



## Wall Street Blockchain Alliance Adds New Corporate Members

*Leading Accounting and Technology Innovators Join Trade Association*

**New York, New York (October 22, 2019)** – The Wall Street Blockchain Alliance (WSBA), an industry leading non-profit trade association with a mission to guide and promote comprehensive adoption of blockchain technology across global markets, is proud to announce that **Afloat Inc.**, **Crowe LLP** and **EPAM Systems** have recently joined the family of WSBA corporate members.

WSBA Chairman Ron Quaranta commented: *"We are privileged to have these industry leading firms join our organization and work with us and our global members to further the shared mission of promoting comprehensive adoption of blockchain technology and cryptoassets across global markets. These firms are recognized leaders and innovators in their respective fields. Their combined experience and thought leadership will be instrumental to the WSBA and critical to the evolution of blockchain and cryptoassets across the world."*

### New Member Statements

#### **Afloat Inc.**

Organized in Wyoming and headquartered in Richmond, Virginia, Afloat, Inc. automates buying and selling of state transferable tax credits securely on the blockchain. With Afloat's technology, taxpayers are able to use their own taxes to demonstrate their support of various projects as state governments make them available. Currently among these projects are land preservation, historic preservation, and the film industry.

Louise W. Reed, CPA, Chief Executive Officer of Afloat, commented: *"I believe that blockchain technology is a paradigm shift that facilitates a national conversation and bridges universities, government agencies, and private enterprises. I'm excited that joining the WSBA will help Afloat become a part of that conversation as an innovator hoping to bring together traditional accounting and bleeding-edge technology through trust."*

For more information about Afloat Inc., visit [www.StayAfloat.io](http://www.StayAfloat.io)

#### **Crowe LLP**

Crowe LLP ([www.crowe.com](http://www.crowe.com)) is a public accounting, consulting and technology firm with offices around the world. Crowe uses its deep industry expertise to provide audit services to public and private entities. The firm and its subsidiaries also help clients make smart decisions that lead to lasting value with its tax, advisory and consulting



services. Crowe is recognized by many organizations as one of the best places to work in the U.S. As an independent member of Crowe Global, one of the largest global accounting networks in the world, Crowe serves clients worldwide. The network consists of more than 200 independent accounting and advisory services firms in more than 130 countries around the world.

*"Blockchain technology is set to have a significant impact on numerous applications throughout the business ecosystem," said Tiffany Richardson, tax partner at Crowe. "We expect that the impact will be not only operational, but also on the business of audit/assurance, accounting, tax, and financial reporting. Crowe as a firm has innovation rooted deep in its DNA, so we're excited to be part of WSBA and looking forward to collaborating with other members on best practices."*

For more information about Crowe LLP, visit [www.crowe.com](http://www.crowe.com)

### **EPAM Systems**

Since 1993, EPAM Systems, Inc. (NYSE: EPAM) has leveraged its software engineering expertise to become a leading global product development, digital platform engineering, and top digital and product design agency. Through its 'Engineering DNA' and innovative strategy, consulting, and design capabilities, EPAM works in collaboration with its customers to deliver next-gen solutions that turn complex business challenges into real business outcomes. EPAM's global teams serve customers in over 25 countries across North America, Europe, Asia and Australia.

Notes Jitin Agarwal, Vice President, Enterprise Products for EPAM: *"As a leading technology partner to many of the world's largest financial services companies, EPAM is proud to join WSBA. Through our membership, we're looking forward to teaming up with some of the brightest minds in the industry to accelerate the growth of our competency and enhance our ability to deliver real-world blockchain solutions for our customers."*

For more information about EPAM Systems, visit [www.epam.com](http://www.epam.com)

### **About the Wall Street Blockchain Alliance**

The Wall Street Blockchain Alliance (WSBA) is an industry leading non-profit trade association, with a mission to advocate, guide and promote comprehensive adoption of blockchain technology and cryptoassets across global markets.

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