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AI Monthly Update

The following provides a collection of relevant publications regarding Artificial Intelligence (AI) in capital markets and financial services at both the global and jurisdictional level. Previous versions are posted to the newsletter's page on the GFMA website.

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GFMA, AFME, ASIFMA, and SIFMA

GFMA Submits Response to FSB AI Sound Practices Consultation (July 21, 2026)
GFMA submitted a response to the FSB's consultation report on "Sound Practices for Responsible Adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI)." The response is generally supportive of the proposed sound practices, particularly their recognition that firms can leverage and tailor existing processes and governance frameworks, as well as their outcomes based approach. The response also encourages continued coordination with other international standard-setting bodies to help avoid regulatory fragmentation and continued engagement between industry and the official sector to support the collective understanding of evolving AI technologies, their associated impacts, and overall system transparency.

AFME Submits Response to European Commission's Draft Guidelines on High-risk AI Systems under the AI Act (July 23, 2026)
AFME submitted a response to the European Commission's "Stakeholder Consultation on the Draft Guidelines on the Classification of High-risk AI Systems under Article 6 of the AI Act." The response notes that clear, proportionate guidance will be essential to support both innovation and regulatory certainty as AI adoption accelerates.

SIFMA Publishes Video Series on Building the Future of Market Operations (July 8, 2026)
SIFMA published a video series from the 2026 **SIFMA** Operations Conference & Exhibition titled "Heard at Ops: Building the Future of Operations." The series explores conversations on topics such as how AI is moving from experimentation to enterprise adoption, as well as how digital assets and tokenization continue to mature.

ASIFMA Submits Response to PDPC Proposed Advisory Guidelines on Use of Personal Data in GenAI (July 2026)
ASIFMA submitted a response to the Personal Data Protection Commission's (PDPC) public consultation on "Proposed Advisory Guidelines on Use of Personal Data in Generative AI." Further details regarding the guidelines are available here.

GLOBAL

BIS Publishes Bulletin on AI's Impacts on the Global Economy and Central Banks (July 28, 2026)
The Bank for International Settlements published a bulletin titled "AI and the global economy: implications for central banks." The bulletin finds that "by simultaneously affecting demand and supply, AI blurs cyclical signals, complicating central banks' assessment of underlying economic conditions and monetary policy calibration."

BIS Publishes Bulletin on Frontier AI and Cyber Risk (July 20, 2026)
As part of their BIS Bulletin series, the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) published a bulletin titled "A Mythos moment? Frontier AI and cyber risk?" BIS finds that "given the pace of recent developments, swift adoption of frontier AI models to review code bases and fix vulnerabilities is essential" and that "international coordination can support authorities in addressing these issues."

OECD Publishes Report on AI and Open Finance (July 16, 2026)
The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) published a report on "Artificial Intelligence and Open Finance - Synergies, trade-offs and policy implications." The report "aims to support the responsible and scalable deployment of AI innovation within open finance ecosystems." The full text is available here.

BIS Publishes Working Paper on the AI Investment Race (July 14, 2026)
The Bank for International Settlements published a working paper on "The AI investment race." The paper finds that "the AI build-out ranks among the largest technology-driven investment booms in US history" and that "its scale, reliance on debt and circular equity ties raise questions about the boom's sustainability and financial stability."

BIS Publishes Bulletin on AI Disruption in Private Credit (July 14, 2026)
The Bank for International Settlements (BIS) published a bulletin on "AI disruption in private credit: exposure to software firms in BDCs." The bulletin finds that "business development companies (BDCs) have lent around $115 billion to software firms, which represents about a fifth of all their lending and over 80% of their fast-growing technology portfolios" and that "borrowers' revenue uncertainty posed by generative artificial intelligence has not affected these loans yet, and neither BDCs nor their equity investors have priced software exposure differently."

IOSCO Highlights AI as SupTech Enabler (June 2026)
The International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) published a report on "SupTech: Mapping the Use of Technology in Financial Supervision." The report noted that "SupTech is no longer experimental" and that "artificial intelligence, data access, and cloud infrastructure are seen as critical enablers."

NORTH AMERICA

United States

FRB Governor Lisa Cook Highlights Use of AI by Small Businesses (July 1, 2026)
Lisa D Cook, Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, delivered welcoming remarks at the "State of Small Business Symposium" hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. In the remarks, she highlighted findings from a recent survey which "found that nearly half of small employer firms reported using AI in some capacity, and 71 percent of these firms reported increased productivity as a result."

EUROPE

European Union

European Commission Publishes Guidelines on Transparency Obligations for Providers and Deployers of Certain AI Systems (July 20, 2026)
The European Commission "published guidelines to assist providers and deployers of artificial intelligence (AI) systems in meeting the AI Act's transparency obligations, which start to apply 2 August 2026."

EU Announces Consultation on Safeguarding the EU's Data Sovereignty (July 8, 2026)
The EU announced a "Targeted consultation on safeguarding the EU's data sovereignty." The consultation notes that "data is essential for Europe's competitiveness and security" and "it is a key input for artificial intelligence and for the development of a stronger data economy." Responses are requested by 8 September 2026.

ESAs Announce Support of ESRB Warning on Systemic Cyber Risks from Frontier AI Models (July 7, 2026)
The European Supervisory Authorities (EBA, EIOPA, and ESMA - the ESAs) welcomed a "warning from the European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB) on the systemic cyber risks posed by frontier AI models."

European Council Adopts AI Omnibus Package (June 29, 2026)
The Council of the EU adopted the new law forming "part of the so-called 'Omnibus VII' legislative package in the EU's simplification agenda." This new regulation aims "to streamline and simplify certain rules regarding artificial intelligence (AI)."

