

ESTABLISHING THE FUTURE OF THE FINANCIAL ECOSYSTEM BY BUILDING COALITIONS

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Brett Smith is Director of the Payment Strategy and Innovation Division at the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Bureau of the Fiscal Service. His role is applying a vision of an All-Electronic Treasury with digital payment modernization and transformation. He is responsible for replacing Treasury paper check payments with burgeoning payment technologies, increasing financial inclusion and access for the unbanked and underserved, and building cross-governmental coalitions and collaborations for a greater payment experience for the American public.



Brett has served many roles in the Bureau of the Fiscal Service ranging from Executive Deputy Director of the Treasury's Philadelphia Financial Center to Chief of Staff in Treasury's outstanding debt collections. His experience in technology and product development in collaboration with the private sector and federal agencies, is his signature approach. He has developed many of the collection and payment products provided by the Treasury today and used world-wide.

Brett participates in the industry-led Faster Payments Council examining future payments. Brett also puts his PMP®-applied program management skills into practice with Federal agencies to discover new areas of relevance and value to the public by testing artificial intelligence, blockchain, digital identities and wallets, and applying human-centered design. He is active on the Advisory Board for the University of Mary Washington's College of Business and is a graduate from Washington University in St. Louis's Olin Business School and Brookings Institution partnership.

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Sunil is a global fintech executive with a significant breadth of experience in banking and payments at companies such as American Express, Meed and Pershing. He has worked for Fiserv for nearly a decade in various roles and geographies. He was initially tasked with setting up the Fiserv sales office in India, before his role was expanded to extend the Fiserv payments business into international markets. In recent years, he led the Community Bank segment for Fiserv, a position that helped him gain a deeper appreciation for the power of fintech partnerships to help community banks deliver differentiating experiences, support new revenue streams and improve speed to

In 2021, Fiserv launched an official Fintech segment of the business, with Sunil leading a team that has greatly accelerated the planning, execution and delivery of new fintech capabilities across the enterprise. He also leads product management and marketing for a range of capabilities that drive growth for banks and credit unions using Fiserv cores.

Sunil has established key partnerships with a number of fintechs – bringing their innovative services to the expansive network of financial institutions and merchants Fiserv serves. In addition, Sunil and his team continue to make it faster and easier for fintechs to work with Fiserv to embed a range of banking, payments and crypto services into their digital experience.

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Kenneth is the Strategic Account Manager at BankID Sweden. Kenneth has worked within the information and IT security field for many years in different leading positions. Kenneth has primarily worked in the financial industry but has also experience from consulting in the security area. The last 20 years Kenneth has had different roles in the creation of the BankID infrastructure for electronic identification and signing in Sweden.

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