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# FinTech In Global Financial Centres

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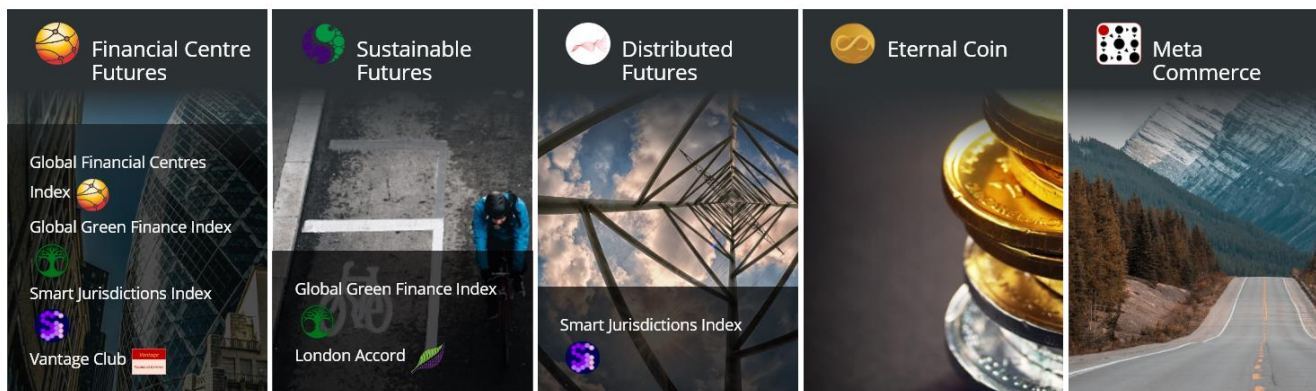
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# Long Finance



## “When Would We Know Our Financial System Is Working?”

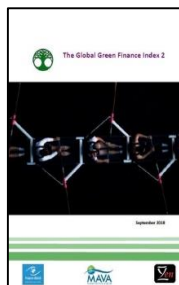
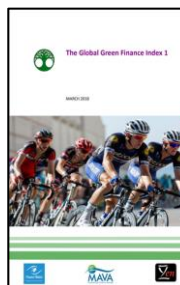
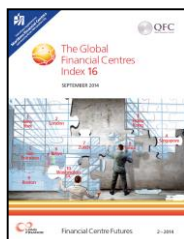
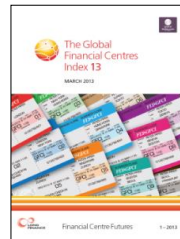
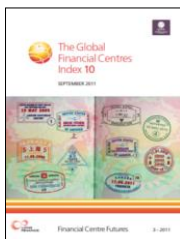
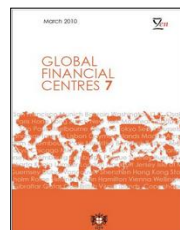
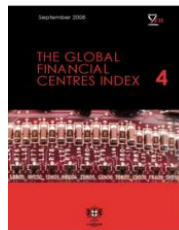
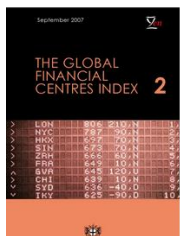
This is the question underlying Long Finance’s goal to improve society’s understanding and use of finance over the long-term. In contrast to the short-termism that defines today’s economic view, the Long Finance time-frame is roughly 100 years.





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# Financial Centre Research



# Global Financial Centres Index



- Factor Assessment Index – combines quantitative data with survey assessments
- Measuring financial centre competitiveness since 2007
- GFCI 26 (September 2019) includes the first index ranking for FinTech





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# FinTech Rankings



| Centre        | Rank | Rating |
|---------------|------|--------|
| Beijing       | 1    | 776    |
| Shanghai      | 2    | 762    |
| New York      | 3    | 759    |
| Guangzhou     | 4    | 753    |
| Shenzhen      | 5    | 752    |
| London        | 6    | 741    |
| Hong Kong     | 7    | 740    |
| Singapore     | 8    | 738    |
| San Francisco | 9    | 730    |
| Chicago       | 10   | 729    |
| Sydney        | 11   | 728    |
| Tokyo         | 12   | 726    |
| Los Angeles   | 13   | 725    |
| Washington DC | 14   | 723    |
| Stuttgart     | 15   | 716    |
| Melbourne     | 16   | 713    |
| Boston        | 17   | 711    |
| Chengdu       | 18   | 707    |
| Toronto       | 19   | 700    |
| Frankfurt     | 20   | 698    |
| Seoul         | 21   | 695    |





