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How Incomlend Bridge the Trade Finance Gap for SMEs During Challenging Times

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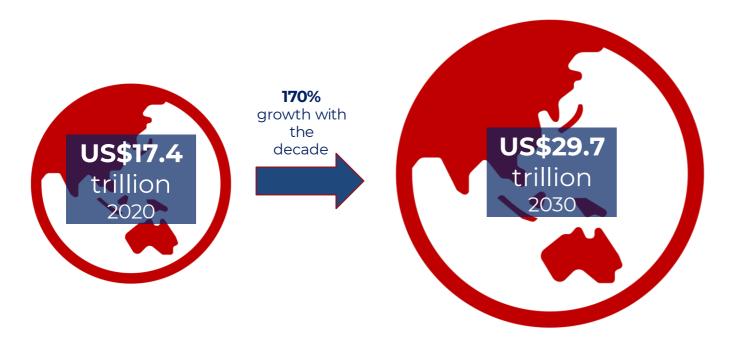
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### Demand for Trade Finance Growing Globally

#### **Global Trade Finance Market**



#### **Key Growth Drivers**

- 1. Rise in need for safety and security of trading activities
- 2. New trade agreements
- 3. Cross-border trade digitalisation

Global demand for trade finance will grow strongly over the coming years.



# SMEs Disproportionately Hit by Trade Finance Gap



95%

Companies globally are SMEs

SMEs only account for **23%** 

oftrade finance demands

Yet SMEs account for

40%

of rejected trade finance requests

**Global Trade Finance Gap** 



**US\$1.7** Trillion in 2020

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(15% growth from 2018)

**Heightened economic uncertainties** due to the pandemic increased trade finance rejections by banks

Weaker balance sheet among SMEs led to perceptions of increased default risk by banks

**"Flight to quality"** response from banks as they focus their funding on established relationships

Working Capital

1 in 3

firms cited lack of access to finance as their top business barrier

40%

of small businesses feel **inflation pressure** on cost of supplies

SMEs feeling **increased cash flow pressure** due to rising receivables
from buyers and lack of increase
from creditors

SMEs' trade finance demands are unmet, presenting massive opportunities in this segment.



Grappling with Inflation Pressures, March 2022



Financial Express, <u>SMEs facing elevated working capital pressures largely due to rising receivables: India Ratings</u>, 8 Apr 2022

### Cross-Border Potential & Geo-Political Challenges

**Challenges** 

**Ukraine War** 

Supply Chain Disruption

**Rising Inflation** 



**Opportunities** 

**Borders Reopening** 

Geographical Diversification

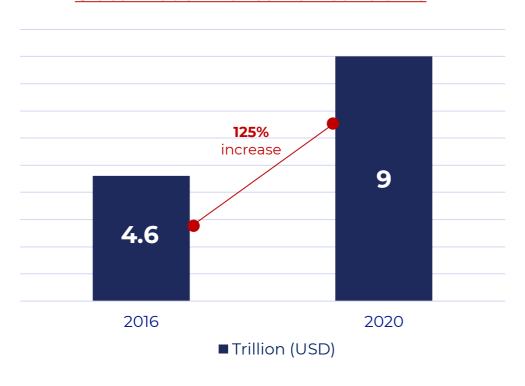
Revitalisation of Global Trade

Liquidity increasingly critical for SMEs to build resilience and capture new growth opportunities



# Growth of the Alternative Financing Market

#### **Global Trade Finance Market Volume**



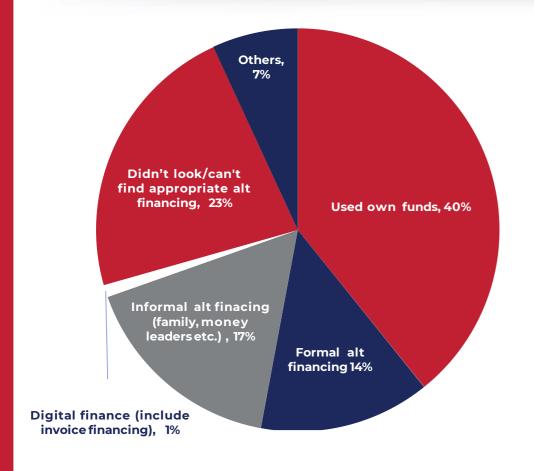
#### **Key Growth Drivers of Alternative Financing**

- 1. Continuing Trend towards Open Account
- 2. Growing Digital Connectivity
- 3. Entry of Alternative Investors

