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## **GFT appoints three new executive directors in the Atlantic region**

- Awarded to recognise exceptional leadership and commitment to quality standards
- Creation of strong partnerships which add significant value to client engagements
- Clear demonstration of exciting career development opportunities across the GFT business

**16<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – LONDON / NEW YORK:** GFT, a global IT services and software engineering provider driving the digital transformation of the world's leading companies across the financial services, insurance and manufacturing industries announces the appointment of three new executive directors for the Atlantic region. These include New York based Soheil Negahbani, together with Leon Orr and Elliot Wright who are both based in the London office.

Soheil is Head of Cloud and Engineering Services for North America and has played a key role in forging strong relationships with the firm's technology and cloud provider partners. Many of these relationships have created a wealth of new business development opportunities in growth areas such as mainframe modernisation, High-Performance Computing and Google Cloud Managed Services and Support. Additionally, GFT is also increasingly being invited to participate in a growing number of ground-breaking innovations, such as the Google Cloud sponsored Connected Car IoT initiative. Soheil continues to lead all business development activities as well as supporting the firm's talent management capabilities across this important region.

As the Chief Delivery Officer for the UK business, Leon has been responsible for client delivery for over three years, leading a highly experienced team of dedicated delivery specialists. Leon's unrelenting mission is to ensure the firm consistently provides an exceptional client delivery experience throughout every aspect of the service. This is integral to ensuring its fast-growing client base derives maximum value from their investments in GFT's proven core engineering skills and its rapidly expanding portfolio of technology and cloud-driven offerings. Leon joined the firm in 2004 as a programme manager before heading up the programme management practice running client projects for a range of top tier financial institutions, including HSBC, Deutsche Bank, RBS and ABN Amro.

London based Elliot is the Finance Director for the Atlantic region, leading the financial teams in the UK, Poland, US and Canada. He is also responsible for the finance group's digitisation agenda which will enable the business to continually improve productivity and efficiency through data driven decision making capabilities. Elliot works very closely with the Atlantic region senior management team and provides active support to other units across the organisation and has been with GFT for over ten years.

David Collins Board Member and Managing Director for the GFT Atlantic region commented: "The GFT Atlantic team, in line with the rest of the business, shares a common goal which is to be known across industry as a customer-focused, quality-obsessed firm. Soheil, Leon and Elliott have all demonstrated an unwavering commitment to this goal and consistently go beyond the call of duty to ensure our exacting client service standards are never compromised. Therefore, on behalf of the GFT executive board, I am delighted to announce these well-deserved promotions and thank them for their combined contribution to the continuing success of the business."

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With its in-depth technological expertise, profound market know-how and strong partnerships, GFT implements scalable IT solutions to increase productivity. This provides clients with faster access to new IT applications and innovative business models, while also reducing risk.

Founded in 1987 and located in 15 countries to ensure close proximity to its clients, GFT employs 5,900 people. GFT provides them with career opportunities in all areas of software engineering and innovation. The GFT Technologies SE share is listed in the Prime Standard segment of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (ticker: GFT-XE).

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