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## ABSTRACT

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## Executive summary

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For a small island developing state in the structural position of the Maldives — a domestic instant-payments rail (Favara) carrying more than eighty-four per cent of retail transactions and integrating with India's UPI from July 2026, a sovereign sukuk that survived through bilateral assistance in April 2026, an announced International Financial Centre with a digital-asset mandate, and a foreign-policy configuration in 2026 that is simultaneously India-dependent for liquidity and Gulf-aligned for development capital — the question is not whether to engage with the institutional plane that is consolidating elsewhere. The question is how, with what counterparty surface, on what terms, and at what cost to supervisory and operational capacity.

The dated commercial milestones — the Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation's tokenised-Treasuries pilot in July 2026 and platform launch in October, the Eurosystem's Pontes bridge planned for the third quarter, JPMorgan's USD JPM Coin issuing natively on Canton through 2026, BNY Mellon's tokenised-deposit service live since January 2026, Visa joining Canton as a Super Validator in March 2026, HSBC and Anchorpoint receiving the first two Hong Kong stablecoin issuer licences on the tenth of April 2026, the Goldman GS DAP spin-out by mid-year — set the timing of the question.

This extract presents the institutional, sovereign-financial, and commercial-banking surface against which a Maldivian deployment composes, drawn from the full Boli Working Paper of May 2026.

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# 1. The institutional context being built elsewhere

The institutional financial system is consolidating in 2026 around a small number of named venues, named programmes, and dated regulatory thresholds. The evidence is in the public record.

The Canton Network is, as of mid-2026, the institutional blockchain venue with the largest verified production volumes. The network is a public, permissioned Layer 1 blockchain built on the Daml smart-contract language, with sub-transaction privacy as its distinguishing technical property — counterparties to a transaction see its data, while a Global Synchronizer operated by independent Super Validators under two-thirds Byzantine Fault Tolerant consensus ensures atomic settlement across otherwise-isolated participants without exposing transaction contents.

Governance is concentrated in the Canton Foundation, established in 2024 in Zug, with the Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation joining as co-chair alongside Euroclear in December 2025.

The validator population has grown substantially over the period covered by this paper: from approximately 575 validators with 26 Super Validators in January 2026, the active validator count is approaching one thousand by May 2026, with forty-plus Super Validators registered, per the public network explorer ([cantonscan.com](https://cantonscan.com)). Documented Super Validators include DTCC, Goldman Sachs, BNP Paribas, Deutsche Börse, Broadridge, Tradeweb, BNY Mellon, Cboe Global Markets, Microsoft, Paxos, Chainlink Labs, S&P Global, Moody's, Nasdaq, Citadel Securities, Hex Trust, Taurus, and — from March 2026 — Visa under a privacy-preserving-payments framing.

Production volumes on Canton in 2025 and 2026 are substantial, and the most consequential commercial signals are dated to the second half of 2026.

Broadridge's Distributed Ledger Repo platform — running on Canton — processed approximately nine trillion dollars in repo volume in December 2025, and has continued at roughly seven to eight trillion dollars per month through the first quarter of 2026 (508% year-on-year growth in January, 457% in February, 392% in March), with average daily volume in the three-hundred-and-fifty to three-hundred-and-seventy billion dollar range.

HQLA<sup>x</sup>'s collateral-mobility service went live with Eurex Clearing in the second quarter of 2025 and announced migration to Canton in April 2026.

The Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation's tokenisation programme with Digital Asset, supported by a December 2025 Securities and Exchange Commission no-action letter granting DTC a three-year exemption, is bringing DTC- and Fed-eligible securities — a population that includes Russell 1000 constituents, major ETF indices, and U.S. Treasury securities — onto Canton in the second quarter of 2026, with the first tokenised asset trades pilot scheduled for July 2026 and full platform launch in October 2026. Fifty-plus firms including BlackRock, Citi, Goldman Sachs, and JP-Morgan participate in the DTCC industry working group shaping the operating model.

The July pilot and October launch are the two single most consequential dates on the institutional tokenisation calendar in 2026, because they mark the moment at which DTC-custodied U.S. Treasuries and Russell 1000 equities — the legal-tender benchmarks of dollar-denominated capital markets — cross the regulatory and operational threshold onto a public, permissioned blockchain under an explicit SEC no-action.

Tradeweb's August 2025 industry working-group transaction was the first fully on-chain US Treasury repo transaction settled against USDC, with a December 2025 tranche adding cross-border, multi-currency intraday repos using tokenised deposits.

Hashnote's USYC tokenised money-market product reached approximately one and a half billion dollars in assets under management at the time of its acquisition by Circle in January 2025. Circle's USDCx went live on Canton in December 2025.

JPMorgan's Kinexys (formerly Onyx) announced in January 2026 that it would issue its USD JPM Coin (JPMD) natively on Canton, with phased rollout through 2026.

Goldman Sachs has stated that GS DAP, which runs natively on Canton, will be spun out as an independent, market-neutral entity by mid-2026.

The Canton Foundation and ecosystem participants report that the network supports more than six trillion dollars in tokenised real-world assets, with monthly transaction volumes through Broadridge's DLR platform alone in the seven-to-nine trillion dollar range through early 2026. These figures are publicly reported but not independently audited; on RWA.xyz's third-party tracking, Canton's tokenised real-world-asset position dwarfs that of the second-largest blockchain by an order of magnitude. The underlying claim

— that Canton is the institutional settlement venue at which the major balance sheets of the global financial system are accumulating in 2026 — survives that caveat.

Parallel to Canton’s commercial development, central banks have advanced wholesale tokenised settlement.

The Swiss National Bank’s Project Helvetia III placed wholesale central bank digital currency into live issuance on the SIX Digital Exchange at the end of 2023, was extended through at least mid-2027 in June 2025, and was broadened to settle tokenised assets against central-bank money via a real-time gross settlement link.

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority’s Project Ensemble moved from sandbox to live pilot (EnsembleTX) in November 2025.

The Monetary Authority of Singapore’s Project Guardian spans more than forty institutional participants across seven jurisdictions; a November 2025 Singapore Dollar testnet trial used tokenised Monetary Authority of Singapore bills as a live settlement asset.

