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Foreign Exchange, Money Markets and Derivatives

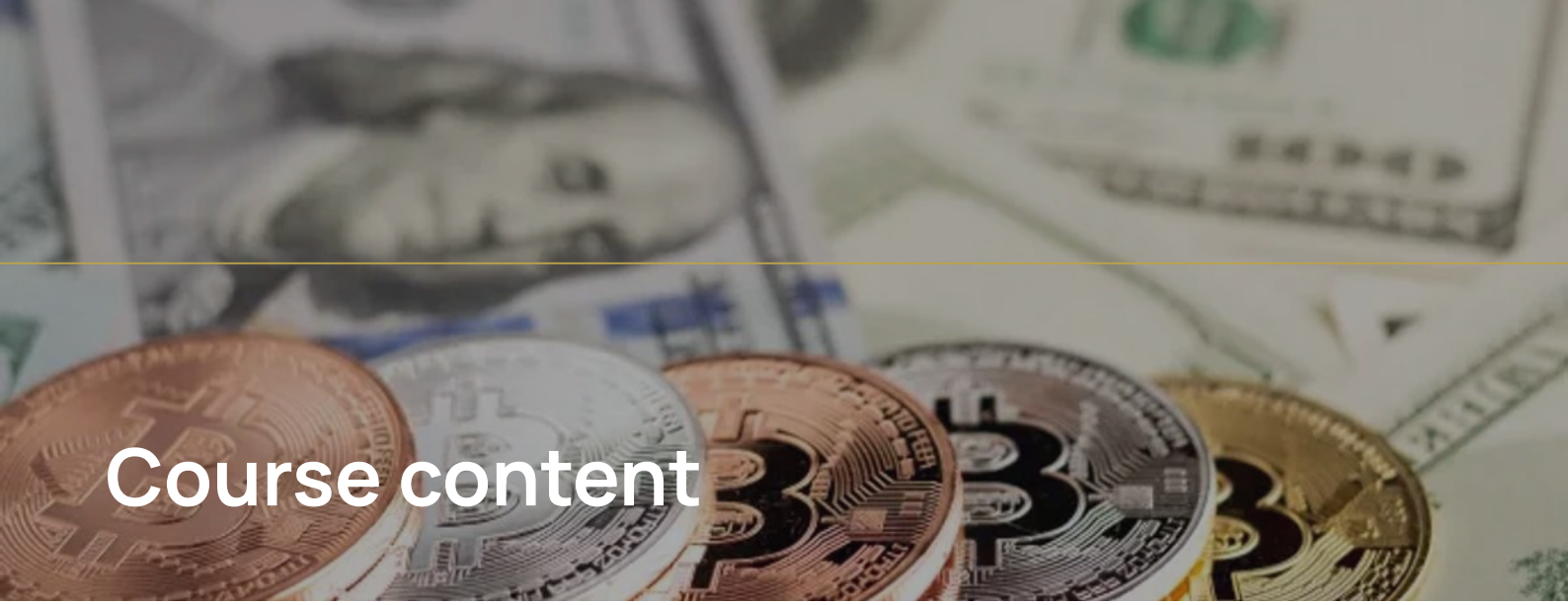
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Why attend

This course provides a comprehensive understanding of foreign exchange, money markets, and derivatives. Participants will explore market dynamics, instruments, and risk management strategies, equipping them with practical skills to make informed trading and investment decisions in a global financial environment.

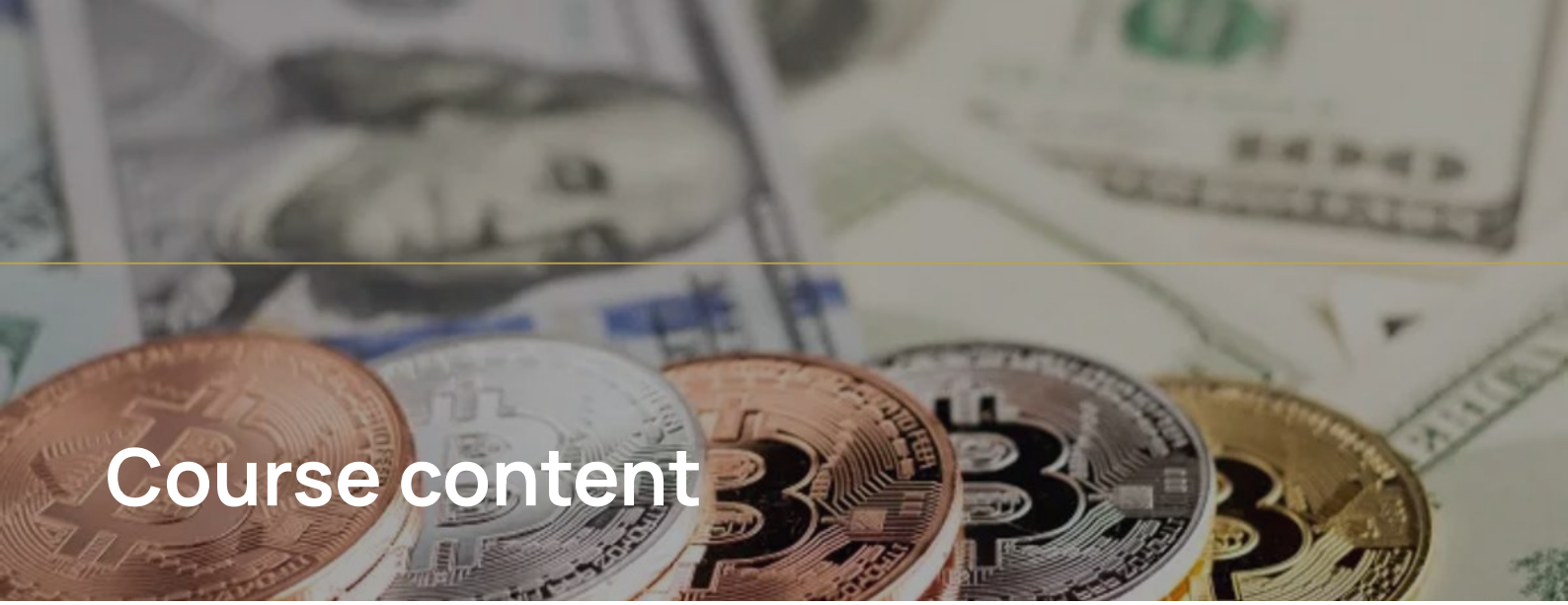
Foreign exchange and money markets are critical for businesses and investors to manage currency risk and optimise returns. Understanding derivatives enhances decision-making capabilities in hedging and speculation. Participants will learn to navigate these markets effectively, addressing challenges such as volatility, liquidity, and regulatory compliance. By mastering these areas, they will be better positioned to develop strategies that align with their organisational goals and respond to market fluctuations, ultimately improving their financial acumen and operational effectiveness. This knowledge is essential for making strategic decisions that impact profitability and risk exposure in a competitive landscape.
Practical capabilities include analysing market trends, evaluating financial instruments, and constructing hedging strategies. Participants will engage in real-world scenarios, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions in foreign exchange and derivatives trading, ultimately improving their professional effectiveness in financial roles. They will also learn to assess risk exposure, develop comprehensive trading plans, and communicate strategies effectively to stakeholders. This course will empower them to contribute meaningfully to their organisations' financial strategies, ensuring they are equipped to handle the complexities of modern financial markets. The skills acquired will be directly applicable to their daily responsibilities, enhancing their value within their organisations.

