



**Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019**  
**08.00am GMT**

**we.trade announces the appointment of Ciaran McGowan as General Manager**

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Ciaran McGowan as General Manager. He will join we.trade at the beginning of May.

Ciaran joins we.trade with a wealth of operational and technology management experience at early-stage and mid-sized global companies. He has held senior management positions with successful fast growth technology start-ups and has a broad range of experience across the banking, airline and pharmaceutical industries.

The appointment was taken by the Board, following the announcement that Roberto Mancone, Chief Operating Officer of we.trade, will leave the company at the end of April to pursue new professional challenges.

Fernando Lardies, Co-Chairman of we.trade, shares the Board Statement: “The Board welcomes the appointment of Ciaran and is delighted to have a steady hand at the operational helm as we continue to expand our network and push into a commercialisation phase.

“Roberto was our founding COO and he was the driver for the establishment of the Company, the enlargement of the shareholder base and successful launch of the platform. we.trade is well positioned for its next phase of growth. The entire Board, thanks Roberto for his outstanding work and leadership and wishes him well in his future endeavours.”

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**About we.trade**

we.trade Innovation DAC is a joint-venture company owned by 12 European banks. It started with nine banks in January 2017 under the name of Digital Trade Chain and later officially changed to we.trade at the last SIBOS in October 2017.

Together with IBM, we.trade has developed a digital trade platform based on Linux Foundation’s Hyperledger Fabric to run on the IBM Blockchain Platform.

The platform is built to simplify the trade finance processes by digitalising the management, tracking and security of domestic and international trade transactions. we.trade is the first blockchain-based trade platform for banks and their commercial clients in Europe.

CaixaBank, Deutsche Bank, Erste Group, HSBC, KBC, Natixis, Nordea, Rabobank, Santander, Societe Generale, UBS and UniCredit are the participating banks of we.trade while UniCredit AG in Germany and Eurobank are licensee banks.

Clients can register for the platform via their banks. Apart from the 14 major European banks which provide geographic and client coverage in 14 countries, other banks can also offer we.trade to their clients in the coming months.

For more information on we.trade visit: [www.we-trade.com](http://www.we-trade.com)