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Are you a C-level Executive or working in business development or strategy in banking?

• This report explains embedded finance and will arm you with the critical information you need to understand its impact on the financial services industry and beyond.

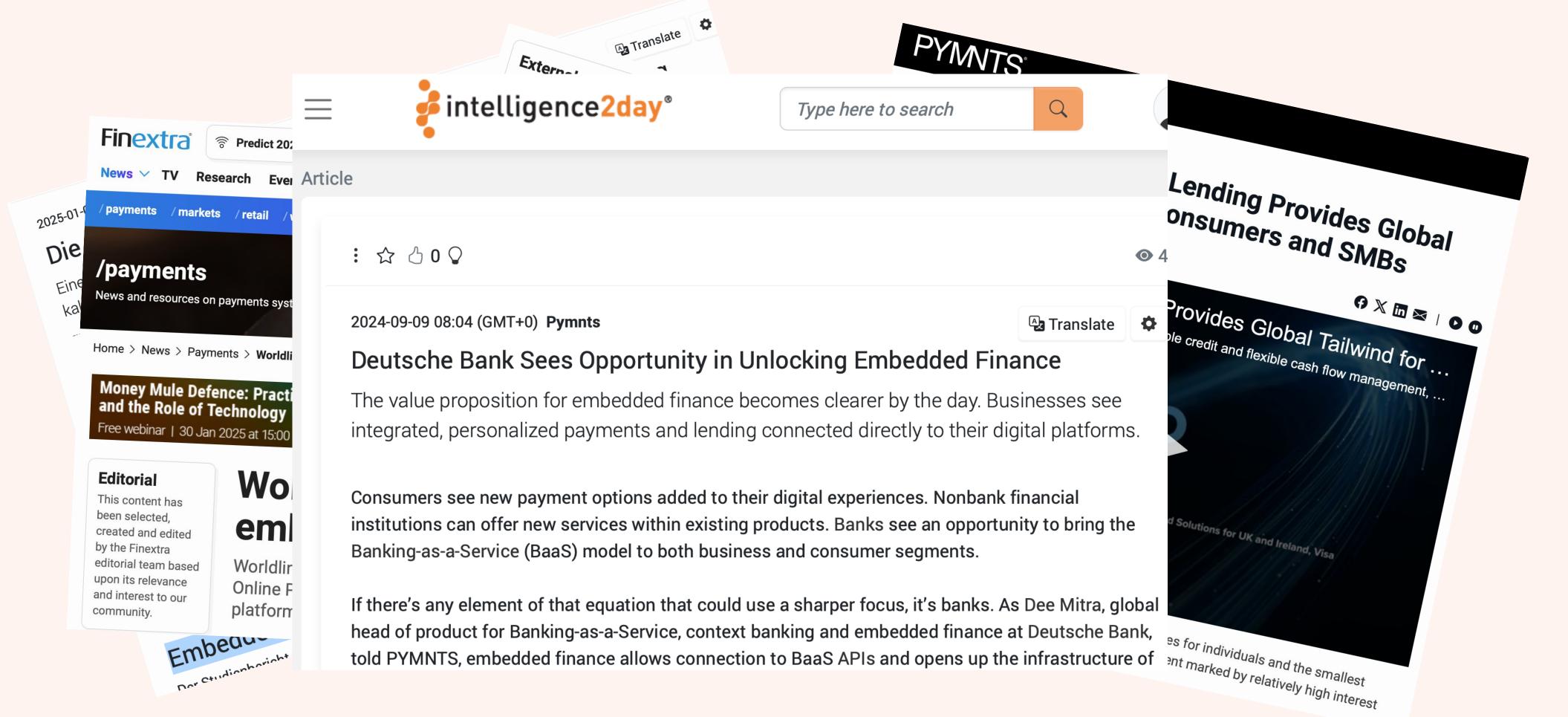
...then you should read this report so that you can make informed decisions about embedded finance ...

- Embedded finance-enabled user journeys are **transforming the strategies of financial institutions** from relationship-driven to capability-driven approaches. Progressive banks are already moving ahead with embedded finance journeys, threatening to leave others behind.
- If your bank is not yet pursuing a well-defined strategy, you should familiarise yourself with the drivers of embedded finance, its relevance and its impact on the industry's traditional value chain. Doing so will help you create a tailored strategy designed to help your institution prosper.

This report aims to create clarity on embedded finance, by:

- Using its drivers to define the term of embedded finance.
- Explaining how the traditional value chain is changing and exploring the roles banks can play.
- Outlining the strategic relevance and urgency for banks to seize the substantial opportunities in embedded finance.





What are the drivers of embedded finance?



