

Intellect Wins 'Best Banking Technology Vendor of the Year 2026' at Africa Fintech Forum in South Africa

This award is for Intellect, setting the standard for Digital Transformation in South Africa, delivering cutting-edge solutions for a future-ready banking ecosystem

Johannesburg/London, 25 March 2026 – At the 6th Africa Fintech Forum held in Johannesburg, [Intellect Design Arena Ltd.](#), a global leader in AI-First, enterprise-grade financial technology, was recognised as the **Best Banking Technology Vendor of the Year 2026**, reinforcing its pivotal role in the modernisation of Africa's financial infrastructure. This recognition emphasises the company's alignment with South Africa's vision for innovation and growth, especially in leveraging technology for banking transformation.

The prestigious accolade was awarded to Intellect by a jury panel of Senior Banking Executives and Industry Leaders. The company was selected for its commitment to enabling intelligent, real-time financial services and its role in strengthening the African financial ecosystem by providing resilient, future-ready infrastructure. The award celebrates the groundbreaking work of Intellect's eMACH.ai, the world's largest Open Finance Platform, which accelerates digital transformation by providing over 3061 APIs, 942 events and 700 microservices to help financial institutions modernise swiftly. The platform empowers banks to break free from monolithic legacy systems and move toward a flexible, composable future, offering real-time financial services that are smarter and more adaptable.

Intellect's commitment to innovation goes beyond banking technology, aligning with South Africa's focus on tech-driven growth and inclusion. Here's how Intellect's solutions are driving transformation in South Africa and the region:

- **Zero-Waste Architecture:** eMACH.ai allows banks to curate their own transformation journeys, offering unprecedented flexibility and a future-ready framework for innovation.
- **Composable Approach:** The platform's flexible architecture enables financial institutions to deliver personalised, customer-first experiences that strengthen the financial ecosystem.
- **AI-Driven Digital Transformation:** Through the integration of Purple Fabric, banks can leverage AI to enhance decision-making, drive operational efficiency, and deliver smarter financial services.
- **Resilient Infrastructure:** Intellect's technology provides banks with the robust, scalable infrastructure needed to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving digital world.

With a global presence and trust from over 500 financial institutions, including 60% of the world's top 100 banks, Intellect is playing a crucial role in shaping the future of banking technology.

"We are pleased to recognise Intellect Design with the Best Banking Technology Vendor of the Year 2026 award," said **Ms. Heera Zakir Hussain, Managing Director of BII Global**. "Their commitment to driving innovation and enabling digital transformation across financial institutions truly stands out. At the Africa Fintech Forum, our goal is to bring together key stakeholders who are shaping the future of finance in the region."

"This recognition at the Africa Fintech Forum underscores our dedication to the African market and our mission to empower banks with the technology needed for the next era of finance," said **Eshmael Mpabanga, Senior Vice President & Regional Head - Southern Africa, Intellect Design Arena.** "By leveraging eMACH.ai, our partners can move beyond the limitations of legacy monolithic systems to a flexible, composable future that delivers real value to their customers. With AI at the core of our eMACH.ai platform, we're paving the way for smarter, future-ready financial institutions across the continent."

About Intellect Design Arena Limited

Intellect Design Arena Ltd is a global leader in enterprise-grade financial technology, delivering composable and intelligent solutions to forward-looking financial institutions across 61 countries. With three decades of domain expertise, our product suite spans Consumer Banking, Wholesale Banking, Central Banking, Wealth, Capital Markets, Treasury, Insurance and Digital Technology for Commerce. Applying First Principles Thinking and Design Thinking, we have elementalised the financial services landscape into a finite set of events, microservices, and APIs, enabling faster, modular transformation with measurable outcomes.

At the heart of this are eMACH.ai, the world's most comprehensive, composable and intelligent open finance platform; Purple Fabric, the world's first Open Business Impact AI platform; and iTurmeric, our composable platform for seamless integration and configuration. We are a pioneer in applying Design Thinking and our 8012 FinTech Design Center, the world's first Design Center dedicated to Design Thinking Principles, underscores our commitment to continuous and impactful innovation, addressing the ever-growing need for digital transformation. We proudly serve over 500+ customers worldwide, supported by a diverse workforce of solution architects, and domain and technology experts in major global financial hubs. For more information, visit <https://www.intellectdesign.com>

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