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# Correlation With Instrumental Factors



| <b>Instrumental Factor</b>               | <b>R-squared Correlation</b> |
|--|------------------------------|
| Global Cities Index                      | 0.437                        |
| Innovation Cities Global Index           | 0.362                        |
| Educational Attainment                   | 0.334                        |
| Office Occupancy Cost                    | 0.289                        |
| Household Net Adjusted Disposable Income | 0.259                        |
| Global Power City Index                  | 0.242                        |
| Household Net Financial Wealth           | 0.242                        |
| 4G Availability                          | 0.234                        |
| IESE Cities In Motion Index              | 0.215                        |
| Metro Network Length                     | 0.165                        |
| Global Competitiveness Index             | 0.161                        |
| Global Cybersecurity Index               | 0.151                        |
| Networked Readiness Index                | 0.145                        |
| Economic Freedom Of The World            | 0.125                        |
| Air Quality Data                         | 0.124                        |



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# FinTech Reputational Advantage



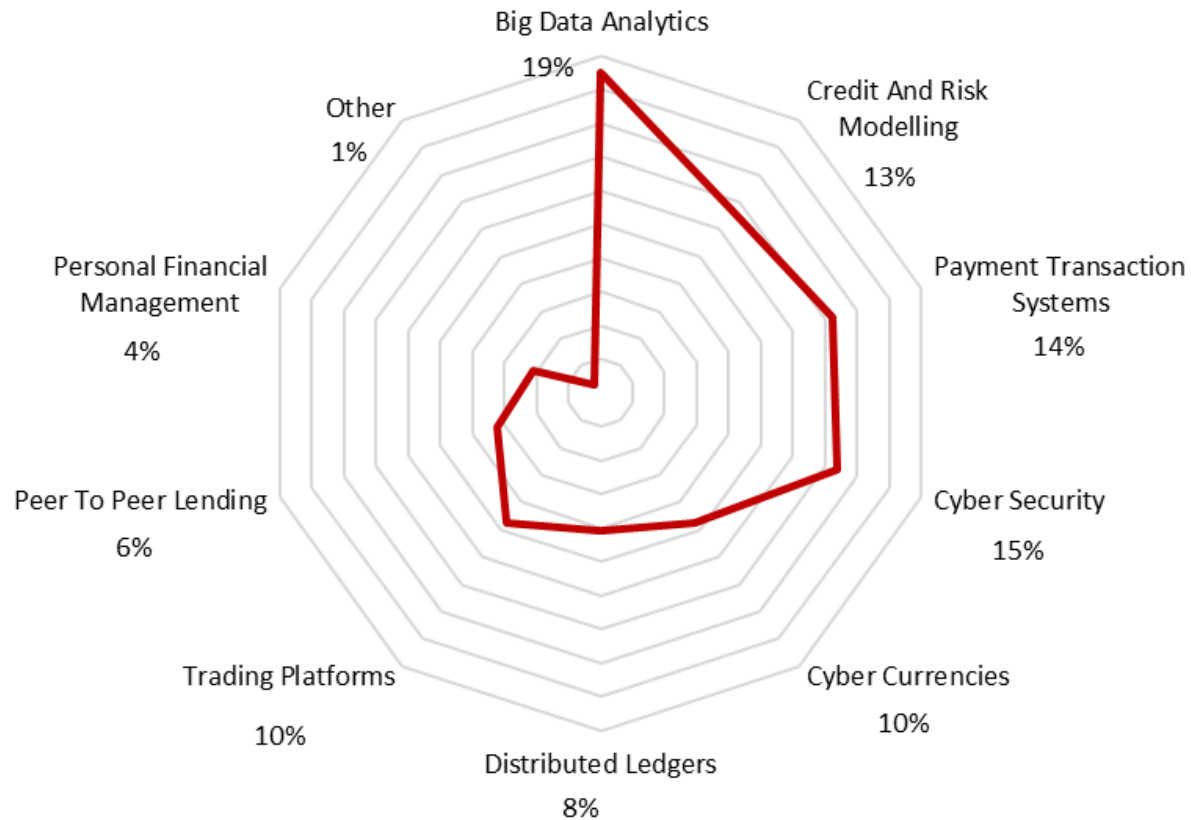
| Centre        | GFCI 26 FinTech Assessment | GFCI 26 FinTech Rating | FinTech Reputational Advantage |
|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Stuttgart     | 888                        | 716                    | 172                            |
| Melbourne     | 810                        | 713                    | 97                             |
| Sydney        | 821                        | 728                    | 93                             |
| Shenzhen      | 840                        | 752                    | 88                             |
| Singapore     | 821                        | 738                    | 83                             |
| San Francisco | 805                        | 730                    | 75                             |
| Guangzhou     | 820                        | 753                    | 67                             |
| New York      | 820                        | 759                    | 61                             |
| Beijing       | 835                        | 776                    | 59                             |
| Shanghai      | 821                        | 762                    | 59                             |
| Tokyo         | 782                        | 726                    | 56                             |
| London        | 795                        | 741                    | 54                             |
| Hong Kong     | 793                        | 740                    | 53                             |
| Rome          | 675                        | 625                    | 50                             |
| Montreal      | 724                        | 685                    | 39                             |
| Seoul         | 678                        | 695                    | -17                            |





