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New International Board Members Join PCI Security Standards Council In Its Global Fight Against Payment Fraud and Data Breaches

Board to Provide Direction on International Payment Security Standards Taking Shape Over Next Two Year Term – Payment Cards, Online Purchases and Mobile Payments All Affected

WAKEFIELD, Mass., 14 May 2015 — New leadership joined the international fight against cybercrime today as the PCI Security Standards Council (PCI SSC) announced election results for its 2015-2017 Board of Advisors. The PCI Security Standards Council works with organizations around the world to protect businesses and consumers against data theft by continuously developing new payment security standards, cybersecurity training courses and certification programs. The organization's board represents the PCI community of nearly 1,000 Participating Organizations and security assessors worldwide. The 2015 PCI Security Standards Council Board of Advisors added members from the following organizations:

- Accor
- Amazon.com
- Barclaycard
- British Airways PLC
- Carlson Wagonlit Travel
- Cartes Bancaires
- Chase Paymentech Solutions
- Cielo S.A.
- Cisco
- Citigroup Inc.
- Elavon Merchant Services
- European Payment Council AISBL
- European Payment Service Providers for Merchants (EPSM)
- First Bank of Nigeria
- First Data Merchant Services
- Global Payments Direct Inc.
- HP
- Ingenico
- Middle East Payment Services (MEPS)
- PayPal Inc
- Retail Solutions Providers Assn. (RSPA)
- RSA
- Square, Inc.
- Starbucks
- VeriFone Inc
- Wal-Mart Stores Inc
- Wells Fargo
- WorldPay

Among many duties, Board of Advisor members provide directional and technical input on matters of focus vital for maintaining the security standards that protect digital purchasing and payments. Areas of importance include new cybercrime tactics, public-private-law enforcement information sharing, app development and merchant needs in developing economies. New board members are already contributing to the PCI security community through other [volunteer opportunities](#) as Participating Organizations. The PCI Council welcomes any person or organization to join in the fight against cybercrime by volunteering as a Participating Organization.

PCI SSC General Manager Stephen W. Orfei said, "Cybercrime is standing in the way of economic growth for all businesses, including start-ups in the developing world and multinationals. Criminal networks are well funded and highly motivated to steal our hard-earned money and our personal information. At the Council we are grateful to have some of the best economic and security minds in the world joining the board to help tackle the challenge that cybercriminals present."

PCI SSC International Director Jeremy King, said, "The simple act of accepting a single credit card payment, an online payment or a mobile payment can send money and data bouncing around the world to dozens of places. And on every device, computer and network there are new methods thieves are creating to steal from us. Fighting a threat like that takes the cooperation of all 700 PCI Participating Organizations. PCI is fortunate to have new board members from Europe, the Middle East, Africa and

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Latin America charting the path for payment security. Past board members from around the world have been a massive help to the community, helping us keep ahead of new risks. We look forward to working with the new board in the same capacity.”

The PCI Security Standards Council will host its annual [Community Meetings](#) later this year in Vancouver, Tokyo and Nice. At the meetings payment and security experts from around the world will present stories about trends in cybercrime, hacking, successful defensive measures, law enforcement and much more. The Council invites all who wish to play a part in the fight against cybercrime to join the PCI community.

About the PCI Security Standards Council

The [PCI](#) Security Standards Council is an open global forum that is responsible for the development, management, education, and awareness of the PCI Data Security Standard ([PCI DSS](#)) and other standards that increase payment data security. Founded in 2006 by the major payment card brands American Express, Discover, JCB International, MasterCard and Visa Inc., the Council has 700 Participating Organizations representing merchants, banks, processors and vendors worldwide. To learn more about playing a part in securing payment card data globally, please visit: pcisecuritystandards.org. Connect with the PCI Council on [LinkedIn](#). Join the conversation on Twitter [@PCISSC](#).

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