



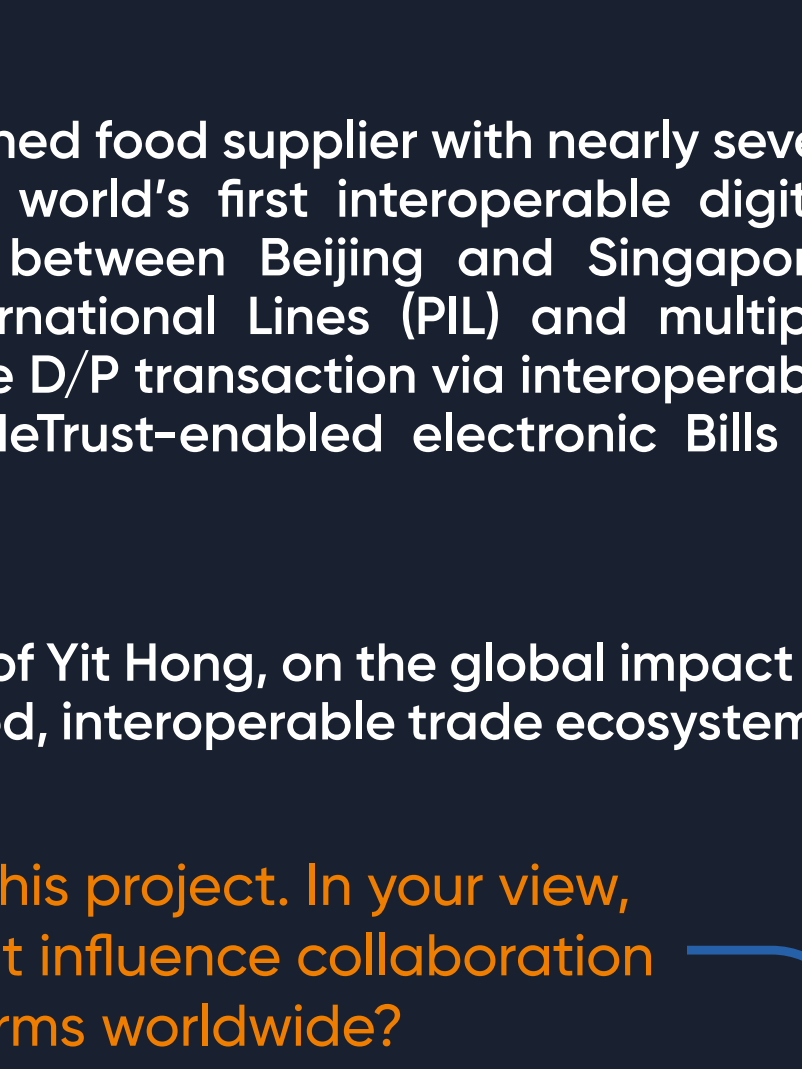
## TRADETRUST NEWSLETTER | SEPTEMBER 2025 EDITION

Driving Interoperability in Global Trade

### TRADETRUST Spotlight

**TED S.L. NGO**

CEO, Yit Hong



Yit Hong Pte Ltd, a leading Singapore-based canned food supplier with nearly seven decades of heritage, recently took part in the world's first interoperable digital Documents-against-Payment (D/P) trade pilot between Beijing and Singapore. Partnering COFCO Industrial Food, Pacific International Lines (PIL) and multiple financial institutions, Yit Hong completed a secure D/P transaction via interoperable platforms (AEOTrade and SGTradeX) using TradeTrust-enabled electronic Bills of Lading (eBLs).

