

## **EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST, AND AFRICA (EMEA)**

**[Lavan Thasarathakumar](#)** - Government and Regulatory Affairs Director – EMEA, GDF



- Lavan Thasarathakumar is the Government and Regulatory Affairs Director – EMEA at GDF, where he leads efforts to present the view of the industry to policy makers and regulators and then distill and disseminate the resulting information back to the industry.
- A thought leader in the field, Lavan has spoken at several public events including the World Government Summit, EuroFi, London FinTech Week and many more.
- Lavan is a former UK advisor at the European Parliament, where he focused on Economic and Monetary Affairs, specializing in emerging technologies and advising on several FinTech, Cryptoasset, and DLT files.
- Most notably during his tenure in the European Parliament, Lavan advised the rapporteur of the EU Crowdfunding Service Providers Regulation and the Comprehensive European Industrial Policy on Artificial Intelligence and Robotics.
- Additionally, Thasarathakumar helped establish the European Parliament All-Party Innovation group to promote discussions on matters concerning emerging technology and what policy responses the Parliament should be promoting.
- Lavan is also a Director at Thasa Consulting, through which he advises firms, trade associations, and supranational organizations on matters pertaining to emerging tech policy.
- Notably, Lavan authored the [Commonwealth Secretariat Regulatory Guidance on Virtual Currencies](#) in 2019 and the [UK FinTech Strategic Review in 2021](#).

**[Dimitris Psarrakis](#)** - Board Member, GDF



- Dimitris is a financial economist and financial markets innovator working in the interface of economics and regulation with a focus on digital finance, cryptoassets, DeFi, and DAOs.
- Dimitris worked for seven years in the EU with the VP of the European Parliament Eva Kaili, drafting and co-drafting reports and regulations in the field of blockchain technology, capital markets union, the FinTech and Digital Finance Strategy of the EU, and the Crowdfunding Regulation. Dimitrios was active in shaping the final texts of MiCA, TFR, and the DLT Pilot Regime. Dimitris is currently developing EU projects in the field of RegTech, SupTech, and embedded supervision.

- Dimitris is participating in the technology transfer policy of the EU either as draftsman of flagship investment strategy initiatives, including the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) and InvestEU, or by organizing policy initiatives with the innovation ecosystem stakeholders, such as venture capitalists, startups, research institutions, and the European Investment Bank.
- Dimitris is frequently invited to participate in policy events of the WEF, national authorities in Asia, Europe, and Africa and often gives lectures in top-tier universities, including Harvard, MIT, and Stanford.
- Dimitris builds his financial markets and financial regulation approach on original research by blending academic and practical insight, and often contributes to academic journals and publications. He is the co-author of two books with Eva Kaili, [New Models of Financing and Financial Reporting for European SMEs: A Practitioner's View](#) and [Disintermediation Economics: The Impact of Blockchain on Markets and Policies](#), both reviewed and published by Palgrave Macmillan.

#### [Lawrence Wintermeyer](#) - Board Chair, GDF



- Lawrence Wintermeyer is the Chair of GBBC Digital Finance (GDF) and leads the working board of ex-regulators and policymakers in outreach in Washington, D.C., London, Brussels, and APAC.
- Lawrence is a co-founder of GDF and is the architect of the GDF Regulator Forum, a regulator-only forum with over 60 jurisdictional and global agencies invited to a quarterly forum for a tour-de-table, discussion of regulator priorities, and purview of GDF codes of conduct and standards.
- Lawrence served on the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Blockchain Expert Policy Advisory Board, which contributed to the development of the OECD's Recommendation on Blockchain and other DLT principles published in 2022.
- Lawrence served as the CEO at Innovate Finance (UK), chaired the Financial Conduct Authority's (FCA) Industry Sandbox Consultation, and held positions as the secretariat to the FinTech All Party Parliamentary Group, secretariat to the City of London Network Action Group, member of the HM Treasury FinTech Panel, and London FinTech Ambassador for the Mayor of London.
- Lawrence is a regular speaker at global conference fixtures on blockchain and digital assets policy and regulation at the OECD, the UN, the IMF, the World Government Summit, Davos, and is a regular contributor to Forbes and Fintech.TV



