

# DIGITAL ASSET: PROTECTING INVESTOR CONFIDENCE

20 MARCH 2025 | 9.00AM-5.00PM



## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

This one-day programme will focus on the **latest market trends in digital assets**, including **cryptocurrencies, NFTs, DeFi, and tokenization**, as well as the evolving global and regional **regulatory** landscape. Participants will gain insights into the **opportunities** and **risks** associated with these assets, particularly in relation to **compliance** challenges, **cybersecurity threats**, and **governance** best practices, with a focus on Malaysia, the ASEAN region, and global markets. The programme will also examine how **ESG** (Environmental, Social, and Governance) considerations are being integrated into the digital assets space. Additionally, it will analyse the **sentiment of both institutional and retail investors** toward digital assets and highlight **success stories** from leading market players.

## PROGRAMME OBJECTIVE

This programme aims to provide in-depth understanding of the digital asset landscape, emphasising the importance of safeguarding investors' confidence through effective governance, risk management, regulatory compliance, and transparency in creating a stable environment for investors and market participants.

## ICF COMPETENCY LEVEL

- Foundational (Regulatory) – Capital Market Products Regulations (Proficiency Level 3)
- Foundational (Product) – Capital Market Products (Proficiency Level 3)
- Functional (Technical) – Digital Technology Application (Level 3)
- Core – Corporate Governance (Proficiency Level 3)
- Core – Risk Management (Proficiency Level 3)
- Foundational (Regulatory) – Anti Money Laundering (Proficiency Level 3)
- Functional (Process) – Compliance (Proficiency Level 3)

## TARGET AUDIENCE

### Individuals

Regulators, Investors and fund managers, Compliance officers, Financial advisors, Technology and cybersecurity professionals, Legal Professionals, Corporate Executives and Board Members, Risk and Audit Professionals, Digital Asset Entrepreneurs, Academics and Researchers, Government Officials and Policymakers, Venture Capitalists and Private Equity Firms

### Institutions

Regulatory Bodies and Government Agencies, Commercial Banks, Investment Banks, and Digital Banks, Asset Management Firms, Insurance Companies, Brokerage Firms, Investment Firms and Funds, Venture Capital Firms, Private Equity Firms, Pension Funds and Sovereign Wealth Funds, Digital Asset Exchanges and Platforms, Cryptocurrency Exchanges and Trading Platforms, Platforms for Tokenized Assets and NFTs, Blockchain Technology Companies, Technology and Blockchain Companies, Fintech Firms, Blockchain Development Companies, Technology Providers, Law Firms and Legal Consultancies, Audit and Accounting Firms, ESG Consultancies, Educational Institutions and Research Bodies, Corporates with Digital Asset Ventures

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this programme, participants will be able to:

- describe the evolution of digital asset landscape, its dynamics and opportunities
- explain the latest technological advances supporting the digital assets ecosystem
- examine the regulatory requirements, expectations, and potential consequences of non-compliance to the digital asset participants
- explain the role of trustee as a custodian and its functions in safekeeping and protection of digital assets
- discuss the risks associated with digital assets, the challenges of preventing illicit activities, as well as the need to balance privacy with effective governance

## PROGRAMME OUTLINE

- 9.00 am **The Rise of Digital Asset: Insights and Innovations**
- Evolution and digital asset taxonomy, its ecosystem and place in modern finance
  - Market trends and growth statistics – Global market and Malaysia's digital asset market, including key players and market size
  - Opportunities for ASEAN and Malaysia in the digital asset economy
  - Institutional and retail investors' sentiment toward digital assets
  - ESG considerations in digital assets
  - Success stories: Lessons from leading markets (e.g., Singapore, Switzerland)
- Speaker  
**Angelina Kwan** Senior Advisor, IMC Asia Pacific
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- 10.30 am Break
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- 10.45 am **Technological Advances in Digital Assets**
- Innovations in Blockchain technology and sustainable practices
  - Smart Contracts – How it interacts in transactions and legal processes
  - Tokenization – Types, ownership and relationship with traditional financial assets
  - Decentralized Finance (DeFi) – Its applications and its impact on traditional finance and trading intermediaries
  - Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) – Progress and how it co-exists with current digital asset ecosystems
- Speaker  
**Angelina Kwan** Senior Advisor, IMC Asia Pacific
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- 11.45 am **Digital Asset Regulatory Landscape**
- Malaysia's regulatory landscape and framework: Key policies, compliance standards, and development on digital assets
  - The role of the Securities Commission Malaysia (SC)
  - Global and regional regulatory requirements i.e. US, Europe, Asia, Africa
  - Case of non-compliance and implications
- Speaker  
**Angelina Kwan** Senior Advisor, IMC Asia Pacific
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- 1.00 pm Lunch
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- 2.00 pm **Custodial Responsibilities of Trustees in Digital Asset Protection**
- The evolving role of trustees and custodians in safeguarding digital assets
  - Understanding how funds are protected and secured within digital asset infrastructure
  - Ensuring investor confidence through cutting-edge cybersecurity practices
- Speaker  
**Nizam Ismail** CEO and Founder, Ethikom Consultancy
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- 3.30 pm Break
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- 3.45 pm **Security, Risk Management and Governance of Digital Assets Space**
- Cybersecurity threats and common risks around digital asset
  - Challenges in combating illicit activities such as money laundering, hacking and fraud
  - Balancing transparency, privacy and user confidentiality
  - Governance in digital asset ecosystem and the oversight role of the boards and senior management
- Speaker  
**Nizam Ismail** CEO and Founder, Ethikom Consultancy
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- 5.00 pm End of Programme

**PRICE: RM1300** (before SST)

## SPEAKER



### ANGELINA KWAN

Senior Advisor, IMC Asia Pacific

Angelina Kwan is the Senior Advisor to IMC Asia Pacific, overseeing its Hong Kong operations. She also is the founder of Stratford Finance Limited, a consulting firm advising on digital assets, web3 regulatory and operational issues. A seasoned financial services executive, she has held senior roles at HKEX, SFC, and Cantor Fitzgerald. With expertise in digital assets, she has served as Global COO of BitMex and HashKey, advising on regulatory and operational matters. Angelina is active on Hong Kong Government Boards and chairs The Women's Foundation. She is a CPA across multiple jurisdictions and holds degrees from the University of Southern California, Pepperdine University, HKU/Manchester Metropolitan University, and Harvard Law School. She also serves on boards supporting education and community initiatives.



### NIZAM ISMAIL

CEO and Founder, Ethikom Consultancy

Nizam is CEO and Founder of Ethikom Consultancy, a compliance-focused consultancy based in Singapore. Nizam draws upon his previous regulatory experience as Head of the Market Conduct Policy Division at the Monetary Authority of Singapore, his compliance background as Head of Compliance for Southeast Asia at Lehman Brothers and Morgan Stanley, and his legal background as Deputy Public Prosecutor/State Counsel at the Commercial Affairs Department and Senior Legal Counsel at Citigroup, to assist global financial institutions, FinTech firms and corporate clients with licence applications and various regulatory compliance issues. Nizam is the founding Chairman of the Regulatory and Compliance Sub-Committee of the Blockchain Association of Singapore. He is also a Fellow at the Singapore University of Social Studies.

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