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JASS SARAI
PwC [VOTING PANEL CHAIRMAN]

Jass is PwC's UK Technology, Media and Telecoms Industry Leader. In this role, Jass leads the services PwC provides to its clients within the sector, ensuring that PwC offers insight, analysis and value and helping clients develop and implement strategies. Jass has worked in the sector for over 15 years, during which he has been based in Boston and London. He has significant experience with high growth companies, SEC and UK Listings, and the issues facing companies as they grow rapidly in a market dominated by change.



ROSH WIJAYARATHNA
SILICON VALLEY BANK

Rosh leads Silicon Valley Bank's Corporate Technology team in the UK, focusing on providing support and financing for technology and innovation businesses predominantly in the public markets.

With 16 years of financial services experience (including Barclaycard and Barclays' Corporate and Investment Bank TMT team), Rosh has worked across a broad spectrum of growth and technology businesses including many high profile acquisition financings, LBOs, IPOs and public to privates. Since joining SVB in 2014, Rosh has built a market leading team devoted to later stage businesses and has since supported a number of key clients with debt and global treasury solutions including The Hut Group, Mimecast, Learning Technologies Group plc, CentralNic Group plc, IMImobile and GB Group plc.

Rosh has a BSc in Accounting and Finance from the University of Southampton and is a Chartered Marketer.

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NIALL CALLAN
DESIGN PORTFOLIO

Niall has been advising companies on their digital communications for over a decade. In this time he has worked at leading digital and communication agencies. Now heading up digital at Design Portfolio, Niall is responsible for all aspects of digital from project inception through to delivery, and the ongoing care of clients' digital communications.



HARRY CHATHLI
LUTHER PENDRAGON

Harry is a financial PR and media strategist. Over the past 15 years, he has designed and implemented successful communications campaigns to raise the profile of public and private companies in a variety of sectors, with a particular strength in technology-led businesses. Harry has been the key PR adviser in over 30 IPOs on the London Stock Exchange (Main Market and AIM), NASDAQ and other global bourses, as well as in other transactions and corporate events such as M&A, MBOs, crisis communications, boardroom disputes and shareholder activism.

Harry's strength in PR strategy is built on his previous experience as a management consultant advising foreign governments on their economic reform programmes.



THOMAS EASTERBY
BARCLAYS

Tom is Head of Venture Capital Coverage at Barclays and leads a team providing dedicated relationship support to VCs in their interactions with the bank. This ranges from assisting portfolio companies with their operational banking and financing needs, including providing venture debt to businesses from Series A onwards, to linking with Private and Investment Bank colleagues to support founders and VCs with sale and exit planning and, finally, supporting VCs with fund-level banking where required.

In addition, Tom and his coverage team are a useful conduit between Barclays Technology and Innovation colleagues and the external wider ecosystem, helping portfolio companies, VCs and other connected parties understand Barclays' technology needs and strategic direction. Tom's background is financing with many years' experience of lending, specifically for businesses in the TMT space.



FRASER ELMS
HERALD INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

Fraser has nearly 18 years' experience in investing in technology companies, the last 15 years of which have been with Herald Investment Management as a specialist TMT Investment Manager. He has lead responsibility for the Herald portfolios' Asian exposure. He also has analytical responsibility for the semiconductor industry. Immediately prior to joining Herald, Fraser was a Technology Analyst with Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, where he covered the European technology sector. He also spent three years at Prudential as a UK Unit Trust Fund Manager.

Fraser has a degree in Economics from Lancaster University, an MSc in Investment Analysis from the University of Stirling and is an Associate of the CFA Society of the UK.

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PIETRO FRANCHI
ROTHSCHILD & CO

Pietro has been with Rothschild & Co in London since 2013 and gained extensive experience in UK/Europe across all types of transactions including acquisitions, disposals, public and private M&A, IPOs and debt advisory mandates.

Rothschild is one of the leading global financial advisers, providing independent, expert advice on many high-profile transactions.