Professional Problems This Course Is Designed to Solve

- Difficulty understanding currency and interest-rate exposures.
- Hedging decisions made without comparing instrument risks.
- Limited understanding of money-market and derivatives mechanics.

Course methodology

The course employs a mix of case studies, simulations, and hands-on workshops to build practical skills in foreign exchange, money markets, and derivatives. Participants will engage in real-time trading simulations, allowing them to apply theoretical knowledge to practical situations. Each session will include collaborative exercises where participants analyse market data and develop strategies based on current trends. Outputs will include market analysis reports, risk assessment documents, and trading plans, demonstrating their understanding of complex financial instruments and market dynamics. This approach ensures that participants not only learn the concepts but also apply them in realistic scenarios, enhancing retention and capability.



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Course objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:
• Analyse foreign exchange market trends to inform trading strategies and decisions.
• Evaluate money market instruments for effective liquidity management and investment decisions.
• Construct hedging strategies using derivatives to mitigate financial risk in trading activities.
• Assess the impact of macroeconomic factors on currency valuation and trading outcomes.
• Compare different derivative products for investment purposes and risk management.
• Design a comprehensive trading plan that incorporates risk management techniques and market analysis.

Target audience

This course is suitable for:
• Financial analysts working in investment firms, focusing on market analysis and trading strategies.
• Treasury managers in corporations, responsible for liquidity management and risk assessment.
• Risk managers in banks, tasked with evaluating and mitigating financial risks.
• Traders in foreign exchange markets, seeking to enhance their trading strategies and decision-making.

Target competencies

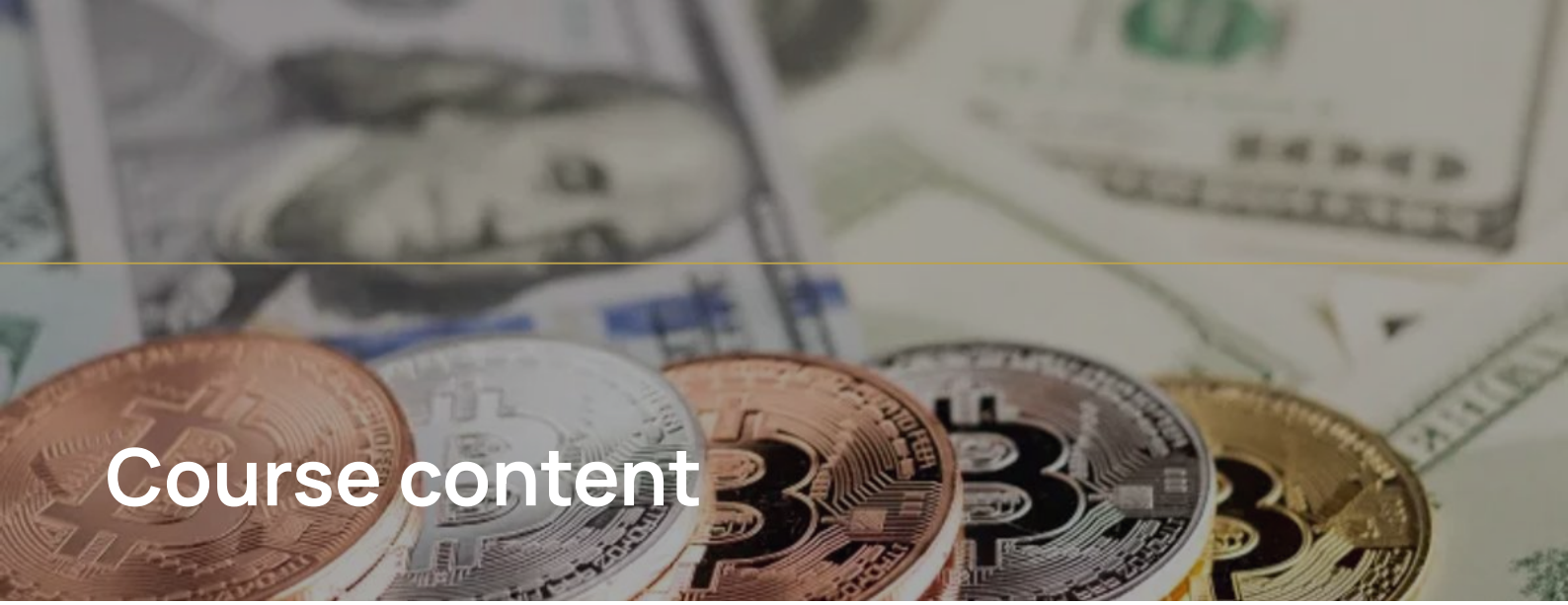
Participants will develop competencies in:
• Market trend analysis for informed trading decisions and strategy development.
• Risk assessment and management in financial contexts to protect against losses.
• Strategic planning for currency exposure and investment optimisation.
• Understanding of derivative instruments and their applications in hedging.
• Liquidity management in money markets to ensure operational efficiency.
• Effective communication of financial strategies to stakeholders and team members.