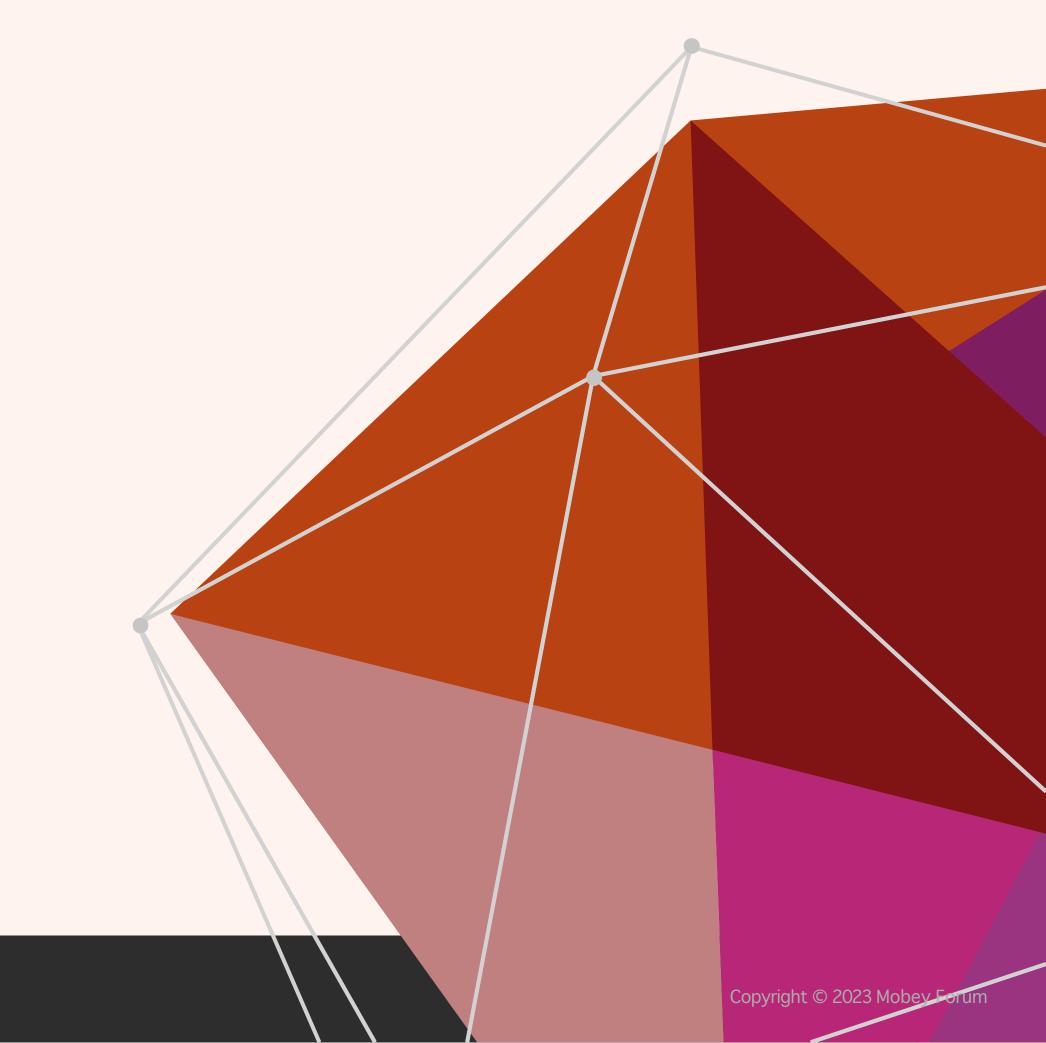
- End-to-end user journeys are taking center stage and integrating financial services
 - The seamless **integration** of **financial tools** and **services** into user journeys is fundamentally changing how customers consume financial services.
 - Embedded finance is becoming an integral and frictionless part of products and services that customers already use frequently.
- Organisations with customer touchpoints are in control of the customer journey and extend their role deep into the value chain
 - Customers increasingly seek effortless and smooth experiences.
 - A growing number of companies **integrate financial offerings** into their portfolio to better serve customers' desires.
 - The goal in integrating financial services is to increase product/service desirability, maximise conversion and reduce abandonments.

Fueled by new technology

• The digitalisation of processes and customer experiences in banking enables organisations to take advantage of the embedded finance opportunity and strategically extend their role in the value chain through modular services.



The definition



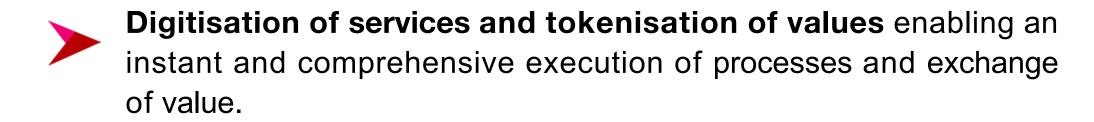
Embedded finance

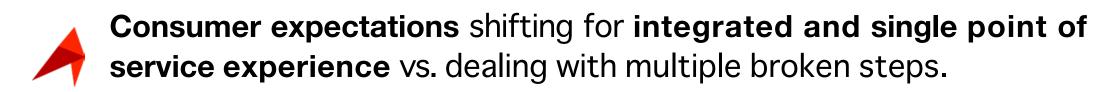
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definition

Embedded finance describes the integration of financial services to enhance and complement a third-party service offering from a banking or non-banking provider.