The Bank for International Settlements’ Project Agorá — seven central banks (the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Bank of England, Banque de France for the Eurosystem, Bank of Japan, Bank of Korea, Banco de México, Swiss National Bank) and over forty private institutions — concludes Phase 1 in the first half of 2026 with a public report.

The Eurosystem’s Pontes near-term wholesale-tokenisation bridge, planned for the third quarter of 2026, links tokenised-asset platforms to central-bank money in TARGET; the longer-horizon Appia blueprint targets a native DLT European market by 2028.

The mBridge programme moved from BIS-hosted minimum-viable-product to participant-led operation in October 2024, with the platform now governed by the People’s Bank of China, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the Bank of Thailand, the Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates, and the Saudi Central Bank under a member-state steering rulebook. Cumulative settled volume reportedly reached approximately fifty-five and a half billion dollars across roughly four thousand transactions by November 2025, with the e-CNY accounting for over ninety-five per cent of settlement volume.

The United Arab Emirates’ Digital Dirham launched at retail in March 2026, with cross-border corridors via mBridge.

The People's Bank of China's e-CNY transitioned in January 2026 from a digital-cash to a remunerated digital-deposit model, with cross-border functions consolidated in a Shanghai-based Digital Yuan International Operations Centre.

The legal scaffolding for tokenised money crystallised in 2025–2026.

The GENIUS Act in the United States, signed in July 2025, established a federal framework for payment stablecoins with implementing rules at notice-of-proposed-rulemaking stage as of May 2026; the joint Treasury–FinCEN–OFAC notice of proposed rulemaking on anti-money-laundering, counter-financing-of-terrorism, and sanctions compliance was published on the eighth of April 2026. Section 18 of the Act prohibits United States digital-asset service providers from offering a foreign-issued stablecoin to United States users absent a Treasury comparability determination.

The European Union's Markets in Crypto-Assets Regulation has been live in stablecoin provisions since June 2024, with the full crypto-asset service provider regime in force since December 2024 and the transitional period expiring on the first of July 2026. The April 2026 twentieth European Union sanctions package treated crypto rails as a primary target rather than as ancillary.

Hong Kong's Stablecoins Ordinance came into force in August 2025; the first two issuer licences were granted on the tenth of April 2026 to HSBC and to the Anchorpoint Financial Limited joint venture, both for Hong Kong Dollar-referenced issuance.

The composite institutional picture is unambiguous. Tokenised settlement is no longer a question of whether the major financial institutions will participate. The relevant question for any jurisdiction not already inside the Super Validator set is the form of participation, the cost of the operational and supervisory capacity that participation requires, and the geopolitical configuration the participation implies.

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## 2. The Maldives' financial-sector position in mid-2026

The Maldives Monetary Authority licences six commercial banks under the Maldives Monetary Act 1981: Bank of Maldives, State Bank of India (Maldives branch), Bank of Ceylon, Mauritius Commercial Bank, Habib Bank Limited, and the Maldives Islamic Bank. The Capital Mar-

kets Development Authority regulates securities markets separately. The Favara instant-payments platform — built by the Nordic technology partner Tietoevry, launched by the Maldives Monetary Authority in late August 2023, and built to International Organization for Standardization 20022 messaging — handles a large share of domestic retail transaction volume on Maldives Monetary Authority reporting. The Maldives Monetary Authority's agreement with India's NPCI International integrates Favara with the Unified Payments Interface, with person-to-person cross-border functionality scheduled for July 2026.

The Maldives' sovereign credit position remains stressed. The five-hundred-million-dollar sukuk issued in April 2021 at a profit rate of nine and seven-eighths per cent was repaid on the first of April 2026, narrowly avoiding what would have been the world's first sovereign sukuk default.

Repayment relied on a drawdown of the Sovereign Development Fund plus foreign-exchange reserves, with bilateral assistance from India — including a fifty-million-dollar State Bank of India short-term note rolled in 2025 and an outstanding four-hundred-million-dollar Indian loan rollover request. Moody's at Caa2 negative and Fitch at CC characterised the rating posture through the repayment window.

The International Monetary Fund's 2024 Article IV consultation flagged urgent need for front-loaded fiscal adjustment and macroprudential tightening. Near-term external refinancing capacity outside bilateral and multilateral channels is, in 2026, effectively zero.

The Maldives International Financial Centre is a pledged, not yet realised, project. It was announced on the fifth of May 2025 as an eight-and-eight-tenths-billion-dollar joint venture between the Government of Maldives and MBS Global Investments, a Dubai-domiciled family office whose principal is the Qatari Sheikh Nayef bin Eid Al Thani, and moved to a signed joint-venture agreement and binding memorandum of understanding in January 2026.

The design parameters published with the announcement specify a fenced free zone in Malé on a site of approximately eight-hundred-and-thirty-thousand square metres, no corporate tax, no inheritance tax, no residency requirement, full foreign ownership, an explicit fintech and blockchain mandate, completion targeted for 2030, and projected revenue of more than a billion dollars annually by the fifth year.

The regulator — the Maldives International Financial Services Authority — was placed under the Ministry of Finance and Planning on the eleventh of March 2025; the bespoke rulebook under which Centre licensees would operate had not been published as of the eleventh of May 2026.

The Centre's stated digital-asset orientation, with oversight by the Maldives International Financial Services Authority rather than the Maldives Monetary Authority directly, is the single most consequential institutional opening in the Maldives' present configuration for a Canton-aligned settlement stack to be hosted under a credible supervisory perimeter. It is a stated trajectory rather than a verified operational venue, and the paper treats it as such throughout.

On the regulatory perimeter for digital assets, the Maldives Monetary Authority has not published a comprehensive virtual-asset service provider framework or stablecoin regime, and has not announced a central bank digital currency pilot. The Capital Markets Development Authority has published a Securities Virtual Asset Service Providers Regulation with a tiered licensing structure subject to sandbox testing — the closest thing to a Maldivian digital-asset regulatory perimeter, sitting with the securities regulator rather than the central bank. Separately, a Virtual Assets Regulatory Authority signed an April 2025 memorandum with the Land Department to put the land registry on-chain. Tokenisation, in other words, is being approached in the Maldives through the Capital Markets Development Authority plus the new Virtual Assets Regulatory Authority plus the Maldives International Financial Centre triangle, rather than through Maldives Monetary Authority monetary policy.