Course outline

Day 1: Understanding Foreign Exchange Markets

Applied activity: Participants will analyse historical exchange rate data and identify trends, considering economic indicators and geopolitical events. They will present their findings on potential trading opportunities, discussing the implications for their trading strategies and how to mitigate risks associated with currency fluctuations.
Output: Market analysis report highlighting trading opportunities and strategic recommendations.

09:00–09:54	Overview of foreign exchange market structure and key participants involved in trading.
09:54–10:48	Key concepts: spot, forward, and swap transactions and their applications.



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10:48–11:00	Factors influencing exchange rates: economic indicators, interest rates, and geopolitical events.
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Factors influencing exchange rates: economic indicators, interest rates, and geopolitical events. (continued)
12:12–13:06	Currency pairs and their significance in trading strategies and decisions.
13:06–14:00	Market analysis techniques: fundamental vs. technical analysis for informed trading.

Day 2: Exploring Money Markets and Instruments

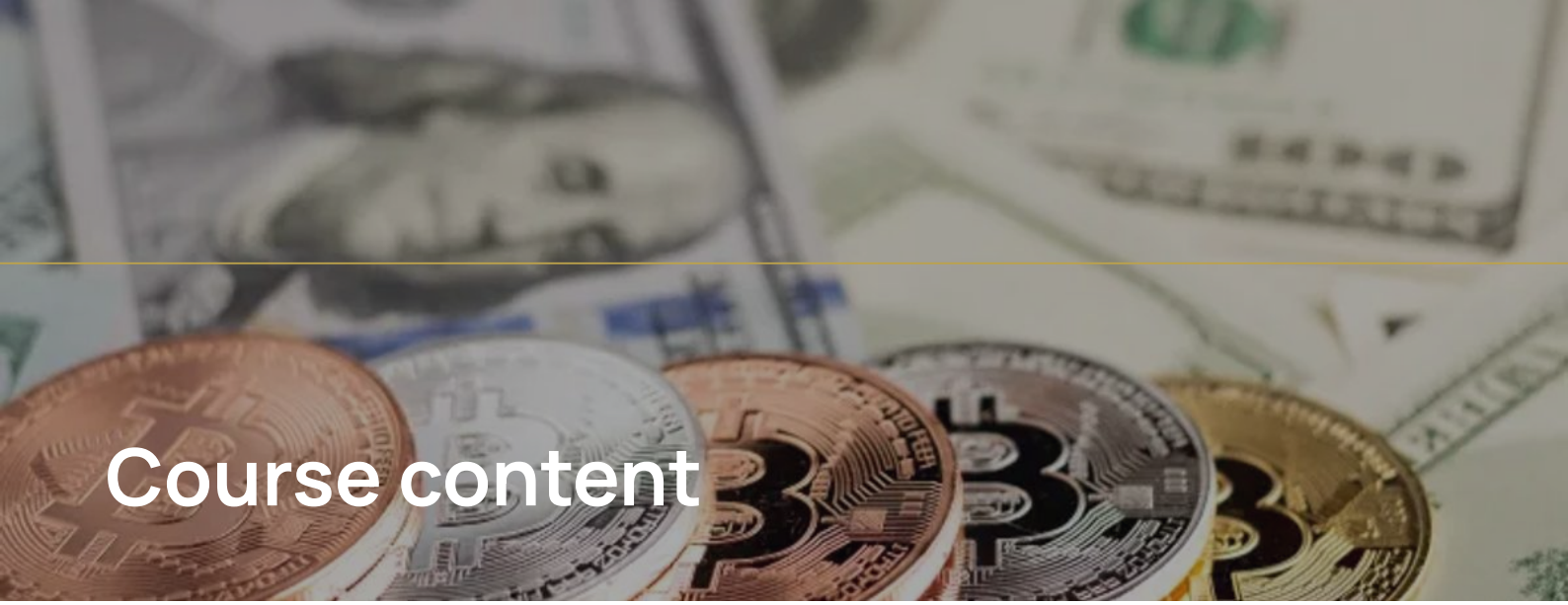
Applied activity: Participants will evaluate different money market instruments for a hypothetical corporate treasury, assessing their suitability for liquidity management and investment strategies. They will make recommendations based on their analysis, considering interest rate trends and credit risk.
Output: Liquidity management strategy document outlining instrument selection and rationale.

09:00–09:54	Introduction to money markets and their role in the overall financial system.
09:54–10:48	Types of money market instruments: T-bills, commercial paper, repos, and their characteristics.
10:48–11:00	Interest rate determination and its impact on money markets and investment decisions.
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Interest rate determination and its impact on money markets and investment decisions. (continued)
12:12–13:06	Liquidity management strategies for businesses and investors using money market instruments.
13:06–14:00	Regulatory environment affecting money markets and implications for trading.

Day 3: Introduction to Derivatives

Applied activity: Participants will simulate trading in various derivative instruments, making decisions based on market conditions and risk profiles. They will evaluate the outcomes of their trades and adjust strategies accordingly, focusing on maximising returns while managing risk exposure effectively.
Output: Trading plan outlining strategies for derivative instruments and performance analysis.

09:00–09:54	Understanding derivatives: forwards, futures, options, and swaps and their market roles.
09:54–10:48	The role of derivatives in risk management and speculation in financial markets.
10:48–11:00	Valuation of derivatives and pricing models used in trading decisions.
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**



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11:30–12:12	Valuation of derivatives and pricing models used in trading decisions. (continued)
12:12–13:06	Market participants and their motivations for using derivatives in various contexts.
13:06–14:00	Regulatory considerations in derivative trading and compliance requirements.

