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Speaker Bios

JP Abello, Director of Product Management, *Comcast*

JP leads Product Management at Comcast for the RDK Video middleware and vendor layers, and has been working with RDK Management on evolving the RDK Video HAL and Porting Kit to better scale hardware integrations.

Glee Abraham, Technology Operations & Engineering, *RDKM*

Glee oversees RDK Technology Operations & Engineering including maintenance of wiki, code management, contributions, compliance, validation, releases, documentation, technical support & training. A part of the RDKM team since 2013, Glee also oversees the engineering efforts to develop test tools, reference platforms and the pre-integrations of RDK.

Ganesh Achuthan, VP, Software Engineering, *Amlogic*

Jono Bacon, Author and Community Builder

Jono Bacon has been building communities now for over 22 years. He has worked with over 200 businesses to help them build productive communities…from early-stage startups to Fortune 500 companies.

He is the author of five books, including the award-winning 'People Powered' (Harper Collins) and 'The Art Of Community' (O'Reilly) and he writes for Harvard Business Review, Forbes, and others.

He is the creator of the 'Community Leadership Core', an accelerator that develops industry-leading community engagement and growth via personalized training, coaching, and accountability…all tailored to your company's needs.

Jono is also an active advisor and investor in numerous companies and funds (including Redpoint, Heavybit, Boldstart, AlienVault, HackerOne, and many others.)

Chris Briggs, CTO, *Strong*

Jason Briggs, President & General Manager, *RDKM*

Jason Briggs is the President and General Manager of RDK Management, a joint venture of several leading operators, which manages RDK, a global open-source software platform powering video and broadband devices. In this capacity, he oversees all aspects of the RDK open-source software consortium, supporting a community of more than 600 technology companies including service providers, CPE manufacturers, SoC vendors, software developers, and system integrators. Jason was instrumental in the global growth of RDK serving dozens of service providers and more than 100 million device deployments worldwide.

He previously served as a Senior Director at Comcast, where he managed various licensing programs that enable the industry to benefit from Comcast's investments in technology innovation, including content protection, STB software, interactive television and VOD. He also served on the senior leadership team of CAL, a joint venture between Comcast and ARRIS (now CommScope), delivering secure network technology solutions to product companies and MVPDs, which was instrumental in the industry transition to all-digital video.

Prior to Comcast, Jason was an analyst for The Yankee Group, where he consulted with senior executives from some of the largest software companies on areas such as product positioning, competitive analysis, partnerships, M&A, strategic technology direction and overall market trends. He was a frequent speaker at industry conferences and was quoted in numerous publications including The New York Times, The Boston Globe and The Wall Street Journal. Prior to The Yankee Group, Mr. Briggs held positions with Aerial Communications (now T-Mobile US) and Deloitte & Touche.

Pedro Caldeira dos Santos, Executive Head of Broadband Products & Services, *Deutsche Telekom*

J.P. Camille, Senior Manager, Technical Sales, *MediaTek*

Andy Carr, Chief Product Officer, *Ocean Blue Software*

Andy joined OBS in 2022 and his lead RDK client is El Araby Group in Egypt, one of the partners behind the OORO TV Platform.

In his 25+ years in the Media industry, Andy has held executive roles in TV Operators, manufacturers, and software service companies across a range of disciplines including hardware, software, product, engineering, sales, business development and consulting. Most recently, Andy is Chief Product Officer at Ocean Blue Software where he is responsible from Product, Test and Consultancy.

Bart Catrysse, Lead Architect, STB Software, *Liberty Global*

At Liberty Global, Bart oversees STB software architecture, its evolution and new feature designs impacting the RDK OS, middleware and OTT apps.

That software serves the TV customers of Sunrise (Switzerland), Telenet (Belgium), Virgin Media O2 (UK & Ireland) and VodafoneZiggo (NL) and is updated frequently.

Jon Cave, SVP Global Devices Product Strategy & Management, *Comcast*

Jon serves as the Senior Vice President of Global Devices Product Strategy and Management at Comcast. In this capacity, he leads a team dedicated to the definition, design, and development of cutting-edge devices, including the RDK Software, which powers these devices for video, broadband, Wi-Fi, and home security solutions. These devices are integral to delivering Comcast, Sky, XUMO, and Syndication Partner services, providing comprehensive video, data, voice, security, and cross-platform services to customers worldwide.

Jon joined Comcast in 2015 and has over 30 years of experience in engineering, product development, and product management of data, voice, and video networking products. Before his tenure at Comcast, Jon had worked at Cisco Systems. There, he was responsible for shaping the product strategy for next-generation technologies, including Cable Modems, eMTA (Embedded Multimedia Terminal Adapters), Residential Gateways, and Unified Gateway products. In addition to his corporate experience, Jon served with distinction as a first lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

Jon earned a bachelor's and a master's degree in electrical engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and an MBA from Georgia State University.