# Global Policy Team

## Abdul Haseeb Basit - Chief Financial Officer, GBBC



- Abdul Haseeb Basit is the Chief Financial Officer of GBBC. He is also the Co-Founder and Principal of Elipses, an advisory and investment firm focused on digital disruption in the finance sector.
- He is the former CFO of Innovate Finance UK, a not-for-profit FinTech members association, which helped establish the UK as the premier FinTech Hub globally, and previously served as Chairman of Yielders, an Islamic FinTech marketplace for alternative asset classes.
- Abdul Haseeb works with financial centers, economic development bodies, and regulators in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) on FinTech initiatives.
- Abdul is an advocate for ethical Islamic finance and the Islamic FinTech sectors.

## Emma Joyce - Chief Executive Officer, GDF



- Emma Joyce is the CEO of GBBC Digital Finance (GDF). During Emma's time at GDF, she has worked with different jurisdictional regulators and agencies to engage them in the work of GDF, advocating and accelerating the adoption of best practices for digital assets.
- Emma regularly participates in global industry conferences and events, often speaking on policy and regulatory issues.
- Prior to joining GDF, Emma held senior strategy, program, and marketing positions at Citi, Barclays, and Fidelity. She has curated the yearly Citi Global Issues Conference during the annual IMF meetings, with the lineup of speakers including various governors of central banks, and high-profile politicians such as the former US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

## ASIA-PACIFIC (APAC)

[Greg Medcraft](#) – Non-Executive Director, GDF



- Greg is the non-executive Director of GBBC Digital Finance and is the non-executive director of the Australian based Digital Finance Co-operative Research Centre, focused on digitalization of assets including managing the pilot project for Australia’s retail CBDC.
- Greg was Director of the OECD Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, where he founded the OECD Blockchain Policy Research Centre, the annual OECD Blockchain Policy Forum, and initiated the OECD Blockchain Policy recommendations.
- From 2009 to 2017 Greg served first as Commissioner and then as Chairman of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), Australia’s corporate, markets, financial services, and credit regulator, where he was responsible for the creation of ASIC’s Fintech Innovation Hub and FinTech sandbox.
- Greg was the Chair of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) Board and a member of the Financial Stability Board from 2013 to 2016. IOSCO is the leading international policy forum and global standard setter for securities regulation.
- Greg testified at the Australian Parliament Senate Select Committee on Australia as a Technology and Financial Centre on assessing options for the development of a comprehensive regulatory framework for crypto and digital assets.
- Greg participated in the Financial Stability Board’s taskforce, report, and recommendations on issues and regulatory approaches to Libra and stablecoins more generally.
- Greg participated in the World Economic Forum’s Blockchain and Digital Assets group.

[Malcolm Wright](#) - Government and Regulatory Affairs Director – APAC, GDF



- Malcolm is the Government and Regulatory Affairs Director – APAC at GDF, and is the Chief Compliance Officer at 100x Group based in Hong Kong, where he manages regulatory compliance in the jurisdictions in which the firm operates.
- In his earlier career, Malcolm held several senior leadership roles within Thomson Reuters’s anti-financial crime business.
- Now, Malcolm speaks at international conferences and events on a variety of regulatory topics related to finance and technology.

- Malcolm is an Associate Fellow of the Royal United Services Institute's Centre for Financial Crime Studies in London.

## AMERICAS

[Andrea Tinianow](#) – Head of Policy - Americas, GBBC



- Andrea Tinianow has been dubbed the Blockchain Czarina for her pioneering effort to bring blockchain technology to Delaware and secure the First State's imprimatur on the nascent technology.
- In 2014, Andrea was recruited by Governor Jack Markell to launch the Division of Corporate and International Development for the State of Delaware.
- The following year, Andrea founded the Delaware Blockchain Initiative (DBI), the first of its kind endeavor designed to deploy blockchain technology in government and enact blockchain-friendly legislation. The DBI gave rise to the trailblazing "Blockchain Amendments" to Delaware's business entity statutes which authorize corporations (and other business entities) to maintain their corporate records, including stock ledgers, on a blockchain.
- Andrea clerked for Chancellor William Chandler III, of the Court of Chancery, and litigated for Pepper Hamilton.