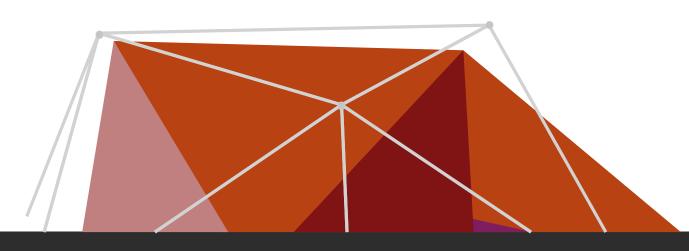
This creates a **convenient end-to-end journey** with **minimal friction** for the end user, whether they are a **human or machine-based actor**.

What key market developments drove the definition?





Automation and efficiency enabled by linking process steps together vs. isolated, manual processes conducted in silos.





What expert insights shaped the definition?



Embedded finance – customers do not necessarily need to know a financial service is provided by **someone else** than the use case service provider they are interacting with.

Financial services – include banking, lending, insurance services and extend beyond pure banking.

Banking or non-banking – it is not only embedding financial services in a non-financial service, but **banks can also embed financial services** from other providers.

Minimal friction – rather than 'frictionless', 'seamless' or 'invisible', which suggest there is no interaction, the consumer generally knows they are consuming integrated services.

Human or machine-based actor – usually embedded finance is eventually consumed by a human actor, however, services can also be digested by non-human entities such as **IoT** or **robotics.**



What is the impact of embedded finance?



- Embedded finance is **already gaining momentum**: The transaction value of embedded finance in the U.S. will surge from \$2.6 trillion (10% of GDP) in 2021 to \$7 trillion in 2026 (Source: Bain).
- Previously, customers accessed financial services from specific providers. Now, customers can access **tailored financial solutions** instantly within the use case, when and where they need them.
- Organisations can realise additional, incremental revenue of between 10% and 100% of the total value created within that value chain. How large this figure is depends on how broad a role an organisation has in that value chain.
- With embedded finance, **integrated financial services** as well as customer services **scale infinitely**, as they are distributed digitally and at marginal cost.
- Taking advantage of the embedded finance opportunity and avoiding loss of business requires a **mindset shift** and executing a well-defined **embedded finance strategy.**

The evolving value chain and strategic options



The banking value chain

Traditional - 'user goes to product'

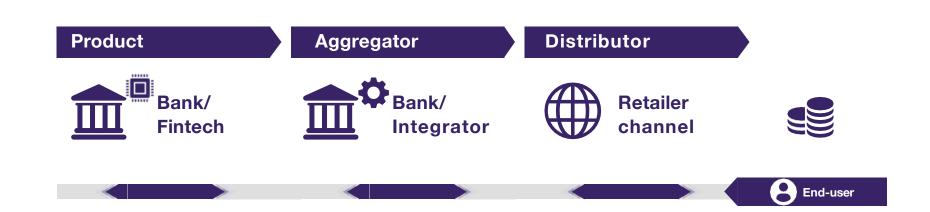
- The bank performs all the roles towards its customers but does not own all the interfaces.
- The bank produces the banking products and also sets up the distribution channels (branches and digital channels).
- The customers visit the bank channels to receive the banking products and services into use and use them at the retailers.



is changing

Embedded finance - 'product comes to user'

