



# CFO CONFERENCE 2026

***FUTURE-READY CFO: LEADING VALUE, TRUST  
& TRANSFORMATION***

**6 April 2026 (Monday), 9.00am – 5.00pm  
Renaissance Kuala Lumpur Hotel & Convention Centre**

## OBJECTIVES

This Conference seeks to help you:

- Stay ahead of global and regional economic shifts and understand their implications for finance leaders
- Assess the impact of taxation on ESG and its implications for strategy and compliance
- Navigate evolving sustainability and reporting expectations, including NSRF and IFRS S1 & S2
- Build future-ready finance teams by addressing talent, culture, and skills required in a digitally enabled finance function
- Harness AI, automation, and data analytics to strengthen finance's role as a strategic partner
- Explore the evolving CFO agenda within the C-suite to drive enterprise resilience and long-term value

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Chief Financial Officers
- Finance Directors
- Financial Controllers
- Accountants in Public and Private Sectors
- Finance Professionals
- Academicians

**CFOs today must evolve rapidly to navigate economic volatility, digital and regulatory disruptions, and stakeholder scrutiny. Beyond safeguarding financial integrity, they must take a leading role in business transformation, sustainability and ESG integration, and adoption of AI and emerging technologies. They must also work closely with the C-suite to strengthen resilience, enhance performance, and deliver long-term value.**

**New roles call for new skills. The CFO Conference 2026 brings Malaysian CFOs and senior finance leaders together with regulators, peers, and industry experts to explore the trends shaping finance. Through practical insights and real-world perspectives, the Conference will demonstrate how CFOs and finance leaders can build future-ready teams, positioning finance as a strategic partner in strengthening value, trust and transformation.**

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

8.30 am  
–9.00 am REGISTRATION & WELCOME REFRESHMENTS

9.00 am  
–9.10 am **WELCOME ADDRESS**

### ECONOMIC & BUSINESS OUTLOOK 2026: NAVIGATING GLOBAL & REGIONAL VOLATILITY

9.10 am  
–9.50 am Value creation depends on the ability to navigate volatility and steer financial strategy amid uncertainty. This session will examine the global and regional economic outlook for 2026, highlighting key trends in trade, geopolitics, and market dynamics that will shape business decisions in Malaysia and ASEAN. Finance leaders will gain practical insights into emerging opportunities and risks to position their organisations for resilience and sustainable growth.

#### MODERATOR

**DR MOHD AFZANIZAM ABDUL RASHID** | Chief Economist, Bank Muamalat Malaysia Berhad

### TAXATION AND ESG: COST, COMPLIANCE OR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE?

9.50 am  
–10.30 am Carbon taxes, environmental levies, and green incentives are reshaping the tax landscape. This session will examine how CFOs can navigate ESG-related taxation, balancing compliance with opportunities to unlock value, optimise incentives, and strengthen organisational sustainability positioning. By aligning tax strategy with ESG priorities, finance leaders can enhance stakeholder trust, reinforce transparency, and support sustainable long-term value creation.

#### SPEAKER

**DR VEERINDERJEET SINGH** | Member, Taxation Practice Committee, Malaysian Institute of Accountants

10.30 am  
–11.00 am MORNING REFRESHMENTS & NETWORKING

#### PANEL DISCUSSION

### ESG & SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING: FROM COMPLIANCE TO STRATEGIC VALUE

11.00 am  
–12.15 pm CFOs are entering a critical phase of NSRF implementation, with the first annual reports incorporating IFRS S1 and S2 expected to be finalised by April 2026. This panel will share early implementation experiences and lessons learned, highlighting how finance leaders can move beyond compliance and integrate sustainability reporting into strategy to strengthen long-term resilience and stakeholder trust.

#### MODERATOR

**FRANCIS XAVIOUR JOE** | Director, Client Relations, Sustainlaterre PLT

#### PANELLIST

**PHILIP LING** | Head of Sustainability, CelcomDigi Berhad

### FUTURE-READY FINANCE TEAMS: BUILDING TALENT, CULTURE AND CAPABILITIES

12.15 pm  
–1.00 pm As finance functions evolve amid digitalisation and AI adoption, CFOs face growing challenges in attracting, developing, and retaining talent. This session explores how finance leaders can build agile, future-ready teams by strengthening core capabilities such as digital literacy, analytical thinking, and business partnering, while reshaping culture to support continuous learning and transformation.