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# Most Important Areas Of FinTech

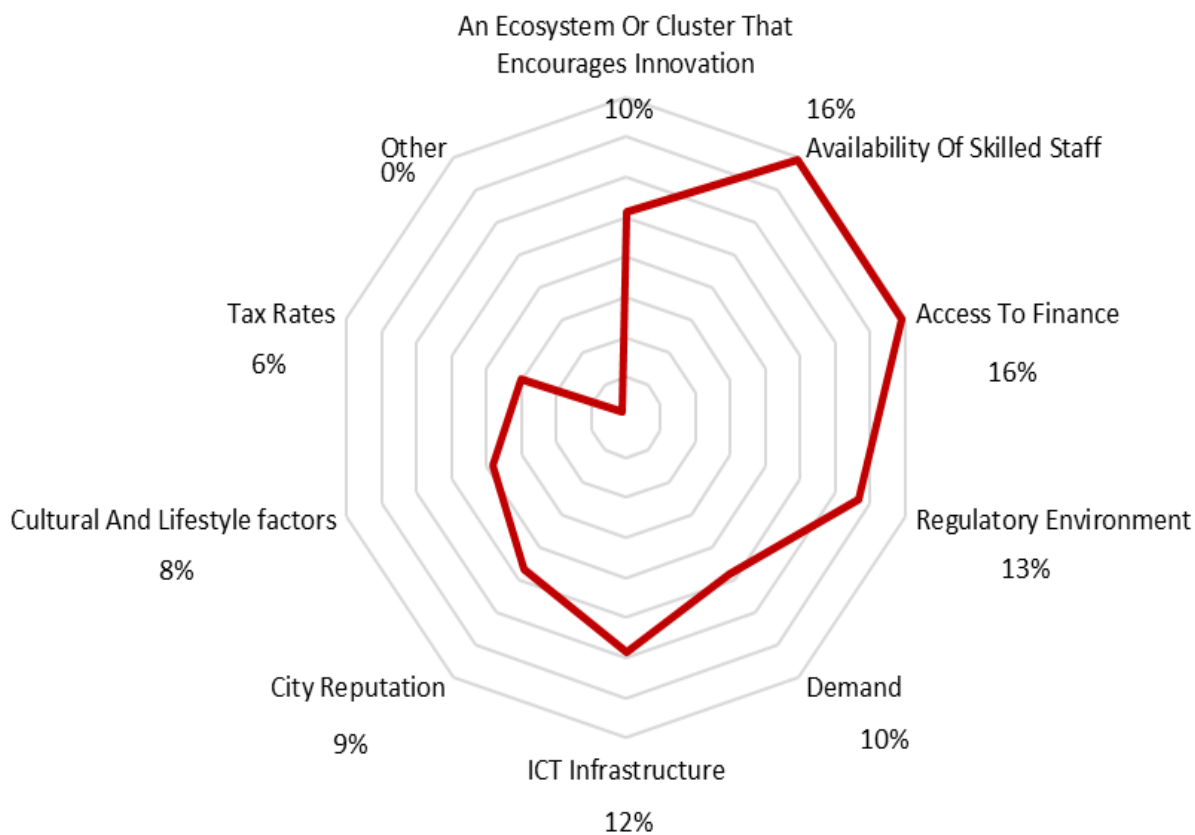






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# Creating A FinTech Environment