The Foreign Currency Act 32/2024 and the Foreign Currency Regulation 2024/R-91 entered force in October 2024, channelling tourism-sector foreign-exchange receipts through the domestic banking system under Maldives Monetary Authority oversight; the regulation is the operative legal substrate that defines where tourism-denominated dollar flows can be observed, accounted for, and — in due course — tokenised under a domestic regulatory perimeter.

The geopolitical configuration in which the Maldives operates in 2026 is consequential for the institutional architecture any tokenised-settlement participation requires.

The current administration has prioritised relations with Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, and the broader Gulf Cooperation Council — from which approximately a quarter to thirty per cent of tourist arrivals and foreign-exchange receipts originate — alongside a working relationship with India that has carried the bilateral liquidity assistance the sukuk repayment of April 2026 relied on. The diplomatic posture toward the United States in early 2026 has been more distant than that toward India or the Gulf, while the dollar-denominated settlement plane remains the institutional reality across which the Maldives' principal trade and tourism receipts clear.

The composite picture is a jurisdiction simultaneously India-aligned for liquidity, Gulf-aligned for development capital, more distant from Washington diplomatically, and dollar-exposed financially. The configuration is the configuration in which neutrality at the settlement layer is a strategic requirement rather than a stylistic preference.

A useful comparator, visible in the public record, is the Dar Global / World Liberty Financial / Securitize tokenisation programme announced on the eighteenth of February 2026 covering loan-revenue interests in a Dar Global property portfolio, structured for distribution to United States accredited investors under Rule 506(c) of Regulation D and to non-United-States investors under Regulation S, with on-chain mechanics implemented on the Morpho protocol on the Base Ethereum Layer 2. The architectural posture is the opposite of the institutional Canton plane in three respects: the chain is public Ethereum Layer 2 rather than a privacy-preserving permissioned ledger; the asset is debt-side loan-revenue interests rather than a tokenised equity or settlement instrument; and the investor surface is accredited-only retail distribution rather than central-bank- and Super-Validator-mediated wholesale settlement. The comparator matters because tokenisation interacting with the Maldives' surface is already happening on a substantively different architectural plane from the one described in this paper, and the choice of plane carries direct consequences for supervisory perimeter, counterparty composition, and the residual exposure the Maldives' state retains.

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### 3. The Canton onboarding pathway

The technical pathway through which a new participant enters the Canton Network is open-source and documented. We describe it here in detail because the central argument of the paper rests on its structure: integration once at the standard layer gives a participating jurisdiction interoperability with the entire Super Validator commercial venue, rather than bilateral arrangements with each licensed entity on it.

The Canton documentation distinguishes three tiers of participation. The lightest is the **OBSERVER** or **observing participant node** — a node that has read access to transactions involving the parties it hosts but cannot itself submit or confirm them. Canton documentation explicitly notes that regulators are commonly permissioned this way, as an observer party on relev-

ant Daml contract templates. For a sovereign such as the Maldives — or for a sovereign-adjacent supervisor such as the Maldives International Financial Services Authority or the Capital Markets Development Authority — this is the cheapest and most realistic entry vector, and it preserves data-residency for the jurisdiction’s regulator without requiring the jurisdiction to itself stand up validator infrastructure.

The middle tier is the **VALIDATOR**, which runs the Canton Coin application, validates transactions for parties it hosts, and synchronises with the Global Synchronizer. Onboarding requires the open-source software packages and an onboarding secret from a sponsoring Super Validator. The validator population has approached one thousand nodes by mid-2026, on the public network explorer.

The senior tier is the **SUPER VALIDATOR**, which operates the Global Synchronizer, runs Byzantine Fault Tolerant consensus under the two-thirds majority rule for ordering and governance, and votes on protocol and economic changes. Membership is invitation-only via the Canton Foundation. Canton Improvement Proposal 0105, approved in March 2026, adds a Super Validator Locking and Long-Term Commitment Framework requiring lifetime-reward lockup with daily vesting.

Three operational features of this onboarding pathway are decisive for jurisdictions that cannot themselves operate validator infrastructure.

First, the Canton Foundation explicitly directs first-time participants toward a **NODE-AS-A-SERVICE** model — “the fastest way to participate is through a white-label validator node professionally operated by an approved Node-as-a-Service provider.” A commercial market in this category exists. Hex Trust, the digital-asset custody and staking firm, became a Super Validator in January 2026. Taurus, the Geneva-based custodian that holds digital assets for Deutsche Bank, CACEIS, Santander, and State Street, became a Super Validator in November 2025. Blockdaemon, Kiln, P2P.org, and IntellectEU all advertise hosted Canton validator services.

Second, the Canton Improvement Proposal 0096, approved in December 2025, stages validator rewards down to zero by the thirtieth of April 2026, removing pure-staking economics; hosted validators now monetise through service fees rather than reward yield.

Third, the technical surface a participating institution must integrate against is the Canton Network Token Standard defined in Canton Improvement Proposal 0056 and the Splice Token Standard V1, stabilised at version 1.0.0 in early 2026 under the hyperledger-labs/splice repository. To transact natively with any Canton tokenised asset — Hashnote’s USYC, JPMorgan’s JPMD, Broadridge’s Distributed Ledger Repo, the Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation’s tokenised Treasuries, and the asset surfaces of the

other Super Validators — an integrator implements the six application-programming interfaces of CIP-56 (metadata, holdings, transfer instruction, allocation, and the supporting OpenAPI surfaces). The atomic delivery-versus-payment flow uses the `Splice.Api.Token.AllocationV1` interface and the three-stage `AllocationRequest` → `AllocationFactory_Allocate` → `Allocation_ExecuteTransfer` sequence.