Day 4: Risk Management Strategies

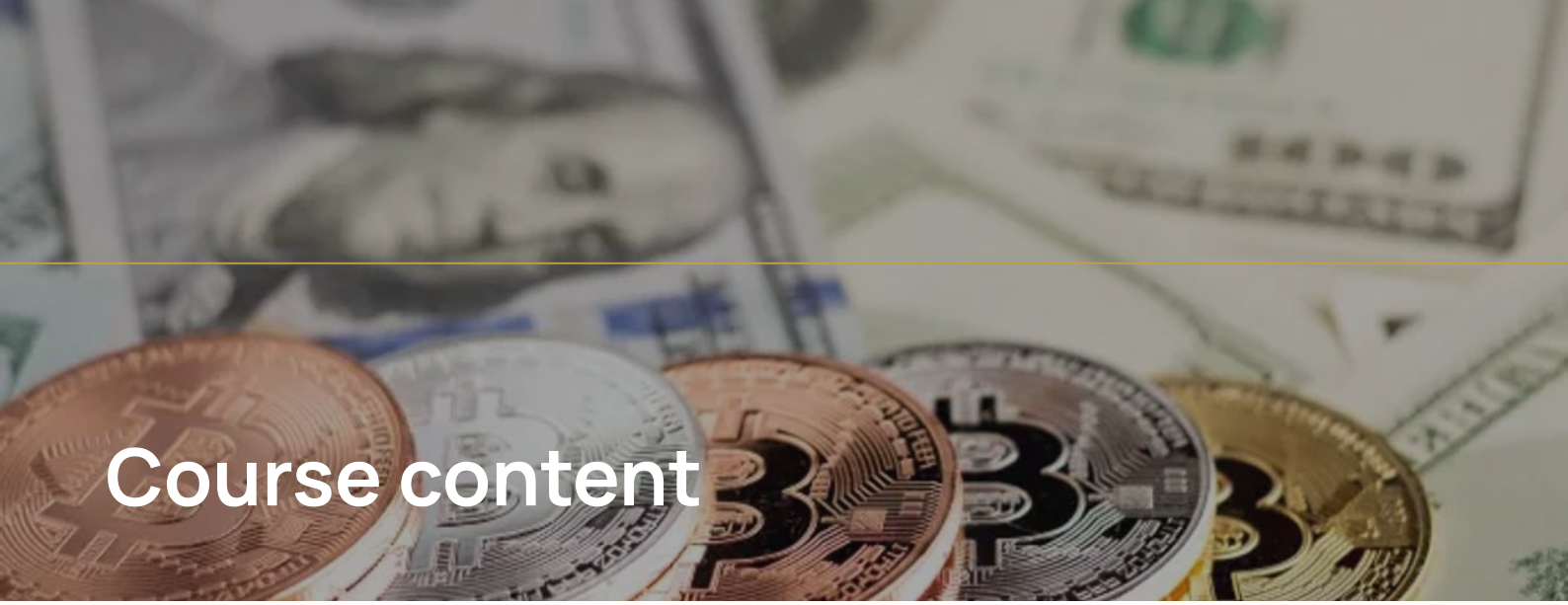
Applied activity: Participants will develop a comprehensive risk management framework for a fictional trading desk, incorporating hedging strategies and risk assessment techniques. They will present their framework to peers for feedback, focusing on practical applications and compliance with regulations.
Output: Risk management framework document detailing strategies and risk mitigation approaches.

09:00–09:54	Identifying and quantifying risks in foreign exchange and derivatives markets for informed decision-making.
09:54–10:48	Hedging techniques using options and futures to mitigate financial risks in trading activities.
10:48–11:00	Stress testing and scenario analysis for risk assessment and management.
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Stress testing and scenario analysis for risk assessment and management. (continued)
12:12–13:06	Developing a risk management framework for trading activities and compliance.
13:06–14:00	Case studies on successful risk management in financial institutions and lessons learned.

Day 5: Integrated Trading and Risk Management Simulation

Applied activity: Participants will engage in a comprehensive trading simulation, making decisions based on real-time market data and risk assessments. They will evaluate their performance and refine strategies accordingly, focusing on risk management and profitability, and present their findings to the group.
Output: Trading performance report with analysis, recommendations, and insights for future trading.

09:00–09:54	Combining knowledge of foreign exchange, money markets, and derivatives in complex trading scenarios.
09:54–10:48	Real-time trading simulation to apply learned concepts and strategies effectively.
10:48–11:00	Evaluating performance and decision-making in trading activities based on market data.
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Evaluating performance and decision-making in trading activities based on market data. (continued)



