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Regulatory Challenges in FinTech:
A Singapore Perspective

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MAS's Policy Approach

- Differentiated

  - No one-size-fits-all

- Risk-based

  - Not to front-run Innovation

  - Materiality & Proportionality

- Promote

  - Run alongside Innovation

  - Allow experimentation

  - Promote inter-operability

Common FinTech Examples

- Robo-advisors

- Equity Crowdfunding

- P2P Lending

- Payments & Payment Systems

- Crypto-currencies and Initial Coin Offering (ICO)

Regulatory Sandbox

- Not to expect sandbox standards to be harmonised any sooner due to different objectives and characteristics in every market

- China does not need sandbox as it is a giant sandbox itself (google The Great Firewall of China)

- US, due to the regulatory autonomy of the 50+ states, sandboxes by each state may hinder rather than promote innovation

- Sandbox benefits both regulator (to learn from, adapt, and work with innovators) and startups (to learn how the financial services industry is governed, and understand how to test and tweak their businesses in line with best practices and rules)

- Singapore's experience

Conclusion

- FinTech is still evolving

- Guiding principles to guide policy formulation

- Understanding emerging technology and innovative business models

- Experiment and learn using regulatory sandbox