Prior to Rothschild, Pietro qualified as a solicitor at Bristows LLP. Pietro has a Master of Electrical and Electronic Engineering from Imperial College London.



ARUN GEORGE
GLOBAL EQUITY RESEARCH

Arun has over 13 years' experience covering the technology sector. During this time, he has worked with technology start-ups and as an Equity Analyst in investment banks and independent research firms. He was formerly a Technology Analyst for Canaccord Genuity, Altium Securities, Espirito Santo Investment Bank, Noble Group and Clear Capital.

He has a dual Master's in Financial Engineering and Industrial and Operations Engineering from the University of Michigan. He obtained his Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay. He is also a CFA Charterholder.



NEZAHAT GULTEKIN
NOMURA

Nezahat is Managing Director and Head of Technology Investment Banking, EMEA, at Nomura. Previously she was a Director at Temasek, responsible for TMT direct investments in Europe. Nezahat has over 18 years of technology sector experience in Silicon Valley and Europe. Prior to Temasek, she provided independent strategic advice to technology companies including as a Senior Adviser to Atlantic Bridge Capital in early-stage investments, and as a founding member of the Future Fifty programme of Tech City UK, a Downing Street supported initiative to assist selected leading growth-stage technology companies, where she currently serves on the Advisory Panel. Nezahat had previous technology investment banking experience with Credit Suisse, Lehman Brothers and Broadview.

She has an MS in Management Science and Engineering from Stanford University as a Fulbright Scholar and a BS in Industrial Engineering from Middle East Technical University, Turkey, as top of the graduating class.



ERIC LAWSON-SMITH
ARMA PARTNERS

Eric leads Arma Partners' media/internet practice. Arma Partners is Europe's pre-eminent mid-market M&A advisory firm focused exclusively on communications, media and technology. The firm has completed 88 transactions with a total value of over \$33bn since January 2014. Eric's 30-year career has spanned both the US and Europe, during which he has advised on deals with a total value in excess of €20bn.

Prior to Arma, Eric was Managing Director and Head of European Internet/Digital Media at Jefferies.

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RICHARD LONGDON

Richard has enjoyed a very successful career in the technology sector, most notably having served with AVEVA Group plc for 33 years, during which time he was CEO for 17 years. He retired from that role in December 2016; since then he has gone on to serve some of the UK's brightest tech companies.

He is Senior Independent Non-executive Director at Alfa Financial Software Holdings plc, and served as a Senior Independent Non executive Director of Fidessa group plc from March 2017 until the company's sale in August 2018. He has been Chairman of Process Systems Enterprises Ltd since January 2015 and a Non-executive Director of Prometheus Group Enterprises LLC in the US since June 2017.



JAMES MAINWARING STIFEL

James Mainwaring joined Stifel in September 2017 as a Pharmaceutical and Biotech Analyst. Prior to joining Stifel, James spent two years working for Quilter Cheviot where he worked directly with the Head of Research and Chief Investment Strategist. During his time at QC he covered the automotive and, electricity sectors and co-covered the UK mid-cap pharmaceutical sectors.

James holds a BSc in Biology from the University of Bristol.



MILAN RADIA
2020 RE:THINK

Milan is a leading Equity Research Analyst focusing on coverage of European data centres of operators, software vendors, payments processors and IT services providers. He has 24 years of equity market experience and has won a number of awards in recent years. In 2017, Milan was ranked the No.1 earnings estimator in the UK for his sector in the Thomson Reuters StarMine Awards. This followed No.1 StarMine rankings for Europe in 2010 and 2011 and a No.2 ranking in the UK in 2011. In 2015, Milan's team was ranked No.1 by corporate management teams for UK Small and Mid-cap Technology Research in the Extel Awards.

Milan has also been techMARK Analyst of the Year and achieved top three institutional investor sector ranking for his coverage of the software and telecoms sectors. Milan started his career at Prudential Portfolio Managers, where he was latterly a Fund Manager responsible for portfolios worth in excess of £350m.