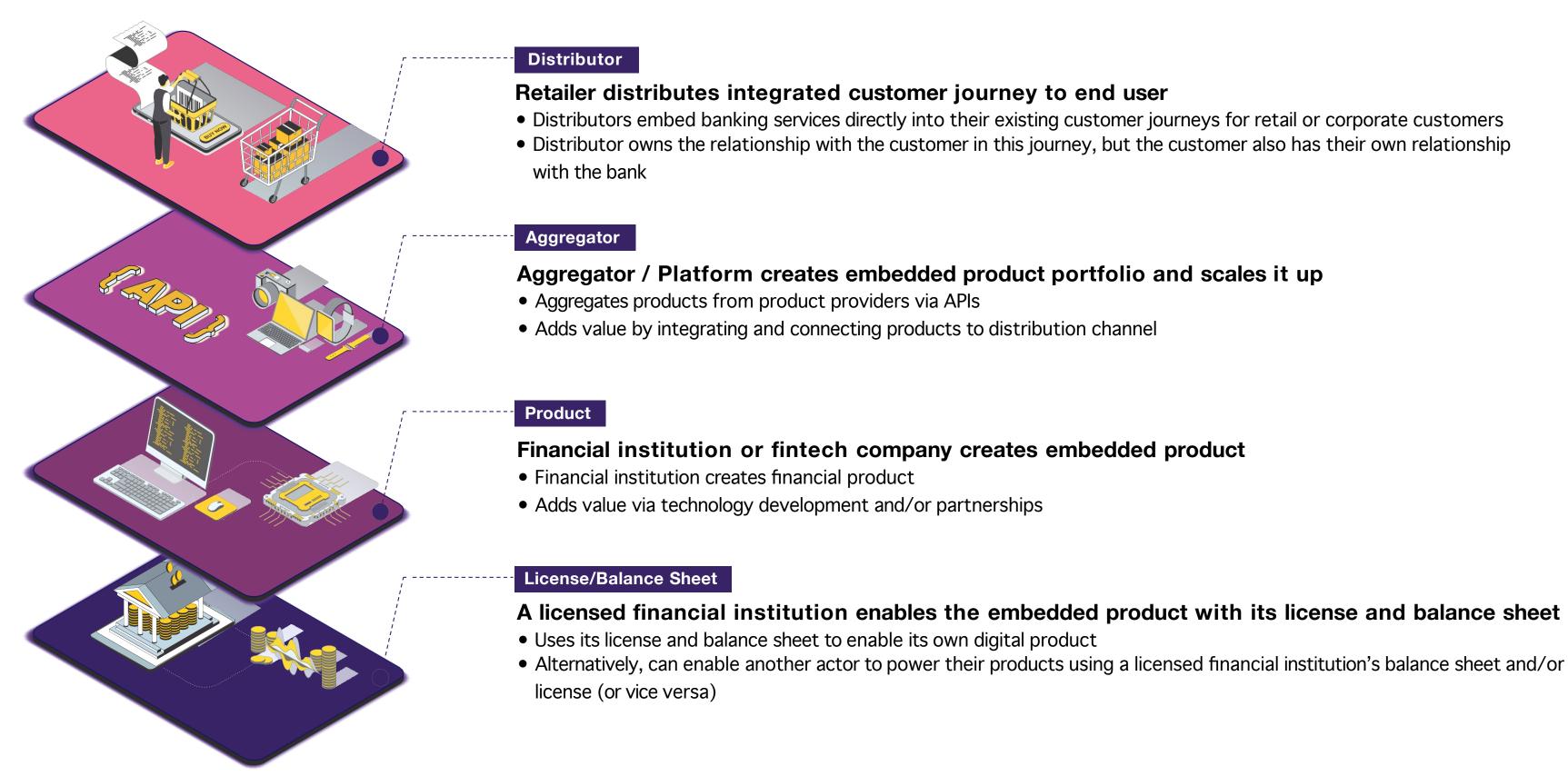
- Bank produces the banking products and services: traditional, as well as new ones.
- Integrators /platforms integrate these products/services and technically support their delivery into the retailers' sales channels.
- Retailers' sales channels are where embedded finance software is hosted and incorporated into customer journeys for distribution.
- Customers can consume the banking products and services directly at retailers, with no need to visit the banking channels.





The layers in the new value chain

Bank's perspective





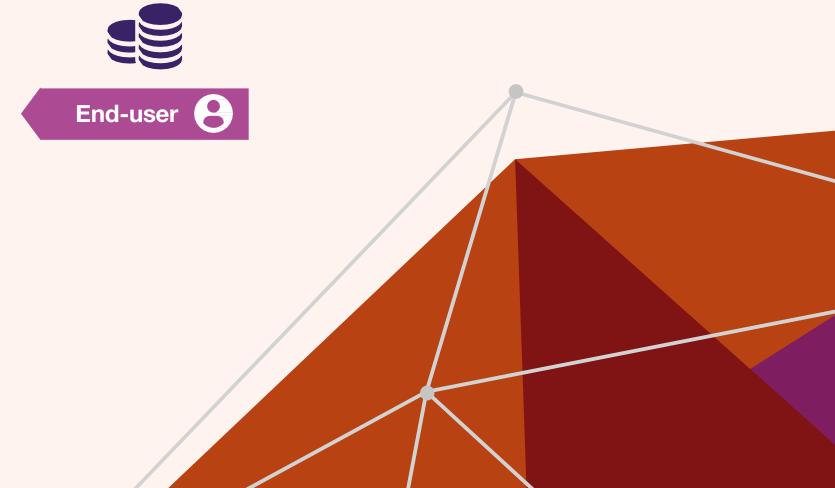
Product

Aggregator

Distributor

Retailer channel



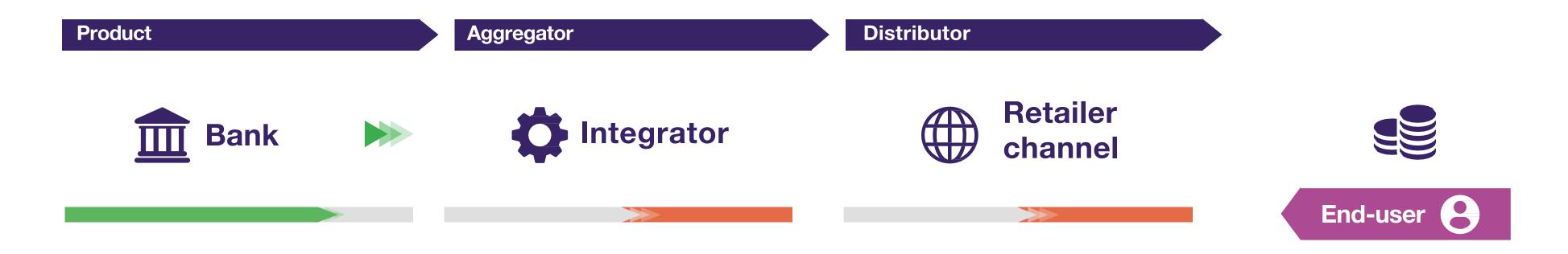


All actors in the value chain may try to take on multiple roles and capture more value



