Annual member letter · 2026

The Meridian Letter

On the state of the settlement network: what grew, what broke, what we learned, and where the rails go next.

WEIGHT & TRUST

the year money moved

The year behind us

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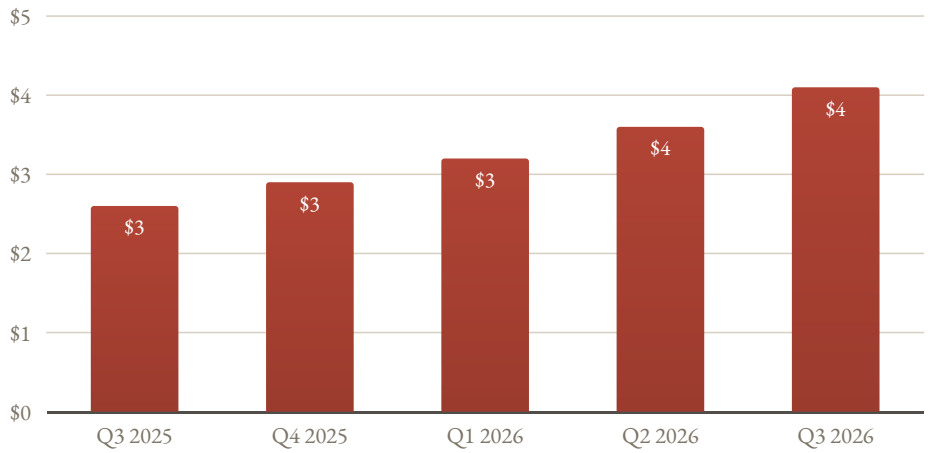

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Growth of that shape changes what matters. The questions that occupied us in the early years — would anyone come, would the model hold — have been replaced by quieter, harder ones: how to add corridors without adding fragility, how to keep settlement times flat while volume compounds, and how to remain a co-operative in spirit as we become infrastructure in fact.

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> *A settlement network earns trust the way a bridge does: by being boring for a very long time.*

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The pages that follow are our attempt to show the year plainly — the numbers first, then the machinery behind them, then the road ahead. We have tried to write the letter we would want to receive: specific where specificity is owed, and honest about the parts that did not go to plan.

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The headline numbers tell a simple story: more members, more corridors, faster settlement. The ledger below is the year in five lines, drawn from the audited accounts.[a]

[a] Figures are drawn from the FY2026 audited financial statements; corridor counts as of the final clearing day of the year.

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Settled volume by quarter, in billions of dollars

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Quarter	Volume	Growth
Q3 2025	2.6	7.9%
Q4 2025	2.9	11.2%
Q1 2026	3.2	10.5%
Q2 2026	3.6	12.4%
Q3 2026	4.1	13.8%