MARK REILLY
IP GROUP PLC

Dr Mark Reilly is Head of the IP Group plc Technology business, running a £350m portfolio of early-stage, "Deep Tech" companies. The portfolio includes some of the UK's most exciting emerging technology start-ups, such as First Light Fusion, Ceres Power, Wave Optics and Ultrahaptics. Mark has 10 years' experience as a Board Director of early-stage technology companies and has overseen well over 100 private and public company equity investments.

Prior to joining IP Group, Mark was the founder and Managing Director of Remarkable Innovation, a Singapore-based technical due diligence company with a range of international Fortune 500 and national government clients. Mark began his career at the technology company Marconi plc. He holds a PhD in Engineering from the University of Cambridge, UK.

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IAN RESTALL
FLATHILL COMMUNICATIONS GROUP PLC

Throughout his career, Ian has been involved in the quoted growth companies sector. His early career was as a stockbroker, analyst, broadcaster and financial journalist in this area and, since founding The Design Portfolio Marketing Services in 1991, he has been active in helping many companies in this sector with their investor communication and corporate reporting requirements.

Ian is also Chairman of Flathill Communications Group plc, President of The Design Portfolio Marketing Services Inc. and a member of the Investor Relations Society.



BENJAMIN ROBERTSON
ZEUS CAPITAL

Benjamin is Head of Equity Capital Markets at Zeus. He has advised European growth companies for over 20 years and was previously Managing Director of Jefferies ECM and before that Managing Director at UBS responsible for technology investment banking.



IAN SPENCE
MEGABUYTE

Ian is the founder and CEO of Megabyte. In addition to directing day-to-day operations, he has overall responsibility for account management, business development and setting the strategic direction of the business.

Ian has been involved in researching and advising companies in the technology sector for over 20 years. He began his career as a reporter for the Investors Chronicle before quickly making the move into investment banking where, over the next 15 years, he forged a successful career as a Technology Analyst. While an analyst in the City, he was twice voted techMARK Analyst of the Year [the first analyst to attract a double win]. More recently, Ian has been recognised twice by Debrett's and The Sunday Times as one of the 20 most influential people in the UK technology sector.



ALASTAIR UNWIN
POLAR CAPITAL

Alastair works at Polar Capital as a Fund Manager and Senior Analyst. Prior to joining Polar Capital, Alastair co-managed the Arbrook American Equities Fund. Between 2014 and 2018 he launched and then managed the Neptune Global Technology Fund and managed the Neptune US Opportunities Fund. Prior to Neptune, Alastair was a Technology Analyst at Herald Investment Management.

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TOM WRENN
ECI PARTNERS

Tom is a Partner at leading Private Equity firm ECI and heads its Tech Sector team. Over its several decades of working with great management teams and founders, ECI has supported businesses across the technology sector – current and prior investments include IT Lab (IT Managed Services), Auction Technology Group (digital marketplace), Arkessa (IoT), Oaktree (EdTech), CliniSys (healthcare IT), Fourth (SaaS) and CarTrawler (travel technology platform).

ECI raised £700m, its eleventh fund, in 2018, of which a substantial proportion will be invested in growth tech companies.



ANTHONY YANEZA
OAKLEY ADVISORY LIMITED

Anthony joined Oakley in 2012, and has over eleven years' TMT corporate finance experience. Prior to Oakley, Anthony worked in the TMT advisory teams at HSBC and RBS/ABN AMRO. He has worked on a number of M&A, equity and debt capital market transactions across telecoms, software, hosting and online. Notable transactions include advising CNS on the sale to Six Degrees, Inflexion on its acquisition of Comparison Technologies Limited, GoDaddy on the sale of PlusServer to BC Partners, Infinity on the sale of its Stockley Park Data Centre to Zenium, advising Teleticity on its offer by Equinix and the demergers of C&W and Carphone Warehouse.