[Andrew Smith](#) - Government & Regulatory Affairs Director – Americas, GDF



- Andrew Smith is the Government & Regulatory Affairs Director of the Americas for GDF and is the Senior Counsel in the Washington D.C. and New York offices of the American multinational law firm Holland & Knight, where his practice portfolio covers issues involving virtual currency, digital assets and blockchain technology.
- Prior to joining GDF, Andrew held leadership roles at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, U.S. Department of Justice, and the International Trade Administration, where he worked on a variety of projects focused on domestic and international finance and digital asset issues, as well as key interagency priorities.
- During law school, Andrew Smith served as a clerk with the Hon. Karon Bowdre of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama as well as on the staff of U.S. Senator Richard Shelby.

[Dawn Stump](#) - Board Member, GDF



- Dawn Stump is a regulatory expert, widely respected for her leadership, bipartisanship, and consensus building among senior government officials, senior regulatory ministry officials, corporate, and academic leaders worldwide.
- Dawn recently served on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC). As one of five Commissioners, she helped shape the CFTC's regulatory priorities. She represented the agency externally in various international forums, including the International Organization of Securities Commissions and championed new agency-wide data protection procedures for the consistent handling of data intake and strengthening of responses to potential cyber intrusion.
- Among her personal priorities at the CFTC, Commissioner Stump sought to educate and clearly communicate regulatory expectations to the public, including the agency's role in overseeing digital assets.
- Prior to serving as a Commissioner at the CFTC, Mrs. Stump was Senior Vice President of the Futures Industry Association and concurrently Executive Director of its Americas Advisory Board, where she advised its President and global Board of Directors. She was also Vice President at NYSE Euronext where she helped develop regulatory compliance policies alongside her international counterparts to ensure adherence across jurisdictions.
- During her early career in public service, Dawn served as Senior Professional Staff for the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry where she was actively involved in negotiating reform of derivatives market regulations contained in the Dodd-Frank Act. She was also responsible for oversight of commodity and financial derivatives, under the jurisdiction of the CFTC.
- Dawn shares her professional expertise as a strategic advisor to Solidus Labs and as a member of the 5-person Advisory Council to the Women In Derivatives' (WIND) Board of Directors.

**Jeff Bandman** - Board Member, GDF



- Jeff Bandman is co-founder and Board Member of GBBC Digital Finance and was the Founding Director responsible for the architecture and launch of LabCFTC, the first innovation hub of a US market regulator.
- As a senior official at the US Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), Jeff launched and chaired the CFTC's first internal working group on blockchain and digital assets.
- Jeff has participated at the SEC Investor Advisory Committee and the CFTC Market Risk Advisory Committee and serves on the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) Consultative Working Group of experts for ESMA's Financial Innovation Standing Committee.
- Jeff also serves as an Expert to the Expert Panel of the EU Blockchain Observatory and Forum (EUBOF) established by the European Parliament and European Commission and has contributed to numerous EUBOF reports.
- He also conducts advanced training seminars for regulators on digital assets and maintains a strong network of relationships with regulators in the U.S., Europe and around the world.
- He is the designated international legal expert advising the government of the Republic of Cyprus on new DLT legislation; Jeff has performed a national risk assessment for the Cyprus AML Advisory Authority, an interdepartmental government body, under new international FATF requirements and methodologies with respect to money laundering risks for virtual assets and virtual asset service providers. He has also advised the Cyprus Securities Commission on a new AML Directive for cryptoassets and on the application for registered virtual asset service providers.
- Jeff led the CFTC's Division of Clearing and Risk, which oversees many of the world's largest clearinghouses. He also led the CFTC's Office of International Affairs. He led the negotiations resulting in "Clearinghouse Equivalence" with the European Commission and negotiated equivalence for U.S. futures exchanges to operate in Europe.