1.00 pm  
–2.00 pm LUNCH & NETWORKING

#### PANEL DISCUSSION

### THE AI-POWERED FINANCE FUNCTION: BEYOND AUTOMATION TO STRATEGIC INSIGHTS

2.00 pm  
–3.15 pm Generative AI, predictive analytics, and automation are transforming the finance function into a strategic enabler. This panel will explore how CFOs can harness AI and analytics to drive strategic insights, including practical use cases such as AI-enabled forecasting, risk and performance monitoring, and automated reporting and compliance. The discussion will also incorporate a focused legal perspective on intellectual property, AI governance, ethics, and cybersecurity risks.

#### MODERATOR

**BRYAN CHUNG YEW PONG** | Chair, AI Advisory Group, Malaysian Institute of Accountants

#### PANELLISTS

**ANDREW CHONG** | Chief Technology Officer, Portio Capital, Belgium (joining us virtually)

**RAMANATHAN AMN THIAGARAJAN** | Chief Financial Officer, AirAsia MOVE

**TONG LAI LING** | Partner–Head of Technology, Multimedia & Telecommunications, Raja, Darryl & Loh

#### PANEL DISCUSSION

### THE CFO-COO ACTION AGENDA: LEADING BEYOND FINANCE

3.15 pm  
–4.30 pm In today's rapidly evolving environment, CFOs are increasingly expected to play dual roles—leading finance while also assuming operational oversight. This conversation will explore how finance leaders can embrace the CFO-COO hybrid agenda, redefining leadership to drive operational excellence and long-term strategic alignment.

#### MODERATOR

**YIP KIT WENG** | Chair, Professional Accountants in Business (PAIB) Committee, Malaysian Institute of Accountants

4.30 pm  
–5.00 pm AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS & NETWORKING  
END OF CONFERENCE

## CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



### **BRYAN CHUNG YEW PONG**

Bryan brings over a decade of experience across the technology and start-up ecosystem, with a career spanning venture investing, incubation and strategic advisory. His foundation in investment banking allows him to bridge traditional finance with emerging innovation, giving him a distinctive ability to assess opportunities with both analytical depth and commercial clarity. Bryan currently serves as Executive Director of True Vine Capital Partners (TVCP), a venture capital fund manager in Singapore. TVCP is a subsidiary of Piece Future, an IP bank managing patent portfolios for multinational corporations such as Panasonic, Nokia, Casio, and Ricoh. He is also the Founder of Incitable Digital Asia, a venture architect that supports startups and SMEs from idea to institution, through to exits and CFO of Fixturegram, an agentic commodity cargo and freight management system provider serving industry leaders such as Shell. He previously served as Independent Director on the boards of Sim Leisure Group Limited, listed on SGX Catalist, and CPA Australia Ltd. He currently sits on the board of OMS Energy Technologies Inc., a NASDAQ-listed oil and gas technology manufacturer, where he also chairs the Audit Committee. He is an Accredited Director under the auspices of Singapore Institute of Directors. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce with a major in accounting and graduated with First Class Honours in Banking and Finance from Monash University, Melbourne. He is a member of MIA's Digital Technology Implementation Committee and chairs the AI Advisory Group. He is a Fellow of CIMA (FCMA, CGMA) and also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Benevolent Fund for CIMA and AICPA.



### **FRANCIS XAVIOUR JOE**

Francis is the Director of Client Relations at Sustainlaterre PLT and is responsible for business development, and sales and support activities primarily for its ESG related suite of software solutions. He advocates corporate executives and their board embrace digital technology for their sustainability record management, reporting and operationalise value-creation strategy in action business responsibilities. This enables a data driven fact evidenced integrated value creation business model encompassing financial and non-financial parameters that is agile and adjustable to ever changing external risks and opportunities economic and business environment. He has over 30 years of corporate experience in bank lending, bond rating, and sustainability offering a strategic and tactical perspective to assist business leaders build resilience, safeguard profitability and shared prosperity to all stakeholders. Prior to the ESG world, he was in the financial industry as Vice President, Corporate Finance at a credit rating agency and Corporate Banker with a local and foreign bank. Francis holds a Master of Business from The University of Newcastle Australia and is a member of ACCA.