The strategic implication for the Maldives' position is direct. The Maldives Monetary Authority does not need to negotiate individually with each of the forty-plus Super Validators of the Canton Network to participate in the institutional settlement plane on which they transact. It needs a Canton participant node — operated by a technology partner with custody-grade infrastructure and a stake in the network — and a set of Daml-implemented compliance, identity, and asset packages conformant with CIP-56 and `AllocationV1`.

Two caveats bear flagging. First, no central bank of a small island developing state had, as of the eleventh of May 2026, publicly announced direct Super Validator status; sovereign-adjacent participation in 2026 flows through intermediaries — licensed commercial banks and central securities depositories onboarding as parties on validator infrastructure operated by a custody or infrastructure partner. This is not a structural limitation; it is an empirical fact, and it gives an early-acting jurisdiction the position of first publicly-named SIDS regulator on Canton rather than a follower.

Second, the privacy and economic claims surveyed above are largely vendor-asserted rather than supervisor-validated. The International Organization of Securities Commissions' November 2025 final report on Tokenization of Financial Assets references Canton-class designs but does not endorse Canton's specific privacy guarantees. The Financial Stability Board's October 2025 thematic review documents legislative progress while flagging persistent cross-border supervisory coordination gaps. Engaging with Canton in 2026 is engaging with a venue whose supervisory recognition is in formation, not settled.

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## 4. Interoperability: Canton-canonical, settlement-asset agnosticism

The architectural property the institutional pattern delivers is **CANONICAL SETTLEMENT ON CANTON WITH SETTLEMENT-ASSET AGNOSTICISM AT THE CASH LEG**. The `Splice Token Standard V1 AllocationV1` primitive

does not bind to a particular cash token: it consumes whatever cleared payment-asset the counterparties have agreed on at the transaction layer.

The set of cleared payment-assets that compose against AllocationV1 in 2026 includes regulated dollar stablecoins (Circle USDC, Paxos USDP, the GENIUS-Act-compliant universe), tokenised money-market funds (Hash-note USYC, BlackRock BUIDL, Franklin Templeton's FOBXX in its on-chain share-class), tokenised bank deposits (JPMorgan JPMD, Bank of New York Mellon's institutional deposit token, Standard Chartered's tokenised deposits, DBS Token Services), and — as central-bank programmes mature — wholesale central-bank digital currencies on the Project Helvetia, Project Pontes, Project Ensemble, and mBridge surfaces.

The strategic implication is that the choice of settlement asset is a counterparty-and-regime question, not a platform question. A Maldivian tokenised sukuk priced in dollars settles against USDC for a Western institutional buyer, against JPMD for a JPMorgan-cleared institutional buyer, against a tokenised Singapore-dollar deposit for a Monetary Authority of Singapore Project Guardian buyer, against a Digital Dirham balance for a UAE buyer through mBridge corridors, all on the same Canton asset contract under the same AllocationV1 primitive. The platform layer never editorialises on which settlement asset is used.

The accessibility surface is multi-virtual-machine: the Canton Zenith Stack provides a bytecode-compatible EVM execution surface and a Rust SVM execution surface running natively on Canton, with Canton's `external_call` primitive for atomic interaction between Solidity contracts and Daml contracts, Circle's Cross-Chain Transfer Protocol version two for native USDC across thirteen and more chains under eight-to-twenty-second fast finality, and Chainlink's Cross-Chain Interoperability Protocol with System and Organization Controls 2 Type 2 certification for messaging across EVM and non-EVM surfaces. The architectural property is that finality lives in one supervised venue while accessibility expands across the chains the Maldives' counterparties already operate on.

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## 5. The Maldives' tokenisable asset surface

The question this section closes is the one a financial reader would press: against the architectural pathway, what is the surface of assets in the Maldives' economy for which tokenisation is operationally meaningful in 2026?

### 5.1 Tourism cashflows: receivables, occupancy streams, branded residences

Tourism contributed approximately twenty-eight per cent of Maldives gross domestic product directly and over sixty per cent on a value-added basis through 2024–2025, with one hundred and fifty plus operating resorts on dedicated leasehold islands. The asset surface within tourism is layered. Receivables — confirmed bookings, group-tour deposits, channel-manager payouts — sit at the operational base. Occupancy-linked cashflow streams — fractional ownership of revenue tranches from named resorts, sukuk-of-occupancy structures — sit at the structured-finance layer. Branded residences — the Trump International Hotel Maldives announced on the seventeenth of November 2025 by the Trump Organization and Dar Global, and the broader Dar Global, Aldar, and Emaar pipeline visible in the 2026 pipeline — sit at the real-estate layer.

Tourism receivables tokenisation has historically failed not on verification cost but on cashflow opacity; verifiable, continuously-attested occupancy data from a Trusted-Execution-Environment-attested pipeline removes that failure mode.

### 5.2 Sovereign and quasi-sovereign sukuk and bond issuance

The Maldives' sovereign-debt position in 2026 — the five-hundred-million-dollar dollar sukuk repaid on the first of April 2026 through Sovereign Development Fund balances and foreign-exchange reserves, the Reserve Bank of India currency-swap support through January 2026, and the broader bilateral assistance pattern with India and Saudi Arabia — places sovereign issuance under active reform pressure.

The Capital Market Development Authority's existing sukuk regime, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority's tokenised-bond series (HKD 800 million in 2021, HKD 6 billion multi-currency in February 2023, HKD 6 billion in

February 2024), Slovenia's 2024 €30 million tokenised digital sovereign bond, and the European Central Bank's TARGET-linked T-2 wholesale-cash-settlement tests through 2024–2025 are the institutional comparators. The Project Agorá Phase 1 conclusion expected in the second half of 2026 will set the cross-border settlement template.

Sovereign sukuk and sovereign bond instruments are tokenised under a sovereign-issuance compliance pack: signatory the issuing authority (the Ministry of Finance or Maldives Monetary Authority acting under statutory delegation), observers the trustee and the Capital Market Development Authority as supervisor, controller the issuing authority, with redemption-and-coupon mechanics encoded directly. The pack carries the Sharia-supervisory observer pattern as a first-class participant where the instrument is sukuk. AllocationV1 carries the primary-issuance subscription leg against any cleared payment-asset — USDC, USDT, EURC, JPM Coin, or in due course a wholesale central-bank-digital-currency. Secondary trading inherits the same atomic delivery-versus-payment guarantee.

