head of Loan Syndicate - Asia Pacific, **Barclays Bank** **Bryan Kim** — Group Head, Credit Investment Group, **Hanwha Asset Management** **Stephanie Dash** — Managing Director, Capital Markets APAC, **KKR**
17:45	**Closing Remarks** **Mildred Chua** — APLMA Singapore Branch Co-chair, Group Head of Syndication & Loan Solutions, **DBS Bank**
17:50	**Cocktail Reception** Sponsored by: DBS
21:00	**End of Day 1**

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09:00	**Registration & Networking Light Breakfast**
09:25	**Welcome Remarks** **Ivy Lui** — Chief Operating Officer, **Asia Pacific Loan Market Association**
09:30	**Panel Discussion: Financing the AI Factory** • How is data centre financing evolving in Asia Pacific, and where are the most exciting opportunities today? • What will it take for GPUs and hardware to become accepted as collateral? • How can regional standards and best practices play a role in streamlining access to finance? **Moderator:** **Krishna Suryanarayanan** — Managing Director, Head TMT & Healthcare Sector Coverage, Asia Pacific, **ING** **Panellists:** **Amit Sinha** — Group Head of Telecommunications, Media and Technology, Western MNCs and Digital Economy, **DBS Bank** **Jonathan Walbridge** — CFO, **Digital Edge** **Jean Monson** — Managing Director, Head of Infrastructure Project Finance Asia, Asian Investment Banking Division, **MUFG Bank, Ltd.** **Niall Hannigan** — Group Chief Financial Officer, **Princeton Digital Group (PDG)**
10:15	**Tokenisation and Digital Assets** • What is the potential for tokenisation in the loan markets? • Where are the most significant opportunities for digital assets to enhance operational workflows and reshape liquidity pools? • How will stablecoins and digital collateral change the landscape for loan markets in Asia Pacific? **Nischint Sanghvi** — Head of Digital Currencies, Asia Pacific, **Visa**
10:35	**Networking Break**

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11:05	**Panel Discussion: Charting the Future of the Asia-Middle East Corridor** • After a period of strong growth in capital flows between the two regions, what does the recent conflict mean for inter-regional lending opportunities? • Is the use of renminbi and rupees in energy deals a structural shift away from the US dollar or a temporary response? • Will we see private credit players or ABS investors step up to fill the void as banks retreat? **Moderator:** **Hunaid Contractor** Executive Vice President Global Structured Finance **Qatar National Bank (Q.P.S.C.)** **Panellists:** **Phyllis Ng** APLMA China Committee Chair; Assistant General Manager, Head of Loan Syndicate, Green and Sustainable Finance Advisory, Global Banking and Capital Market Division **China Construction Bank (Asia) Corporation Limited** **Loulwa Al Nuaimi** Head of Corporate, FI & Sovereign Loan Syndicate & Distribution **First Abu Dhabi Bank** **Aydin Emek** Head of Loan Syndicate & Distribution, MENAT, **HSBC**	**Panel Discussion: Beyond Protection – Optimisation and Opportunity in Credit Risk Insurance** Credit risk insurance and synthetic risk transfers are gaining traction in Asia as a tool for distribution, relationship management and capital optimisation. • As new sources of capital enter the market, how is credit risk insurance transforming credit distribution beyond traditional bank syndication? • In a crowded lending market, can credit risk insurance give banks a competitive edge in winning business, deepening client relationships and growing wallet share? • As a capital optimisation tool, insurance can help lenders manage risk-weighted assets, concentration risks and boost their return on capital. Where is insurance delivering the most value in APAC today? **Moderator:** **Deesha Doshi** Head of Lenders Solutions Team, APAC **Willis** **Panellists:** **Shalen Shivpuri** Co-Founder & Managing Partner **CrossCap Advisory Limited** **Paul Scott** Head of Securitization and Capital Solutions Asia (SCSA) **Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation** **Mike Williams** Global Head of Syndications & Sustainable Finance, Corporate & Institutional Banking **Westpac Institutional Bank**

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11:50	**Panel Discussion: What Happens Next? A First-Ever Live Experiment with APAC Lending Leaders** **Moderator:** **Andy Luten** Head of APAC Lending Solutions **S&P Global Market Intelligence** **Panellists:** **Alfred Koh** Executive Director, Institutional Coverage **Clifford Capital** **Lionel Lee** Loan Syndications, Leveraged, Acquisition & Syndicated Finance **HSBC** **Javier Lee** Senior Vice President **Jefferies Singapore Limited** **May Ching Lim** Director, Loan Syndications **Maybank** **Beng Hui Chew** Director, Capital Markets Asia **Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation**	**Panel Discussion: Who Funds My Next Flight?** • How is the aviation financing landscape evolving, and who are the key providers of capital driving industry growth today? • Aircraft scarcity has become a defining feature of the market. What assumptions about aviation finance and investment need to be reconsidered in this new environment? • In today's environment of geopolitical uncertainty, higher funding costs, and supply chain disruption, do these conditions present greater risks or greater opportunities for aviation finance? **Moderator:** **Nattawat Vilasdechanon** Counsel **Clifford Chance** **Panellists:** **Mui Sin Chan** Head of Treasury **BOC Aviation Limited** **Max Lim** Group Head of Shipping, Aviation, Logistics & Transportation, Institutional Banking Group **DBS Bank** **Nidhi Dhruv** Vice President, Corporate Finance Group **Moody's Ratings**
12:35	**Closing Remarks** **Ivy Lui** — Chief Operating Officer **Asia Pacific Loan Market Association**	
12:45	**Networking Light Lunch**	
14:00	**End of conference**	

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