France

AMF Article Highlights Young Investor AI Adoption (June 8, 2026)
As part of their AMF Barometers publication series, the Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF) published a special edition highlighting that "while artificial intelligence is still not widely used in investment practices, it is winning over more young investors." The publication is based upon a study analyzing "the place of AI in the investment practices of the French, its uses and how it is perceived."

Italy

[Fabio Panetta Delivers Speech on Innovation and AI as Drivers for Development (July 2, 2026)]
Fabio Panetta, Governor of Banca d'Italia, delivered remarks titled "Finance for innovation and artificial intelligence as drivers of development." He highlighted key areas of focus including "how to ensure that artificial intelligence does not remain confined to the technological frontier, but becomes a broad-based driver of development; and how to build the financial conditions needed for this transformation to take place in Italy and Europe."

United Kingdom

[David Bailey Highlights Approach to AI in Speech on the Role of Research in Prudential Regulation (July 15, 2026)]
David Bailey, Executive Director, Prudential Policy at the Bank of England (BoE) delivered a speech on "The role of research in Prudential Regulation." In the remarks, he highlighted that their AI "approach to date has been open, flexible and technology-agnostic, grounded in extensive engagement with industry and other stakeholders."

[Anrew Bailey Calls for Proactive Public Policy and International Coordination on Frontier AI (July 14, 206)]
Andrew Bailey, Governor of the Bank of England (BoE), delivered a speech on "Growth and regulation." In his remarks, he discussed "the opportunities and risks posed by artificial intelligence" and highlighted "the need for proactive public policy and international coordination on frontier AI and cyber resilience."

[HMT Publishes Financial Services AI Adoption Plan (July 14, 2026)]
HM Treasury (HMT) published a "Financial Services AI Adoption Plan." Key themes highlighted include regulatory clarity, the regulatory perimeter, AI sovereignty and resilience, skills and talent, and agentic payment readiness. It also includes a set of recommended actions, prioritization, and broader considerations.

[FCA Annual Reports Highlight Efforts on AI (July 9, 2026)]
The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) published their annual reports for 2026. These reports highlight successful efforts relating to AI including that the FCA "received 132 applications to its AI Supercharged Regulatory Sandbox" and that "AI automation has reduced the time it takes to handle simpler cases from up to 4 hours to about 6 minutes on average, allowing supervisors to focus on more important work."

[Financial Stability Report and FPC Record Include Updates on AI (July 7, 2026)]
The Financial Policy Committee (FPC) published their "Financial Stability Report - July 2026." This noted that "recent rapid advances in frontier Artificial Intelligence (AI) capabilities have increased financial stability risks related to cyber and operational resilience." The [Record of the FPC meeting on 26 June 2026] also included details on this topic.

[FCA Publishes Review into Impact of AI on Retail Financial Services (July 6, 2026)]
The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) published "AI and the future of retail financial services ([The Mills Review])." This review "sets out how AI could reshape retail financial services by 2030 and beyond, and makes priority recommendations to the FCA on how it could respond."

Sarah Breeden Delivers Speech on How AI is Reshaping Finance (June 30, 2026)
Sarah Breeden, Deputy Governor for Financial Stability at the Bank of England (BoE), delivered a speech on “Agents of change.” In the remarks, she set “out how AI is reshaping finance at speed” and “explores how agentic AI is transforming cyber risk, markets and payments - and why central banks must adapt fast, strengthen resilience and cooperate globally to ensure the next technology surprise does not become a test of financial stability.”

APAC

Australia

Prime Minister Albanese Announces Plans to Legislate National Framework and Standards for AI (July 15, 2026)
In a press release, the Hon Anthony Albanese, Prime Minister of Australia, announced “the Albanese Labor Government will introduce a world-leading artificial intelligence framework to ensure Australia can capture opportunity, share the benefits and keep Australians safe.” The release noted that “the Government will introduce a set of Australian Standards for AI, building on the Data Centre Expectations, with our values as the benchmark to ensure AI works in Australia’s interests.”

APRA Member Therese McCarthy Hockey Delivers Remarks on AI Risk Management (June 24, 2026)
Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority (APRA) Member, Therese McCarthy Hockey, delivered remarks on AI risk titled “Fighting fire with fire.” The remarks discussed risks relating to AI and highlighted how to harness AI to fight AI related risks.

China

President Xi Jinping Delivers Keynote Speech at Opening Ceremony of 2026 World AI Conference (July 18, 2026)
Chinese President Xi Jinping delivered the keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the 2026 AI Conference and High-Level Meeting on Global AI Governance in Shanghai, east China. The title of the speech was “Joining Hands to Build a Just and Equitable System for Global AI Governance.”

Philippines

BSP Issues Memorandum on Governance Principles for AI in Financial Service (June 24, 2026)
Bangko Sentral NG Pilipinas (BSP) issued a memorandum to all BSP-supervised financial institutions (BSFIs) regarding their “Guidance Paper Entitled ‘Governance Principles for Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Financial Services.’” The full text is available here.

Singapore

MAS Partners Industry to Develop Safeguards for AI Agents in Finance (July 3, 2026)
The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) “published an industry white paper on developing safeguards for AI agents in Finance.” The paper is titled “Safeguards for Agentic Finance at Runtime (SAFR)” and it “proposes an industry-developed framework that enables AI agents in financial services to carry out financial tasks safely, securely and reliably.”

MAS Establishes Future of Finance Institute to Scale Financial Innovation (June 25, 2026)
The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) announced it is establishing a "Future of Finance Institute (FFI)" to accelerate "adoption of new financial technologies and catalyse innovation in the financial sector." The announcement noted that the "FFI will initially focus on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Tokenisation, and will help connect the financial and technological ecosystems and provide shared resources and expertise needed to promote broad-based adoption of these technologies."