



PRESS RELEASE – GDF ANNOUNCES Q1 2026 EXECUTIVES IN RESIDENCE

Dubai, London, Washington, D.C., New York, March 3rd, 2026: Global Digital Finance (GDF), the leading global digital assets members’ association, is delighted to announce its Q1 2026 cohort of Executives in Residence, senior industry leaders in digital finance, policy and innovation with distinguished track records of success.

Joining the Q1 2026 programme cohort are:

Arushi Goel, Digital asset and stablecoin expert with cross jurisdictional experience spanning financial infrastructure, risk management and regulatory engagement. She has held senior policy and strategy roles at Chainalysis and the World Economic Forum, and previously served as a Judge in India.

Pascal Herrmann, Risk Executive and Head of Integrated Financial Risk at Lloyds Banking Corporate Markets (LBCM), bringing deep expertise in financial risk management within global banking institutions.

James Loperfido Blockchain and digital asset infrastructure expert who has advised on privacy and stablecoin policy, and currently serves as GTM Director at Formation, a frontier technology lab focused on AI and automation.

Elissa McCarter LaBorde, a three-time Chief Executive Officer with global leadership in financial inclusion, fintech, and impact investing, and currently serves as a faculty member at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

Anthony Ralphs, Stablecoins, CBDCs, tokenisation and payments expert, with leadership experience spanning fintech, banking, interoperability standards, AI and innovation, including senior roles at Ripple and Bottomline.

Diane Sherman, MBA, FinTech and tokenisation advisor and business transformation leader, with extensive experience in trading platforms, F&O, collateral management and money market funds, and former Managing Director at Bank of America.

Commenting on the announcement, Elise Soucie Watts, Executive Director and Board Member at GDF said, “As we bring our Executive and Practitioner in Residence programme into its second year we are delighted to welcome another outstanding cohort. Each new addition brings unique insights and proven leadership across digital assets, policy, and financial innovation.”

The Executives and Practitioners in Residence are established leaders from across the ecosystem who are committed to advancing the digital finance agenda. Through their involvement, they will help shape GDF’s thought leadership, contribute to key working groups, and support engagement with industry stakeholders and policymakers around the world.

Lawrence Wintermeyer, GDF Executive Co-Chair added, “With the addition of our 2026 cohort, we are delighted to welcome an exceptional group of leaders who reflect the strength and



innovation of the global digital finance ecosystem. Their commitment to advancing the industry, alongside their willingness to support GDF’s mission, further strengthens our ability to convene stakeholders around critical issues and help accelerate progress worldwide.”

About GDF

Global Digital Finance (GDF) is a global non-profit association of member firms offering an open innovation platform for advocating and accelerating the adoption of best practices for digital assets.

GDF’s mission is to “Promote and underpin the greater adoption of market standards for the use of crypto and digital assets, through the development of best practices and governance standards in a shared engagement forum with industry, policymakers, and regulators.”

More information about GDF can be found at www.gdf.io, contact melissa@gdf.io for enquiries.