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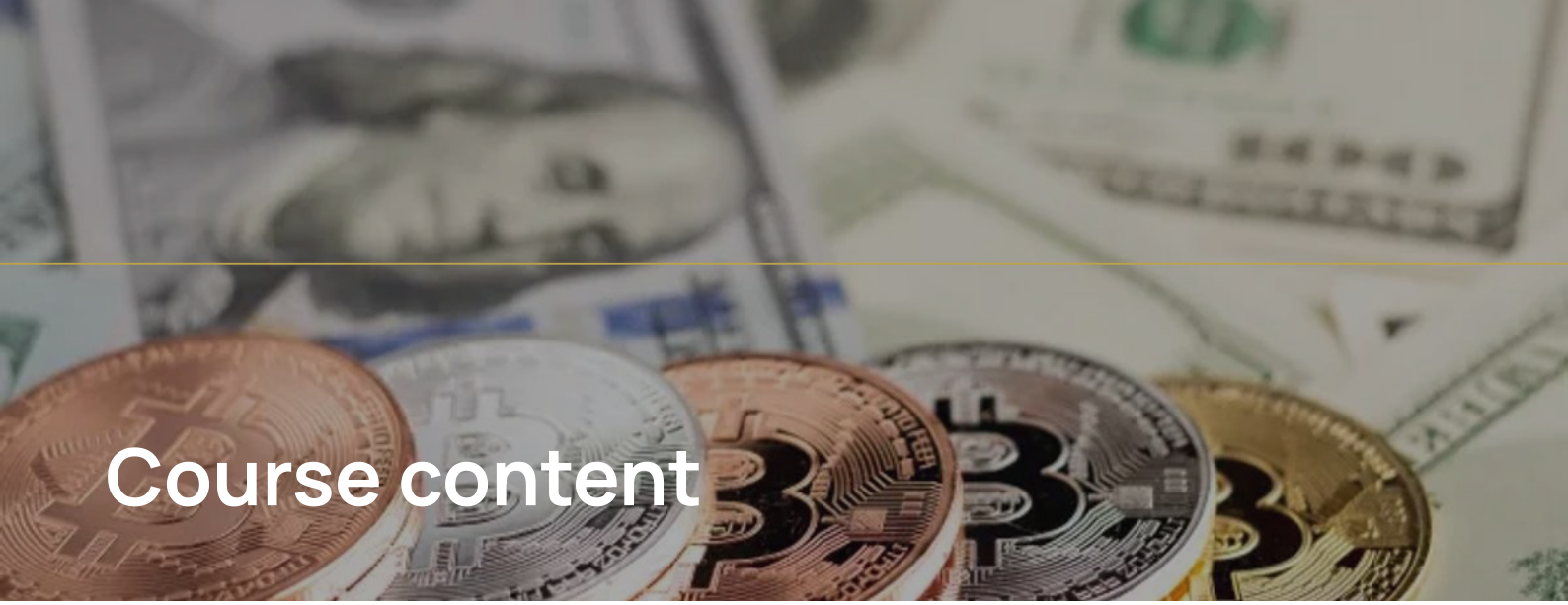
12:12–13:06	Feedback and analysis of trading strategies and outcomes for continuous improvement.
13:06–14:00	Final assessment of integrated trading and risk management capabilities through practical application.

The timings provided are estimates and may vary depending on the number of participants and the discussions taking place during the sessions. They are indicative only and do not constitute a binding commitment.

Dates, venues and fees

Current published course plans. Fees are per participant in EUR, excluding unconfirmed taxes.

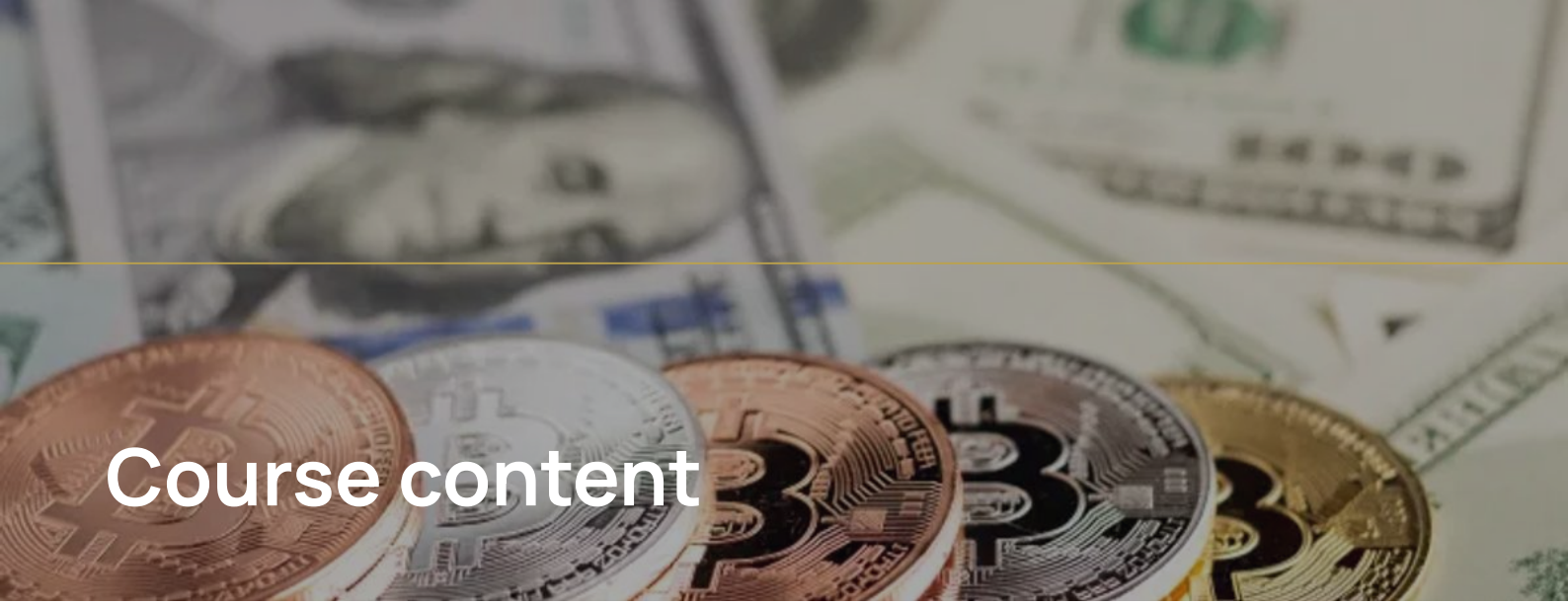
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Singapore Confirmed dates	16 Nov 2026	20 Nov 2026	**€2,820.-**
Online Confirmed dates	16 Nov 2026	20 Nov 2026	**€1,250.-**
London Confirmed dates	7 Dec 2026	11 Dec 2026	**€2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	7 Dec 2026	11 Dec 2026	**€1,250.-**
Dubai Confirmed dates	14 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	**€3,150.-**
Online Confirmed dates	14 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	**€1,250.-**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	4 Jan 2027	8 Jan 2027	**€2,650.-**