Tremendous opportunity for SMEs to tap on alternative financing for greater access to working capital



# SMEs' Knowledge Gap in Alternative Financing Sources



#### **Alternative Financing Sources for SMEs**

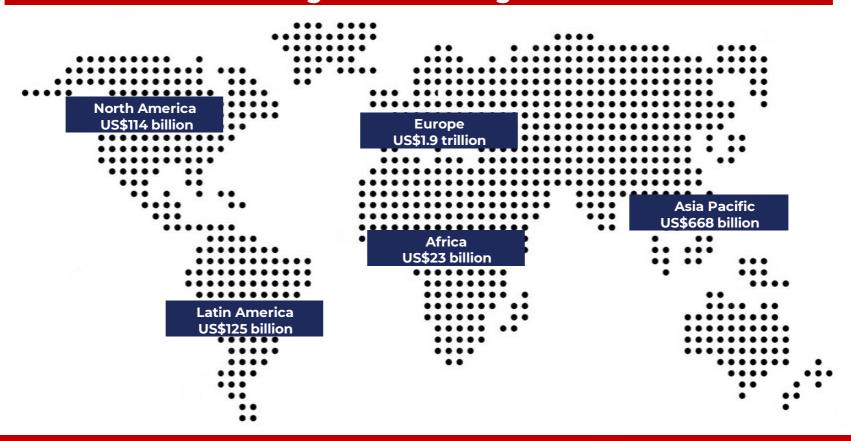
- 1. **Self-funding** is the top alternative financing approach for SMEs
- 2. Uptake-up of digital finance remains low at 1%
- **3. 23%** did not look or find appropriate alternative financing sources

SMEs' ability to tap on alternative financing sources hindered by lack of knowledge



# Potential of the Invoice Factoring Market

# US\$2.84 trillion opportunity in the global factoring market



Massive potential residing in the invoice factoring market segment



# Incomlend: Connecting Cash Globally

Incomlend is a B2B invoice financing marketplace giving SMEs access to tech-enabled working capital solutions worldwide.

Financing over
US\$500 million in trades
in over 50 countries

Processed more than **2,300 transactions** 

Named **Singapore's Top 15 Fastest Growing Companies** in 2022
by The Straits Times
and Statista

Ranked 67th among the Asia Pacific's 500 fastest-growth companies by The Financial Times



# Bridging the Global Trade Finance Gap

### Incomlend

A global invoice financing marketplace based in Singapore since 2016.

Current number of employees: 50 globally across Europe, UAE, India, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Mainland China and Singapore.

On track to reaching of financed receivables. US\$1billion

Through our tech-enabled and secure invoice trading platform, Incomlend marketplace finances cross-border receivables.

### **Our Distinctive Advantages**

**Global trade finance footprint** with strong expertise in Asian markets.

**Technology-enhanced due diligence:** Digital documents and automated processes mitigate risk of fraud, collusion, quality and disputes.

**Fund protection:** 100% of the invoice flow covered by credit insurance from leading regulated insurer.

**The assets are secured,** ringfenced, and protected in a bankruptcy remote Trust set-up (Trustee is regulated by Monetary Authority of Singapore).

Non-recourse, off-balance sheet financing: No collateral or deposit.



### Issues Facing SMEs in the Trade Finance

#### **Issues Faced**

- SMEs facing a pandemic-driven supply chain issues might face a typical trade cycle in the industry can take up to four months.
- It can take another 90 days to cash in an invoice in addition to the rising risk of non-payment.
- These extended cycles and payment terms, as well as substantial invoice sizes, can impair a company's financial agility to maintain their business operations.

#### **Our Solutions**

- An invoice financing solution enables a company to **cash** in an invoice as early as three days after the goods are shipped to the buyer.
  - It will **equip them with the working capital** required to make payments when they make a purchase from their own suppliers.
  - The solution does not create loans or liabilities for the company as the financing is **without recourse and off-balance sheet** for the company. It also **protects them from their customer's financial failure.**



### **New Challenges**

### **Challenges to Our Mission**

- **Rising interest rates** leading to higher financing cost for SMEs
  - **Logjams in physical supply chains** resulting in failure to trade and delays in repayments
- Limited financing appetite in general within the private sector

#### **Potential Role of the Public Sector**

- **Subsidised financing** to SMEs for working capital needs
  - Enable better tracking of physical supply chains
- Bring more capital into SME financing





# **Thank You!**



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