

GSCX Group leadership

GSCX Group's key team members are seasoned experts in financial advisory, financial services, financial technologies, and IT industries, and bring multiple decades of expertise to GSCX.



Peter J. Layton

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Peter J. Layton is a founding partner of Blackthorne Capital Management, LLC, and a partner at Efficient Capital Management, where he also serves as a member of the Efficient Advisory Board. He is also a member of Hyde Park Angels, the CEO and owner of the family of Warhawk Funds (holding equity in over 125 early to mid-stage companies), as well as the CEO and owner of The Tallgrass Group — the parent company of various corporations specializing in different aspects of ecological restoration.

He also served as the Chairman of BOX Holdings and the BOX Options Exchange for 15 years, and was a partner at both The Hull Group and Goldman Sachs & Co. Peter also holds board membership positions, including the Chairman of the Nicholas School of the Environment Board of Visitors at Duke University, and a member of the Entrepreneurship Advisory Board of the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater. He is also a former member of the College Visiting Committee at the University of Chicago, a former member of the Enactus Worldwide Board of Directors, and the former President of Chicago Wilderness Trust. He has been a guest lecturer at the University of Chicago, Duke University, Stanford University, Vanderbilt University, and the University of Pennsylvania.

He graduated from the University of Chicago with an AB in economics and an MBA in Finance.



Martin Jermakyan

FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT

Martin's technological experience spans over 30+ years, from applied mathematics to quantitative modeling and financial engineering, financial structuring, FinTech, data sciences, convergence of financial and insurance markets, AI, and reinforcement machine learning for dynamic interactive multi-agent environments, and complex systems development experience. A chronic entrepreneur, he is also an expert investment banker for domestic and emerging markets, as well as in financial and energy/commodity derivatives trading and asset management.

With a Ph.D. in mathematics and physics from Lomonosov Moscow State University, his career has spanned from academia to corporate America and the entrepreneurial world. He has held a Managing Partner position at Hybrid Consulting Group, Principal, and Head of the Energy and Commodity Trading Department of Bank of America, VP of Research at Altra Energy Technologies, and CEO and President at RACS International.

He has held post-doctoral and Assistant Professorship positions at the UCLA mathematics department, and Visiting Assistant Professor and Research Associate Scientist positions at the University of Michigan mathematics and finance departments, and Lecturer positions at the High School of Economics Banking Institute.

He is a lover of jazz, classical music, opera, and abstract expressionism, and a theology enthusiast.

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Anchored by an IBM Partner Plus heritage and an active network of advisers, GSCX continues to expand its operational, developer, and sales bench across Bermuda, the UAE, and the US.



Thien Pham
CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER

Thien is a serial and visionary entrepreneur and an innovator in digital security, digital marketing, rapid application development, and distributed computing — building groundbreaking technology platforms since 2001.

His entrepreneurial journey began with an electronic prescription system sold to a public company at a young age. He then founded F9 Inc., specializing in customized online software systems and online storefronts that converted paper prescriptions to electronic format for online pharmacies.

He developed a web-based operating-system platform sold to a public company within six months. He founded Red 8 Studio — later transformed into a rapid application development platform that streamlined development from a year to one month — and a payment gateway. Both come in handy for GSCX.

He formed SCM Financials for merchant services, eCommerce, and banking technology, and founded iSign International Inc. to combat the hacking industry with digital security products.

He founded Xoptera Inc. — a decentralized platform for near real-time application deployment — and F9 System Inc., a peer-to-peer media distribution and social networking platform for private, secure sharing without big tech.

His solutions have resulted in over 30 patents, of which 12 have already been issued.



Zaven Vardanyan
CHIEF DATA OFFICER

As a leading systems and data engineer in charge of GSCX's data and systems, Zaven brings 15+ years of financial IT-sector experience, both internationally and domestically. His arsenal involves designing, implementing, and administrating the organization's critical infrastructure, databases, streaming data, and messaging. He performed data visualization, report generation, security, disaster recovery, and other related duties.

Before joining GSCX, he was a Senior Business Intelligence Engineer with Farm Credit Bank of Texas, where he designed and implemented business intelligence solutions aiding the bank's strategic decision-making. Before that, Zaven was a Senior Database Administrator with the U.S.-based credit organization FINCA's foreign affiliate. He managed their intricate databases, developed robust security measures, and facilitated seamless data flow across organizational processes.

Right after he graduated from school, Zaven was hired as a database administrator at InecoBank in Armenia. He earned his MS in Applied Mathematics in 2007 from Yerevan State University, Armenia.



Gohar Ghantarchyan
CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Gohar is a seasoned compliance officer and compliance risk manager with expertise in AML/TF program design and operational and governance aspects of the anti-money laundering and terrorist financing (AML/TF) program in the banking sector.

She has successfully held high-responsibility positions with HSBC Canada, Scotiabank, RSM, etc., performing in various AML/TF roles, helping build AML programs, and setting up AML/TF controls in her roles.

Gohar holds a University of Pittsburgh Master's in Public and International Affairs degree and is a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS).

She loves arts and music and is keenly interested in world cultures and traditions.

As a subsidiary of an IBM Partner Plus company, RACS International, with reseller and other agreements with IBM, and based on the existing arrangements, GSCX Group can also tap into and utilize the significant sales, advisory, and developer resources of IBM and other IBM Partner World companies.

GSCX has substantial opportunities to strengthen its team with interns from the University of Chicago, Georgia Tech, Georgia State University, etc.

Finally, GSCX Group can easily tap into the vast domestic and international human capital to rapidly amend its operational, developer, and sales teams.