

## GFT announce partnership with FinTech City and the launch of new innovation incubator

**London, 18 January 2016** – GFT, the global provider of advisory, business consulting, IT and software services to the investment banking community, has announced a partnership with [FinTech City](#) and the launch of a new Innovation Lab in the UK at its London office.

GFT are joining Santander, ICON Corporate Finance and Investec amongst others as partners of FinTech City, which brings together FinTech CEOs, leaders from Financial Services, VC investors, influencers, and tech superbrands dedicated to providing more opportunities for the global FinTech community.

With the initiative, GFT will continue working with financial services firms to help them navigate through the constant demands of financial regulation, whilst innovating to meet the demands of the new era. It will also support the existing GFT innovation platform, [CODE\\_n](#), which provides international start-ups, technology pioneers and established companies' access to a global innovation ecosystem, tapping into disruptive trends in financial services markets.

The launch of their innovation incubator 'create@GFT' is designed to allow the analysis and review of leading edge ideas and concepts by GFT specialists, as well as being a collaborative space for GFT employees to work with clients and technology partner to develop new ideas and offerings.

Albert Franquesa, Principal Innovation Consultant at GFT, commented: "We have for a long time partnered with tech companies to provide solutions for our Financial Services clients; but we now have a better defined process to cherry-pick the emerging FinTechs that we think can add the most value to our customers. We have already made exciting progress with CODE\_n and create@GFT, with the recent launch of our Blockchain prototype that will allow clients to track physical commodities through the use of a distributed ledger based business model. The creation of this prototype is an output of GFT's ongoing innovation project, known as ['Project Jupiter'](#), which seeks to incubate disruptive business ideas and rapidly prototype solutions around Blockchain technology."

Chris Ortiz, UK MD commented: "We are looking forward to continuing our work with Financial Services organisations and technology partners to co-operate, innovate, and do business together. We see a huge opportunity through the new partnership with FinTech City to be a part of the accelerating innovation in the financial services arena."

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**About the GFT Group:**

GFT Group is a business change and technology consultancy trusted by the world's leading financial services institutions to solve their most critical challenges. Specifically defining answers to the current constant of regulatory change - whilst innovating to meet the demands of the digital revolution.

GFT Group brings together advisory, creative and technology capabilities with innovation culture and specialist knowledge of the finance sector, to transform the client's businesses.

Utilising the CODE\_n innovation platform, GFT is able to provide international start-ups, technology pioneers and established companies access to a global network, which enables them to tap into the disruptive trends in financial services markets and harness them for their out of the box thinking.

Headquartered in Germany, the GFT Technologies SE achieved consolidated revenue of around EUR 365 million in 2014 (including emagine business division which was sold on 30.09.2015). GFT is represented in twelve countries with a global team spanning 4,000 employees. The GFT share is listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange in the TecDAX (ISIN: DE0005800601).

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