Throughout his career, Jon has been recognized for his contributions to the industry and his ability to drive product innovation. His work continues to impact the way consumers experience and interact with digital services in their homes.

Paul Clarke, Managing Director, Global Devices Software, *Comcast*

Paul leads the Global Devices Software team for Comcast, developing the RDK software platform that powers 100+ million devices around the world – from TV's and Set Top Boxes, through broadband gateways and extenders, to home cameras and IoT devices. RDK is the fully modular, portable, and customizable open-source software solution that standardizes core functions used in video, broadband, and IoT devices.

He started his career developing hardware and software at Philips Research Labs in the UK and following 10 years in consulting with Cap Gemini and HP Services, he moved to work for Sky. There, for the past 16 years, he has led product delivery teams developing Sky+, Sky Q, the Sky Glass TV, the Sky Stream IP box, the Sky Live camera for Glass, and numerous broadband devices.

In his role leading Comcast's Global Devices Software team, Paul is passionate about creating the experience at the heart of the home that connects everyone to what they need and love.

Brendan de Bruijn, Business Development, *RDKM*

Brendan joined RDKM in 2021 and is lead on developing and driving scaling initiatives with our key delivery partners in the community.

In his 25+ years in the Communications and Media industry, Brendan has held roles at operators, software solution vendors and professional services business across a range of disciplines including engineering, sales, business development, product development, product management and consulting. Most recently, Brendan was solutions sales lead in Accenture's embedded software practice.

Priscilla DeFoug, VP Product, Broadband Solutions, *Sagemcom*

Priscilla has more than 20 years of experience in Broadband integrated gateways, including 15 years of R&D experience in gateways. She has helped launch one of the first triple play gateways in the field integrated Wi-Fi. She previously served as Product Line Development Manager for leading operators in Europe, including 10 years as Product Manager for DOCSIS Cable gateways embedding Wi-Fi and RDK.

José Ramon Diaz Martínez, Solution Architecture, *RDKM*

José Ramon joined the RDK team as Director of Solution Architecture in 2021, where he is working with our broadband partners to create common technical solutions for the RDK-B community and providing guidance in the design and evolution of RDK-B, that will facilitate the adoption of new services.

Over the last 20 years Jose Ramon has held relevant technical positions in companies such as Siemens, Nokia, Alcatel-Lucent and Tele2 where he was designing, developing, and deploying solutions in mobile, access, core, and triple play networks. Most recently Jose Ramon was working as RDK-B Software Architect at Liberty Global for the last five years before joining the RDK team.

Matthew Duhig, Co-Founder and Managing Director, *FX Digital*

Matthew is the Co-Founder and Managing Director of FX Digital, a leading agency specializing in Connected TV technology services. With over a decade of experience, he has successfully delivered projects for clients such as Britbox, BBC, ITV, ATP Media, and Discovery. Under his leadership, FX Digital has embarked on a mission to develop the world's leading Connected TV applications for Smart TVs, Streaming Devices, Set Top Boxes, and more, now used by millions of users worldwide. Today, Matthew plays a crucial role in the leadership team at FX Digital, whilst also providing strategic support to clients and partners concerning Connected TV and OTT technology.

Ismail Mohamed Mahmoud El Araby, Group Brand Manager, *ELARABY Group*

Ismail joined ELARABY Group in 2014 and was promoted to Group Brand Manager by 2022. His contributions have included the launch of three new brands and the international expansion of a major brand to over 30 countries, enhancing the company's presence in both regional and global markets. Additionally, Ismail serves as the Marketing Director at OORO, one of ELARABY's new startups, developed in collaboration with OBS.

With an MBA specializing in Entrepreneurial Studies and Family Business Management, Ismail has dedicated nearly a decade to roles in brand management and marketing. His areas of focus include research, strategic planning, brand/product development, and communication. Recently, he has played a key role in refining ELARABY's market positioning strategies, helping to strengthen the company's competitive stance worldwide.

Danny Finnegan, Community Engagement and Partnerships, *RDKM*

Danny Finnegan joined RDK in 2019, serving as a key liaison between Technology, Product, and Business Strategy. He has effectively led working groups focused on Architecture, Policy, and Standardization, fostering member collaboration. Danny has a proven track record in leading Engineering teams and Go-to-Market strategies, contributing to successful product launches in the Video and Broadband industries. He excels in bridging Technical, Business Development, and Marketing domains. Prior to RDK, Danny was a Product Owner and SME at Comcast, specializing in Video and Broadband adoption for partners, vendors, and OEMs.