### **5.3 Real estate and the Maldives International Financial Centre footprint**

Real estate in the Maldives is land-scarce and almost entirely leasehold, with resort-island leases typically in the fifty-year-plus range. The Sixteenth Amendment to the Tourism Act ratified in December 2025 modernised the leasehold framework. The Maldives International Financial Centre introduces a regulated free-zone perimeter under the prospective Maldives International Financial Services Authority that contemplates tokenised-asset and digital-asset licensees.

Freehold and leasehold real-estate interests are registry-mirror constructs by construction: the canonical legal record is the Maldives land registry, and the on-chain token is a projection of the registry's state. Fractional and securitised interests over leasehold portfolios are tokenised under either a Capital Market Development Authority offering memorandum or — once the Maldives International Financial Centre regime is published — a Maldives International Financial Services Authority licensed-issuance pack.

### **5.4 Working capital, trade finance, and small-and-medium-enterprise credit**

The Maldives' small-and-medium-enterprise sector is concentrated in tourism-adjacent services, fisheries-and-aquaculture, retail and wholesale distribution, and construction. The access-to-finance constraint is well-documented; the Maldives Monetary Authority's financial-inclusion work and

the Bank of Maldives' SME-lending programmes operate against it. Tokenised invoice-and-receivable finance is an architecturally well-matched intervention.

Invoice-and-receivable instruments are tokenised under a working-capital compliance pack: the signatory is the financing bank, the controller is the bank, observers include the underlying buyer where the structure is buyer-confirmed, and the lifecycle encodes confirmation, drawdown, repayment, and default-and-cure logic. Continuous attestation of invoice issuance, goods-receipt confirmation, and payment-status against the on-chain instrument removes the verification frictions that have historically constrained receivables-finance scale.

## 5.5 What the substrate changes and what it does not

The tokenisation substrate does not change the **ACCREDITATION REGIME** under which verification carries legal weight. The Capital Markets Development Authority, the Maldives International Financial Services Authority, and the Capital Markets Development Authority's Sharia-supervisory function each continue to operate. The substrate accelerates evidence collection; it does not replace the accreditation hierarchy.

It does not change the **DIVISION OF LABOUR** the three-layer artificial-intelligence-integration consensus establishes. Agentic verification runs in an upstream orchestration layer; deterministic compliance-pack logic runs in an authorisation layer; settlement finality runs on Canton in a finality layer. The agent's output is an input to the contract, not a substitute for it. The model-risk, third-party-dependency, and accountability obligations identified by the International Organization of Securities Commissions and the Financial Stability Board attach to the orchestration layer; they do not migrate into the smart-contract layer below it.

The asset surface of the Maldives is therefore broader than the institutional-debt-and-equity comparator class against which the SIDS digital-finance record is conventionally read. Tourism cashflows, sovereign sukuk, leasehold-and-real-estate, infrastructure outcomes, fisheries, parametric insurance, debt-for-nature, working-capital — the surface accommodates the bulk of the Maldives' productive economy.

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## 6. Commercial and retail banking adoption and local interoperability

The question this section closes is the one that follows next: how does an institutional tokenisation layer composed on Canton compose with the commercial and retail banking system that actual customers — depositors, merchants, fund subscribers, sovereign-bond holders, biodiversity-credit buyers — already use, and what is the production state of that composition in 2026?

### 6.1 The institutional banking state in mid-2026

Commercial banks have, through 2025–2026, crossed from sandbox pilots into production commitments on the institutional tokenisation venue. The dated commercial signals are clear.

JPMorgan's Kinexys announced in January 2026 that USD JPM Coin (JPMD) would issue natively on Canton with phased rollout through the year — a deposit token, not a stablecoin, available to institutional clients of the bank and intended as the cash leg for institutional tokenised-asset settlement.

BNY Mellon's tokenised deposit service went live in January 2026 with early adopters Intercontinental Exchange, Citadel Securities, DRW, and Circle, targeting tokenised collateral and margin payments.

Standard Chartered's tokenised deposit offering is live for institutional clients in Hong Kong and Singapore; Standard Chartered also leads the Anchorpoint Financial consortium that received the second Hong Kong Stablecoins Ordinance issuer licence on the tenth of April 2026.

HSBC received the first such licence on the same date for a Hong Kong Dollar-denominated stablecoin with a stated retail-product distribution path through HSBC HK Mobile Banking, PayMe, and the HSBC HK App; retail launch is scheduled for the second half of 2026.

Société Générale's FORGE has its EUR CoinVertible (EURCV) live since 2023 and Markets-in-Crypto-Assets-Regulation-compliant since the first of July 2024, deployed across Ethereum, Solana, the XRP Ledger, and Stellar as of March 2026, with retail accessibility through licensed European brokers and a lending-and-borrowing rail via the Bitpanda decentralised-finance wallet since October 2025.

DBS Token Services — the Singapore retail bank’s tokenised-deposit programme — is live for institutional and corporate clients on the DBS Digital Exchange; DBS and Kinexys jointly announced a cross-bank tokenised-deposit interoperability framework in early 2026 (announced; not yet shipped).

Visa joined Canton as a Super Validator on the twenty-fifth of March 2026, the first major global payments network to do so, alongside Mastercard’s ongoing development of the Multi-Token Network through 2025–2026 (live with integrations to JPMorgan Kinexys, Fiserv, Ondo Finance OUSG, Standard Chartered Hong Kong with Mox Bank and Libeara, and the September 2025 first live agentic card transaction). The architectural significance of Visa’s Super Validator position is that the issuing-bank ecosystem Visa already aggregates — which includes Bank of Maldives — gains an indirect path to Canton settlement without bilateral integration work at each issuing bank.

The Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation’s tokenisation programme — limited production trades in July 2026, full platform launch in October 2026, tokenising DTC-custodied United States Treasury securities through the ComposerX service — is the year’s most consequential bank-facing signal.