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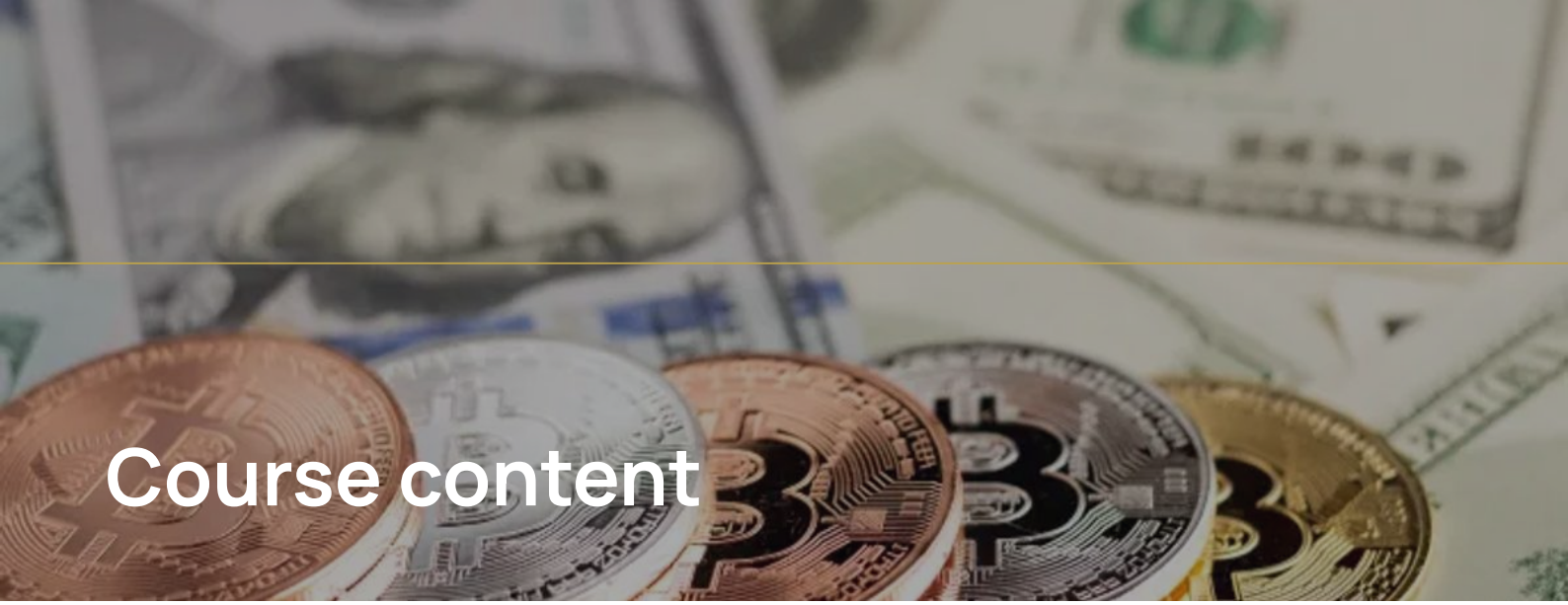
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Online Confirmed dates	4 Jan 2027	8 Jan 2027	**€1,250.-**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	18 Jan 2027	22 Jan 2027	**€1,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	18 Jan 2027	22 Jan 2027	**€1,250.-**
Rome Confirmed dates	25 Jan 2027	29 Jan 2027	**€2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	25 Jan 2027	29 Jan 2027	**€1,250.-**
Paris Confirmed dates	1 Feb 2027	5 Feb 2027	**€2,860.-**
Online Confirmed dates	1 Feb 2027	5 Feb 2027	**€1,250.-**
Istanbul Confirmed dates	15 Feb 2027	19 Feb 2027	**€2,650.-**
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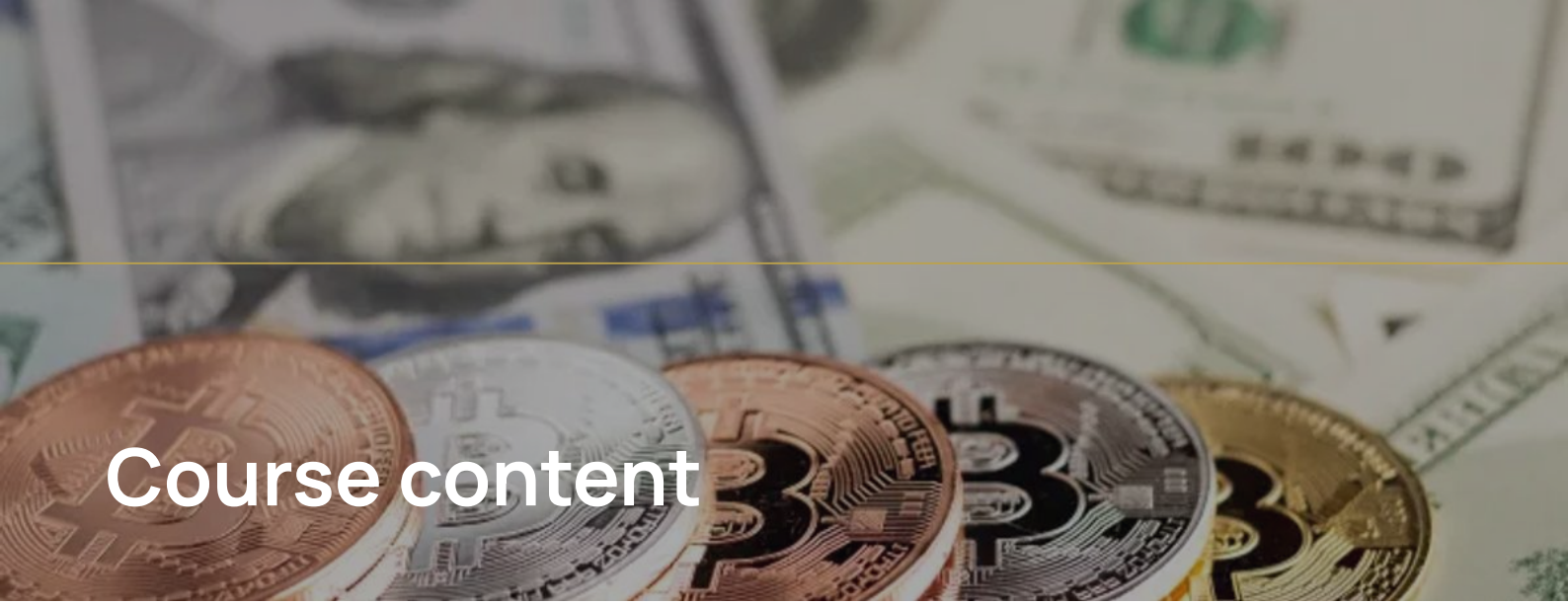
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Amsterdam Confirmed dates	1 Mar 2027	5 Mar 2027	**€2,540.-**
Online Confirmed dates	1 Mar 2027	5 Mar 2027	**€1,250.-**
Singapore Confirmed dates	15 Mar 2027	19 Mar 2027	**€2,820.-**
Online Confirmed dates	15 Mar 2027	19 Mar 2027	**€1,250.-**
Vienna Confirmed dates	22 Mar 2027	26 Mar 2027	**€2,940.-**
Online Confirmed dates	22 Mar 2027	26 Mar 2027	**€1,250.-**
London Confirmed dates	5 Apr 2027	9 Apr 2027	**€2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	5 Apr 2027	9 Apr 2027	**€1,250.-**
Dubai Confirmed dates	19 Apr 2027	23 Apr 2027	**€3,150.-**