Scenario 1:

Banks can expand their role and aim to be the distribution channel



Banks can capture more of the value chain and set up marketplaces and become distributors for retailers of financial and non-financial products. In this way they can gain a larger share of the revenue within a vertical or across verticals.

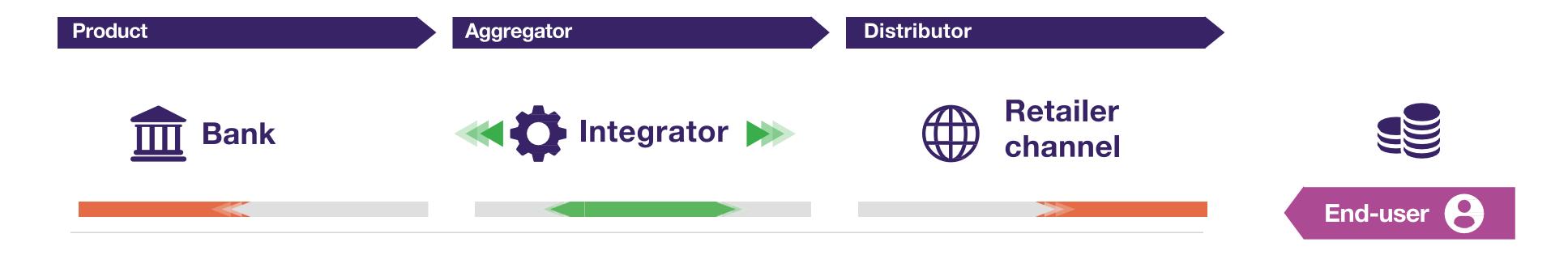
Some examples:

Revolut offering eSim, shop, stays, miles and other services from within banking app UK's Starling bank offers a marketplace of financial products

Singapore's DBS bank has marketplace to trade property, cars etc.

Scenario 2:

Integrators may aim to expand their role in the value chain by applying for a banking license



Integrators can also move up the value chain to acquire the license for financial products and integrate their own financial products alongside those of other players.

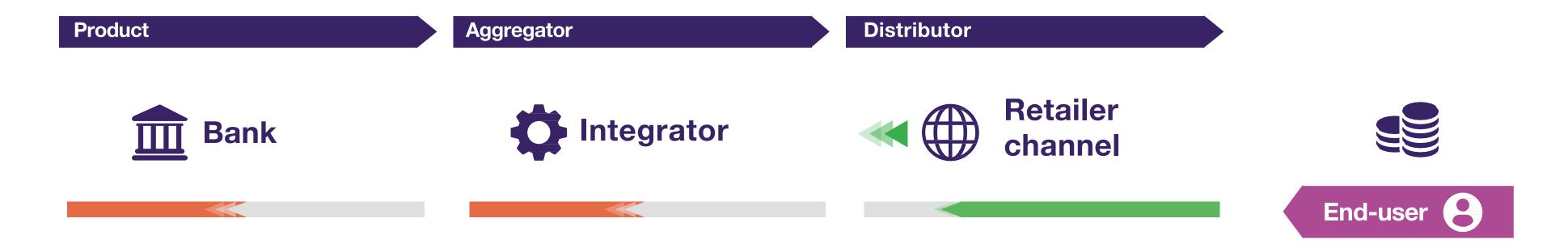
Some examples:

Klarna has a banking license

Square has acquired a banking license in the US to provide financial products

Scenario 3:

Retailers may look to gain a greater share of revenue by applying for a license



Retailers can also take more share of the value chain by expanding their role and integrating and/or offering their own financial and non-financial products.

