# Stablecoin B2B Use Cases 2026

From Niche to Mainstream — 15 Corporate Use Cases Across Three Strategic Phases

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Foundational Upgrades

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# Executive Summary

The global financial infrastructure is undergoing significant modernization. For decades, international payments have been managed by an established network of correspondent banks, asynchronous clearing processes, and fragmented accounts. Today, this traditional system is adapting to the demands of a real-time, automated global economy.

***Stablecoins have evolved into a programmable solution to address these requirements — but is the corporate sector ready to adopt them as a foundational financial layer?***

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|---|---|---|
| **$390B** | **~60%** | **15** |
| genuine stablecoin payment volume 2025 | of the payment volume is B2B ($226B) | corporate use cases across 3 phases |
| *McKinsey / Artemis* | *McKinsey / Artemis* | *this analysis* |

# 15 Corporate Use Cases Across 3 Strategic Phases

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# 1

PHASE 1 · FOUNDATIONAL UPGRADES

## Programmable cross-border supplier payments (non-SEPA)

Automated payment to external non-EU suppliers via stablecoins (e.g., USDC, EURC), triggered by a confirmed three-way match in an ERP system.

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*Market size — current best estimate (EU, ~25% of global)*

| TRADITIONAL VOLUME p.a. | TOKENIZED VOLUME p.a. | TOKENIZATION CAGR |
|---|---|---|
| **$10T** | **$3.4B**<br>0.03% of traditional | **93%** |
| Juniper Research | Juniper Research | Juniper Research |

**INDUSTRY SECTORS**

Manufacturing (Automotive & Machinery), Consumer Goods, Electronics

**CORPORATE ROI DRIVERS**

Saves 1-2% in FX / correspondent bank fees; cuts settlement time from 3-5 days to minutes.

**IMPLEMENTATION EFFORT**

Low: API integration with external SaaS payout provider.

**CUSTODY MODEL**

Fiat-in / Fiat-out: Banking partner handles tokenization.

**COMPLIANCE BURDEN**

Medium: Standard external supplier KYC/AML screening.

**Assumptions & sources:** EU figures = 25% of the global market. Traditional: global cross-border B2B payments on traditional rails, 2024 (Juniper Research). Tokenized: cross-border B2B stablecoin transactions (Juniper Research), which also underpins the CAGR.

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# Treasury FX management and bridge currency

e-Money-Tokens (EMT) used as a foreign exchange bridge and inflation protection, triggered by exposure limits in the Treasury Management System (TMS).

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*Market size — current best estimate (EU, ~25% of global)*

| TRADITIONAL VOLUME p.a. | TOKENIZED VOLUME p.a. | TOKENIZATION CAGR |
|---|---|---|
| $30T | $460M<br><0.01% of traditional | 190% |
| BIS Triennial Survey | Stablecoin Insider | The Block · Stablecoin Insider |

**INDUSTRY SECTORS**

Export-heavy Manufacturing, Engineering, Global Construction

**CORPORATE ROI DRIVERS**

Hedges local currency inflation risk in emerging markets; reduces FX slippage.

**IMPLEMENTATION EFFORT**

Low-Medium: Treasury Management System limit configurations.

**CUSTODY MODEL**

Institutional Custody: Treasury holds EMTs securely.

**COMPLIANCE BURDEN**

Medium: Internal corporate compliance policies.

**Assumptions & sources:** Traditional: corporate (non-financial) FX turnover of $480bn/day = 5% of the $9.6tn daily market, annualized over 250 trading days (BIS Triennial Survey). Tokenized: EURC circulating supply as the largest EU e-money token, shown at full EU level (Stablecoin Insider). CAGR from EURC market-cap growth $99M (Oct 2024, The Block) to $427M (Mar 2026, Stablecoin Insider), ~190% annualised — the post-MiCA ramp from a near-zero base.

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## Global distributed workforce payouts

Stablecoin payouts to international freelancers and contractors, triggered by external workforce management modules in the ERP system.

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*Market size — current best estimate (EU, ~25% of global)*

| TRADITIONAL VOLUME p.a. | TOKENIZED VOLUME p.a. | TOKENIZATION CAGR |
|---|---|---|
| n/a | <$2.5B | 40% |
| | Eco | McKinsey/Artemis via AlphaPoint |

**INDUSTRY SECTORS**

IT Services, Software Development, Consulting

**CORPORATE ROI DRIVERS**

Cuts cross-border payroll fees by 50%+; attracts global talent with instant payouts.