## 6.2 Tokenised bank deposits as a regulatory category

A tokenised bank deposit is a deposit liability of a chartered bank recorded as a transferable token on a distributed ledger, redeemable one-to-one against the issuing bank’s deposit account, settling on a tokenisation platform, with full prudential, deposit-insurance, anti-money-laundering, and consumer-protection regulation continuing to apply to the issuing bank. The category is distinct from a stablecoin: the issuer is a chartered bank with deposit insurance; the asset is a deposit liability; settlement is bank-money rather than reserve-money or commercial-money; the regulatory perimeter is the existing banking regime, not the dedicated stablecoin regime of the GENIUS Act, the Markets in Crypto-Assets Regulation, or the Hong Kong Stablecoins Ordinance.

The Bank for International Settlements’ 2025 Annual Economic Report — the “Next-generation monetary and financial system” chapter — explicitly endorses tokenised deposits alongside wholesale central bank digital currencies as the cash-leg pattern for institutional tokenised settlement, and distinguishes the category from stablecoins on the same legal-substrate grounds.

The Maldives' regulatory perimeter for the category is unsettled. The Maldives Monetary Authority's posture as of May 2026 — no virtual-asset-service-provider framework, no stablecoin regime, no central bank digital currency pilot announced — leaves tokenised deposits in regulatory limbo. The architectural position would require either Monetary Authority extension of existing banking regulation to a tokenised-deposit category, or designation of tokenised deposits under the Maldives International Financial Centre's prospective regime.

### **6.3 The Maldives commercial and retail banking landscape**

The Maldives Monetary Authority licences six commercial banks. Bank of Maldives is the dominant retail bank in the country. It launched its mobile banking application in 2015 — the first such product in the Maldives — and operates BML Pay (contactless and wallet-to-wallet) and the Swipe multi-currency digital wallet (beta from December 2025). It is a Visa and Mastercard issuer; it has been a Favara participant since the system's launch.

In an October 2024 statement, Bank of Maldives publicly denied involvement in cryptocurrency exchange services after media speculation; the bank operates within the Maldives Monetary Authority's posture that no entity has been authorised to conduct financial transactions in virtual currencies.

As of May 2026 no Maldivian commercial bank — neither Bank of Maldives, nor the Maldives Islamic Bank, nor the State Bank of India Maldives branch, nor any other licensed institution — has touched tokenisation or digital-asset custody in production.

The Mastercard memorandum of understanding signed with the Government of the Maldives on the seventh of October 2025 established a Digital Country Partnership — Mastercard's first such partnership in the region — focused on digital identity, payments acceptance, and public-sector digitalisation. The partnership is not, by its own description, a tokenisation initiative.

The Maldives International Financial Centre, with its joint-venture agreement with MBS Global Investments of January 2026 and a stated digital-asset and fintech mandate, is the institutional opening within which a Maldivian regulated tokenisation venue would crystallise. The Centre's regime is not yet published; the Maldives International Financial Services Authority is in formation.

There is no production-grade retail on-ramp to digital assets within the Maldives in May 2026; a Maldivian customer wanting a tokenised asset routes through correspondent banking to a licensed virtual-asset-service-provider in another jurisdiction.

## 6.4 Architectural patterns for local interoperability

Five patterns for connecting the institutional tokenisation layer to retail banking surfaces are deployed somewhere in the world in 2025–2026. Each maps onto an architectural slot a future Maldivian deployment would need to fill.

**PATTERN  $\alpha$  — TOKENISED DEPOSITS REDEEMABLE ONE-TO-ONE AGAINST A RETAIL BANK CUSTOMER ACCOUNT.** In production today only at wholesale tier (Bank of New York Mellon, JPMorgan Kinexys, DBS Token Services). Retail extension not yet shipped; the DBS-Kinexys cross-bank framework is the most-advanced announcement.

**PATTERN  $\beta$  — STABLECOIN-AS-PAYMENT-RAIL WITH RETAIL-BANK CUSTODY.** Société Générale FORGE EUR CoinVertible is the European exemplar (live since 2023). HSBC Hong Kong Dollar stablecoin is the imminent Asian retail-bank exemplar (licence April 2026; launch second half 2026). Qivalis euro stablecoin is the prospective European-multi-bank exemplar (announced for the second half of 2026).

**PATTERN  $\gamma$  — LICENSED VIRTUAL-ASSET-SERVICE-PROVIDER ON-AND-OFF-RAMP.** Still dominant in 2026. For the Maldives, the practical route today — routing through other jurisdictions.

**PATTERN  $\delta$  — INSTANT-PAYMENT-TO-TOKENISED-SETTLEMENT BRIDGES.** Eurosystem Pontes (announced for the third quarter of 2026) is the most mature. FedNow to tokenised Treasury is discussed.

**PATTERN  $\epsilon$  — DIRECT RETAIL-BANK PARTICIPATION AS A CANTON VALIDATOR, OR HOSTED ACCESS VIA A SERVICE PROVIDER.** Visa’s Super Validator position (March 2026) extends Canton access to Visa-issuing banks via Visa’s relationship layer — a route that, by extension, includes Bank of Maldives as a Visa issuer.

None of these is a Maldivian deployment in production. They are the architectural patterns that a Maldivian deployment would compose against.

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## 7. The institutional density on Canton and the operating-layer position

The surface of counterparties a sovereign jurisdiction needs to access when it tokenises sovereign or quasi-sovereign assets — central banks for the cash leg and the regulatory frame; ratings agencies for the credit rating that bond investors price against; index and market-data providers for the benchmarks tokenised funds reference; insurance and reinsurance counterparties for the parametric and catastrophe cover that sovereign instruments often pair with; transfer agents and central securities depositories for the legal-record-of-ownership leg; exchange operators for secondary-market visibility; custodians for the operational holding of the asset; settlement-asset issuers for the cash leg of delivery-versus-payment; data and verification providers for oracle-grade pricing, net-asset-value, and proof-of-reserve — is in 2026 converging on a single venue.

The composition is empirical.