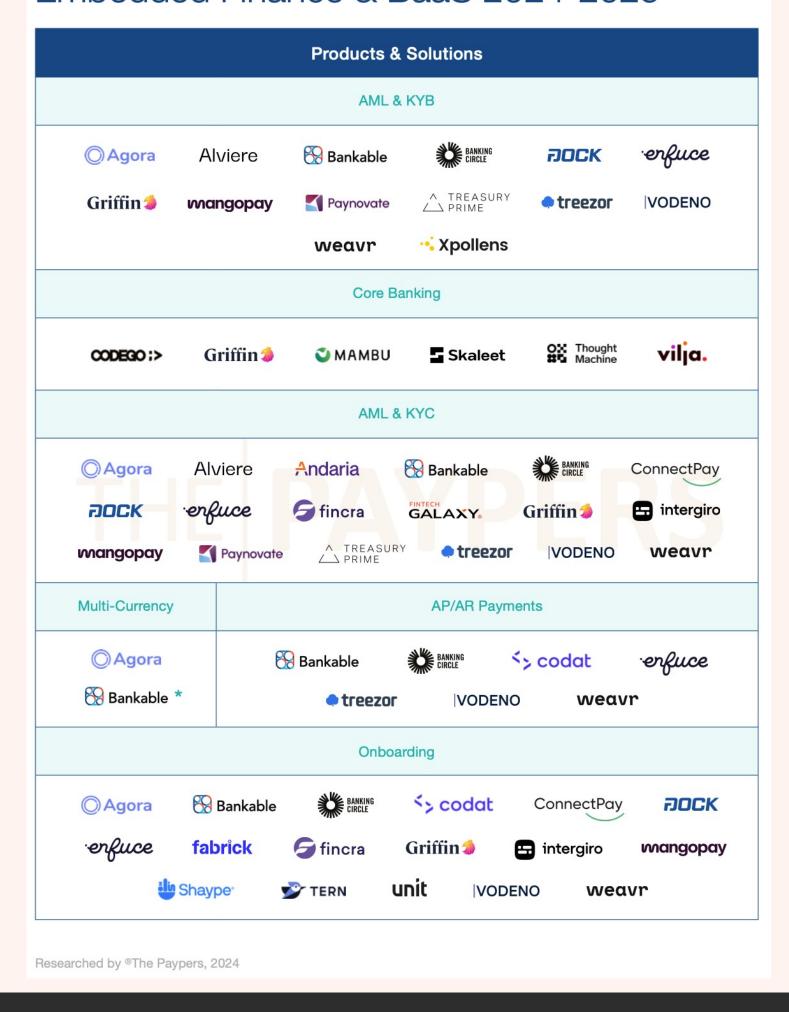
Example:

Apple is expanding its financial services offering while acting as an integrator (via Apple Wallet) and product provider (via BNPL), underwriting credit and new savings products.