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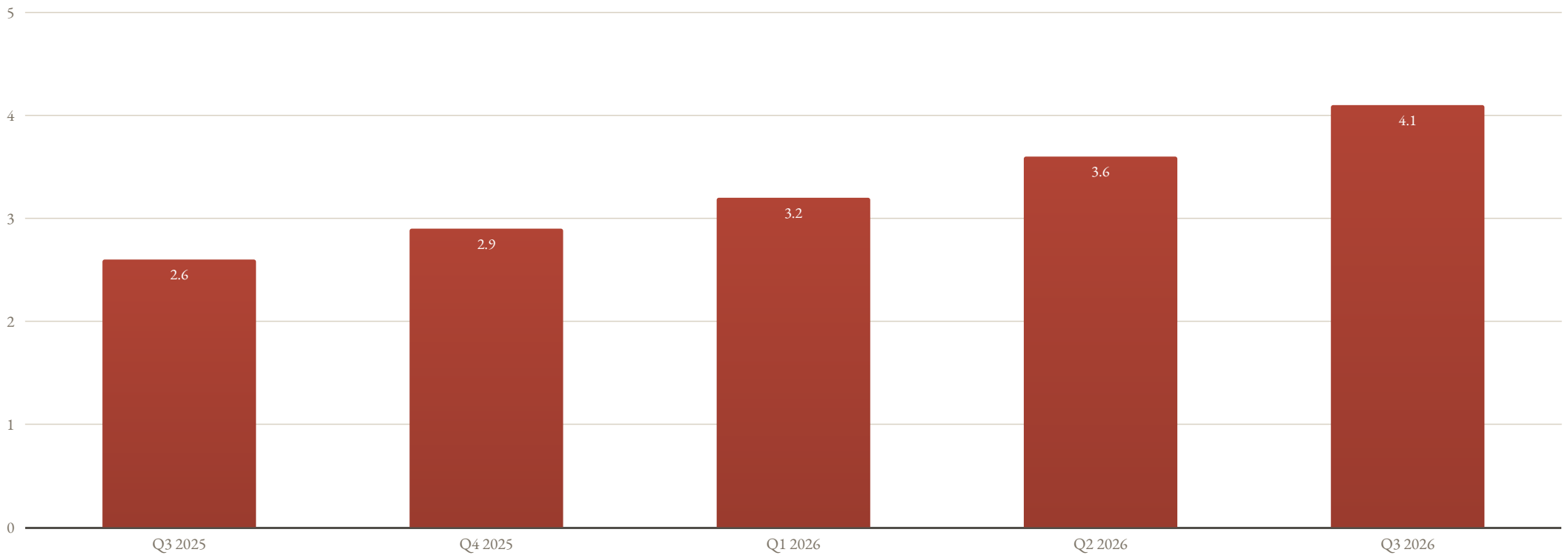

Quarterly settled volume

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Most members never see the machinery, which is the point. A payment entering the network passes through four stages, each with its own guarantee, and the whole journey completes in a median of 3.1 seconds.

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Both members receive a cryptographic receipt; books agree by construction, not by audit.

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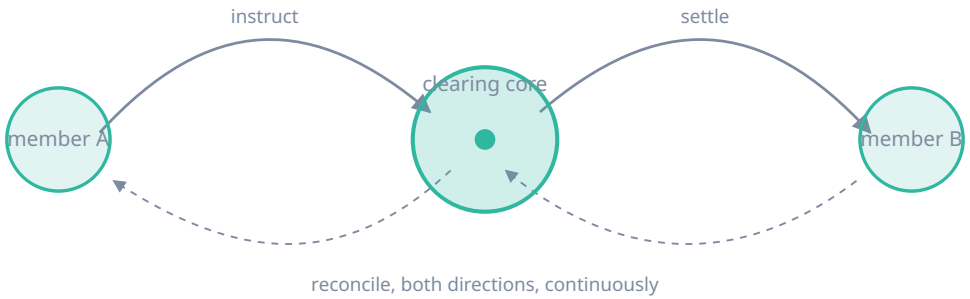

The clearing core sits between members; reconciliation flows back continuously.

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The core's job is to make the middle of that picture disappear. Every corridor we add is another pair of edges on this graph; the discipline is that the centre never grows special cases.

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We publish corridor-level reliability because averages hide exactly the failures that matter. The table reads as a report card: settled volume by corridor, and how far along each corridor is against its 2026 target.

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Brazil – Argentina	$320M	64%

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> In March, a certificate rotation in the Singapore region degraded settlement for eleven minutes. No value was lost and no instruction was dropped, but 3,900 payments settled late. The post-mortem and the two fixes it produced are published in full on the member portal.

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Next year the work turns from breadth to depth. We will add fewer corridors than we did this year, on purpose, and spend the difference making the existing ones feel instantaneous — the gap between 3.1 seconds and 300 milliseconds is where the next decade of member value lives.

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We end where we began: with weight. Infrastructure is a promise made in public, and we intend to keep making it — quietly, quarter after quarter, until the network is simply how money moves.

We would rather be trusted than noticed.

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