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Staff Corner: Welcome to the new Hyperledger Foundation Governing Board chair, Accenture's David Treat

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Governance is crucial to enterprise-grade open source software development and to the mission of Hyperledger Foundation. While our community-elected Technical Steering Committee (TSC) is responsible for coordinating the technical direction of the Hyperledger Foundation and our project maintainers of the projects themselves, our Governing Board is the body that leads the foundation's strategy, operations and marketing. Our Governing Board representatives are charged with ensuring transparency across our community, stability across our ecosystem and financial viability for our foundation. They also play an incredibly important role in helping us plan for the future in a fast evolving market.

Since its founding in 2016, Hyperledger Foundation has had two extremely committed and innovative Governing Board Chairs, Blythe Masters, former CEO of Digital Asset, who steered Hyperledger through its launch and early growth, and Robert Palatnick, Managing Director and Global Head of Technology Research and Innovation at DTCC, who served in this annually elected chair role since January 2019. Rob oversaw an exciting growth period for the foundation while shepherding us through a global pandemic. Now, it is my pleasure to welcome the next leader, David Treat, Senior Managing Director, Global

Metaverse Continuum Business Group & Blockchain Lead at Accenture.



David Treat, Senior Managing Director, Global Metaverse Continuum Business Group & Blockchain Lead at Accenture and the newly appointed chair of the Hyperledger Foundation Governing Board

David was a natural choice to be elected as the next chair of Hyperledger Foundation. He has been a member of the Governing Board since day one and is not only a leader in our community but across the industry. He is an active board member of a number of groups, including the Enterprise Ethereum Alliance, Global Blockchain Business Council and ID2020 Alliance, and is a member of the World Economic Forum C4IR Global Blockchain Council, a program advisor for the Chamber of Digital Commerce, and co-chair of the New York Fintech Innovation Lab.

He has been a driving force in Accenture's commitments to Hyperledger Foundation, which ranges from being a leading sponsor of Hyperledger Global Forum and of Diversity, Civility and Inclusion efforts at the annual event to providing extensive technical and marketing leadership to ongoing and extensive code contributions. As a company, Accenture is a top five code committer and has contributed development resources to launching and maintaining Hyperledger Bevel and Hyperledger Cactus.

I personally look forward to partnering with David in building out new projects and communities that will advance identity, interoperability and the coming wave of blockchain-enabled innovation. We share a commitment to decentralization and enabling greater individual user transparency control and power. Working alongside with our board and our global community, it will be our joint mission to ensure that Hyperledger plays a key role in building not just the open source technologies for the new internet of ownership but also the market for Web3 and beyond.

"I have deep respect and appreciation for Blythe Masters and Rob Palatnick's leadership of the Hyperledger Foundation Governing Board as well for all Governing Board members working to build the Hyperledger ecosystem and this market over the past six from early code concepts to a mature enterprise software landscape. Our community has established a critical foundation for the future. I look forward to serving and supporting the entire Hyperledger community as Board Chair as we continue to accelerate and deliver on the potential of distributed ledger technology to redefine the infrastructure that supports commerce, currency, communications, and identity particularly as the Metaverse Innovation wave advances. While it will take a lot of work to build open, shared and interoperable platforms, the Hyperledger community and leadership are charging ahead to deliver on this vision." – David Treat, Senior Managing Director, Global Metaverse & Blockchain Lead at Accenture and the newly appointed chair of the Hyperledger Foundation Governing Board

Please join me in welcoming and congratulating David Treat as our new Hyperledger Foundation Governing

Board chair! Click to tweet: [Congratulations to @Accenture's @DBTreat, new Governing Board chair for @Hyperledger Foundation](#)

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