### **DR MOHD AFZANIZAM ABDUL RASHID**

Dr Afzanizam is the Chief Economist with Bank Muamalat Malaysia Berhad (BMMB) where he is instrumental in offering strategic macroeconomic advice, focusing on fiscal and monetary policy. He has over two decades of expertise in investment research with a distinguished career in economics and capital markets. His professional journey includes significant roles at notable institutions such as the Employees Provident Fund, Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad, the Retirement Fund Incorporated, and Malaysian Rating Corporation Berhad, where he provided valuable economic insights. He is an active commentator in the media, an academic mentor at various local universities, and advisor to the Special Select Committee on Finance and Economy, Parliament of Malaysia. Dr Afzanizam holds a Ph.D. in Economics and an MBA in Applied Finance & Investment from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), along with a Bachelor of Business Administration (Hons) in Finance and a Diploma in Investment Analysis from UiTM.



### **PHILIP LING**

Philip is the Head of Sustainability at CelcomDigi Berhad, where he works to drive CelcomDigi's Sustainability strategies, agenda and maturity at all levels of the organisation. He has been with the company for 25 years, with over a decade of experience in Sustainability advising on ESG, climate change and environment, digital inclusion, and empowerment, as well as human rights, with insights into societal impacts and integrated reporting standards. Prior to this position, he was a Principal in Regulatory Strategy and had worked as a marketer in the International Marketing division for Digi Telecommunications and in the FMCG sector. He advocates for an equitable digital society in areas of business and human rights, safe internet, digital citizenship, and future skills. Formerly the President for the Business Council for Sustainability and Responsibility Malaysia (BCSDM), his accolades include being named the 'CyberSAFE Professional of the Year' in 2012 and in 2016 by CyberSecurity Malaysia, giving rise to his current focus to combat scams and fraud in the digital AI age. A seasoned speaker at conferences, Philip is a dedicated leader and mentor to young adults at his church. Through decades of experience, he has seen first-hand the transformative power of continuous coaching, fostering not just greater human capital productivity but also improving overall personal well-being.



### **RAMANATHAN AMN THIAGARAJAN**

Ramanathan is a strategic Chief Financial Officer of AirAsia MOVE, responsible for shaping the Group's financial strategy, governance architecture, and enterprise transformation agenda across Southeast Asia. He partners closely with the Board and senior leadership to drive sustainable value creation, capital efficiency, and disciplined growth in a complex, multi-market environment. With over 15 years of experience spanning e-commerce, aviation, banking, and energy, Ramanathan brings deep expertise in capital raising, M&A, enterprise risk management, and large-scale finance transformation. He has led regional finance operations, strengthened governance frameworks, and built high-performing, future-ready finance teams that integrate data, technology, and commercial insight into decision-making. Prior to AirAsia MOVE, he held senior leadership roles at AmBank Group and KPMG Malaysia, specialising in audit, risk, and financial advisory for major financial institutions. A Chartered Accountant (ICAEW) with professional certifications including CISA, CRISC, and CFE, Ramanathan is recognised for combining strong technical rigor with strategic foresight. He is passionate about redefining the modern CFO as a transformative business partner—balancing financial discipline with innovation, driving digital enablement, and embedding strong governance to support long-term, sustainable growth.

### CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



#### TONG LAI LING

Lai Ling is the Head of the Technology, Multimedia & Telecommunications (TMT) Practice Group at Raja, Darryl & Loh. She has extensive experience advising on IT, telecommunications, and digital transformation matters. She specialises in commercial technology transactions, including software development, outsourcing, cloud services, e-commerce, data privacy, and artificial intelligence related legal issues. Lai Ling has advised a wide range of clients, including financial institutions, healthcare groups, and statutory bodies, on complex digitalisation and regulatory compliance projects. She is consistently recognised as a leading practitioner in her field, having been inducted into The Legal 500 Asia Pacific Hall of Fame, ranked by Chambers Asia Pacific, and named a Distinguished Practitioner by asialaw. She was also listed among the Asia Super 50 TMT Lawyers and recognised in the Asia Business Law Journal A-List – Malaysia's Top Lawyers.



