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# Cross-Border Payments: Infrastructure, Challenges, and Opportunities for Global Payments with an Emphasis on Correspondent Banking



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#### Wise Infrastructure

### Wise infrastructure makes moving money instant and cheap.

16 million Customers around the world

\$10 billion Moved for customers every month

4% Of personal x-border global volume

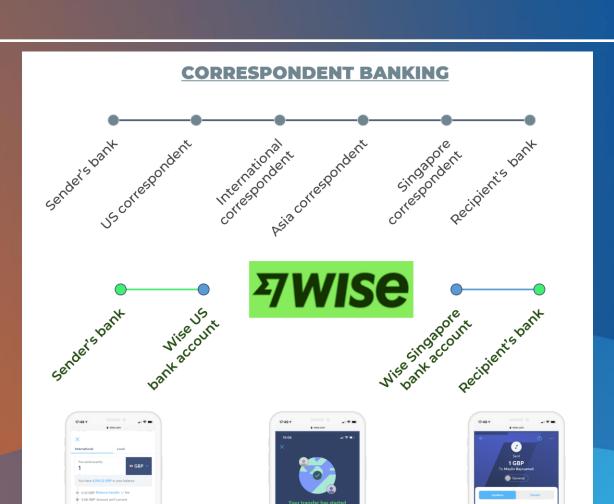
\$1.5 billion Saved for our customers every year

Over half Payments instant (<20 seconds)

No hidden fees

Transparent pricing w/ mid-market fixed rates







#### **Objective**

 Outline the state of correspondent banking and some competitive options

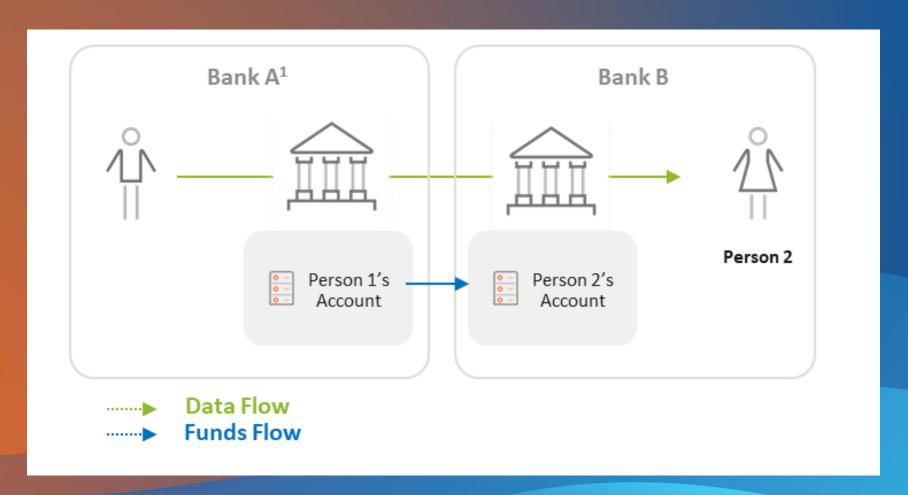


#### **Cross Border Payment Growth**

- Analysts and experts project continued growth
  - Forecasts suggest worldwide remittance flows will exceed \$794 billion in 2023 up from \$773.13 in 20222 (Insider Intelligence)
  - B2B payments cross border are expected to exceed \$40 trillion by 2024, up from \$37 trillion in 2022 (Juniper)
- Much of the growth can be attributed to restored global mobility (after the pandemic) and greater access to global markets for consumers and small businesses

