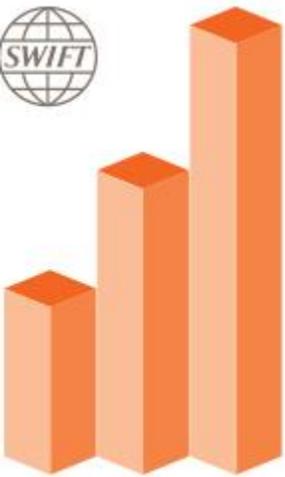


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SWIFT Business Intelligence newsletter, August 2018

Dear Customer,

Welcome to the second edition of our 2018 Business Intelligence Newsletter. Read on to discover the latest news around our Business Intelligence portfolio and stay up-to-date with recent developments to see how you can unlock the full value of SWIFT data to support your business decision-making.

HIGHLIGHTS

SWIFT global payments innovation (gpi) – More than 100 billion USD in SWIFT gpi messages sent everyday

With exponential growth and demand for gpi, the SWIFT community has endorsed global gpi adoption. Such a strong endorsement will continue to increase the adoption rate and push gpi's role in transforming the payment industry even further. Currently more than USD 100 billion is sent everyday using SWIFT gpi with 195+ financial institutions around the world having already signed up to the service and 55 payment market infrastructures already exchanging gpi payments, enabling domestic exchange and tracking.

Discover the latest gpi news by visiting [our page](#).

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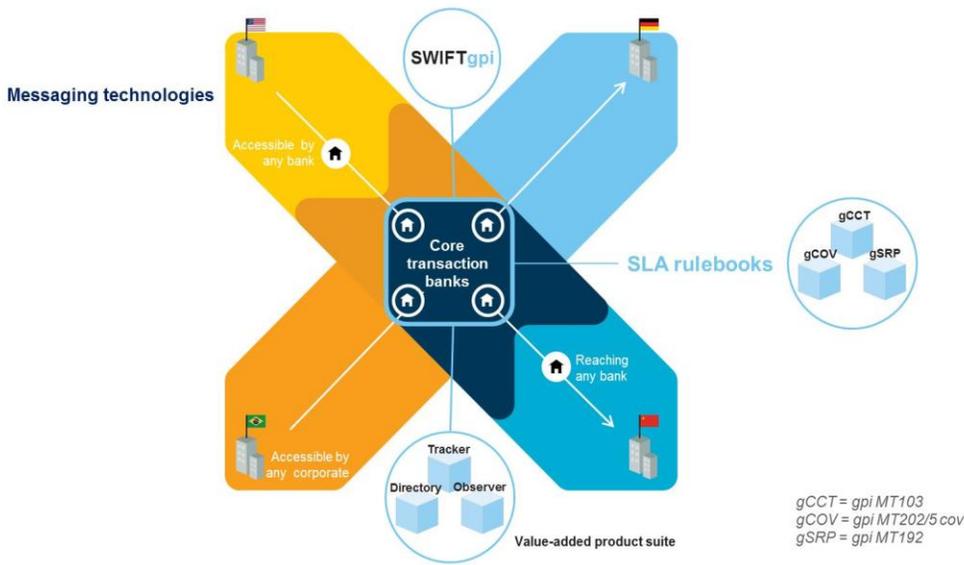
Sibos Sydney 2018 (22-25 Oct)



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Other hot topics covered:

- Collaboration between financial institutions and FinTechs
- The journey to instant payments
- ISO 20022 migration



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July RMB Tracker 2018

In June 2018, the RMB kept its position as the fifth most active currency for domestic and international payments by value, with a share of 1.81%.

For more information on RMB payments evolution and Top 15 RMB economies by weight, [click here](#).

The SWIFT RMB tracker provides a reporting on key statistics, to understand the progress made in China's Renminbi (RMB or CNY) towards becoming an international currency. It is provided for free on a monthly basis by SWIFT as part of your subscription to the "SWIFT RMB Tracker" distribution list(s).

