



## Jim Aramanda Named Chief Executive Officer of The Clearing House; Jeff Neubert to Retire

Jim Aramanda has been named the Chief Executive Officer of The Clearing House.

Aramanda, who started Sept. 8, succeeds Jeffrey P. Neubert, who ran The Clearing House for the past nine years and will retire from the company following a transition period.

"Jim is ideally suited to lead this highly important institution, which plays a critical role in our industry," said Jamie Dimon, Chairman of The Clearing House Board, in a press release. Dimon added that Aramanda "has more than 20 years of experience building and operating high performing businesses in financial services."

Aramanda's experience includes serving as Vice Chairman of Mellon Financial Corporation (now Bank of New York Mellon) and CEO of processing businesses that operated around the globe. During his 18-year tenure at Mellon, Aramanda successfully led and enhanced the company's benefits processing, pension administration, shareholder administration, pension and HR consulting, cash management and brokerage services.

Aramanda also worked as Group President and Executive Vice President of Automatic Data Processing, Inc., responsible for brokerage, claims and dealer services businesses in 50 countries.

### Jeff Neubert Retires

Neubert will retire from The Clearing House CEO position after ten years of service and from a career spanning more than 30 years in banking, primarily at Citibank and Bank One (now JP Morgan Chase).

At The Clearing House, Neubert streamlined TCH's governance structure and played an industry leadership role in responding to the 9/11 crisis. During his tenure, the company's ACH market share and wire transfer business grew significantly, and the company launched what has become the nation's leading image exchange network.

"Jeff has been an exceptional leader for The Clearing House, achieving outstanding performance and growth in a decade that also required guiding the organization through unprecedented challenges," said Mr. Dimon. "I join the other members of The Clearing House Board in thanking him for his unwavering dedication to The Clearing House and service to the entire banking industry."

## Specifications Issued for New Cover Payments Message Format

The Clearing House and The Federal Reserve Banks (FRBs) have announced that they have each completed and distributed specifications for banks to implement the SWIFT enhanced message formats to accommodate cover payments transmitted through CHIPS® and Fedwire® Funds Service, the nation's U.S. wire transfer systems.

The SWIFT enhanced message format is designed to ensure full transparency for cover payments. Frequently used in international correspondent banking transactions, cover payments pass through a chain of correspondent banks to settle a credit transfer message. However, current messaging standards do not ensure full transparency of the ultimate originator and beneficiary involved in the transaction. As a result, regulators have raised concerns that cover payments could expose intermediary banks involved in the transaction to an increased risk of unknowingly facilitating illicit activities.

"The Federal Reserve Banks and The Clearing House have been working collaboratively with banks and other large-dollar value operators around the world to create specifications for Fedwire and CHIPS that minimize system changes for financial institutions," said Lauren Hargraves, Senior Vice President of the Federal Reserve Banks' Wholesale Product Office. "Even though the changes take effect a year from now, it's prudent for banks to begin plans to adapt their internal systems."

### 2009 Deadline Approaches

Banks are expected to start testing the new format in the May/June 2009 timeframe in anticipation of the November 2009 deadline.

"We have worked very successfully with banks and other payment system operators to develop separate specifications for each system," said Hank Farrar, Senior Vice President of The Clearing House, responsible for CHIPS. "The implementation of the SWIFT enhanced message format is a positive step forward for U.S. dollar wire transfer





## Vinnie De Santis Elected to Additional Term as X9 Board Vice Chairman

Vincent "Vinnie" De Santis, Vice President of The Clearing House and one of the financial industry's most knowledgeable wire transfer executives, has been re-elected to a new two-year term as Board Vice Chairman/Treasurer of the Accredited Standards Committee X9, Inc. serving until 2010.

De Santis has more than 35 years experience in the financial services industry in both domestic and international positions. He is responsible for the daily operations of CHIPS ([www.chips.org](http://www.chips.org)), the wire transfer business of The Clearing House.

In addition to his role as Vice Chairman, he is The Clearing House's board member and serves as an active U.S. delegate to committees of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), including the Registration Management Group (RMG) for ISO's 20022 standard.

"The Clearing House is a founding member of X9 and a strong supporter of industry standards, and we appreciate its long-term commitment," said Cindy Fuller, X9 Executive Director. "We believe Vinnie's service, like his many other contributions, exemplifies his dedication and The Clearing House's dedication to the standards process."

The Accredited Standards Committee X9, Inc. is the only industry-wide forum that brings together bankers, securities professionals, manufacturers, security experts, regulators, associations, consultants, and others in the financial services arena to find the best solutions, and codify them as nationally accredited standards. The American National Standards Institute accredits ASC X9.

"I am pleased to continue serving on the X9 board to build on the accomplishments of the past several years," De Santis said. "I look forward to working with my colleagues across the financial services industry to bring efficiency to wire transfer payments systems around the world."

## New White Paper on Remittance Information

What are the advantages of including remittance information with wire transfer payments? What do banks, corporates and software providers need to do to take advantage of this opportunity? A new, joint white paper from The Clearing House and The Federal Reserve Banks outlines the opportunities for all of the white paper, *The Road Ahead for Remittance Information Standards*, visit [www.chips.org](http://www.chips.org).

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systems. The implementation of enhanced formats in November 2009 is also an important step in the effort to enable those systems to carry remittance information with wire payments."

In addition to the cover payment initiative, the two companies have been working with banks and operators to develop specifications to permit business remittance information to be included with Fedwire and CHIPS payments by the fourth quarter of 2010.

For CHIPS participants, the cover payment specifications are available at The Clearing House's website, [www.chips.org](http://www.chips.org).

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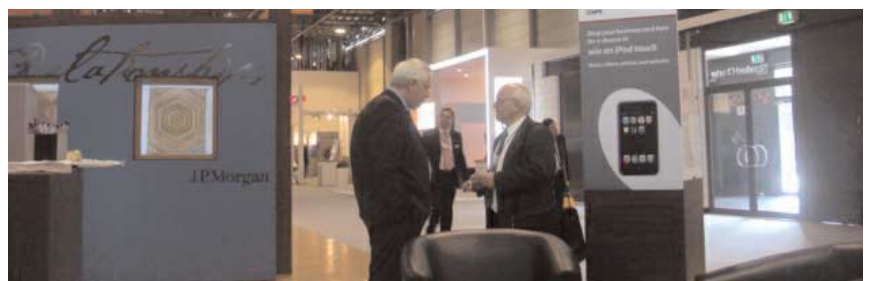


## CHIPS Stands Out at SIBOS in October



*The large, lighted CHIPS booth stood out among many exhibits at SIBOS in Vienna.*

*Below, payments professionals and bankers gathered in the CHIPS booth at SIBOS in October.*



### Visit CHIPS at 2009 SIBOS

The CHIPS team will be exhibiting at SIBOS September 14-18, 2009 in Hong Kong. Please stop by the booth to find out the latest developments in the wire transfer industry.

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