# Fintech Innovation: A Digital Opportunity Beyond Finance



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- Blockchain: Challenges & Opportunities
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# Fintech Globally

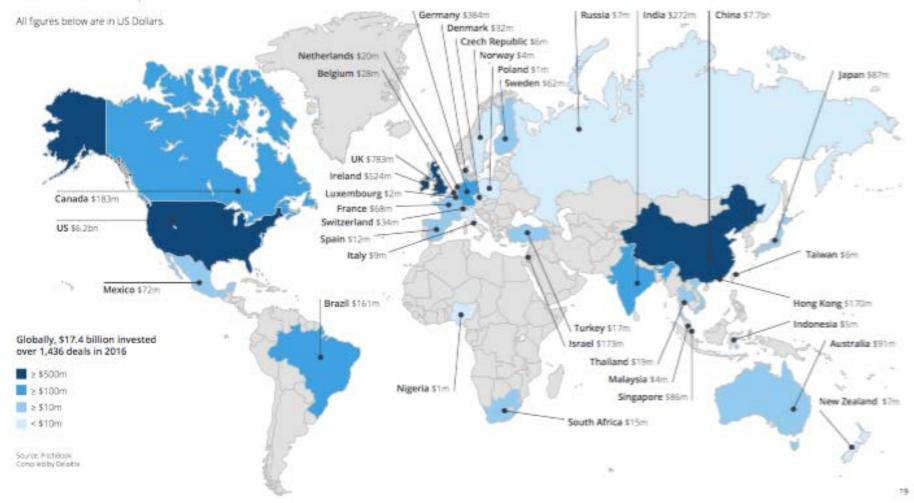
- >\$25B global fintech market in 2015 (Cap Gemini's "World Fintech Report 2017")
- ▷London, UK Fintech industry as global standard
- ⊳China as world's largest Fintech market
- Central banks in England, US, Canada, China, Sweden, Singapore experimenting with Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBCDs)
- Paris. Frankfurt. Berlin → Next Fintech Hub in EU?





### Global FinTech VC deal value 2016

The map below shows the 2016 global FinTech deal values for countries covered by this Interim report. Note that Bahrain, Hungary, Kenya and UAE had deal values less than \$1 million and therefore were not included in the map below.





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"To its advocates, Fintech will democratise financial services.

Consumers will get more choice and keener pricing. SMEs will get access to new credit. Banks will become more productive, with lower transaction costs, greater capital efficiency and stronger operational resilience. Financial services will be more inclusive; with people better connected, more informed and increasingly empowered. And tantalisingly, Fintech could help make the system itself more resilient with greater diversity, redundancy and depth."

-Mark Carney - Governor, Bank of England

### Fintech in Canada







Wealthsimple

LENDING/RCH Trulioo







### Fintech in Canada

- Heavy P2P focus in Canada to date
- ▷ Bank of Canada's Project Jasper
- CSA "Regulatory Sandbox Initiative"
- ▷ IBM & SecureKey Technologies
- MaRS, Ryerson DMZ, One Eleven, DFI
- Blockchain Canada Meetups

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"While the GTA has all the necessary components for a dynamic and thriving Fintech ecosystem, they are weakly linked. The consequence is that the parts do not currently add up to an effective ecosystem. In short: we have many of the essential parts, but are missing the system."

- IPL Report, November 2015

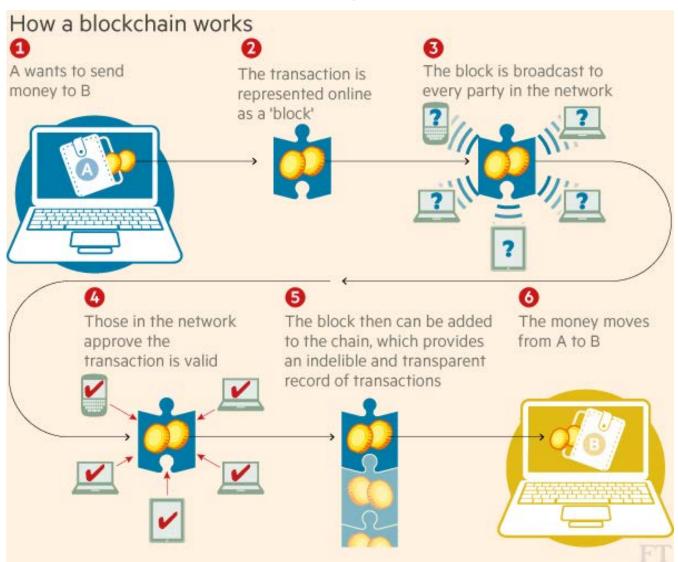
## An Opportunity: Blockchain

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"It's hard not to be fascinated by something so transformative. This technology is being used in ways that have implications for central banking that span all the functions that we have." – Carolyn Wilkins, Senior Deputy Governor of the Bank of Canada

