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SME Finance Forum Launches Advisory Board

Washington DC, January 14, 2016 – The SME Finance Forum has launched its first Advisory Board, made up of senior representatives from AMP Credit Technologies, BNP Paribas, Commercial Bank of Africa, CreditEase, the International Finance Corporation, Mastercard and the Turkish Treasury.

The SME Finance Forum works to expand access to finance for small and medium businesses. The Forum runs a global membership network that brings together financial institutions, technology companies, and development finance institutions to share knowledge, spur innovation, and promote the growth of SMEs.

The new Advisory Board members bring a broad range of global experience. The purpose of the board is to provide strategic advice to the Forum and help it grow and serve its members most effectively.

“Small businesses are essential for economic growth yet 200 million businesses worldwide don’t have the financing necessary to grow and create new jobs. Given that challenge, we need partnerships between financial institutions, fintech companies, donors and governments to address this critical issue. Our advisory board members represent all these key stakeholders,” said Matt Gamser, CEO of the SME Finance Forum.

The new advisory board members are:

- Aysen Kulakoglu, Head of Department, Undersecretariat of the Treasury of Turkey
- Dawei Liu, Senior Vice President, CreditEase
- Devrim Tavil, International Head of SME Banking, BNP Paribas
- Issac Awuondo, Group Managing Director, Commercial Bank of Africa
- Jay Singer, Senior Vice President, Global SME Products, MasterCard
- Peer Stein, Advisor, Financial Institutions Group, IFC, World Bank Group
- Thomas DeLuca, CEO and Founder, AMP Credit Technologies

Peer Stein from IFC and Jay Singer from Mastercard are the Co-Chairs of the advisory board.