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In the ever-evolving landscape of finance, digital technologies have carved out a transformative path that challenges traditional paradigms and induces impactful financial innovations. The emergence of digital finance, encompassing everything from mobile banking and digital wallets to fintech innovations and robo-advisors, has not only reshaped consumer behavior, but also redefined the architecture of financial systems worldwide. This digital revolution prompts a reevaluation of financial inclusion strategies, risk management frameworks, and the overall fluidity of capital and information. As these technologies advance, there is an increasing need for robust theoretical foundations and extensive empirical studies to guide their development, optimize their integration into existing financial ecosystems, and ensure that their regulation keeps pace with innovation. The special issue aims to explore these themes, seeking contributions that address the systemic impacts of digital finance, propose novel methodologies for its analysis, and examine the broader economic implications of its rapid growth.

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- Digitization in the financial service industry, firm operations, and investment management.

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