







What's Piping Hot in Fintech This Week?


Sip on the Week's **TOP 10** Buzzworthy Bites


-  **VISA** rolls out flexible payment solution in the US and UAE with **affirm** and **liv**.


-  **EQUIFAX** UK launches Open Banking-powered affordability tool for lenders.


-  **Griffin** launches as a fully operational UK Bank and raises \$24M.


-  **CAKE** launches Vietnam's first cloud-based card system with **VISA**.


-  **SEB Embedded** goes live with **Thought Machine** to power its new BaaS offering.

-  **Zand** partners with **Alibaba Cloud** and **ANT GROUP** to drive GenAI adoption in UAE.

-  **accessstage** and **bmg** gets approved as Payment Transaction Initiators via **PIX**.

-  **Grasshopper** teams up with **EnFi** for AI-powered credit and risk management.

-  **coinbase** acquires **Utopia Labs** to accelerate on-chain payments.

-  **tether** launches Hadron by Tether, a platform to bring asset tokenisation to the mass market.

Trailblazers Shaping Key Fintech Themes

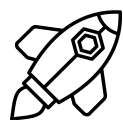
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Decentralised Finance	 Fireblocks  NH Bank  MoonPay  Curve  PancakeSwap



TOP Embedded Finance News Last Week



- **Mastercard** collaborates with **Qover** to offer automated reimbursements for return shipping to credit card users in Belgium and Luxembourg
- **Adyen** partners with **Zalando** in order to provide European clients and users with secure and optimised payment methods.



- **Uber India** rolls out instant payments for drivers, enabling them to instantly cash out earnings up to four times a day.



- German BaaS company **Solaris** sells its Engage business from Contis to UK alternative banking provider **Suits Me**.



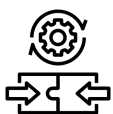
TOP Open News Last Week



- **Kinguin** partners with **Volt** to enable Kinguin’s 18 million users to securely and seamlessly purchase games and in-game goods using ‘Pay by Bank’.
- **CRIF** and **FlowPay** partner to develop advanced open banking solutions in the payments sector, to the benefit of both businesses and consumers.



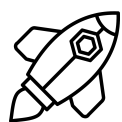
- **Lean Technologies** raises \$67.5M in a Series B funding round, plans to grow partnerships, add to its team, and expand its product offerings.



- **Aryza** expands partnership with **GoCardless** to integrate its loan and lease management software ‘Aryza Lend’ in 2025, with the intention to integrate it more broadly across other product lines.



TOP Digital Finance News Last Week



- **Paypal** launches new money pooling feature to simplify group expenses for family and friends.
- **Starling Bank** launches Easy Saver, offering 4% AER variable interest, penalty-free withdrawals, and up to £1M savings linked to its current account.
- **Nubank** launches Cryptocurrency Swap Tool in its app, allowing currencies to be exchanged directly, facilitating transactions between assets.



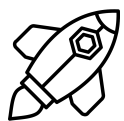
- **Neo Financial** raises \$258M in Series D to boost product development, with \$78.9M in equity and \$179.3M in debt.



TOP Infrastructure News Last Week



- **Gate City Bank** partners with **Alkami Technology** to deploy its full suite of cloud-based digital banking solutions as it looks to enhance the online banking experience for customers.
- **The London Stock Exchange Group** selects **IDVerse's** identity verification tools and infrastructure to scale global coverage and fight digital deception in customer onboarding.



- **Mollie** officially launches in Italy, aims to simplify payment processing, reporting and fraud prevention for businesses.

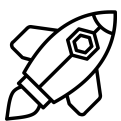


TOP Decentralised Finance News Last Week

 **Fireblocks**  **NH Bank**  **MoonPay**  **Curve**  **PancakeSwap**



- **Fireblocks** signs a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **NongHyup Bank** to launch a prototype for tax refunds.



- Cryptocurrency infrastructure firm **MoonPay** introduces a new payment solution for self-custodial spending, allowing users to hold and spend fiat balances.
- **Curve Finance** launches a decentralised yield-bearing stablecoin, dubbed "Savings-crvUSD" (scrvUSD) to offer "low-risk" returns for investors and help scale the underlying crvUSD stablecoin.
- **PancakeSwap** launches Telegram Swap Bot for crypto trading access, letting users trade over 3,000 tokens from the app.



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