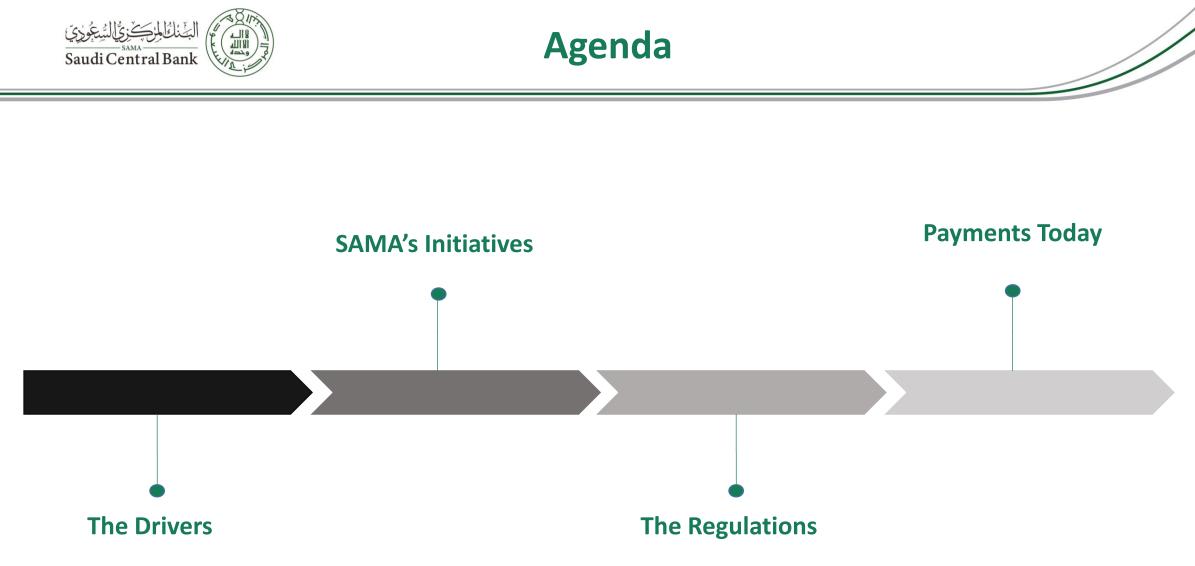


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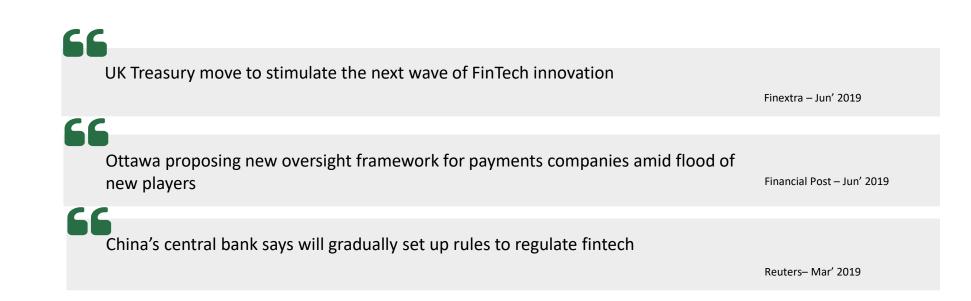
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## **1. The Drivers**





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#### Financial Sector Development Program - FSDP

**Open Financial Services to new types of players** 

Enable market entry of new types of players (e.g., Fintech) to foster development of an innovative ecosystem in Financial Services.

#### **Drive toward cashless society**

To enhance electronic payment and reduce cash handling to reach 70 percent of total payments in the Kingdom by 2030.







In year 2018, SAMA has introduced two initiatives to encourage the innovation in the Financial Technology (FinTech) Industry.

