

PRESS RELEASE

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Hays Littlejohn takes office as new CEO of EBA CLEARING

Gilbert Lichter handed over the reins at Europe's major private-industry payment infrastructure provider on 1st May 2015

Hays Littlejohn took office at EBA CLEARING as the Company's new Chief Executive Officer on 1st May 2015, following his appointment by the EBA CLEARING Board on 1st November 2014.

Hays Littlejohn took over the reins from Gilbert Lichter following the retirement of the long-time CEO of the Company from this position after 17 years.

Hays Littlejohn has been serving in managerial and executive positions in global transaction banking for over 20 years, most recently as Managing Director, Global Head Cash and Trade Finance Development at UBS AG. He has also served on the Boards of relevant global and European market infrastructures. Hays Littlejohn joined the EBA CLEARING Board in 2003; he was a member of the Board's Strategy & Policy Committee and Risk Committee and chaired the Company's Operations and Technical Committee for close to 10 years.

"With Hays' appointment, the Board of EBA CLEARING has emphasised the importance of trust and continuity in our services at a time when the payments market is undergoing vigorous change in regulation, market infrastructure, product innovation, customer behaviour and demands,"

said Erkki Poutiainen, Chairman of EBA CLEARING.

"We are happy to entrust Hays Littlejohn with the responsibility to further pursue the Company's mission of delivering critical pan-European payment infrastructure services to our customers that meet the highest levels of quality and stability on a daily basis. At the same time, the Company will continue under his leadership to prepare for future requirements rising from the user demands, competition and tightening regulation.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Gilbert Lichter for having steered the Company on an extraordinarily successful course for 17 years and I wish Hays Littlejohn the best of success in his future role as CEO of this Company."

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About EBA CLEARING

EBA CLEARING is a provider of pan-European payment infrastructure solutions. The Company was founded in 1998 and is owned by 60 of the major banks operating in Europe.

EBA CLEARING manages the large-value payment system EURO1 as well as STEP1, a payment service for commercial transactions.

Since 2003, EBA CLEARING has also been managing the STEP2 platform, a pan-European payment infrastructure for mass payments providing full reach to all financial institutions across Europe processing credit transfers and direct debits in euro. More than 4,800 financial institutions in 34 countries are reachable via STEP2.

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