



# 2026 **IMAS** **DIGEST**

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*Dear Members,*



We are very much looking forward to seeing you at our flagship conference and masterclass on 7 April.

Singapore's Foreign Minister Dr Vivian Balakrishnan will join us to discuss geopolitics and its market implications. In a world of shifting power dynamics and heightened uncertainty, this conversation sets the tone for how investors must position for resilience and opportunity. Bob McCooey, Nasdaq's Vice Chairman and Head of International Listings, will also be on hand with his views.

Anticipating your needs is our No. 1 priority, and in the past quarter, we did so by taking your perspectives on AI and liquidity risk management to regulators, kickstarted more industry dialogues and shaped new training courses for you.

If you've yet to sign up for our conference and masterclass, what are you waiting for?



# New IMAS Launches

ADVANCING YOUR CAPABILITY AND INNOVATION

## IMAS takes the pulse of the industry

At a well-attended **media roundtable** on 20 January 2026, IMAS announced cross-industry insights from its 11th Investment Managers' Outlook Survey (IMOS) of 63 C-Suite professionals who oversee US\$35 trillion+ in global assets. Their growth strategies for 2026 included banking on China and Japan, AI to prime productivity and pivoting to private assets and alternatives.

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## New and turbocharged iLearn CPD training programmes

iLearn, your one-stop e-training hub, will soon move to a new IT platform with enhanced features for a smoother experience.

IMAS has also partnered the e-learning platform **CAIA.next TM** to offer **Fundamentals in Alternative Investments**, for which IMAS is trying to get you IBF funding and STS accreditation.

Our expanding suite of courses also include how best to utilise **tokenisation and blockchain**, how to meet **Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPs)** and how best to fulfil customers' needs.

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# IMAS Advocacy

ENSURING INDUSTRY INSIGHTS HAVE POLICY IMPACTS

Conveying buy-side's perspectives on emerging issues is a core pillar of what we do for a **resilient, forward-looking investment ecosystem**. Here is how we have engaged regulators and policy-makers for you since January 2026:

## Industry's response to the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS)' Consultation Paper on **AI Risk Management**

In response to MAS' consultation in November 2025, IMAS sought and consolidated valuable feedback in late January 2026 on MAS' expectations on firms managing the risks of use of AI in their organisations. The industry generally welcomed the proposals and suggested MAS provide more clarity on the application of the principle of proportionality by firms, differentiation between productivity tools and actual use of AI, demonstration of the responsibility of the Board and Senior Management and to include more appropriate AI use cases for reference.



## Industry's response to MAS' Consultation Paper on **Updates to Guidelines on Liquidity Risk Management (LRM)**

In February 2026, IMAS responded that member firms are generally supportive of the proposed updates to the Guidelines as it enhances oversight of management of liquidity risk and increases transparency on the types and use of Anti Dilution Tools (ADT). Suggestions on appropriateness of disclosure of ADT, and when ADT should/should not be used were also provided to MAS. We further commented that when managing liquidity risks, factors such as complexity and size of the fund(s), market volatility and liquidity flows will influence the timing and choice of ADT to be employed.



## Optimising **Quarterly Data Collection (QDC)**

IMAS has partnered with a FinTech, Optimai, to bring you a tool that processes your data to MAS' requirements. Those interested in this solution may contact IMAS at [enquiries@imas.org.sg](mailto:enquiries@imas.org.sg).





# Industry Updates

## Chinese New Year 2026 Round-up

The Year of the Fire Horse began with a bang on 5 February with its lo-hei for IMAS members at Aberdeen Investments office.

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## Lunch & Learn with the Investment Company Institute (ICI)

On 10 February 2026, ICI's Tracey Wingate and Matthew Mohlenkamp took members through a myriad of global capital market issues such as ETFs' popularity, accessing private markets and tapping retirement funds.

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## Strong buyside buy-in for MAS' Equity Market Development Programme (EQDP)

On 12 February 2026, IMAS and SGX's second cross-industry dialogue on EQDP unleashed a wealth of insights into sustaining SGX's current bull run, from unlocking Singapore's substantial household to fostering the listings of unconventional Singapore start-ups.

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## Post-Budget 2026 talk

On 26 February 2026, Deloitte took members through what Budget 2026 meant for our industry, from the EQDP fund to CPF's new retirement savings scheme.

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## CPF consultation with IMAS members

In a closed-door session on 5 March 2026, CPF tapped the views of **IMAS members** to help shape its simplified, low-cost Lifetime Retirement Investment Scheme (LRIS) with diversified life-cycle investments.





# Welcome to our New Members!

We are thrilled to welcome these new IMAS members, with whom we look forward to working more closely:

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## Regular Members:

**Avanda Investment Management**  
**Paragon Capital Management Singapore**

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## Associate Members:

**Greenberg Traurig, LLP**

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# Upcoming Events

Visit our website here for more details on upcoming events!



## Exclusive IMAS Luncheon with Morningstar CEO Kunal Kapoor

Lunch & Learn with Morningstar Inc's CEO Kunal Kapoor on the next steps in transforming the asset and wealth management landscape.

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## IMAS Investment Conference & Masterclass 2026

This year's theme: Rewired, Reshaped, Redefined: Asia's Role in a New World Order discusses Asia's future through technology, macro drivers, and market transformation.

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