



GDF Supercharges Global Regulatory Affairs Capability With New Partnership & Four Senior Appointments

Leading global digital asset membership body announces enhanced policy maker outreach team.

Hong Kong, London and New York – 27 February 2020: [Global Digital Finance \(GDF\)](#), the industry body advocating and accelerating the adoption of digital assets, today announces its partnership with Washington-based advisory and advocacy firm [FS Vector](#), along with four new senior appointments to supercharge its global policy and regulatory affairs capability.

John Beccia of FS Vector will lead US Regulatory Affairs for GDF. European public policy specialist Lavan Thasarathakumar of Thasa Consulting, who is also a consultant at GDF founding member [Hogan Lovells](#), will take ownership of EMEA Regulatory Affairs.

Malcolm Wright, Chief Compliance Officer of digital asset financial services and advisory company [Diginex](#), has been elected Chair of the GDF member based Advisory Council. He is joined by Bryony Widdup, a Partner at [DLA Piper](#), who will lead the Advisory Council Secretariat responsible for the GDF Code of Conduct.

“These highly experienced and seasoned professionals complete the new international regulatory affairs team,” said Lawrence Wintermeyer, Co-Chair of GDF. “They bring a wealth of experience, insight, and a vast and influential global network to the GDF membership and mission.”

Jeff Bandman, Board Member and Regulatory Engagement Lead at GDF added, “Our partnership with FS Vector and appointment of these high-calibre industry professionals will supercharge GDF’s regulatory and policy maker advocacy programmes globally. These talented new resources will exponentially accelerate GDF’s ability to execute its regulatory mission and vision, enabling us to drive and support regulatory clarity and consistency in our rapidly developing industry.”

GDF continues to engage in outreach with global regulators, standard setting bodies and non-governmental organisations through the development of the [GDF Code of Conduct](#), which provides a consistent professional voice of responsible industry practitioners.

About Global Digital Finance (GDF)

GDF is the leading global membership body advocating and accelerating the adoption of best practices for crypto and digital assets, through the development of conduct standards, in a shared engagement forum with market participants, policymakers and regulators.

Our members are industry experts, business leaders, and technologists, committed to championing the new era of digital commerce.

Global Digital Finance endeavours to drive efficient, fair and transparent crypto asset markets by building a knowledge base and best practice for “truly digital” finance and the benefits tokens can bring all market participants. We promote an inclusive vision in which crypto assets and token markets can evolve and grow to complement traditional financial services.

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