

Press release

EDPIA elects new leadership for 2023-24

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The European Digital Payments Industry Alliance (EDPIA) is delighted to announce the election of Mr Ali Mazanderani, Chairman and Co-founder of Teya, as its new President. His mandate starts on 28 June 2023.

He comments: *“Europe has made great strides in the payments landscape, but there is significant progress still to be made. There is a clear and vital need to accelerate the digitalisation of commerce on the continent and foster fair competition to benefit consumers, merchants, and society at large. I am excited to represent the voice of independent payment services providers in Europe starting on a significant date that will help shape the future of the industry.”*

Mr Mazanderani replaces Mr Bo Nilsson (Board Member of Nexi Group) whose term has come to an end, and whom EDPIA members wish to thank for his leadership during a busy period for the Alliance.

Mr Wolf Kunisch, Head of Group Strategy, Public & Regulatory Affairs at Worldline, was re-elected as Chair of EDPIA’s Working Group. He added: *“I look forward continuing to work with members to achieve our Strategic Policy Agenda as the European Commission is working on the largest overhaul of its payments regulatory framework to date.”*

About EDPIA

The European Digital Payments Industry Alliance (EDPIA) represents the interests of European independent Payment Services Providers. Its purpose is to contribute to EU policy debates that define the business environment for electronic payments, and to strengthen the visibility and understanding of the European payments industry amongst policy makers and society as a whole. EDPIA’s broader objective is to support the EU’s objective to create a Digital Single Market, fueled by digital payments. It is in favour of a strong, stable and properly enforced European regulatory framework that enables intense competition between transparent and market-based solutions, allowing them to compete for the trust of their European and global clients.

About Ali Mazanderani

Ali Mazanderani is a financial technology entrepreneur and investor. He is the co-founder and chairman of [Teya](#), a pan-European fintech. He is or was an investor or director in several leading payments companies globally, including StoneCo (Brazil), Network International (UAE), PineLabs (India), Thunes (Singapore), and Lesaka (South Africa). He holds degrees in Economics from the University of Pretoria, Oxford University, the London School of Economics, an MBA from INSEAD and a Masters in Business Law from the University of St Gallen. He brings this experience to his role as President of the European Digital Payments Industry Alliance (EDPIA).