

# Press Release

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## **Baker & McKenzie releases ground-breaking FinTech 3 part filmed series**

### **A holistic snapshot of the FinTech industry from start-ups, to incumbents and beyond**

Sydney, Australia, 17 August 2016 – With digital innovation driving an unprecedented shift in financial services, FinTech innovators are developing and adopting products and services such as crowdfunding, e-payment platforms, cryptocurrencies, digital banking and peer-to-peer lending. In this ground-breaking 3 part series Baker & McKenzie closely examine the impact of technology-enabled innovation on our financial future.

One of the participants in the series, Chief Executive Officer of Acorns Grow Australia George Lucas commented: “Fintech is changing the way we transact making our financial lives easier than ever. In fact, it’s a whole lot more efficient and what I am observing in our region is truly, very exciting as governments, business and indeed individuals embrace innovation.”

In episode 1, we explore the vast number of FinTech ventures that are innovating at a fast pace, often unencumbered by stringent banking regulations.

In episode 2, we consider the established financial institutions facing the choice of competing or collaborating — using their own resources to explore cutting edge products and smarter use of data, or nurturing promising tech startups.

Finally in episode 3, we look to the future of this burgeoning industry and what disruptions lay ahead.

Links to episodes and release dates:

- [Episode 1](#) - To be released on 1 September, 2016
- [Episode 2](#) - To be released on 8 September, 2016
- [Episode 3](#) - To be released on 15 September, 2016

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