**IMPLEMENTATION EFFORT**

Low: SaaS payout API integration.

**CUSTODY MODEL**

Fiat-in / Fiat-out: Partner manages wallet routing.

**COMPLIANCE BURDEN**

Medium-High: Global recipient KYC/AML requirements.

**Assumptions & sources:** EU figures = 25% of global. Traditional: no tier-1 aggregate exists for global cross-border contractor-payroll volume, so it is left open. Tokenized: cross-border stablecoin payroll (Eco). CAGR based on cross-border stablecoin growth toward $2.1tn by 2030 vs. $390M in 2025 (McKinsey/Artemis via AlphaPoint).

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# Programmable B2B inbound collections (receivables)

Stablecoin incoming payments from third countries, automatically matched and reconciled by the ERP's digital currency or treasury module.



*Market size — current best estimate (EU, ~25% of global)*

| TRADITIONAL VOLUME p.a. | TOKENIZED VOLUME p.a. | TOKENIZATION CAGR |
|---|---|---|
| $10T | $56B<br>0.6% of traditional | 55% |
| Juniper Research | McKinsey/Artemis | EY-Parthenon |

**INDUSTRY SECTORS**

Exporting Companies, Digital Goods Providers, Specialized Machinery

**CORPORATE ROI DRIVERS**

Automates 100% of accounts receivable reconciliation; reduces payment collection time for sales by 2-5 days.

**IMPLEMENTATION EFFORT**

Low-Medium: ERP matching engine update.

**CUSTODY MODEL**

Fiat-in / Fiat-out: Instant conversion to fiat upon receipt.

**COMPLIANCE BURDEN**

High: Inbound AML transaction monitoring.

**Assumptions & sources:** EU figures = 25% of global. Traditional: the receiving side of the same cross-border B2B flow as UC1, 2024 (Juniper Research). Tokenized: B2B stablecoin payments volume (McKinsey/Artemis). CAGR ~55% forward to 2030, applying the 60% B2B share to EY-Parthenon's $2.1tn 2030 forecast (same basis as UC6).

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# Tokenized B2B incentives and channel partner payouts

Programmed credit notes to sales partners, triggered by sales targets in the ERP sales and distribution module.



*Market size — current best estimate (EU, ~25% of global)*

| TRADITIONAL VOLUME p.a. | TOKENIZED VOLUME p.a. | TOKENIZATION CAGR |
|---|---|---|
| $44B | n/a | n/a |
| Incentive Research Foundation | | |

**INDUSTRY SECTORS**

Software/SaaS Providers, Telecommunications, Consumer Electronics

**CORPORATE ROI DRIVERS**

Automates rebate administration; accelerates channel partner sales cycles.

**IMPLEMENTATION EFFORT**

Medium: ERP Sales module API hooks.

**CUSTODY MODEL**

Corporate Self-Custody: Issuing internal closed-loop tokens.

**COMPLIANCE BURDEN**

Low: Non-financial rewards / closed-loop regulatory exemptions.

**Assumptions & sources:** EU figures = 25% of the US market. Traditional: US B2B incentive volume as a proxy (Incentive Research Foundation). Tokenized volume and CAGR are still emerging and not yet quantifiable from a tier-1 source.

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# Programmable intercompany settlement and netting

Regulated e-Money-Tokens replace asynchronous correspondent banks for 24/7 settlement between global corporate subsidiaries, triggered by a Treasury-Management or ERP system.

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*Market size — current best estimate (EU, ~25% of global)*

| TRADITIONAL VOLUME p.a. | TOKENIZED VOLUME p.a. | TOKENIZATION CAGR |
|---|---|---|
| $450B | $56B<br>12% of traditional | 54% |
| PwC | McKinsey/Artemis | EY-Parthenon |

**INDUSTRY SECTORS**

Multinational Pharmaceuticals, Chemicals, Global Logistics

**CORPORATE ROI DRIVERS**

Eliminates 2 day delays; unlocks trapped working capital; reduces internal FX spreads.

**IMPLEMENTATION EFFORT**

Medium: ERP/TMS integration, setting up internal corporate wallet networks.