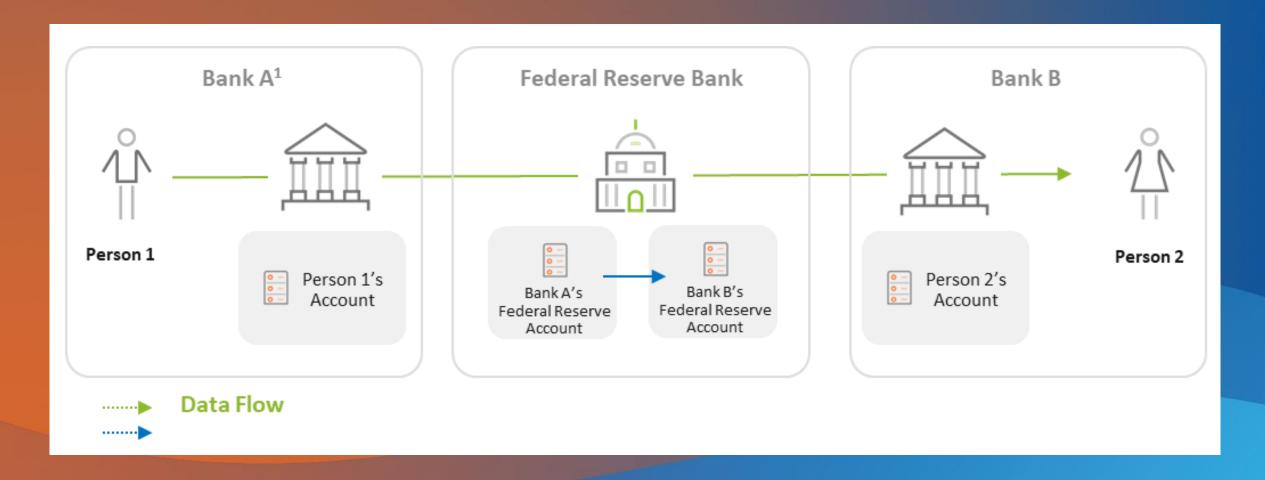


#### **How Money is Moved Across Borders**



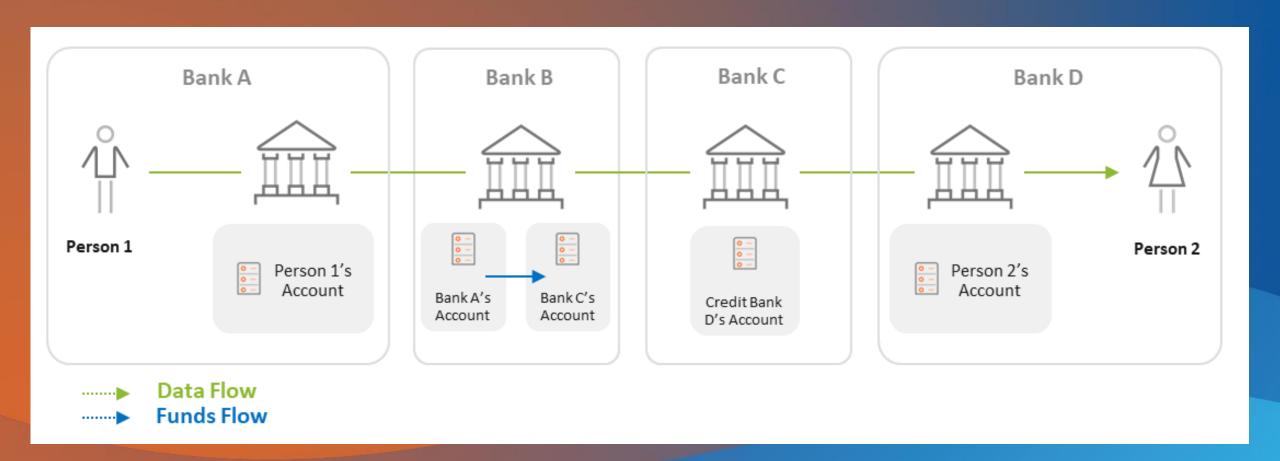


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#### Correspondent Banking is the Backbone

- Correspondent banking relationships and SWIFT remain the backbone of the cross-border payments infrastructure
  - But there are several competitors who use different processes
- Recent decades have seen a decline in correspondent banking relationships even as payment volumes and their value have increased
  - BIS data shows the number of correspondent banks fell 20% between 2011 and 2018
  - Banks exited countries where governance and controls over illicit financing were weak
  - De-risking is largely an attempt to shed the risk of money laundering, terrorist financing and sanctions
  - De-risking and expense caused smaller FIs who have limited volume to exit correspondent relationships



#### **Additional Challenges or Pain Points**

#### Sending and receiving banks are impacted by:

- Rising, from interest rate increases, cost of maintaining balances at correspondents
- Regulatory requirements to assign capital against correspondent balances
- AML/KYC compliance requirements
  - Including sanctions compliance
- Currency controls
- Lack of cost and delivery time transparency
- Complex dispute processes

#### Because of the complexity, users see:

- Longer delivery times than domestic transfers
- Less transparency in cost and delivery times
- Higher cost
- Limited options for sending funds to certain countries





#### **Challenges or Pain Points (Continued)**

 Recent innovations by traditional and new players are aimed at minimizing or eliminating many of these challenges





#### **Audience Q&A**