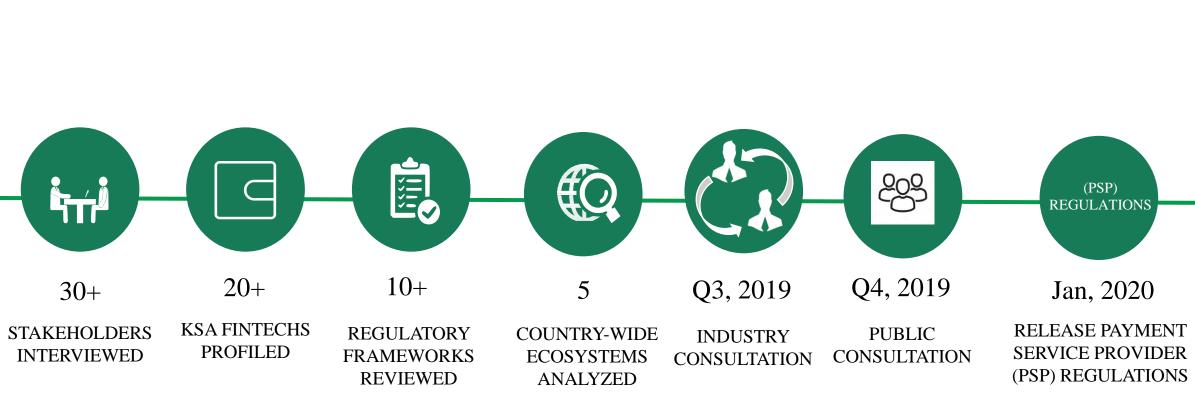
#### **The Sandbox**

SAMA's Regulatory Sandbox aims to attract local and International FinTech businesses that are looking to leverage existing or new technology in an innovative way to deliver new financial products or services to KSA markets, or improve business processes.

#### **Fintech Saudi**

Fintech Saudi was launched by SAMA in April 2018 to act as a catalyst for the development of the financial services technology (fintech) industry in Saudi Arabia.





**3.** The Regulations



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# Risk



Minimize AML/CFT gaps and risks



Minimize exposure to cyber security risk



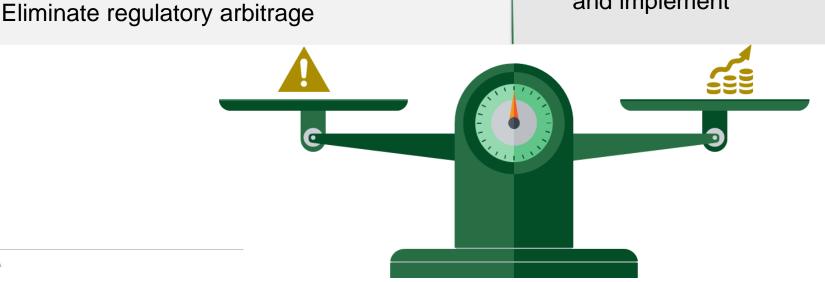
Limit financial risks and protect customer funds



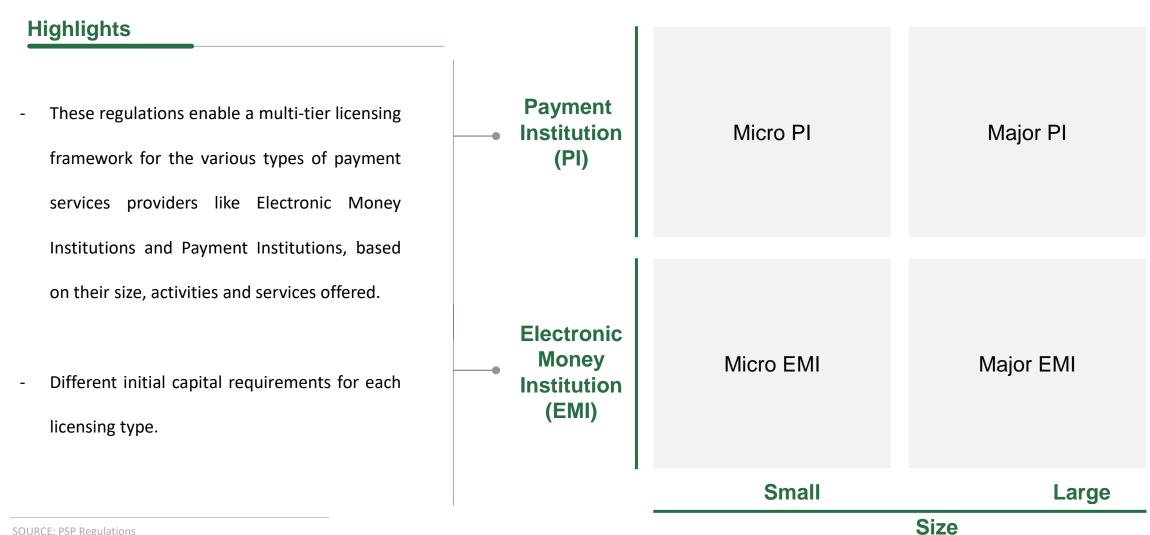
Encourage small players to grow and innovate

Avoid strategic disadvantage between large and small player

Ensure regulation is easy to understand and implement







SOURCE: PSP Regulations



**32** Entities permitted in the Sandbox (**14** in Payments).

11 Entities Licensed as PSPs, 4 as Electronic Institutions (EMI), and 7 as Payment Institutions (PI).



# Q&A