#### DR VEERINDERJEET SINGH

Dr Veerinderjeet is a Past President of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA) and The Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA), as well as the former Non-Executive Chairman of Tricor Services (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd. He was Past President of the Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia from 2007 to 2010. He is currently Senior Adviser on Tax Policy at KPMG Malaysia. Acknowledged as a leading expert in accountancy and taxation, he has over 40 years of diverse experience in the fields of accounting, taxation and commerce. He has served in the Inland Revenue Department, University of Malaya (as an Associate Professor), Arthur Andersen and Ernst & Young (as a Tax Partner/Executive Director), and has authored several influential and authoritative tax publications. Dr Veerinderjeet currently sits on the Boards of AmBank (M) Berhad, where he is also Chair of the Audit Committee, Mesiniaga Berhad (listed on Bursa Malaysia), and ZICO Holdings Inc. (listed on the Singapore Exchange). He was previously a Board member and Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee of Malaysian Rating Corporation Berhad until April 2024, and a Board member and Senior Independent Director at UMW Holdings Berhad until February 2024. Globally, Dr Veerinderjeet contributes his expertise as Vice Chair of the Global Tax Commission of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) based in Paris. He was previously a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation (IBFD) based in Amsterdam until 31 December 2024. He was a member of the Tax Reform Committee (2018–2020) under the Ministry of Finance, Malaysia. He is also Past Chair of IFA Malaysia and a current member of the IFA Asia Pacific Committee. He is a frequent speaker and moderator at various local and international tax and governance events.

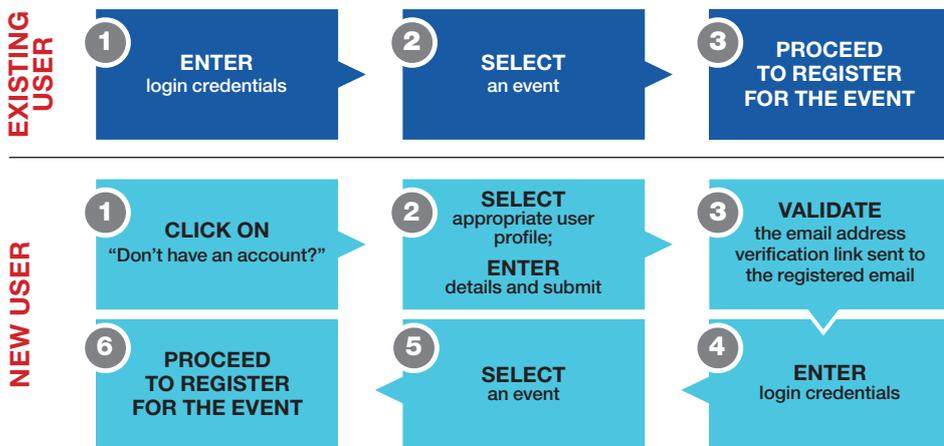


#### YIP KIT WENG

Kit is Chair of the Professional Accountants in Business (PAIB) Committee of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants. He has over 30 years of expertise in equity and debt fundraising, corporate advisory, and investment banking. He was formerly Deputy Group Managing Director of Affin Hwang Investment Bank and prior to that was Executive Director/Head of Investment Banking at Nomura Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd. Prior to Nomura, Kit was Director of Client Coverage at RHB Investment and Berhad and Director, Equity Capital Markets at CIMB Investment Bank Berhad. He currently serves as an Independent Non-Executive Director at Ecofirst Consolidated Berhad, Euro Holdings Bhd, Privasia Technology Bhd, Esente Capital Berhad, Capital Dynamics Asset Management Sdn Bhd (licensed by Securities Commission of Malaysia). Kit also serves as Independent Non-Executive Chairman of Infocus Group Holdings Limited, a company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange. Kit currently serves as President of CPA Australia, Malaysia Division for 2025 and 2026 and was recently elected as Deputy Chair of the Council of Presidents 2026, among 13 Division Councils Globally. He currently serves as a member of the Industry Advisory panel for the Business School of Curtin University Malaysia. He was a former member of the Executive Committee of Malaysian Institute of Investment Banks MIBA (2019-2020).

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Non-member	RM 1,200
Academics	RM 800

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### CONFERENCE DETAILS & REGISTRATION

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- Employer's Obligations**
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- The information on Corporate/Individual provided shall be deemed true and correct. No alteration will be allowed upon registration.

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