

Global Blockchain Business Council (GBBC) Announces and Welcomes New Founding Members From Across The Globe

WASHINGTON, D.C. – January 25, 2017 – Last week, The Bitfury Group, the world’s leading full service Blockchain company, in collaboration with international law-firm Covington, launched the [Global Blockchain Business Council](#) (GBBC) around the World Economic Forum 2017 Annual Meeting in Davos, Switzerland.

Today the GBBC released a list of thirty-three founding members. The list is comprised of global business leaders and innovators who represent twenty-five countries, including Australia, Argentina, Barbados, Brazil, Canada, China, Estonia, France, Georgia, Haiti, Hong Kong, India, Latvia, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The mission of the GBBC is to bring together the world’s leading businesses to educate on the latest innovations and advances in Blockchain technology and advocate for the technology’s global adoption. The GBBC aims to serve as a central resource center, providing a forum for information, collaboration and partnerships. Learn more at [gbbcouncil.org](#).

GBBC founding members hail from diverse backgrounds and industries –with emphases in the fields of technology, banking, governance, law, finance and education. They are primarily responsible for growing and maintaining a vibrant global network that bridges the Blockchain and business worlds—connecting local innovators with the GBBC and facilitating substantive worldwide partnerships across sectors.

“We are humbled by the overwhelming enthusiasm with which the formation of the Global Blockchain Business Council has been received. We knew there was a need for a global body dedicated to bringing the Blockchain and business worlds together, educating, advocating for blockchain adoption and connecting relevant parties in the Blockchain and business worlds—we could not be more thrilled that so many businesses, innovators and industry leaders agree and have joined with us in this new venture,” Valery Vavilov, CEO of the Bitfury Group, explained. “The GBBC is meant to be a truly global body for the Blockchain and business ecosystems –our founding members will be critical to ensuring we are always presenting a global front and that we stay on the leading edge of Blockchain innovations around the world.”

GBBC FOUNDING MEMBERS

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Santiago Siri
Founder
Democracy Earth
Foundation
- AUSTRALIA
Michael Casey
Senior Advisor
MIT Digital Currency
- BARBADOS
Gabriel Abed
Founder & CEO
Bitt Group
- BRAZIL
Paula Drumond Guedes
Founder & CEO
ATLZ Group
- BRAZIL
Veronica Serra
Founding Partner
Pacific Investments
- CANADA
Alex Tapscott
Founder & CEO
Northwest Passage
Ventures
- CHINA
Dr. Wang Wei
Chairman
China M&A Association
- CHINA
Dr. Wang Yongli
CEO
LeFinance
- ESTONIA
Toomas Hendrik Ilves
Former President of
Estonia
- FRANCE
Mariana Dahan
Senior Operations Officer
World Bank
- GEORGIA
George Kikvadze
Vice Chairman
BitFury Group
- HAITI
Laurent Lamothe
Former Prime Minister
Haiti
- HONG KONG, CHINA
Phang Yew Kiat
CEO
Credit China FinTech
- INDIA
Dr. Raman Kumar
Chairman
Aeries Group
- LATVIA
Valery Vavilov
Founder & CEO
BitFury Group
- NETHERLANDS
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Partner
Covington
- NIGERIA
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Founder & CEO
BitPesa
- PAKISTAN
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Gemini Investment Group
- PERU
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Democracy
- RUSSIA
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- SAUDI ARABIA
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Financial Services
Chairman ZAD Group
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Civic.com
- TURKEY
Muhamed Yesilhark
Founder & CEO
Q2Q Capital Group
- UKRAINE
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Ukraine
- UNITED ARAB
EMIRATES
Sheikh Zayed
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GABI Fund
- UNITED STATES
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