

**Beyond the Pilot Trap: Building Production-Ready AI for Financial Services**

# Executive Dinner

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## Beyond the Pilot Trap: Building Regulator-Ready AI for Financial Services

AI adoption in financial services is accelerating, but many initiatives still fail to deliver measurable impact. Pilots stall, outputs lack trustworthiness, and regulatory hurdles complicate scaling. In a sector where compliance, accuracy, and speed-to-market are paramount, the stakes are uniquely high. This session will explore why so many AI projects struggle to move past proof-of-concept—and how leading financial institutions are breaking through. By unifying operational, vector, and unstructured data into secure, compliant pipelines and grounding AI models in fresh, auditable information, organizations are reducing risks such as hallucinations and bias in critical areas like fraud detection, lending, and payments. Paired with proven strategies for embedding AI into mission-critical workflows, institutions are learning to scale responsibly, meet regulatory expectations, and deliver personalized, regulator-ready applications that drive real business outcomes.

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