For more information about SWIFT's Business Intelligence RMB offering, [click here](#).

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Upcoming events in 2018

11 Sept [SWIFT Business Forum Lisbon 2018](#)

12 Sept [SWIFT Business Forum New York 2018](#)

24-25 Sept [SWIFT Middle East Regional Conference 2018](#)

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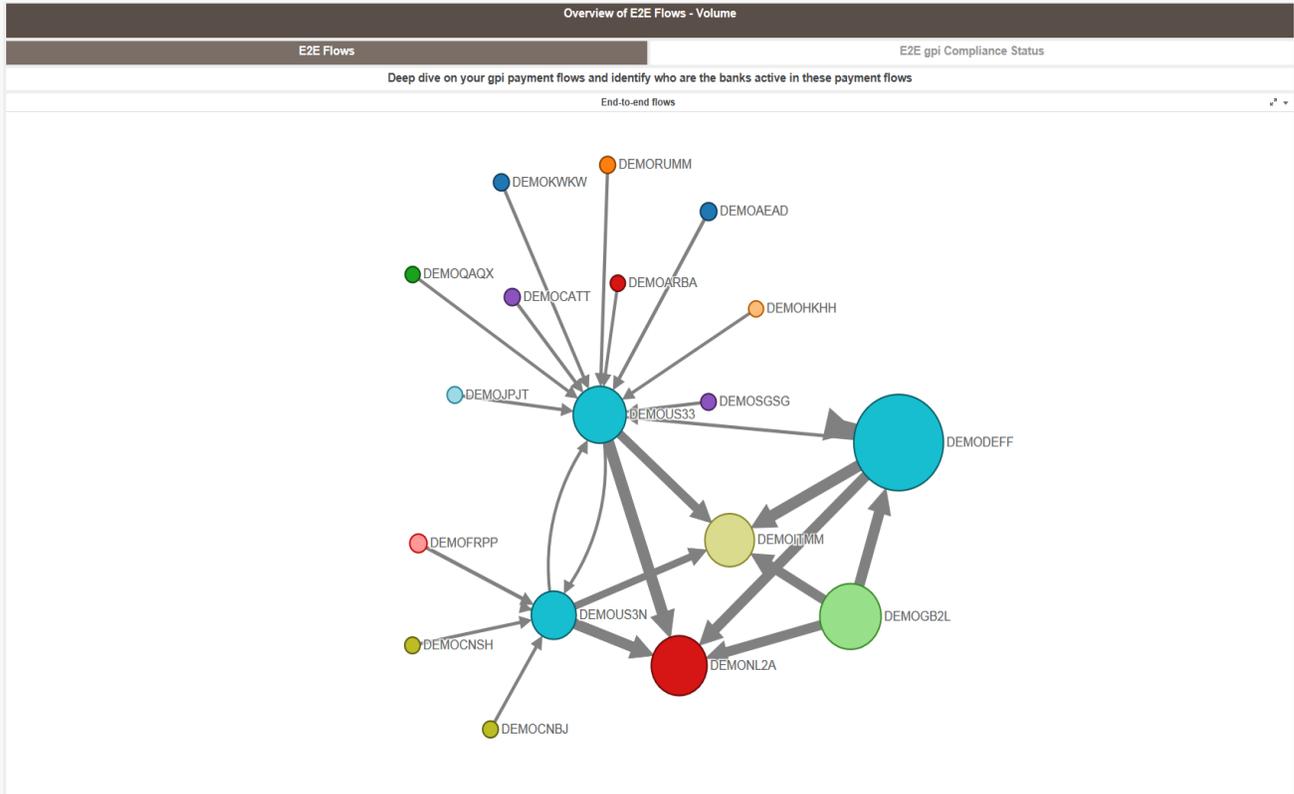
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Product Highlights

SWIFT's Business Intelligence (BI) offering continues to grow, providing enhanced products and services to financial institutions. Read

on to discover the latest news around our enhancements and the product roadmap for 2018.

gpi Observer Analytics Pilot



Since mid-June 2018, 17 gpi banks are actively piloting our new Business Intelligence solution, gpi Observer Analytics. While gpi Observer Insights, part of the gpi subscription, focuses on banks' adherence to the gpi rulebook, gpi Observer Analytics addresses the need for more advanced operational and business oriented gpi analytics (taking into account volumes, values and underlying currencies).