**CUSTODY MODEL**

Corporate Self-Custody / Institutional Wallet:

**COMPLIANCE BURDEN**

Low: Internal closed-loop system, minimal external AML risk.

**Assumptions & sources:** EU figures = 25% of global. Traditional: global excess corporate working capital (PwC) — a stock, indicating the trapped cash intercompany netting addresses. Tokenized: 60% of the $390bn genuine annual stablecoin payment volume is B2B (McKinsey/Artemis); as tier-1 reports have not isolated intercompany netting, this B2B figure is a macro proxy. CAGR ~54%: We applied the 60% B2B share to EY-Parthenon's conservative 2030 forecast of $2.1 trillion in total stablecoin payments, establishing a four-year growth trajectory to a $1.26 trillion B2B target.

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# Programmable supply chain finance and milestone payments

Tokenized cash enables dynamic discounting and early payment, triggered by IoT goods receipt or ERP system posting.

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*Market size — current best estimate (EU, ~25% of global)*

| TRADITIONAL VOLUME p.a. | TOKENIZED VOLUME p.a. | TOKENIZATION CAGR |
|---|---|---|
| $600B | n/a | n/a |
| BCR via Deutsche Bank | | |

**INDUSTRY SECTORS**
Manufacturing, Retail, Automotive

**CORPORATE ROI DRIVERS**
Increases dynamic discount capture by up to 2-3%; optimizes working capital allocation.

**IMPLEMENTATION EFFORT**
Medium-High: IoT/ERP oracle integration to trigger smart contracts.

**CUSTODY MODEL**
Institutional Custody: Escrow or treasury wallets.

**COMPLIANCE BURDEN**
Medium: Supplier KYC and onboarding.

**Assumptions & sources:** EU figures = 25% of global. Traditional: global supply-chain-finance volume (BCR, cited by Deutsche Bank flow). Tokenized volume is still emerging; no tier-1 CAGR available yet.

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# B2B marketplace settlement and automated payouts

Multi-party settlement on B2B platforms via stablecoins, triggered by platform checkout systems.

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*Market size — current best estimate (EU, ~25% of global)*

| TRADITIONAL VOLUME p.a. | TOKENIZED VOLUME p.a. | TOKENIZATION CAGR |
|---|---|---|
| $1.7T | n/a | n/a |
| Straits Research * | | |

**INDUSTRY SECTORS**
B2B E-commerce, Wholesale Distribution, Digital Procurement

**CORPORATE ROI DRIVERS**
Eliminates high credit card acquirer fees (1-3%); automated instant multi-party reconciliation.

**IMPLEMENTATION EFFORT**
Medium: Marketplace API payment gateway integration.

**CUSTODY MODEL**
Institutional Wallet: Platform escrow capabilities.

**COMPLIANCE BURDEN**
High: Multi-party KYC/AML, platform payment regulations.

**Assumptions & sources:** EU figures = 25% of global. Traditional: global B2B e-commerce market volume (Straits Research — market-research source, tier-1 confirmation pending). Tokenized volume and CAGR are not reported, as no reliable figure is available.

** market-research source — tier-1 confirmation still pending.*

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# Programmable treasury and tokenized money market funds (MMF)

Automated sweep of idle cash into tokenized money market funds, triggered by liquidity thresholds in the Treasury Management System.

*Market size — current best estimate (EU, ~25% of global)*

| TRADITIONAL VOLUME p.a. | TOKENIZED VOLUME p.a. | TOKENIZATION CAGR |
|---|---|---|
| $3.4T | $2.1B<br><0.1% of traditional | n/a |
| ICI | CoinDesk | |

**INDUSTRY SECTORS**
Financial Services, Large Corporate Treasuries

**CORPORATE ROI DRIVERS**
Maximizes yield on idle cash; cuts traditional 1-2 day settlement delays to instant subscription and redemption.

**IMPLEMENTATION EFFORT**
Medium: TMS API connection to digital asset manager.

**CUSTODY MODEL**
Institutional Custody: Fund wallets.

**COMPLIANCE BURDEN**
High: Traditional securities and fund regulations.

**Assumptions & sources:** EU figures = 25% of global. Traditional: global money-market-fund AUM 2026, $13.5tn (ICI) — a stock. Tokenized: tokenized money-market AUM (CoinDesk). No tier-1 CAGR available yet.