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# FinTech Approaches



| <b>Broad Areas</b> | <b>Active Approaches For Public Authorities</b>   |
|--------------------|---|
| Economic           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Special economic zones/clusters</li><li>• Taxation – withholding, profit, wealth, inheritance etc</li></ul>   |
| Social             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Education &amp; training investment</li><li>• Research spend</li><li>• Setting standards</li></ul>  |
| Institutional      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sandbox approach to regulation</li><li>• Innovation centres/clusters</li><li>• Start-up support</li><li>• Co-investment</li><li>• Achievement funding</li></ul> |



# Regulation For Innovation



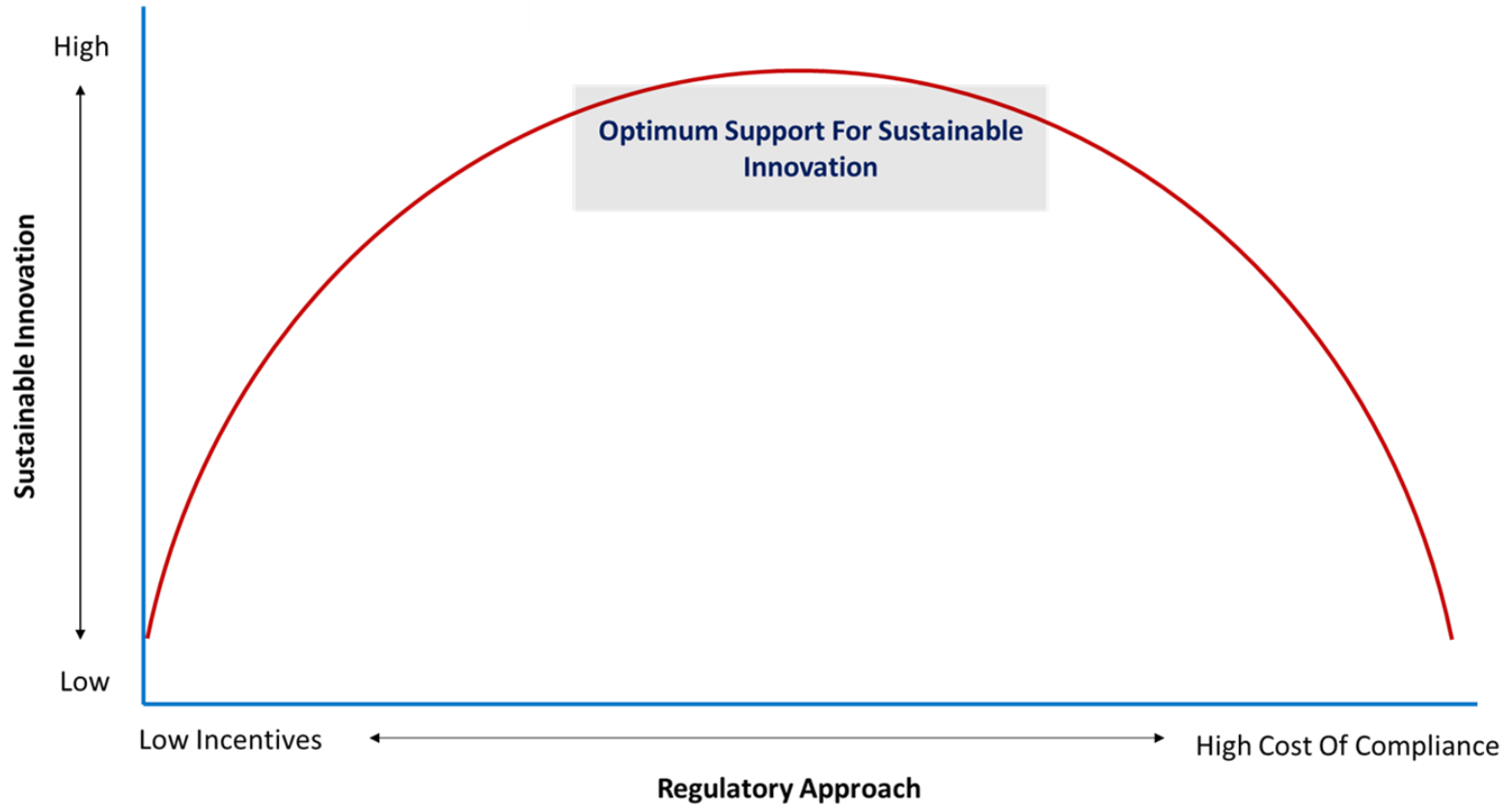
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| Potential Positive Effect On Innovation  | Type Of Regulation  | Potential Negative Effect On Innovation   |
|--|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increased incentives for innovation</li><li>• Allows efficient competition and takeovers</li><li>• Provides incentives to improve productivity</li></ul> | <b>Economic Regulation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Price &amp; competition</li><li>• Market Entry</li><li>• Mergers &amp; acquisitions</li><li>• Monopolies &amp; antitrust</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduced incentives for R&amp;D spend and co-operation</li><li>• Restrictions on market entry</li><li>• Reduced competitive pressure to innovate</li></ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Promotes eco-friendly alternatives</li><li>• Improves salaries</li><li>• Increases acceptance of new products</li></ul>                                  | <b>Social Regulation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Environmental</li><li>• Health &amp; safety</li><li>• Product &amp; Consumer safety</li></ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Restricts innovation</li><li>• Increased compliance cost</li></ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Job security</li><li>• Promotes investment in innovation and R&amp;D</li></ul>   | <b>Institutional Regulation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Liability</li><li>• Employment Protection</li><li>• Bankruptcy</li><li>• Intellectual Property</li></ul>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduced incentive to innovate</li><li>• High adjustment costs</li><li>• Restricted availability of finance</li></ul>                                      |



