

Press Release

Chartered Investment and Tapline are New Members of the German Digital Lending Association

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With Düsseldorf-based Chartered Investment, the German Digital Lending Association (GDLA) gains a new ordinary member for the areas of securitization and tokenization. The Berlin-based startup Tapline is active in receivable lending and has been taken on as a supporting member. In GDLA, both fintechs will find the perfect lobby in Digital Lending.

The German Digital Lending Association (GDLA) continues to grow and welcomes two new members. **Chartered Investment** is a fintech based in Düsseldorf and offers innovative technological solutions for institutional investors. These include two platforms for securitization and tokenization. **Tapline** is a startup from Berlin and opens the way for institutional capital to SaaS (Software as a service) companies active in B2B and B2C.

"Tokenized financial instruments are the next stage of digitalization in finance. With our tokenization platform eSEC, we are one of the key players in this field. Especially in securitization of receivables, the new technology offers advantages," says **Daniel Maier**, Managing Director Chartered Investment. "That's why, as a member of VdK, we look forward to working with other players in the fintech industry to further advance technical development and build an effective advocacy group in politics and society."

"We are thrilled to be part of the German Digital Lending Association. It is a great opportunity to collaborate with like-minded individuals and companies to drive positive change and transparency, to create a more accessible and inclusive financial landscape for all. Being part of this association will enable us to stay up-to-date with the latest developments in the industry and leverage together financial technology to create new opportunities for borrowers and investors. We are looking forward to working closely with other members of the association to drive innovation and progress in Digital Lending", says **Dean Hastie**, one of Tapline's Co-Founders and CEO.

"Our two new members are a welcomed boost to the trade body as the voice of Digital Lending," Constantin Fabricius, Managing Director of VdK, is pleased to say. "With Chartered Investment, we are gaining a player that fits particularly well with our strategic ideas in the area of tokenization. And with Tapline, a startup joins us for the first time. The noteworthy thing about it is that with a successfully completed pre-seed round of EUR 31.7 million, it shows in a startup environment otherwise characterized by a lot of gloom that Digital Lending is a winning issue."

About Chartered Investment Germany GmbH

Chartered Investment is a fintech company in the field of financial engineering. Chartered owns several innovative technology platform solutions that will be essential to the global financial industry in the future. These include the securitisation platform OPUS, the indices platform LIXX and the tokenisation platform eSEC. Through its technologies, Chartered is able to provide viable solutions as an independent CMaaS (Capital Markets as a Service) provider for banks, insurances, financial services providers, asset managers, and other professional participants of the financial market. Chartered Investment, based in Düsseldorf, Germany, was founded in 2013 and has implemented solutions totalling more than €4 billion for over 100 B2B clients in seven markets.

About Tapline UG (haftungsbeschränkt) / entrepreneurial company (limited liability)

Berlin-based Tapline, a digital funding marketplace, that allows SaaS (Software as a service) companies to trade their future revenues for upfront and non-dilutive cash. SaaS businesses can finance their

expansion by converting up to 60 per cent of their annual recurring revenue (ARR) into immediate, non-dilutive capital. SaaS businesses with as low as €8K in MRR (monthly recurring revenue) can already benefit from Taplines service. After a customer has been onboarded, Tapline can distribute funds in less than 48 hours. Funding of up to EUR 1 Mio is offered to make this solution suitable not only for SaaS startups but also for later growth-stage SaaS companies.

The company was founded in Berlin, Germany in 2021 by South African, Dean Hastie (CEO) and his co-founders Bulgarian, Peter Grouev (CIO) and German, Dmitrij Miller (CTO). The team covers more than 25 years of investment banking, venture capital and technology experience. Tapline is backed by a well renowned institutional investor, Fasanara Capital. Fasanara Capital is a UK based hedge fund who have more than \$4bn (£3.8bn) in assets under management. It is one of the largest Fintech focused capital providers globally with multiple USD 100 Million+ investments in Fintechs.

About the German Digital Lending Association

The German Digital Lending Association is committed to the professional, integer and transparent organization of digital financing and investing as well as to compliance with the highest quality standards by all market participants in the interest of borrowers, investors and business partners. To this end, its members develop [industry standards](#). Among its 27 members are companies from all parts of the Digital Lending ecosystem.

The association was founded on June 4, 2019, and is headquartered in Berlin.

More information on the Digital Lending Association is available on www.kreditplattformen.de.

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