Oscar Gallego, Global Head of Technology & Products, *Vodafone*

As part of Vodafone's Global Technology team, Oscar Gallego is the executive in charge of Group's consumer products, services, and devices in the areas of home and security. As part of his duties, he is responsible for all home devices including CPEs and IoT offering, end-customer services such as SecureNet, SuperWiFi, as well as leading innovation across Vodafone's world-wide footprint.

Oscar joined Vodafone in 2009 and has fulfilled senior management roles in both technology strategy and service deployment. Prior to that, Oscar worked for network providers such as Ericsson, NEC and Nortel across engineering and R&D roles.

Oscar's current focus is on Home Platforms based on open ecosystem initiatives such as RDK and Prpl enabling both a better-connected experience as well as accelerating the delivery of innovative products to our customers at home.

In terms of industry activities, Oscar is part of the GSMA's Technology Executive Group, as well as Vodafone's executive sponsor both for Prpl and RDK.

Beyond his duties, Oscar is active advocate of gender equality and race inclusion at work, actively participating in several support initiatives and mentoring programs. Outside work, he enjoys his passion for family travel, tennis, and motorsport.

Vincent Gattone, Head of Partnerships, *DOTSCREEN*
Vincent Gattone is a seasoned professional with a rich background in digital media and technology. He started his career as a software developer, working his way up and becoming the Head of Partnerships and Business Development at Dotscreen. In his current role, he focuses on creating innovative multiscreen broadcast and OTT applications for leading pay TV operators and broadcasters. Vincent is known for his expertise in the multi-vendor approach for building streaming services, which emphasizes and focuses on the importance of user experience (UX).
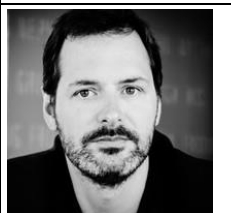
Alex Glass, Chief Product and Technology Officer, *Fetch TV*

Mike Greenall, Industry Advisor and Founder, *MJG Partners*
Mike has enjoyed a 40 year career in embedded devices, including semiconductors, STB, and CPE, with a focus on the telecom and entertainment industries. He has worked in the development and deployment of new technologies, from the introduction of the first RISC microprocessors and highly integrated SoC devices through the advent of mobile telecoms, DSL and PON networks, analogue and digital TV via satellite, terrestrial, IPTV and OTT, and then onto today's world of the connected home.

During this time, Mike has worked for both multinational and startup companies, graduating from semiconductor suppliers (NEC, Philips, C-Cube) through CPE manufacturers (Amino Communications, Technicolor) and finally onto operators and ISPs (Vodafone, Sky, DT). Mike draws upon his wide range of experience in development, customer support, product, project and partner management, to advise through his consulting company, MJG Partners, and is currently working with The Innovation Hub.

Steve Griffith, Director of Architecture & Design, *Sky*

Russell Leake, Executive Director Architecture, *Comcast*
Russell leads RDK Broadband architecture for Comcast technology, product, and experience. Russell brings over 24 years of industry experience across multiple product, development and architecture roles in connected devices and systems through his roles at Comcast, Cisco, Technicolor, Eaton, and Synamedia.

Amir Mobini, Head of Global STB Business, *Sercomm*

Tiago Rodrigues, President & CEO, *Wireless Broadband Alliance*

Tiago Rodrigues is the President & CEO of the Wireless Broadband Alliance (WBA). Tiago is responsible for leading the overall strategy, together with the WBA Board, and the operational planning for the WBA. As well as overseeing the day to day management, Tiago takes a leadership role in understanding industry challenges and working with membership to agree the key focus areas and programs that need to be developed to ensure the wireless industry optimizes market opportunities for Wi-Fi and works to resolve any business issues that impede the success of the industry overall.

Before he joined the WBA, Tiago spent 15 years at the Portugal Telecom Group. In his previous role as Head of Business Innovation, he collaborated with various departments within the company to identify and develop new business opportunities. Prior to this, he managed the Public Wi-Fi sector of Portugal Telecom Group where he was responsible for service management, development, strategy and internationalisation of the Wi-Fi service. He was also involved in strategic marketing, regulatory affairs, pricing, product development and roaming.

Tiago holds an M.Sc. in Economics and Management of Science and Technology, and a degree in Business Administration from the Higher Institute of Economics and Management at The Technical University of Lisbon. He also has a BA. Honors Degree in Business Administration from Humberside University, UK.

Kevin Ross, Director Software Engineering, *Infosys*

Kevin Ross oversees the middleware development, design-in and delivery of software into gateway device, partnering with a number of SoC providers, OEMs, and third-party software companies.

Kevin specializes in key areas such as system integration, delivery management, scalability across a broad partner base, design-in support, and technology strategy. With a background in SoC development and middleware, coupled with a wealth of knowledge in telecommunications and cable industries, Kevin offers decades of experience on delivering solutions to market.