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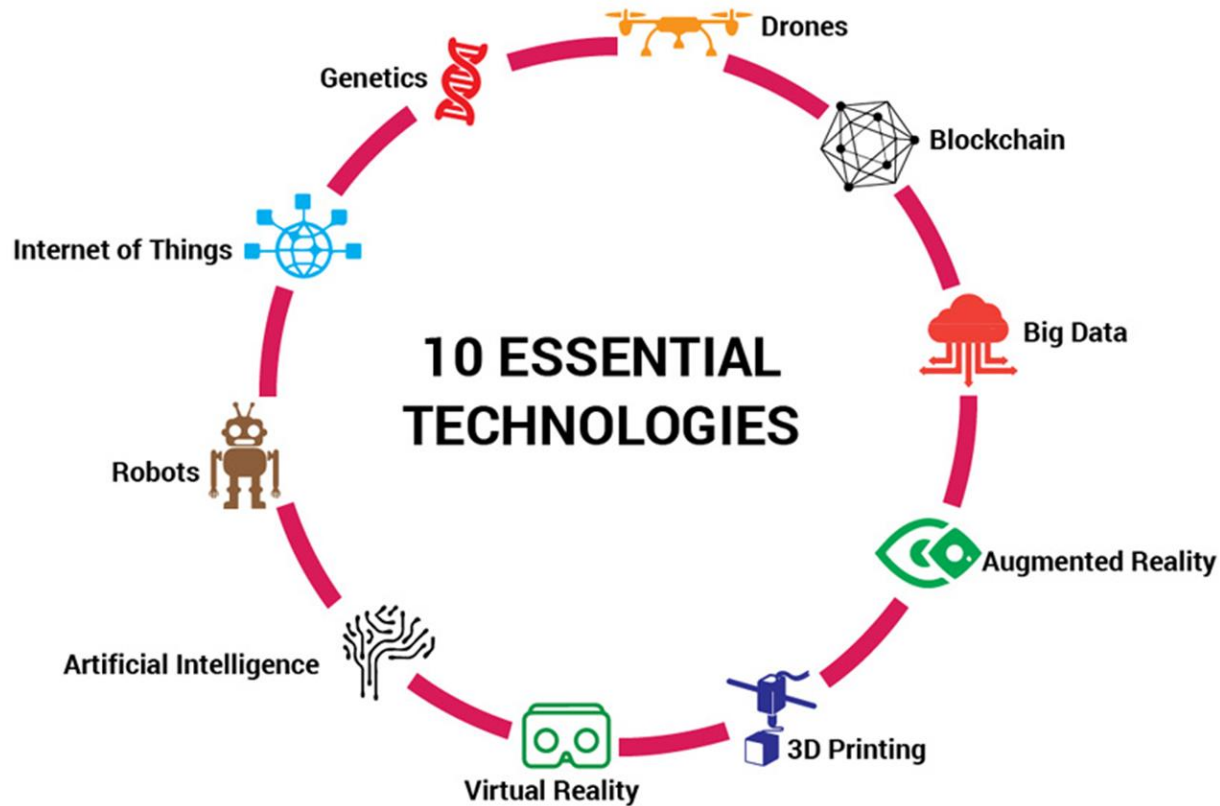
# Regulatory Inverse U-Curve