In this edition, we hear from Mr Ted S.L. Ngo, CEO of Yit Hong, on the global impact of such interoperability and the future of fully digitised, interoperable trade ecosystems:

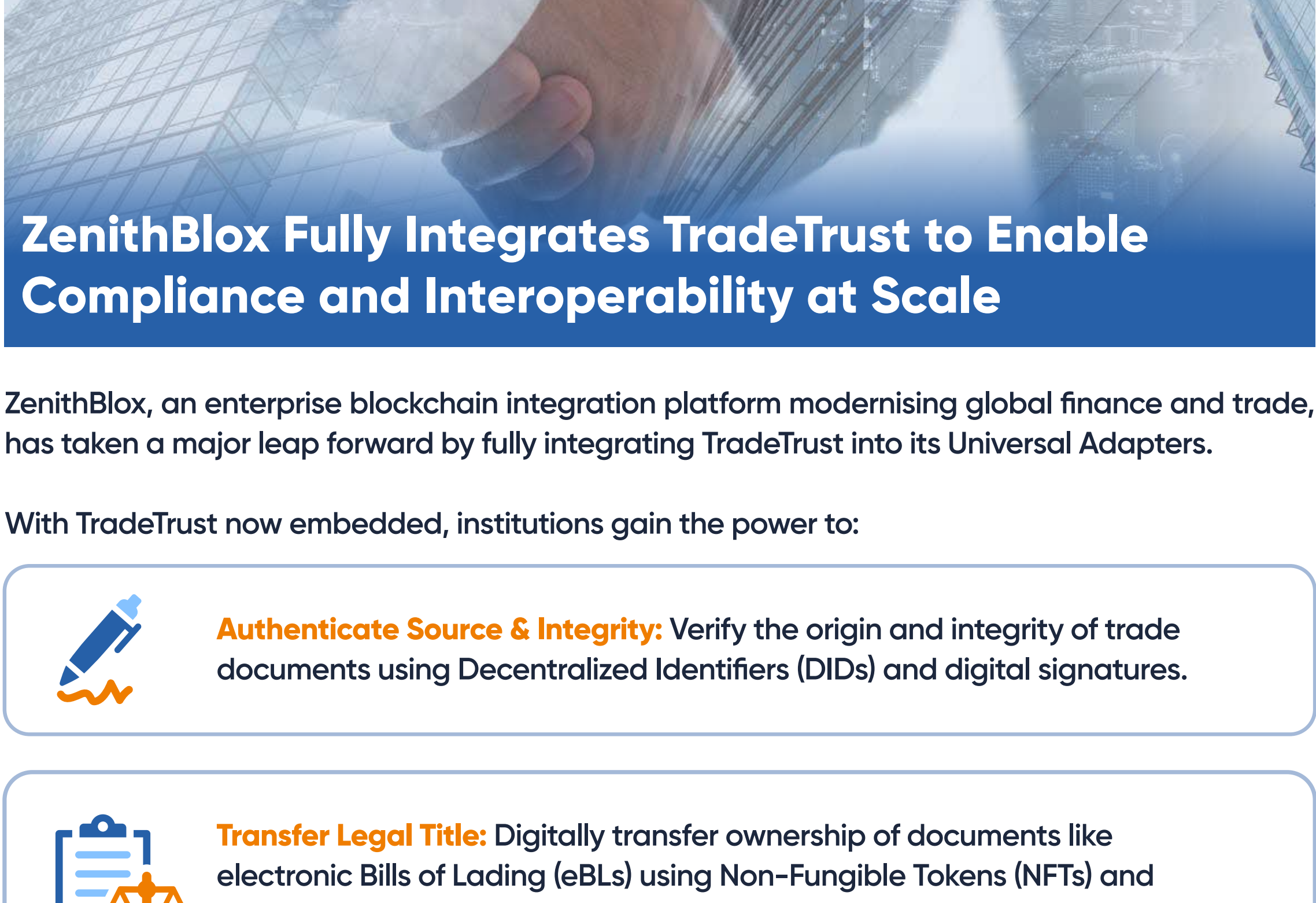
**“Interoperability was a key aspect of this project. In your view, how will open standards like TradeTrust influence collaboration between digital trade platforms worldwide?”**

Trade today isn't just about moving goods, it's about moving trust. With TradeTrust, every document speaks a universal digital language—secure, verifiable, and recognised worldwide. This pilot proves that interoperability can break down barriers, making trade seamless, secure, and smarter.

**“Looking ahead, what do you see as the biggest opportunities and challenges in driving adoption of fully digital, interoperable trade processes across the supply chain?”**

The real opportunity is a frictionless flow of trusted data, where documents, payments, and logistics connect in real time. That drives faster decisions, stronger supply chains, and more inclusive access to global markets.

