



PRESS RELEASE - GDF ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVES & PRACTITIONERS IN RESIDENCE

London, New York, Brussels, Singapore, September 25, 2024: Global Digital Finance (GDF), the leading global digital assets members' association, announced a new programme for Executives & Practitioners in Residence, senior industry leaders in financial services, digital technology, and innovation who have worked at market leading firms and have demonstrated a distinguished track record of success.

Joining the first programme cohort is:

Armin Peter, former Global Head of Debt Syndicate and Sustainable Banking EMEA

Nicole Sandler, former Barclays Head of Digital Policy and fintech specialist

Richard Crook, former NatWest Head of Emerging Technologies and DeFi specialist

Michael Bacina, global lawyer, specialist in blockchain and digital assets policy and law

Will Paul, Global Public Policy Lead and payments specialist, Block, Inc.

Commenting on the programme, Greg Medcraft, GDF Co-Chair, and former ASIC and IOSCO Chair said, "These Executives have been selected for their experience delivering digital programmes within financial services, pioneering policies, and collaborating on the development of industry frameworks. The depth of the talent bench this adds to the GDF team and community is significant."

The EIRs and PIRs are leaders in their field who wish to give back to the community and will spend time representing GDF in the industry and with policymakers, providing guidance on GDF's forums, working groups, reports, and standards, that reflect the priorities driving the mass adoption of new digital finance technologies.

Lawrence Wintermeyer, GDF Executive Co-Chair commented, "The Executives & Practitioners in Residence are dedicated to delivering GDF's mission, and are committed to serving and sharing their knowledge, experience, and network with the GDF global community, we are grateful to have this cohort of leaders on our team."

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 melissaa@gdf.io for enquiries.