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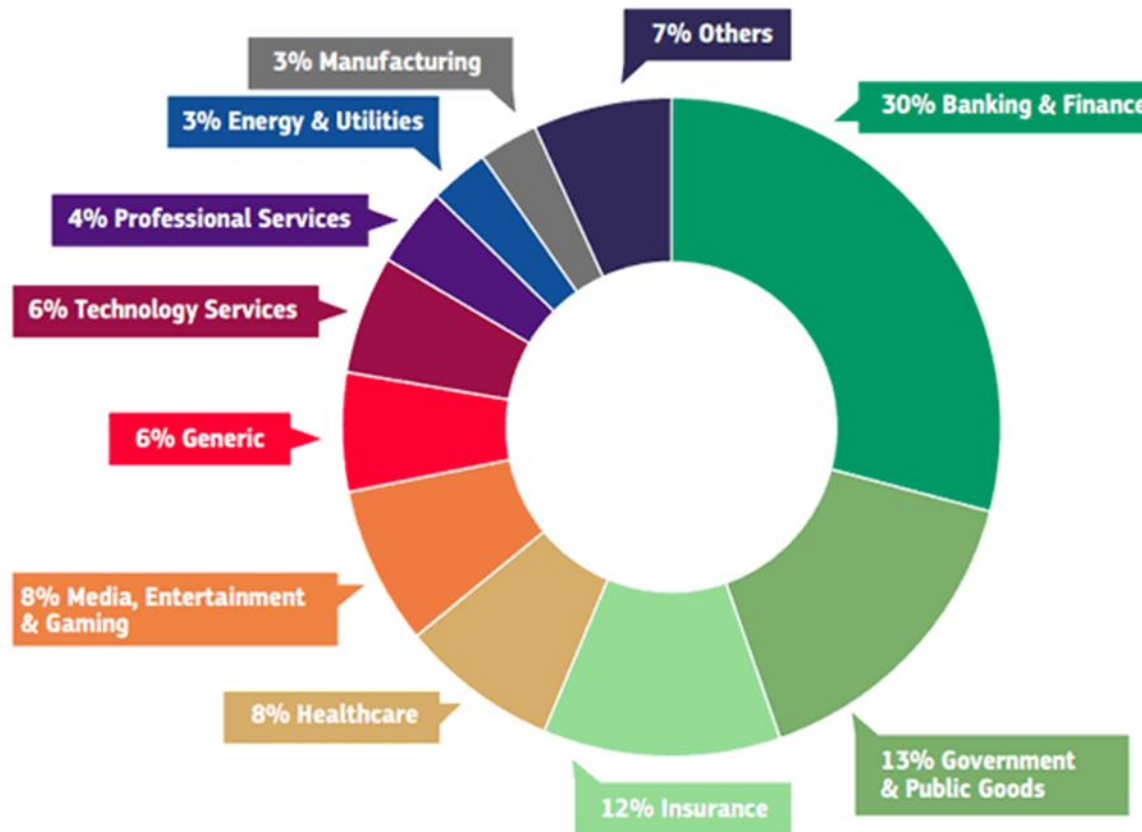
# Smart Technology Future



# Smart Ledgers & FinTech



## Sectors Currently Exploring Blockchain



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# Smart Centres Index



- Research to explore:
  - Quality of regulatory systems for new technology
  - Depth to which new technology is embedded in economic activity and service delivery
  - Quality of new technology application and development in the centre







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