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**GFT appoints Carlton Hopper as UK Managing Director**

- A highly experienced, energetic, and results-driven business leader
- Driving accelerated cloud adoption and technology modernisation programmes for clients
- Spearheading regional expansion plans for the UK
- Forging greater collaboration with GFT's global teams to deliver increased value to shared international clients

**London, 26 July 2021 – [GFT](#), the global IT services and software engineering firm, announces Carlton Hopper as UK Managing Director. His appointment follows a year of sustained growth for GFT within the UK financial services marketplace and the forging of highly strategic business partnerships across new industry sectors. These include manufacturing, retail, and the automotive industries, where the company provides innovative cloud solutions, technology modernisation projects, data-powered AI programmes and more.**

Carlton joins GFT from IBM Global Business Services, where he was the Partner for Banking, running strategic programmes encompassing IT strategy, digital delivery and IT resilience, to name a few. Prior to this, he was IBM's market development head for the UK financial services team and the European & UK blockchain lead. Carlton brings over 30 years of banking, technology and consulting experience, having worked at Accenture, Barclays and Ernst & Young. Alongside his love of guitar playing, Carlton has an established reputation for energy, enthusiasm, and an outstanding commitment to building high performing teams and delivering innovation and positive change to a client's business.

**Carlton Hopper, UK Managing Director**, commented: "GFT is an exceptional, high growth business with an impressive cross-industry client list. The firm is home to some of the industry's most talented people, underpinned by an award-winning service delivery capability, providing a rare combination of engineering skills core to all digital transformation programmes, and subject matter expertise. As client demand for our services grows apace and inspired by the successful transition to remote working during the pandemic, one of my first projects is to launch a regional network of GFT capability. Watch this space; there is more to share."

**Christopher Ortiz, Group Chief Executive, Global Markets and Region Manager APAC & UK** concluded: "We are delighted to welcome Carlton into the GFT family. I believe his knowledge and extensive experience of clients' needs are invaluable assets, not only for the UK business but also for the wider GFT group. I am looking forward to working closely with him and his team to deliver modern, business-critical solutions which support the evolving needs of our new and existing clients, across multiple industry sectors both now and into the future."

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**About GFT:**

GFT is driving the digital transformation of the world's leading companies in the financial and insurance sectors, as well as in the manufacturing industry. As an IT services and software engineering provider, GFT offers strong consulting and development skills across all aspects of pioneering technologies, such as cloud engineering, artificial intelligence, mainframe modernisation and the Internet of Things for Industry 4.0.

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 now located in 16 countries to ensure close proximity to its clients, GFT employs over 7,000 experts worldwide. 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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