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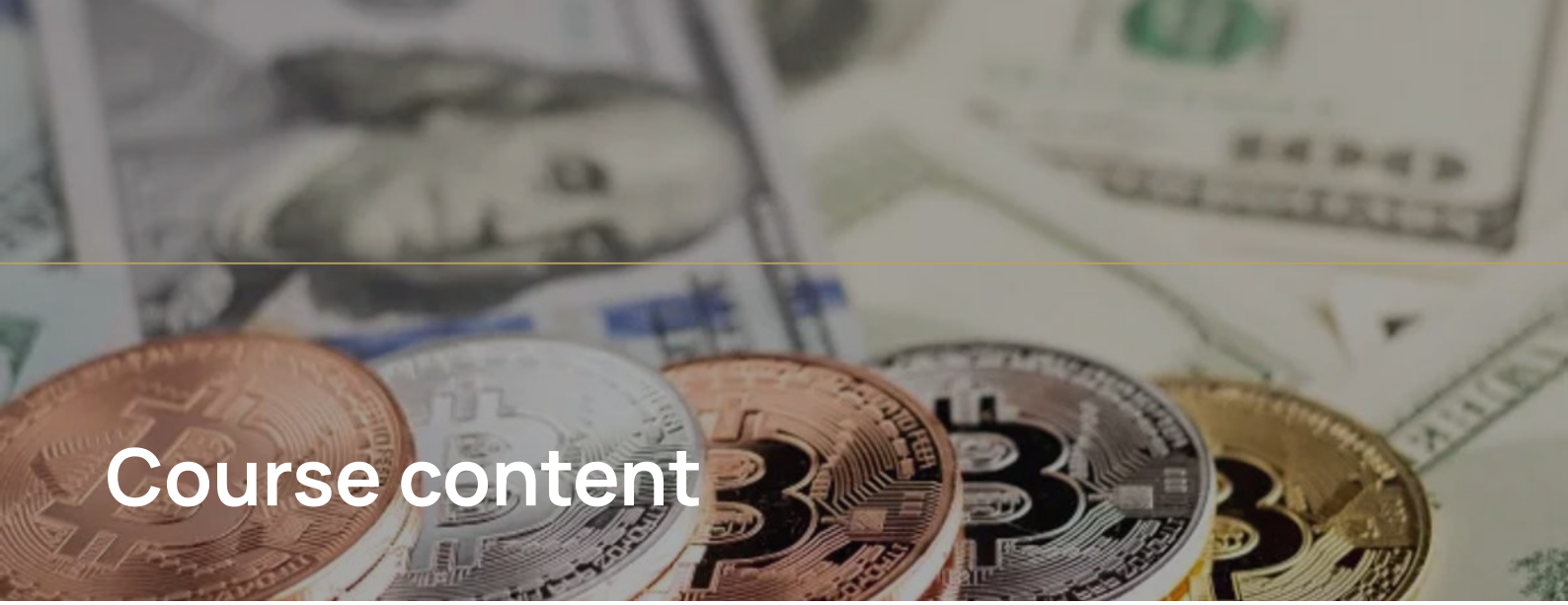
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Frankfurt Confirmed dates	3 May 2027	7 May 2027	**€2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	3 May 2027	7 May 2027	**€1,250.-**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	17 May 2027	21 May 2027	**€1,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	17 May 2027	21 May 2027	**€1,250.-**
Rome Confirmed dates	24 May 2027	28 May 2027	**€2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	24 May 2027	28 May 2027	**€1,250.-**
Paris Confirmed dates	7 Jun 2027	11 Jun 2027	**€2,860.-**
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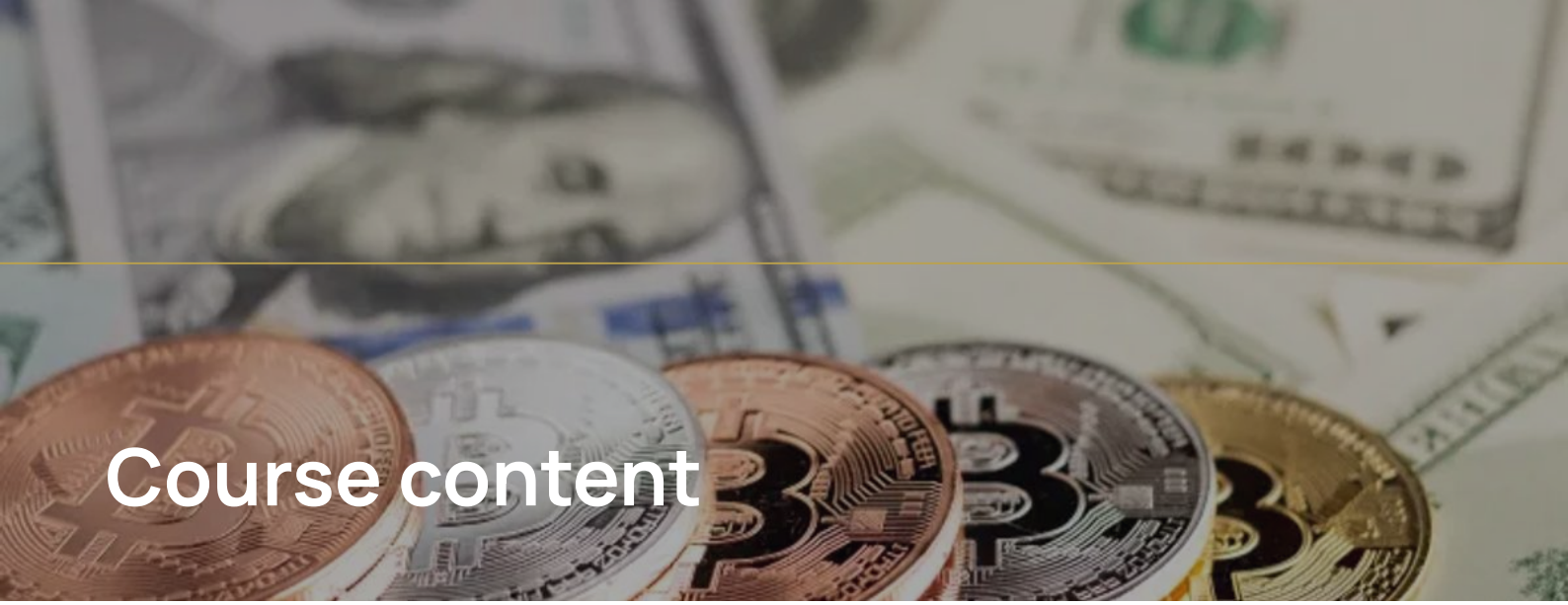
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Online Confirmed dates	21 Jun 2027	25 Jun 2027	**€1,250.-**
Amsterdam Confirmed dates	5 Jul 2027	9 Jul 2027	**€2,540.-**
Online Confirmed dates	5 Jul 2027	9 Jul 2027	**€1,250.-**
Singapore Confirmed dates	19 Jul 2027	23 Jul 2027	**€2,820.-**
Online Confirmed dates	19 Jul 2027	23 Jul 2027	**€1,250.-**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	26 Jul 2027	30 Jul 2027	**€1,890.-**
Online Confirmed dates	26 Jul 2027	30 Jul 2027	**€1,250.-**
London Confirmed dates	2 Aug 2027	6 Aug 2027	**€2,450.-**