# Global Policy Team

## Sandra Ro - CEO, GBBC



- Sandra Ro is the CEO of GBBC and has testified in public and private hearings on digital assets, data privacy, and innovation at the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, and the U.S. House Committee on Financial Services.
- Sandra testified at the US Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry's 'Senate Hearing on Regulating Cryptocurrency Markets' and 'Examining Digital Assets: Risks, Regulation, and Innovation'.
- Sandra has participated in the first CFTC Tactical Meeting on Crypto and testified at the Economic Affairs Committee (House of Lords), the European Commission, and the European Parliament.
- Sandra serves on the Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC) Fintech Council and has served as a member of the EU Public Funds and New Green Economy Consortia, the South Korea Financial Action Task Force (FATF), and the Global Blockchain Policy Council (GBPC), founded by a bipartisan South Korean Congress.
- Sandra Ro was appointed and served on the 'New York State Bar Association Task Force to Examine Digital Currencies, Association Participation in the Digital Space', the U.S. Department of State Speakers' Bureau for Blockchain/Security, and the EU Blockchain Observatory & Forum: Use Cases & Transition Scenarios Working Group.

## Summer Singh – Policy and Communications Lead - Americas, GBBC



- Summer Singh is the Policy and Communications Lead - Americas at GBBC. Summer is a former Professional Staff Member at the six-person bipartisan Communications Commission under the Committee on House Administration.
- In her role at the Democratic Communications Commission, she issued regulations governing official communications and resources, provided counsel to Members of Congress and House Committees, and heard formal complaints.
- During her time under the Committee on House Administration, Summer aided in legislative research on For the People Act of 2021 (HR 1), and presented legislative language, extensive public policy research, and findings to the House Democratic Caucus, the House Committee on Ethics, and the House Select Committee on Modernization.



- Summer worked for Representative Donna E. Shalala [D-FL-27] during the CARES Act, supporting with fiscal research regarding the congressional response for the COVID-19 pandemic, drafting legislative language, and providing testimony for the House Floor on the Youth Vaping Epidemic Act (HR 2339) and the Surprise Billing Act (HR 861).
- Summer received her MA in Public Management with a Certificate in Data Analytics and Policy from Johns Hopkins University, where she published her economic policy proposal, [Proposal for Refinancing the Social Security Retirement Insurance Program to Ensure Longevity](#).

**[Dina Ellis Rochkind](#)** – Policy Advisor – Americas, GDF



- Dina Ellis Rochkind is a Counsel in the Paul Hastings Government Affairs practice and is based in the firm's Washington, D.C. office. Her practice focuses on representing clients before Members of Congress on Capitol Hill and the Executive Branch.
- Dina represents clients in matters involving regulatory initiatives, policymaking and legislation, and enforcement actions. Ms. Rochkind's legislative experience allows her to advise her clients on the latest client initiatives, from starting a business to crowdsourcing; bitcoin and ICOs; and blockchain technologies.
- Dina has over 20 years of experience on Capitol Hill, lobbying, and working for the Executive Branch. Prior to joining Paul Hastings, she served as Washington Director in the office of Rep. Mike Coffman (R-CO) and served as senior staff for various Congressional Committees and for Senator Pat Toomey (R-PA).
- While in the executive branch, Dina served in the George W. Bush Administration as Deputy Assistant Secretary at the Treasury Department, and has been involved in drafting major pieces of legislation over the last two decades, including the 2005 bankruptcy reform legislation, the FACT Act, E-Sign, Check 21, Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act, Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, and, most recently, the comprehensive and bipartisan JOBS Act, for which she was the lead staffer in the Senate.
- Ms. Rochkind has worked across party lines to achieve key legislative successes and has led legislative advocacy on behalf of major corporate entities and advised congressional leaders on issues such as banking, bankruptcy, insurance, other financial services topics, and economic development.