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50 Most Promising Fintech Solution Providers - 2018

Technology has propelled the financial sector to great heights. Innovations that dawn upon the space beam the light of transparency and efficiency on end consumers and enterprises alike. Thriving crypto currency networks based on the revolutionary block chain technology could one day redefine financial transaction as we know it. The coming of artificial intelligence has laid new focus in areas such as client contextualization, operational efficiency, and risk mitigation. To make the communication factor better, the evolution of Chatbots has shown promising results that could potentially change the way the FinTech landscape is being perceived. Also, the abominable effect of security threats has led to organizations doubling up their

stance on the security front. The year 2018 is expected to see more financial giants releasing apps for better access and communication.

As such, the FinTech arena is filled to the brim with countless solution providers, which makes it a very cumbersome process for a CIO to choose the right solution provider. To make this task easier, CIOReview proves itself to be a beacon in the FinTech industry. Our distinguished selection panel, comprising CEOs, CIOs, CTOs, industry analysts and the editorial board of CIOReview narrowed the final 50 providers that exhibit competence in delivering FinTech solutions.

We present you the CIOReview's 50 Most Promising FinTech Solution Providers - 2018.



Company:

TAS Group

Description:

Specializes in software solutions for electronic money, payment systems, capital markets and extended enterprise

Key Person:

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 Shareholder, Executive Chairman
 Peter Caiazzi,
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 Valentino Bravi,
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TAS Group Leading the Payment Revolution

In the current payments landscape, cashless, P2P, real-time payments, and digital wallets rule the roost compared to the traditional cash-based transactions. The banking and financial institutions also have to contend with new entrants and challenges due to the increasing regulations such as PSD2 in Europe. Helping the financial industry gear up for this age of disruption around payments is TAS Group that emerges as the ideal partner for banks and FIs, offering a 360-degree payment experience focused on a cashless tomorrow.

TAS Group's Cashless 3.0® offering, an end-to-end card payment platform, empowers clients with a one-stop-solution for card issuance, transaction processing, acquiring, and fraud management. The modular, cloud-ready solution integrates seamlessly with legacy systems and is scalable and flexible to create a customized fit for specific business needs. Cashless 3.0 not only provides a direct connection to Visa, MasterCard, and Union Pay International networks and all the functionality necessary to manage the traffic of transactions on both the issuing and the acquiring ends but also allows to set-up, direct, incorporate, and update payment acceptance networks. "Our software solution has managed over one hundred million cards, and we guarantee its continuous evolution," states Dario Pardi, President of TAS Group.

As a part of the Cashless 3.0 platform, CARD 3.0 helps clients to manage all aspects of the card lifecycle from initial configuration to sales and post-sales, which includes monitoring

of stock levels and replenishment at branches. Delivering a holistic solution, TAS's PayGlobe proposition helps clients with payment acceptance, while the EasyBranch suite manages the entire ATM channel for a new generation of customer self-service experiences, enabling clients to cut costs, attract new market segments, and increase transactions with higher margins.

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The firm's business, functional, and technical expertise extends their clients' capabilities with a focus on key trends such as open banking driven by PSD2, and the exponential growth of cloud services. "Open banking is driving competition and also creating more opportunity for the forward-thinking banks and financial institutions. The winners will not necessarily be the biggest, but the quickest," adds Valentino Bravi, Shareholder, CEO, and GM of TAS Group. The firm helps banking clients with their open banking platform that can accelerate banks' development in this arena. TAS's flexible business model and openness to partnerships allow them to work with license, rental, S-a-a-S, cloud, or on-premise customers. "In fact, Oracle has recognized TAS Group as one of the first three strategic partners to offer software and services through its cloud-driven digital



Dario Pardi

innovation platform," says Peter Caiazzi, VP, Product Development, and GM USA. "We have also invested significantly to create our Digital SW Factory that enables companies to meet their clients' needs as well as to accelerate their time-to-market," adds Caiazzi.

Leveraging over 35 years of fintech leadership, the company's esteemed clientele includes a German bank in Europe that leveraged their solution for various banking functions such as treasury management, liquidity management, and stock exchange management. TAS Group also plays a facilitating role for banks in various cryptocurrency initiatives, not only allowing clients to offer dual currency prepaid cards (Bitcoin and Euro) but also enabling standard ATMs to work with cryptocurrencies.

TAS Group's competitive edge is due to its vast experience and expertise in modern architecture which is modular, scalable, easy to customize with APIs, and cloud-ready. The company goes an extra mile in helping international clients create need-based solutions through various local partnerships. In a buoyant start to 2018, Valentino Bravi, Shareholder, CEO, and GM extols, "Two of the pan-European Instant Payment schemes that went live one month ago were powered by TAS technology." CR



Valentino Bravi