Sal Sallas, Vice President, Global Device Connectivity Software, *Comcast*

Zlatko Sator, Strategy & Global Partnerships, *RDKM*

Richard Squire, Director of Connectivity Strategy, *Liberty Global*

Richard heads up the Connectivity Platform Strategy function at Liberty Global with responsibility for defining the technical roadmap for CPE, Wi-Fi, customer apps and services and the supporting cloud-based platforms and data strategy. The scope covers a range of broadband WAN technologies, Smart Home, FMC, B2B and much more. Richard has more than 10 years'

experience in the Connectivity Platform, CPE and Wi-Fi space working for Virgin Media prior to moving to Liberty Global.

Matthew Stanger, Director, Product & Engineering, *T-Mobile Home Internet*

Matthew Stanger is a Software Engineering Director at T-Mobile where he is responsible for CPE Software & Strategy. He has helped T-Mobile build 5G Home Internet from the ground up and has recently worked on upstreaming 5G support within RDK. In his career, Matthew has successfully incorporated numerous FOSS projects, such as OpenWrt, Yocto, RDK, Kubernetes, ModemManager, OpenAPI Generator and more into consumer products and has contributed back software both personally and through partnerships.

Fraser Stirling, Global Chief Product Officer, *Comcast*

Fraser joined Sky as Group Chief Product Officer in June 2019 from Sky's parent company Comcast. He joined Comcast in 2014, rising to Senior Vice President of Digital Home, Devices and AI overseeing product developments including the company-wide effort to become all IP and the launch of the first voice-controlled remote control.

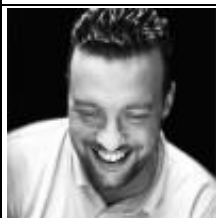Prior to his time at Comcast, Fraser held roles at Verizon and Intel Media and Sky.

Metin Taskin, CEO & Founder, *Airties*

Metin currently serves as Co-Chief Executive Officer at Airties, having previously held the position of Chief Technology Officer since founding the company in 2004. He works out of the company's headquarters in Paris.

In his early career, he worked as a research engineer at the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK), then continued his career in the United States. First at Hittite Microwave Corporation in Boston MA, designing radar and microwave communications systems and later at Cisco Systems at San Jose CA.

Working initially on the development of fixed access wireless devices at the Wireless Access BU, Taskin later moved to the Wireless Networking BU of Cisco leading a team of engineers. He received the "Cisco Innovator" award for his success in the design and development of early wireless connectivity products.

Metin serves on the Board of Directors for the Wireless Broadband Alliance, where he was shortlisted for CTO of the year in 2022. He received his bachelor's degree in Electrical and Electronics Engineering and master's degree in Biomedical Engineering from Bosphorus University in Istanbul.

Oscar Uitenbroek, Product Development, *RDKM*

Oscar is the Lead Architect of RDK Management for Video, focused on collaboration with the Video App Community resulting in App integrations on RDK. Oscar also ensures that the WPE Browser support is available to the App community and promotes the Lightning App Development Program.

Oscar brings to RDK Management over 15 years of experience in the OTT industry; having lead multiple successful projects to enable video Apps that drive Entertainment experience on millions of devices across the industry.

Wouter van Boesschoten, Executive Director, *Comcast*

Wouter currently leads the Lightning open source team at Comcast. He is responsible for the evolutions of the Lightning project, building an open source community and providing synergy between what the enterprise needs and the open source community wants.

He has 15+ years of experience in the media broadcasting industry, from DVB-(P)SI generators to VOD back office (EventIS/SeaChange) and STB embedded/webkit development to HTML5 Apps

(Metrological). His mission is to provide everyone with the smooth UI experience they deserve using the power of open source software development.

Chris van den Ende, Principle Engineer, *Warner Bros. Discovery*

Bart van den Ende is a seasoned technical leader specializing in client engineering for OTT consumer-oriented businesses. With over 15 years of experience, he excels in developing reliable and scalable video streaming solutions.

Bart currently serves as Principal Engineer for Max at Warner Bros. Discovery, where he drives technical solutions across various client platforms. Previously, he held key roles at WarnerMedia and TWC, leading technological initiatives for major clients like Disney and Sony.

Chris van der Linden, Director, Entertainment Platforms, *Liberty Global*

Chris van der Linden is Director Entertainment Platforms and is responsible for Liberty Global's product strategy, definition, development & quality management for Entertainment CPE & video platforms. This included development of the award-winning Mini TV Box (both in terms of sustainability and design), the innovation and deployment of innovative Entertainment services (Replay TV, Cloud PVR) and the extension of content discovery to include OTT streaming apps across our markets. With our Horizon platform we enable our national champions, brands such as Virgin Media-02 in the UK, VodafoneZiggo in the Netherlands, Telenet in Belgium, Sunrise in Switzerland and Virgin Media in Ireland to provide the best Entertainment experience to their customers.