The challenge isn't the tech, it's the organisations and systems around it. We need regulatory alignment, trust frameworks, and the will to leave paper behind. What this pilot shows is that when stakeholders share a vision, silos can become connected ecosystems. And at Yit Hong, that's exactly how we see the future of trade unfolding.



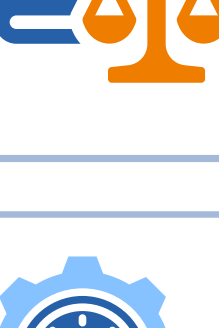
### ZenithBlox Fully Integrates TradeTrust to Enable Compliance and Interoperability at Scale

ZenithBlox, an enterprise blockchain integration platform modernising global finance and trade, has taken a major leap forward by fully integrating TradeTrust into its Universal Adapters.

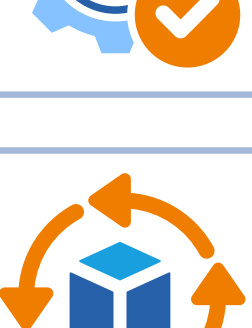
With TradeTrust now embedded, institutions gain the power to:



**Authenticate Source & Integrity:** Verify the origin and integrity of trade documents using Decentralized Identifiers (DIDs) and digital signatures.

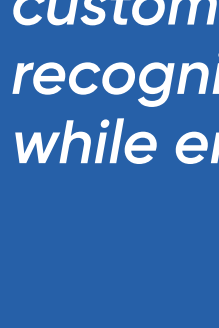


**Transfer Legal Title:** Digitally transfer ownership of documents like electronic Bills of Lading (eBLs) using Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs) and smart contracts.



**Connect Seamlessly:** Integrate with public blockchains and TradeTrust-compatible ecosystems without extensive custom development.

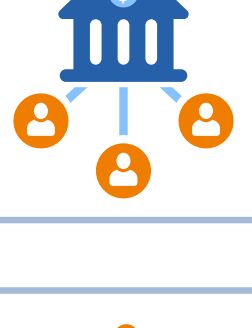
This complete integration enables enterprises and financial institutions to adopt TradeTrust-compliant workflows within existing infrastructure - such as Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems, core banking platforms, and Customer Relationship Management (CRM) tools - via ZenithBlox's plug-and-play adapters. In practice, this unlocks:



**Support for Legally Valid Electronic Transferable Records (ETRs)** in line with the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Model Law on Electronic Transferable Records (MLETR).



**Real-Time Verification & Traceability** for all digital trade records.



**Integrated Interoperability** with customs, shipping, and global trade networks, reducing manual friction.

*“With TradeTrust now a core part of our Universal Adapters, ZenithBlox customers can confidently digitise, verify, and exchange legally recognised trade documents across borders - eliminating manual friction while enhancing trust and compliance.”*

**Fodé Touré**

Founder & CEO of ZenithBlox

#### Strategic Fit for the Digital Economy

This integration goes beyond technical alignment—it represents a strategic fit for the digital economy, empowering key stakeholders:



**Central Banks & Financial Institutions:** Advance Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) pilots and strengthen digital asset regulation.



**Multinational Enterprises:** Accelerate the shift toward truly paperless trade while reinforcing Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) accountability.



**Government Agencies & Trade Facilitators:** Reduce document fraud, enhance transparency, and drive digital transformation in global commerce.

By embedding TradeTrust at the infrastructure level, ZenithBlox and TradeTrust are removing barriers to compliance-first, interoperable cross-border trade—making this partnership a cornerstone for the future of trusted digital commerce.