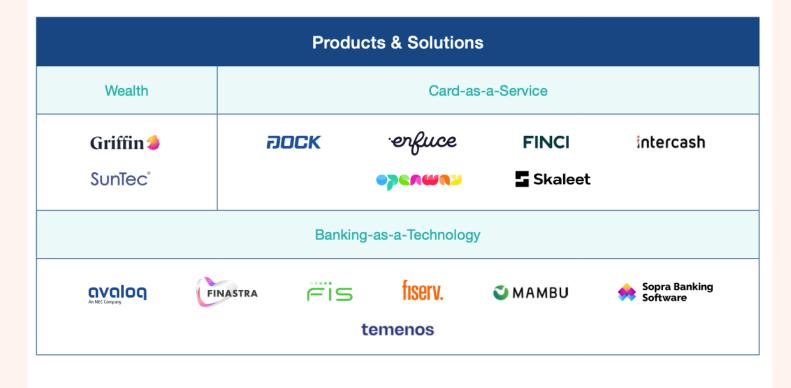


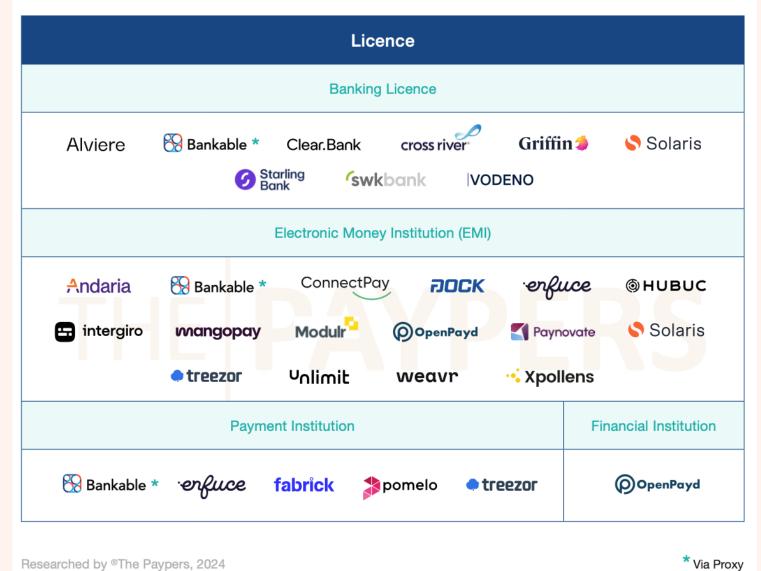


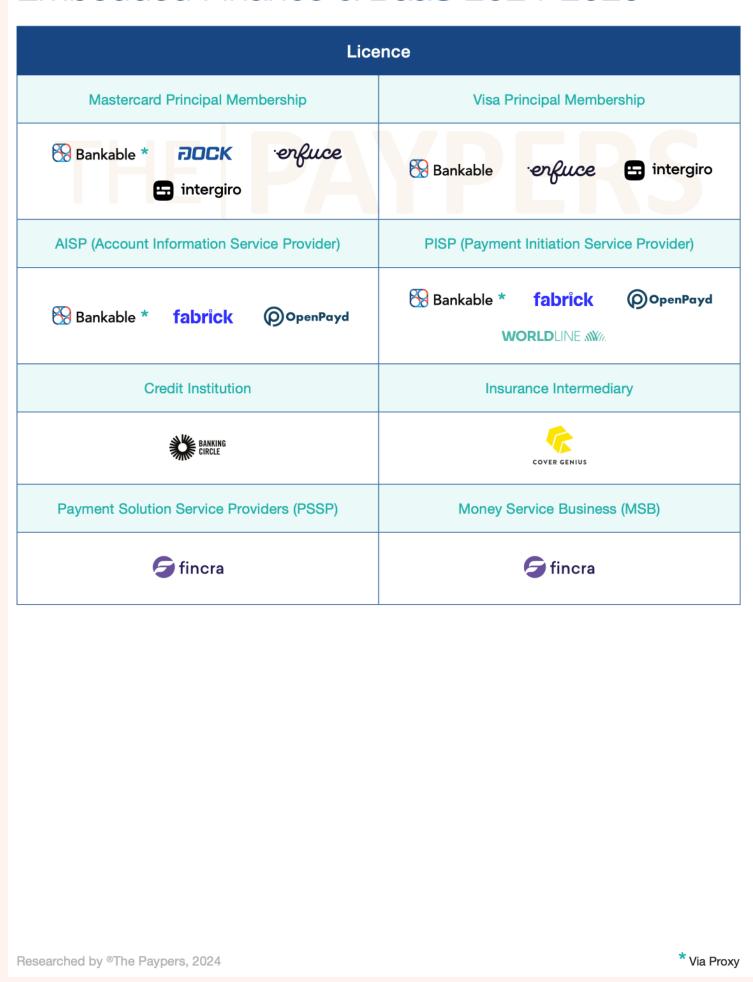












How to pivot your strategy?

Defend
or
Extend
and/or
Create new



1 Assess opportunity

- Assess strengths, capabilities and risks for current business and new opportunities.
- Evaluate where it is feasible to directly connect with customer facing parties and where it is possible to scale with partners.

2 Define role in value chain

- The role impacts the revenue share, customer relationship control, and the degree of power in choosing partners for complementary capabilities that help complete the value chain.
- Define how to best serve the customer.

3 Define strategy for chosen role

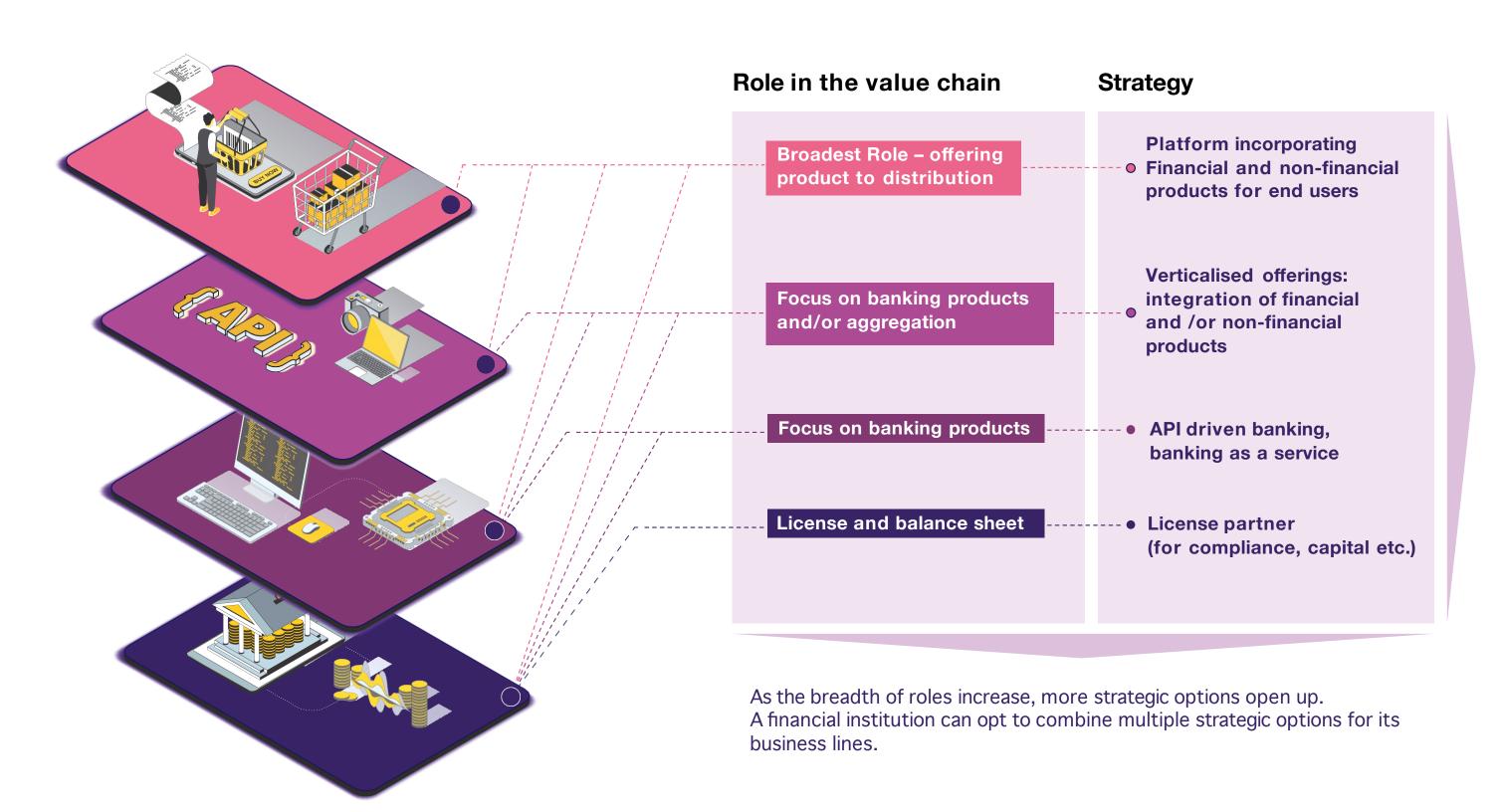
- Based on the chosen role, define how to play and elaborate the strategy based on your areas of strength, your capabilities and your risk appetite:
 - 1. Defending current positions
 - 2. Creating new growth engines by disrupting a vertical industry; or
 - 3. Extending reach into various verticals via a platform approach