**SETTLEMENT-ASSET ISSUERS ON CANTON IN 2026** include JPMorgan (USD JPM Coin natively on Canton from 2026), Circle (USDCx live on Canton December 2025), Hashnote (USYC, acquired by Circle January 2025), Société Générale FORGE (EURCV across multiple chains with Canton interoperability), BNY Mellon (tokenised institutional deposits live January 2026), Standard Chartered (tokenised deposits live in Hong Kong and Singapore), and DBS (DBS Token Services). The set covers dollar, euro, and Asian-currency cash legs across regulated stablecoin, tokenised money-market fund, and tokenised bank deposit categories.

**CUSTODIANS AND TOKENISATION PLATFORMS ON CANTON IN 2026** include Hex Trust (Super Validator from January 2026, digital-asset custody), Taurus (Super Validator from November 2025, Geneva-based custody for Deutsche Bank, CACEIS, Santander, State Street), Anchorage Digital (federally chartered United States digital-asset custody, OCC-supervised), BitGo (institutional digital-asset custody), Fireblocks (institutional digital-asset infrastructure), Broadridge (Distributed Ledger Repo platform, transfer agent for major fund families), DTCC (United States central securities depository, tokenisation programme through ComposerX), and Euroclear (European international central securities depository, Canton Foundation co-chair from December 2025).

**EXCHANGE AND MARKET INFRASTRUCTURE OPERATORS ON CANTON** include Tradeweb (electronic-trading platform, on-chain Treasury repo from August 2025), Cboe Global Markets (Super Validator, options and equity exchange operator), Deutsche Börse (Super Validator, European exchange and clearing operator), Nasdaq (Super Validator, equity exchange operator and market-data provider), and SIX Digital Exchange (Project Helvetia III venue for wholesale central bank digital currency).

**RATINGS, INDEX, AND MARKET-DATA PROVIDERS ON CANTON** include S&P Global (Super Validator), Moody's (Super Validator), and the indirect coverage from index providers through DTCC's tokenisation of Russell 1000 constituents and major ETF indices.

**SETTLEMENT AND PAYMENT NETWORKS ON CANTON** include Visa (Super Validator from March 2026 at the highest Super Validator weight in the network) and Mastercard (Multi-Token Network with Canton-aligned integrations).

The composite picture is that the surface of counterparties a Maldivian sovereign or sovereign-adjacent issuer needs to access — for cash settlement, for custody, for transfer-agent and registry services, for secondary-market visibility, for ratings coverage, for index inclusion — is in 2026 converging on the Canton Network. Integration once at the Canton Improvement Proposal 56 and AllocationV1 layer gives access to that whole surface without bilateral arrangements with each licensed entity on it.

The Boli platform's position in this configuration is the operating layer above the ledger: the three Daml asset patterns (Tradeable, Registry-mirror, Credential), the compliance-pack engine, the identity bridge, the integration substrate. The Tenzro Network's position is the layer below: validator infrastructure, threshold key management, agentic runtime, decentralised compute. Both are open-source and ship today. The architecture composes against the institutional density; it does not replicate it.

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## 8. The risk posture and the asymmetry of the pathway

The extract closes by setting out what is uncertain about the institutional environment around the architectural pathway, and how the pathway composes with that uncertainty. The architectural pathway is built so that the residual question it leaves with the Maldivian state is a question of pace and posture, not of architectural irreversibility.

A preliminary observation bears stating. The conservative posture in the Maldives' present configuration is not the do-nothing posture. The do-nothing posture is the posture in which tokenisation interacting with the Maldives' surface continues to happen on a substantively different architectural plane from the one this extract describes — public-permissionless Ethereum Layer 2 distribution under Rule 506(c) and Regulation S, in the form already running through the Dar Global, World Liberty Financial, and Securitize transaction of the eighteenth of February 2026. Doing nothing concedes the architectural ground to that pathway, and to whichever pathways follow it, on a plane the Maldivian state has no supervisory grip on. The conservative posture is the posture that establishes the supervisory perimeter and the participation surface within which subsequent decisions are taken.

### 8.1 The supervisory recognition trajectory of Canton

The first surface concerns Canton's supervisory standing. The institutional consolidation around Canton through 2026 and 2027 is in motion — the Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation's tokenised Treasury programme moves to pilot in July 2026 and platform launch in October, the Eurosystem's Pontes bridge is scheduled for the third quarter, JPMorgan's USD JPM Coin is rolling out natively on Canton through 2026, the Goldman GS DAP spin-out is planned for mid-year, and Visa joined as a Super Validator at the highest validator weight in March 2026.

The International Organization of Securities Commissions, the Financial Stability Board, the Bank for International Settlements, and the major central banks treat Canton in 2026 as a venue under active observation rather than as a recognised system. The trajectory is plausibly toward formal recognition; the timeline is not within Boli's or Tenzro's control.

The architectural property that bears on the risk posture is that the pathway is built on shipped, open-source code today rather than on dated commitments. The Daml SDK is stable at 3.4.10; the Splice Token Standard V1 was stabilised at version 1.0.0 in early 2026 under the hyperledger-labs/splice repository; Canton Improvement Proposal 0056 is in production on the network; the Boli platform's three Daml asset patterns and compliance-pack engine ship today; the Tenzro Network's validator stack and Trusted Execution Environment-attested runtime are in production; canton-scan.com publicly verifies the validator population approaching one thousand nodes with forty-plus Super Validators. The dated commitments of 2026 and 2027 widen the institutional density on a venue the Maldives can already access; they do not change the venue's existence.

The participation tier that matches an observation-rather-than-recognition posture is built into Canton's onboarding pathway. The observer-tier participation — a Maldives International Financial Services Authority or Capital Markets Development Authority or Maldives Monetary Authority observer party permissioned onto relevant Daml templates through a transfer agent's or a licensed bank's participant node — is the cheapest and most realistic entry vector. It preserves data residency, preserves the supervisor's read access to transactions involving the parties it cares about, and requires no Maldivian-operated validator infrastructure. The observer posture is the posture the Canton documentation explicitly directs supervisors toward in 2026; it is the posture that matches the institutional uncertainty rather than running ahead of it. The architecture composes with caution; the alternative — bilateral correspondent-banking arrangements with each licensed entity the Maldives' counterparties already transact with — does not.