The gpi Observer Analytics analyses end-to-end payment routings thanks to the UETR. As such, it will provide new and unique insights into worldwide payment flows that only SWIFT can deliver. Furthermore, it will allow gpi banks to know their gpi activity shares, understand gpi market practices, know the speed of specific routings and benchmark all these insights against those of the gpi community.

General availability of Observer Analytics for all gpi member banks is foreseen as of Monday 20 August 2018. For more information, please contact gpi.observer@swift.com or your regional gpi expert.

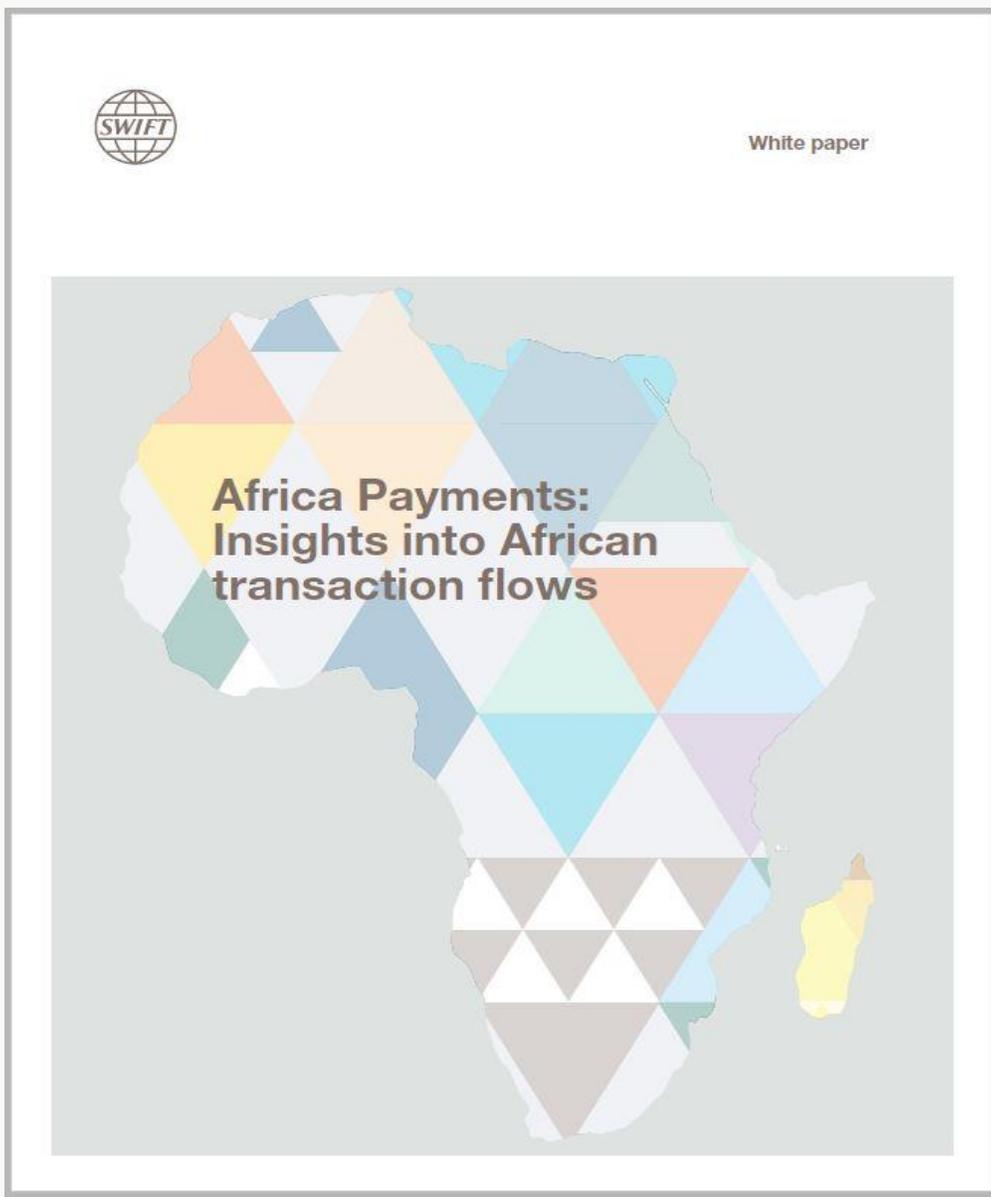
Information papers

Africa Payments: Insights into African Transaction flows

The whitepaper provides insights into “African Transaction Flows” by exploring how transaction banking has changed in Africa over the last five years, what external drivers are driving this changes, and look at possible evolution scenarios that will impact banking in Africa in the years to come.

Analysis of the transaction flows originating from different African economies shows the growing importance of intra-African trade, and the decreasing dominance of North American banks as intermediaries. Increasing and renewed pressure from political and economic drivers are challenging the US dollar and euro being used as predominant base currencies. The whitepaper looks into exploring several trends that will shape the African payment industry.

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RMA and RMA Plus: Managing correspondent connections

This SWIFT paper explains how you can better understand, manage and mitigate operational, compliance and fraud risks in line with industry recommendations.

With stricter regulations enforced, it has become even more important for financial institutions to manage their correspondent relationships effectively. SWIFT's RMA plays an important role in facilitating financial institution in managing their correspondent relationship. The RMA is a SWIFT-mandated filter that enables financial institutions to define which counterparties can send them FIN messages whereas RMA Plus, the more granular version of RMA, goes one step further by letting institutions specify which Message Type(s) they want to receive from, and send to, for each of their counterparties.