"We believe that the economy works best when it works for everyone, and this new platform (blockchain) is an engine of inclusion." – Don & Alex Tapscott, Blockchain Revolution (2016)

# **Understanding Blockchain**



### Blockchain use cases list by industry

#### **Financial**

Trading Deal origination POs for new securities Equities Fixed income Derivatives trading Total Return Swaps (TRS) 2<sup>nd</sup> generation derivatives The race to a zero middle office Collateral management Settlements **Payments** Transferring of value Know your client (KYC) Anti money laundering Client and product reference data. Crowd Funding Peer-to-peer lending Compliance reporting Trade reporting & risk visualizations Betting & prediction markets

#### Insurance

Claim filings MBS/Property payments Claims processing & admin Fraud prediction Telematics & ratings

#### Media

Digital rights mgmt
Game monetization
Art authentication
Purchase & usage monitoring
Ticket purchases
Fan tracking
Ad click fraud reduction
Resell of authentic assets
Real time auction & ad placements

#### **Computer Science**

Micronization of work (pay for algorithms, tweets, ad clicks, etc.) Expanse of marketplace Disbursement of work Direct to developer payments API platform plays Notarization & certification P2P storage & compute sharing DNS

#### Medical

Records sharing Prescription sharing Compliance Personalized medicine DNA sequencing

#### **Asset Titles**

Diamonds
Designer brands
Car leasing & sales
Home Mortgages & payments
Land title ownership
Digital asset records

#### Government

Voting Vehicle registration WIC, Vet, SS, benefits, distribution Licensing & identification Copyrights

#### Identity

Personal
Objects
Families of objects
Digital assets
Multifactor Auth
Refugee tracking
Education & badging
Purchase & review tracking
Employer & Employee reviews

#### loT

Device to Device payments
Device directories
Operations (e.g. water flow)
Grid monitoring
Smart home & office management
Cross-company maintenance markets

#### **Payments**

Micropayments (apps, 402) B2B international remittance Tax filing & collection Rethinking wallets & banks

#### Consumer

Digital rewards Uber, AirBNB, Apple Pay P2P selling, craigslist Cross company, brand, loyalty tracking

#### **Supply Chain**

Dynamic ag commodities pricing Real time auction for supply delivery Pharmaceutical tracking & purity Agricultural food authentication Shipping & logistics management

# Regulatory Challenges

- Regulation must remain relevant so as to not stifle innovation
- Wide agreement on fragmented regulatory environment and government policies as barriers impeding Canada's leadership

# The "Second Digital Age"

- ▷ Blockchain is for the transfer of value what the internet has been for the transfer of information
- ▷ Blockchain and DLT still nascent technology; innovators are constantly improving it
- Applications of blockchain beyond bitcoin and financial services is significant
- ▷ Ability of governments to control and regulate financial transactions is shifting; regulators, governments, policy makers, innovators and financial institutions must work closely to shape the regulatory environment moving forward
- Canada has many of the right ingredients to emerge as a global leader in fintech, but we need to create an effective policy framework to realize this potential.

### Policy Recommendation

- Canadian Fintech industry needs a unified, convening voice to bridge the gap between traditional financial institutions, regulators and innovators and act as a single point of access
   Policy makers, financial institutions,
- regulators, startups & innovators, incubators & accelerators, academia
- ▷ E.g. UK's Innovate Finance

### Next Steps

- Interview Canadian fintech innovators
- Conduct regulatory analysis

# Thank you! Q & A

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### Additional Resources

### Understanding blockchain:

- ⊳https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r43LhSUUGTQ
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YIVAluSL9SU
- https://bitcoin.org/bitcoin.pdf

### **Interesting Case Studies:**

- ⊳Estonian Gov't Citizen ID
- ⊳Brazil & Sweden Land Registry
- ⊳Lebanon Syrian Refugee ID