4 Downside risks if no action taken

• Lack of a defined strategy can result in significant erosion of existing revenues and downward pressure on margins due to competition, digital build and distribution.

Key strategic options for banks

As institutions define the breadth of their role in embedded finance, it informs the strategic options available to them to pursue. The more willing banks are to play a broader role, the more options become available to them.



These strategic options can be pursued either individually or as a combination. Operationalisation of the options can be enabled in-house and/or through partnerships.

Be proactive! Your role determines whether embedded finance is an opportunity or a threat.

Customer relationships with financial services will be redefined

• Embedded finance is set to redefine how consumers and businesses build and manage relationships with financial services.

2 Revenue pools will shift depending on the chosen role in the value chain

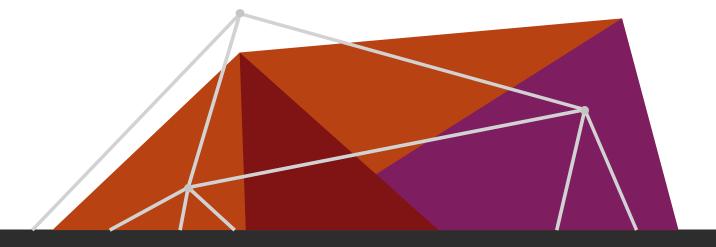
- Research predicts embedded finance transaction value in the U.S. will grow to USD \$7 trillion by 2026; revenue opportunities for software platforms and enabling infrastructure providers that power embedded finance will reach USD \$51 billion;* and the total market will grow by up to ten times, reaching USD \$230 billion by 2025.**.
- In Europe, revenue pools with embedded finance present huge growth opportunities and are expected to account for up to 15% of revenues by 2030.
- Revenue opportunity that can be captured also depends on the role(s) that the player decides to play in the value chain.

3 Payments and lending are most impacted segments

• Payments and lending will be the larges segments of embedded finance, with expected growth in insurance, tax, accounting, and other services.

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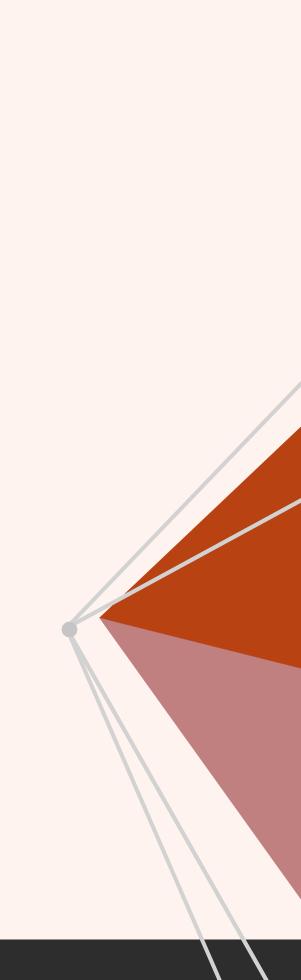


Coming up next

Stay tuned for the Payments Expert Group's next report that will cover the strategic options you can execute to succeed in embedded finance.

You will learn the concrete strategic options and their respective business models that will thrive and generate revenue opportunities:

- Use cases in the market
- Deep dive into business models
- Operationalisation of embedded finance





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