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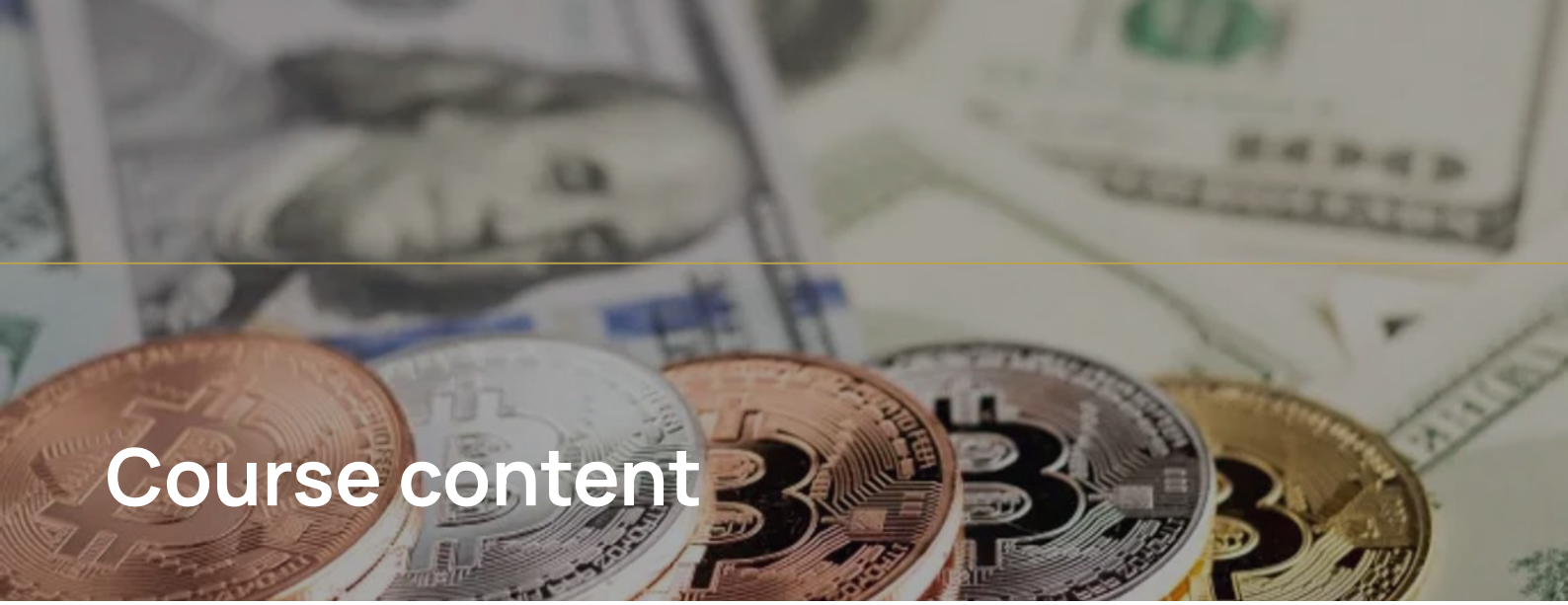
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Dubai Confirmed dates	16 Aug 2027	20 Aug 2027	**€3,150.-**
Online Confirmed dates	16 Aug 2027	20 Aug 2027	**€1,250.-**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	6 Sept 2027	10 Sept 2027	**€2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	6 Sept 2027	10 Sept 2027	**€1,250.-**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	20 Sept 2027	24 Sept 2027	**€1,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	20 Sept 2027	24 Sept 2027	**€1,250.-**
Barcelona Confirmed dates	27 Sept 2027	1 Oct 2027	**€2,840.-**
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