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Letter from the Director

Greetings!

Many thanks to this month's newsletter sponsor, Alacriti, and Kristen Jason, for sharing how their payment processing enhances liquidity, meets customer demands, and adapts to real-time expectations.

Fintech Confidential podcast host Tedd Huff is joined by Robert Musiala, co-leader of the Web3 and Digital Assets team at BakerHostetler, to discuss the significant developments in the crypto and fintech space during April 2025.

I'll be at the **SEAA 2025 Conference** in June. Message me to set up a meeting if you'd like to catch up in Orlando.

In the meantime, if you are interested in **The Side** Hustle (see more below), email me to set up a call!

Best,

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Marla Ellerman

Executive Director, MPC Money, Payments, Connections Founder, The Side Hustle

MPC Interview



MPC Interviews Kristen Jason of Alacriti

Please state your name, title, company, and email address to provide to prospective partners and customers interested in receiving more information.

Kristen Jason Director, Product Marketing <u>kristen.jason@alacriti.com</u>

How are you different than other brands in your space?

If I had to summarize it in one sentence, we have a team that truly cares, providing technology that easily adapts to our customers' needs and drives real business results. Alacriti differentiates itself through a rare combination of deep payments expertise, modern technology, and a partner-first approach. Unlike legacy providers or narrowly focused vendors, our Orbipay Payments Hub is a cloud-native, API-first platform that supports instant, ACH, wire, and card payments—all built on an ISO 20022-native, microservices-based architecture. With over 20 years of experience and trusted by institutions like Bank of America, U.S. Bank, and Navy Federal Credit Union, we deliver intelligent automation, integrated compliance, and rapid deployment that other providers struggle to match. Our low client attrition, high satisfaction, and commitment to collaborative innovation make us a true partner—not just a vendor—in payments modernization.

How would you describe your value proposition to prospective customers and channel partners?

Alacriti's value proposition lies in delivering a future-ready, cloud-native payments platform that unifies and modernizes rails—ACH, the RTP® network, the FedNow® Service, wires, and cards—under a single, intelligent hub. Our <u>Orbipay</u> <u>Payments Hub</u> offers unmatched agility, scalability, and automation across the full payments lifecycle. It provides comprehensive performance visibility across all your payments, improves back office operations, and, most importantly, empowers financial institutions to

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FEATURED NEWS

Innovation, Speed, and Vision for Tomorrow's Payments

Alacriti recently hosted an exclusive evening at the Manhattan Motorcars Lamborghini Showroom. Speakers included Alacriti CEO **Manish Gurukula** with **Wayne Brown**, Managing Partner, The Walker Group; Seth Marlowe, The Treasury Whisperer[™]; and **Mark Majeske**, SVP Faster Payments at Alacriti and U.S. Faster Payments Council Board Advisory Group Member.







Driving Strategic Growth With a Payments Hub: Insights for FI Executives

As financial institutions face growing demands for faster, more efficient payment solutions, payment modernization has become a top strategic priority.

However, legacy infrastructure continues to pose significant hurdles. In a recent Banking Exchange-hosted webinar, *Strategic Growth: How FI Execs Leverage a Payments Hub*, **Neeraj Gupta**, **SVP of Product Management** at Alacriti, explored how a modern payments hub can help banks overcome these challenges. Gupta discussed how payments hubs can uncover new revenue opportunities through data-driven insights while adapting to evolving industry trends in transaction volume and channel origination.

Understanding Payments Hubs

The webinar began by exploring the evolution of payments. "A payments hub is very much a fluid term that's evolved a lot over the years. It's been out there for quite a long time and carries a lot of baggage for some institutions," Gupta noted. Traditionally, the term evoked images of cumbersome, monolithic systems designed for large financial institutions, often requiring years of painstaking efforts to implement. However, modern payment hubs challenge this notion, offering more agile, scalable solutions tailored to institutions of all sizes.

Modern payment hubs are designed to streamline payment processes, improve operational efficiency, and enhance client experiences. Gupta provided the definition of a payments hub: A payments hub is a solution that orchestrates and automates the end-to-end lifecycle of each payment per a financial institution's unique workflow, policies, etc. This approach ensures consistent efficiency across channels and rails and is managed via a single command and control point in lockstep with a preferred integrated vendor ecosystem via a model that enables progressive modernization. "We're laser-focused on moving money for financial institutions in alignment with their ecosystem," said Gupta. This focus not only reduces costs and risks but also opens doors for growth through better client retention and faster time-to-market for new initiatives.

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Explore the Orbipay Payments Hub

Orbipay Payments Hub is a comprehensive, cloud-native, scalable solution with end-to-end payment orchestration connecting to TCH's RTP network, the FedNow Service, Fedwire, ACH, and Visa Direct payment rails on a secure, unified platform. As a leading fintech provider, Alacriti's hub offers fast and flexible integration into your legacy systems, enabling banks and credit unions to deliver new solutions to the market quickly and seamlessly while ensuring compliance with evolving regulatory standards.

Combining microservice-based architecture and open API capabilities, Alacriti's platform ensures a future-proof infrastructure to manage payments, allowing financial institutions to modernize processes, streamline payments operations, reduce operational costs, and rapidly deliver modern money movement experiences to their customers.

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This Changes EVERYTHING for CRYPTO!!! - Massive regulatory shifts, real payments, and rising security threats.

In this episode of Fintech Confidential, host **Tedd Huff** is joined by CI (Confidential Informant), **Robert Musiala**, co-leader of the Web3 and Digital Assets team at BakerHostetler, to discuss the significant developments in the crypto and fintech space during April 2025. Robert shares his expertise on blockchain law and compliance, providing insights into the evolving regulatory landscape and its impact on the industry.

The conversation covers the mainstream adoption of stablecoins, the implications of the Payment Stablecoin Act, and the integration of crypto with traditional financial systems. They also delve into the expansion of programmable money, the shifting regulatory environment, and the growing security threats in the crypto space.

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June 5 | 12:00 - 1:00 pm ET (virtual) Fireside Chat: More Valuable than Cash

Join a special international **PayTech Women Live** event featuring **Himanshu Pujara**, global fintech leader and executive at Euronet Worldwide (live from Spain). Moderated by PTW Board President and Euronet Sr. Executive **Audrey Blackmon.**

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The Venetian Las Vegas NV

June 1-4

Digital Banking 2025 | American Banker

The Boca Raton Boca Raton, FL

June 2-4

SEAA 2025 | Southeast Acquirers Association

JW Marriott Orlando Bonnet Creek Resort & Spa Orlando FL



June 5 | 12:00 - 1:00 pm ET More Valuable than Cash

A Fireside Chat with Himanshu Pujara, Managing Director - Asia Pacific, Euronet

June 9-11 (virtual) Smarter Faster Payments | NACHA

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July 27-29

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July 30-31

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