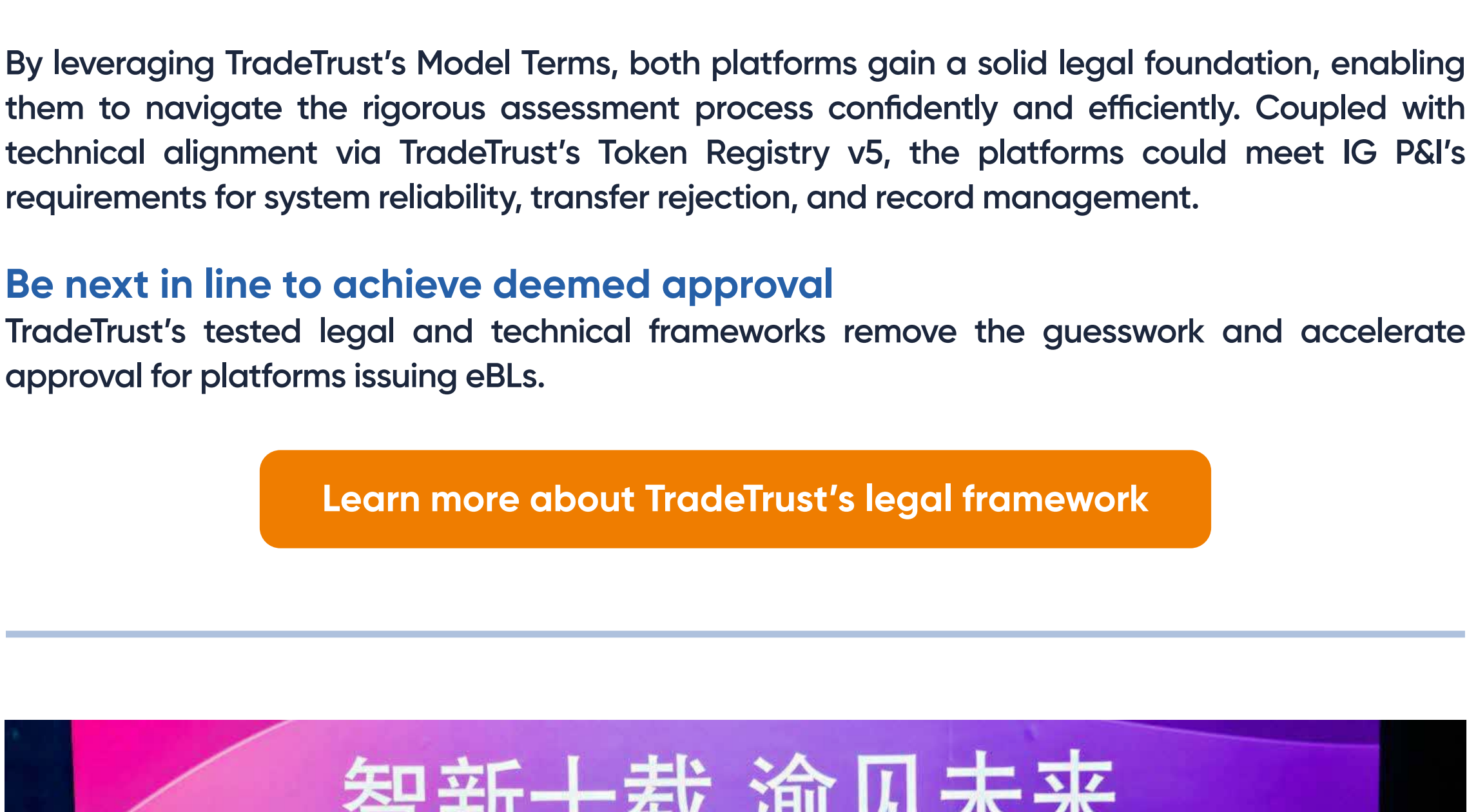
*“Singapore is setting the benchmark for trusted cross-border trade. At ZenithBlox, integrating TradeTrust allows us to extend this leadership into the wider APAC ecosystem - enabling businesses to transact digitally at scale and move from pilots to large-scale adoption, without barriers.”*

**Ashwin Safaya**

Chief Business Development Officer - APAC

Join us in shaping this transformation. Explore opportunities to partner with TradeTrust.

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### TradeTrust Milestone: First Two Platforms Achieve IG P&I Deemed Approval

TradeTrust's Model Terms has helped two TradeTrust-enabled platforms - Credore and Blockpeer - expedite and secure International Group of Protection and Indemnity Clubs (IG P&I) deemed approval, making them the first platforms to reach this milestone.

Credore achieved deemed approval in just over 40 days, becoming the first TradeTrust-enabled platform able to issue electronic Bills of Lading (eBLs) that are covered by the IG P&I. Blockpeer has since joined as the second platform to be approved. This demonstrates how TradeTrust's legal and technical frameworks are designed to simplify compliance with complex international standards, while ensuring interoperability and reliability for cross-border trade.

