



Holland FinTech's Global Fintech Update

As every Friday, we deliver you our weekly digest of news, insights and events. Topicus is in this week's spotlight. Have a look at the weekend reads for more in-depth Fintech knowledge.

Happy reading & have a lovely weekend!

This week in Fintech

FICO partners with Lenddo

Global credit scoring leader [FICO](#) partners with [Lenddo](#), providing credit risk score analysis to Indian consumers often lacking financial history.

[Read more](#)

Zopa partners with AirBnb

P2P lender [Zopa](#) has entered a partnership with [AirBnb](#) which will provide discounts on loans to AirBnb hosts. [Read more](#)

ING to invest in digital transformation

The new strategy will see 7000 jobs shed worldwide and EUR 800 million invested in digital transformation initiatives. [Read more](#)

IBM opens blockchain lab

IBM has opened a new internet of things office in Munich which will explore blockchain possibilities. [Read more](#)

Atom bank opens to the public

UK challenger bank [Atom](#) has opened to all UK customers after successfully running a 6-month invitation only trial. [Read more](#)

Bank of America Merrill Lynch to build roboadvise app

The new roboadvise app will help existing customers to invest based on their goals, risk tolerance and demographics. Later on the bank will roll out the software to a wider audience. [Read more](#)

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Funding News

[Payoneer](#), a digital global payments company, closed [USD 180 million](#) of funding from Technology Crossover Ventures and Susquehanna Growth Equity.

[Iwoca](#), a UK-based SME lender, raised approximately [USD 58.8 million](#) in

Next Events

[Holland FinTech Meetup](#)

October 14th, Rabobank
Mondriaantoren,
Amsterdam



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Holland Fintech Attends

[FFP FPSB Global Member Meeting](#)

12th October, Amsterdam

[Fintech Belgium Summit](#)

13th October, Brussels

[Money 20/20 Las Vegas](#)

23rd-26th October, Las Vegas

Holland Fintech Recommends

[Fintech by screen markets](#)

October 11th, Amsterdam

[Global Payment Summit](#)

October 12th-13th,
Singapore

[Startup India Delegation](#)

October 17th - 20th, Delhi & Bangalore

[LendIt Europe](#)

20th-21st October, London

debt and equity funding led by Prime Ventures.

Remitly, a US-based mobile remittance firm, received **USD 38 million** in new equity and debt financing from IFC and Silicon Valley Bank.

Smava, a Germany-based peer-to-peer lending company, has secured **USD 34 million** in series C financing from EarlyBird, Mojo Capital, Runa Capital and Verdane Capital Advisors.

Money Forward, a Japan-based personal accounting platform, has secured **USD 11 million** in Series D financing led by Isetan Mitsukoshi Holdings and Mizuho Capital.

Antshares, a Shanghai-based open-source blockchain project, has raised more than **USD 4.5 million** in a crowdsale.

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Member Spotlight



Topicus is a full-service strategic tech firm founded in 1999 and headquartered in Deventer. Although for most consumers the name Topicus may not ring a bell immediately, their products have been affecting many lives from years. The team of Topicus even calculated that citizens of the Netherlands are somehow connected with their solutions approximately 11 times a year. Wouter Pollmann, CMO at Topicus reveals the story behind this surprising achievement: "Above all, we are a technology company. We have 650 employees working at five different offices in the country, 440 of them are engineers and developers. We deliver innovative SaaS-solutions in the segments of local government, education, healthcare, finance and legal. [Read more](#)

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Recently Published Research Reports

Consultation paper on non-equity technical standards

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) has issued a consultation paper on its draft regulatory technical standards encompassing non-equity instruments under MiFID II. [Read more](#)

Views on digital banking

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) published a digital banking manifesto. The paper defines the key features, benefits, and strategic imperative of the digitally driven bank of the future. [Read more](#)

Many financials look to outsource tax services

A survey conducted by SIX Securities Services has revealed that almost a third 52% of financial institutions would consider to outsource activities such as taxes, clearing and settlements. [Read more](#)

[Lean Startup Week](#)

October 31st - November 6th, San Francisco

[Fintech Connect Live!](#)

December 6th -7th, London

[Access the full event calendar here!](#)

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Accelerator & Award Program Highlights

Accenture InsurTech FinTech Lab

Deadline: October 9, London

Mastercard Start Path

Deadline: October 11, Dublin

Barclays Techstars Accelerator

Deadline: October 15, London

StartupBootcamp Accelerator

Deadline: October 21, Amsterdam

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Full upcoming event overview

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Banks should seize fintech opportunity

In a recent publication, the Boston Consulting Group (BCG) advises banks and asset managers to take initiatives now in order to benefit from the fintech ecosystem. [Read more](#)

Dutch investor behavior and expectations reviewed

The Schroders Global Investor Study 2016, has highlighted unrealistic expectations amongst global investors. Dutch investors reported high self-confidence and no need to improve market knowledge. [Read more](#)

How fintech can enforce innovative partnerships

A new report by Currencycloud suggest banks and fintech start-ups should both foster cooperation to achieve innovative results. [Read more](#)

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Weekend Reads

[The state of SWIFT via PYMNTS](#)

[Business insurance needs to catch up with millenials via bosguide](#)

[10 insurtechs that cause a stir via Financial Times](#)

[The increase of diversified capital in P2P lending via tradestream](#)

[How fintech closes the gap between currencies in Europe via Forbes](#)

[Banks should modernize beyond fintech via euromoney](#)

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