The pathway is therefore robust to the trajectory continuing, robust to the trajectory continuing slowly, and recoverable from the trajectory stalling — the engineering work invested at the Canton Improvement Proposal 0056 and AllocationV1 layer composes against any institutional venue that adopts the same standards, and the Boli pattern library plus the Tenzro runtime are open source under the Apache 2 licence.

## **8.2 The geopolitical configuration the Maldives operates within**

The second surface concerns the geopolitical configuration the Maldives operates within. The Maldives in May 2026 is, in the public-record characterisation, simultaneously India-aligned for sovereign liquidity (Favara-Unified-Payments-Interface from July 2026; bilateral assistance through the April 2026 sukuk repayment), Gulf-aligned for development capital (Maldives International Financial Centre with Dubai-domiciled MBS Global In-

vestments capital and a stated digital-asset mandate), United-Arab-Emirates-adjacent (the UAE is a participating central bank in mBridge), and dollar-exposed financially (the institutional reality of foreign-exchange flow).

The architectural property that bears on the risk posture is **SETTLEMENT-ASSET AGNOSTICISM**. The Splice Token Standard V1 AllocationV1 primitive does not bind to a particular cash leg. The same Canton asset contract — a Maldivian sukuk, a tokenised tourism-receivable, a Maldives International Financial Centre-licensed bond — settles against regulated dollar stable-coins (Circle USDC, Paxos USDP, GENIUS-Act-compliant issuance) for a Western institutional buyer, against tokenised bank deposits (JPMorgan USD JPM Coin, BNY Mellon institutional deposit token, Standard Chartered tokenised deposits, DBS Token Services) for an institutional-bank-cleared buyer, against tokenised Singapore-dollar deposits or Hong Kong-dollar stablecoins (HSBC, Anchorpoint) for a Project Guardian or a Hong Kong counterparty, against a Digital Dirham balance for a United Arab Emirates buyer through mBridge corridors, and — when the central-bank programmes reach production — against wholesale central-bank-digital-currency tokens on Project Helvetia, Project Pontes, Project Ensemble, and mBridge surfaces.

The architectural layer is neutral. It does not editorialise on which settlement asset a counterparty pair uses; it does not editorialise on which sanctions regime applies; it does not commit the jurisdiction to a single payment plane. The neutrality the architecture delivers is the neutrality the Maldives' geopolitical configuration requires.

The bridge between the Western institutional plane and the China-sphere wholesale plane (e-CNY-denominated mBridge settlement) is, as of May 2026, a central-bank workstream — Project Agorá, the Bank for International Settlements' Project Mandala on programmable compliance, the Eurosystem's Pontes work. The architecture composes with bridges as they crystallise; it does not depend on them having crystallised. The Maldives' choice of which planes to interoperate with, on what terms and on what cadence, is preserved as a sovereign choice — at the transaction layer where counterparties already negotiate it, not at the platform layer where a single architectural choice would prematurely lock the jurisdiction in.

### 8.3 The Maldives International Financial Centre's supervisory perimeter

The third surface concerns the Maldives International Financial Centre. The Centre is, as of May 2026, in master-planning and early-enabling-works phase, with completion targeted for 2030. The supervisory authority — the Maldives International Financial Services Authority — is in formation. The

bespoke regulatory regime under which Centre licensees would operate is not yet public. The Centre's stated fintech and blockchain mandate is a stated mandate, not a published regime.

The architectural property that bears on the risk posture is **REGIME-NEUTRALITY**. The Boli compliance-pack catalogue already ships patterns appropriate to each of the regimes the Centre might plausibly adopt: a Capital Markets Development Authority-aligned regime (which the Capital Markets Development Authority already operates for Securities Virtual Asset Service Providers); an Abu Dhabi Global Market-modelled regime; a Dubai International Financial Centre-modelled regime; a Bahrain-modelled regime; a Markets-in-Crypto-Assets-Regulation-aligned regime for European-Union distribution; a Reg D 506(c) plus Reg S regime for United States accredited-investor and non-United-States distribution; a Hong Kong Stablecoins Ordinance-modelled regime for stablecoin-and-payment-token issuance; and the Islamic-finance packs (Sukuk Ijara, Murabaha, Salam) for Sharia-structured instruments.

The architectural investment a Maldivian deployment makes — Daml integration against Canton Improvement Proposal 0056 and AllocationV1, Boli pattern library deployment, identity bridge, agentic-runtime configuration — is durable across each of those regime choices. The compliance-pack-as-policy-artefact pattern is exactly the pattern that lets a sovereign rulebook ship as a code artefact configured by the licensed party, against a stable platform substrate. The supervisor's choice of regime is preserved; the platform investment does not become stranded under any plausible choice.

The Centre is the single most consequential institutional opening in the Maldives' 2026 configuration for a Canton-aligned settlement stack to be hosted under a credible supervisory perimeter. The architectural pathway is built so that the Centre's eventual rulebook is an input to the deployment configuration rather than a determinant of the platform investment.

## 8.4 The asymmetry

The structural property the three sub-sections above share is asymmetry. Under each surface of uncertainty, the residual exposure of the pathway is bounded by the platform substrate being open source and shipping today, by the participation tier matching the supervisory posture, by settlement-asset agnosticism at the cash leg, and by regime-neutrality at the compliance-pack layer. The pathway is consistent with caution; it is consistent with pace; it is consistent with a multi-year horizon in which the Maldives International Financial Centre's rulebook crystallises before any production issuance moves through the Centre.

The architectural pathway described exists in 2026 — built on shipped, open-source software at the Canton, Splice, and Boli layers. Through it, a jurisdiction in the Maldives' position interoperates with the institutional commercial venue at which the major balance sheets of the global financial system are consolidating, without bilateral arrangements with each licensed entity on it.

The question the architecture leaves with the Maldivian state is a question of pace and posture, not of architectural irreversibility. The choice of whether to enter the institutional venue as a publicly-named first SIDS regulator on Canton — an observer-tier permissioning is the cheapest and most realistic vector — or to engage the pathway later through Centre-licensed counterparties, or to defer the choice further, remains a sovereign one. The architectural ground on which the choice is made, however, exists today and is consistent with each of those postures.

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