By leveraging TradeTrust's Model Terms, both platforms gain a solid legal foundation, enabling them to navigate the rigorous assessment process confidently and efficiently. Coupled with technical alignment via TradeTrust's Token Registry v5, the platforms could meet IG P&I's requirements for system reliability, transfer rejection, and record management.

#### Be next in line to achieve deemed approval

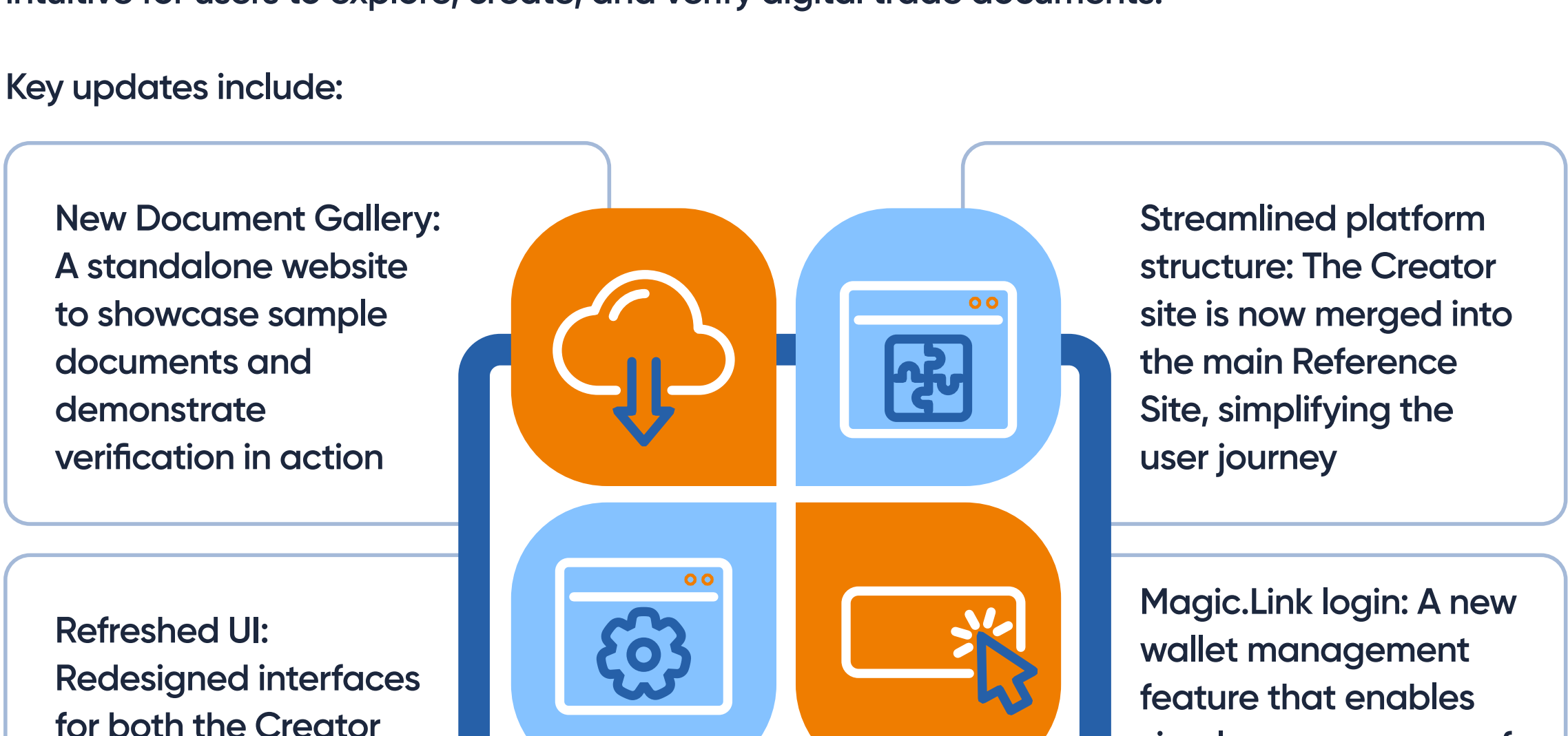
TradeTrust's tested legal and technical frameworks remove the guesswork and accelerate approval for platforms issuing eBLs.