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Even Highlights

SWIFT Business Forum Hong Kong 2018

The SWIFT Business Forum Hong Kong took place on 13 April and examined topics including the scale and speed of innovation in both Payments and Securities, faster payments converging with the cross-border potential of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), harnessing the power of data and the internationalisation of the RMB, the rise of artificial intelligence and robotics, the creation of new platforms in an age of open banking and standardisation, managing cyber resilience and financial crime compliance, and the transformative power of collaboration.

SWIFT Business Forum Frankfurt

The SWIFT Business Forum Frankfurt 2018 took place at Maritim Hotel conference centre on 26 April and brought together over 200 delegates from the German financial community. The theme of the event was set by Michael Formann, Head of SWIFT Germany and Austria, in his welcome remarks: the rapidly changing payments landscape, the opportunities and challenges of this development for established players and the role and initiatives of SWIFT in this context.

Greater China Regional Conference 2018

The Greater China Regional Conference 2018 took place at Mandarin Oriental Pudong Grand Ballroom on 5 June and explored China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and cross-border payments, an important constituent of the BRI. Under the discussion, the event was centred around four main topics which include enhancing digital finance to stimulate growth in the Chinese economy; opportunities along the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI): Faster cross-border payments; updated on compliance issues and the way forward for China and rewiring the securities landscape in China.

Thought Leadership

SWIFT Partnership - Release of ICC Global Trade Finance - Securing Future Growth

The [International Chamber of Commerce](#) in partnership with SWIFT released their 10th edition of Global Trade-Securing Future Growth report. SWIFT has been supporting them by providing yearly data on Trade Finance messaging volumes. This report is rich in market

data, analysis and strategic observations on developments in trade finance, trade, regulation, compliance, digitisation, sustainability and many more.

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