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## **Unveiling of the 2023 APAC Payments Excellence Elites**

### ***Award Finalists are Showcasing Unique Payments Innovation and Excellence***

The esteemed APAC Payments Excellence Awards proudly unveils the 2023 Category Finalists across 12 trailblazing payment segments. Celebrating the pinnacle of today's accomplishments, the categories also provide a glimpse into the future horizon of APAC Payments.

Stephen Benton, the former CEO of eftpos Australia and Chair of the Judge Committee, reflected on the caliber of the entries, stating, "The influx of interesting submissions underscores the strides made in diverse facets of the industry. From cutting-edge payment technology to collaborative achievements, cross-border endeavors, ESG initiatives, financial inclusion strategies, and the growing AI sphere, the depth and breadth of innovations have been inspiring."

A distinguished panel of judges assessed each submission against the defined criteria for their respective categories. The shortlisted entities stood out for their innovation, commitment to collaboration, and notable milestones achieved in the APAC payments ecosystem.

The finalists are setting new benchmarks, blending intelligent ideas with technological solutions, signalling an exciting era for the APAC payments industry.

Reflecting on the selection process, May Lam, CIO of Australia Payments Plus and Judge Committee Member further added, "The journey to zero in on the finalists was challenging. Such rigorous standards imply that being a Category Finalist is a noteworthy achievement. Every shortlisted company should cherish this acknowledgment."

The APAC Payments Excellence Awards program expresses sincere gratitude to all participants and extends warm congratulations to the exemplary finalists.

The highlights of the award program will be the grand reveal of category winners at the Award Gala Dinner Event on 13 October, hosted at the iconic NSW Art Gallery.

Those passionate about the payments industry and participants alike are strongly urged to secure their tickets for an extraordinary evening of networking and celebration, with the most prominent influencers of the APAC Payments sector.

The awards program is empowered by the Emerging Payments Association Asia, EPAA.

#### **View the full list of 2023 Finalists**

- <https://apacpaymentsawards.com/2023-category-finalists/>

#### **Award Gala Night Event Ticket Booking**

- <https://apacpaymentsawards.com/event/apac-payment-awards-gala-night-ceremony/>

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## **About Emerging Payments Association Asia, EPAA**

The Emerging Payments Association Asia is a corporate payments membership association influencing payments policy evolution, payments process innovation, and cross-border collaboration in the Asia Pacific region, aiming to make payments more secure, rich in data, cost-efficient and accessible.

The EPAA payments community, consisting mainly of payments executives and entrepreneurs, plays a significant role in shaping the industry in the Asia Pacific region. Through collaborative efforts, they are influencing and leading topical and industry-shaping discussions, providing input papers to government and regulatory bodies, and hosting events for payments thought leaders to connect and build relationships across borders.

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