[Learn more about TradeTrust's legal framework](#)



### Showcasing Singapore's Digital Trade Leadership at WSIE 2025

As Singapore marked 10 years of the China-Singapore (Chongqing) Connectivity Initiative (CCI) and 35 years of diplomatic relations with China, TradeTrust joined the Singapore Pavilion at the 2025 World Smart Industry Expo (WSIE), held from 5 to 8 September 2025, in Chongqing to spotlight trusted, interoperable digital trade solutions.



TradeTrust demonstrated how electronic Bills of Lading (eBLs) can make cross-border trade faster, less costly and more secure across different platforms. The showcase featured the successful trade digitalisation projects between China-Singapore trade lane, where live shipments were completed entirely digitally with eBL using TradeTrust framework and other electronic trade documents - removing the inefficiencies of paper-based documentation and breaking down digital silos.

Singapore's participation at WSIE 2025 reinforces TradeTrust's leadership in building trusted global digital infrastructure, paving the way for wider adoption of cross-border eBLs across the region.

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## TECH UPDATES

### Website & UI Enhancements

We've overhauled the user experience across TradeTrust's ecosystem, making it easier and more intuitive for users to explore, create, and verify digital trade documents.

Key updates include:

**New Document Gallery:** A standalone website to showcase sample documents and demonstrate verification in action

**Refreshed UI:** Redesigned interfaces for both the Creator and Verifier tools, improving usability and responsiveness

**Streamlined platform structure:** The Creator site is now merged into the main Reference Site, simplifying the user journey

**Magic.Link login:** A new wallet management feature that enables simple, secure access for creating and verifying documents - no crypto experience needed

[View the Document Gallery](#)



### Verifiable Credential Data Model 2.0

TrustVC now supports the W3C Verifiable Credentials Data Model v2.0, ensuring your credentials align with the latest global standards.

Why it matters:



**Global standard compliance:** Credentials are widely recognised and trusted across industries and borders.



**Interoperability:** Easier exchange of credentials with partners, regulators, and clients who also follow the v2.0 standard.



### New Securing Mechanism: ECDSA

TrustVC now supports the **Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm (ECDSA)** - a widely adopted standard for generating secure, efficient digital signatures.

With this, enterprises can now issue **Verifiable Credentials directly using third-Party Key Management Service**. This enables:



**Managed key control:** AWS securely stores and manages cryptographic keys, reducing operational risk.



**Regulatory readiness:** Key management with audit logs and access controls helps meet compliance requirements.

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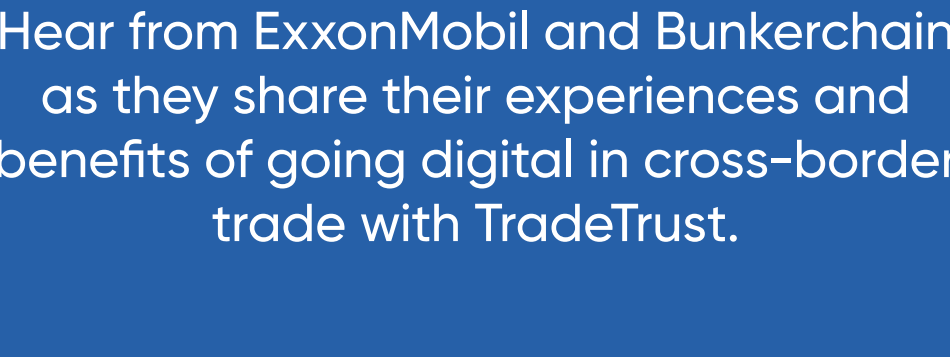
## About TradeTrust

**TradeTrust: Connecting governments and businesses for cross-border trade**



Discover how TradeTrust lets you create, exchange, verify, and transfer ownership of digitised documents securely.

**World's first live Electronic Transferable Record cross-border trade through TradeTrust**



Hear from ExxonMobil and Bunkerchain as they share their experiences and benefits of going digital in cross-border trade with TradeTrust.