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# Programmable over-the-counter (OTC) power market settlement

Atomic delivery-versus-payment for bilateral power trading, triggered by smart meter gateways.

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*Market size — current best estimate (EU, ~25% of global)*

| TRADITIONAL VOLUME p.a. | TOKENIZED VOLUME p.a. | TOKENIZATION CAGR |
|---|---|---|
| $9B | $650M<br>7% of traditional | 32% |
| Market.us * | Precedence Research * | Precedence Research * |

**INDUSTRY SECTORS**

Energy Utilities, Renewable Energy Producers, Energy Trading

**CORPORATE ROI DRIVERS**

Eliminates counterparty credit risk; drastically reduces collateral posting requirements.

**IMPLEMENTATION EFFORT**

High: Smart meter integration, native blockchain capability.

**CUSTODY MODEL**

Corporate Self-Custody

**COMPLIANCE BURDEN**

High: Energy trading compliance + crypto regulations.

**Assumptions & sources:** EU figures = 25% of global. Traditional: global corporate PPA market (bilateral OTC contracts), $36.6bn 2024 (Market.us — market-research source, tier-1 confirmation pending). Tokenized volume and CAGR from the blockchain energy-trading market (Precedence Research — market-research source, tier-1 confirmation pending).

** market-research source — tier-1 confirmation still pending.*

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# Tokenized European repo and collateral settlement

Tokenized cash for secured repurchase agreements (repos), triggered by margin calls in the treasury system.

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*Market size — current best estimate (EU, ~25% of global)*

| TRADITIONAL VOLUME p.a. | TOKENIZED VOLUME p.a. | TOKENIZATION CAGR |
|---|---|---|
| $14.1T | $1.6B<br>0.01% of traditional | n/a |
| Eurex Repo Report 2025/26 | ECB | |

**INDUSTRY SECTORS**
Banking, Institutional Asset Management, Corporate Treasuries

**CORPORATE ROI DRIVERS**
24/7 liquidity access; reduces collateral fragmentation and expensive settlement fails.

**IMPLEMENTATION EFFORT**
High: Capital markets digital infrastructure overhaul.

**CUSTODY MODEL**
Institutional Custody

**COMPLIANCE BURDEN**
High: MiCA, MiFID II, and capital market rules.

**Assumptions & sources:** EU-native use case. Traditional: European repo outstanding balance 2025, €12.3tn ≈ $14.1tn at 1.146 USD/EUR — a stock, since the margin-call trigger sits on open positions (Eurex Repo Report 2025/26). Tokenized: ECB exploratory DLT settlement. No tier-1 CAGR available yet.

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# Intraday cross-border cash pooling and sweeping

Physical intraday zero-balance sweeping, triggered by an ERP system's in-house bank algorithm.

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*Market size — current best estimate (EU, ~25% of global)*

| TRADITIONAL VOLUME p.a. | TOKENIZED VOLUME p.a. | TOKENIZATION CAGR |
|---|---|---|
| $2T | $137B<br>7% of traditional | n/a |
| HEC | JPMorgan Kinexys · ECB | |

**INDUSTRY SECTORS**
Multinational Conglomerates, Retail, FMCG

**CORPORATE ROI DRIVERS**
Real-time global liquidity view; drastically reduces external bank overdraft fees.

**IMPLEMENTATION EFFORT**
Medium: In-house bank module update.

**CUSTODY MODEL**
Corporate Self-Custody: Internal corporate network.

**COMPLIANCE BURDEN**
Low: Internal entity transfers.

**Assumptions & sources:** EU figures = 25% of global. Traditional: global corporate cash reserves (HEC) — a stock. Tokenized: estimated at 30% of the ~$5bn/day JPMorgan Kinexys volume, where intragroup cash management is a primary application (reported in ECB publication). No tier-1 CAGR available yet.

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PHASE 3 · AUTONOMOUS MODELS

# Programmable trade finance and documentary business

Escrow smart contracts replace bank letters of credit (L/C), with payment release triggered by an electronic bill of lading (eBL) or IoT sensors.

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*Market size — current best estimate (EU, ~25% of global)*

| TRADITIONAL VOLUME p.a. | TOKENIZED VOLUME p.a. | TOKENIZATION CAGR |
|---|---|---|
| $425B | $950M<br>0.2% of traditional | 23% |
| Financial Times | Dataintelo * | Dataintelo * |

**INDUSTRY SECTORS**
Commodities Trading, Export-driven Heavy Industry, Maritime Shipping

**CORPORATE ROI DRIVERS**
Eliminates 1-3% bank fees for letters of credit; reduces working capital lockup by 10+ days.

**IMPLEMENTATION EFFORT**
High: Smart contract auditing, eBL digital standards integration.

**CUSTODY MODEL**
Institutional Escrow / Smart Contract:

**COMPLIANCE BURDEN**
High: Complex global trade compliance, anti-fraud frameworks.

**Assumptions & sources:** EU figures = 25% of global. Traditional: the global trade-finance gap left by banks (Financial Times). Tokenized volume and CAGR from the tokenized trade-finance market (Dataintelo — market-research source, tier-1 confirmation pending).

** market-research source — tier-1 confirmation still pending.*

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# Equipment-as-a-service and IoT micro-payments

Usage-based machine-to-machine (M2M) pay-per-use settlement, triggered by IoT sensors in industrial machinery.

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| TRADITIONAL VOLUME p.a. | TOKENIZED VOLUME p.a. | TOKENIZATION CAGR |
|---|---|---|
| $19B | n/a | 42% |
| Research Nester * | | *See assumptions* |

**INDUSTRY SECTORS**

Automotive, Industrial Machinery, Renewable Energy

**CORPORATE ROI DRIVERS**

Unlocks recurring revenue streams (OpEx vs CapEx); zero micro-transaction fees.

**IMPLEMENTATION EFFORT**

High: Edge device/IoT hardware integration with wallet software.

**CUSTODY MODEL**

Corporate Self-Custody: Machine-level embedded wallets.

**COMPLIANCE BURDEN**

Medium: B2B framework contracts and device identity.

**Assumptions & sources:** EU figures = 25% of global. Traditional: autonomous IoT payments volume (Research Nester — market-research source, tier-1 confirmation pending). Tokenized share still emerging. The 42% CAGR refers to overall autonomous IoT payments, not tokenized volume.

** market-research source — tier-1 confirmation still pending.*

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# Autonomous M2M in-car payments and fleet settlement

Fleet vehicles pay charging stations autonomously, triggered by an automated digital handshake protocol (e.g., ISO 15118).

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|---|---|---|
| $19B | n/a | 42% |
| Research Nester * | | *See assumptions* |

**INDUSTRY SECTORS**

Logistics Fleets, Car Rental Services, Commercial Transport

**CORPORATE ROI DRIVERS**

Fully automated fleet reconciliation; creates seamless B2B mobility ecosystems.

**IMPLEMENTATION EFFORT**

High: Hardware, ISO protocol, and OEM system integration.

**CUSTODY MODEL**

Corporate Self-Custody: Vehicle-level embedded wallets.

**COMPLIANCE BURDEN**

Medium: Mobility ecosystem data and payment compliance.

**Assumptions & sources:** EU figures = 25% of global. Same basis as UC14 (shared architecture). Traditional: autonomous IoT payments volume (Research Nester — market-research source, tier-1 confirmation pending). Tokenized share still emerging. The 42% CAGR refers to overall autonomous IoT payments.

** market-research source — tier-1 confirmation still pending.*

# Assumptions, EU Breakdown & Sources

*Every figure is a current best estimate — taken directly from a tier-1 primary source or transparently derived from tier-1 figures where possible. Each use-case slide carries its own per-metric sources and assumptions.*

### EU market view

All market sizes are shown at EU level, assumed as a flat ~25% of the global market — except EU-native cases (e.g. European repo), shown in full.

### Tokenized share

Where both figures exist, tokenized volume is also shown as a percentage of the traditional market — indicating today's early adoption.

### Current estimates

Figures are point-in-time best estimates, not audited market data. Year-on-year growth is never presented as a sustained CAGR.

### Source hygiene

Figures are labelled with their source. Where only a market-research source is available (e.g. Market.us, Precedence, Straits, Dataintelo, Research Nester), it is marked with * and „tier-1 confirmation pending“.

**Download the accompanying article [”From Niche to Mainstream — how fast will stablecoins reshape the corporate world?”] and the use case matrix from**
https://www.51nodes.io/en/digital-assets-en/from-niche-to-mainstream-how-fast-will-stablecoins-reshape-the-corporate-world/

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