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**FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS ANNOUNCES NEW MANAGING DIRECTOR –
VIJAY SONDHI – FORMER VISA EXECUTIVE WITH 25+ YEARS OF OPERATING
EXPERIENCE TO FURTHER EXPAND DOMAIN EXPERTISE, SERVE CLIENTS**

SAN FRANCISCO, October 11, 2017-- Financial Technology Partners (“FT Partners”), the only investment bank focused exclusively on FinTech, announced today that former Visa senior executive, Vijay Sondhi, has joined the Firm as a Managing Director. Mr. Sondhi, based out of San Francisco, brings 25+ years of deep industry experience as a senior executive, operator and investor across several key and emerging areas of the FinTech landscape. As a senior executive of Visa, Vijay was most recently responsible for launching and operating Visa’s flagship One-Market Innovation Center. In this role, he partnered closely with major financial institutions, global merchants, payment processors, point-of-sale / software firms and high-growth FinTech companies globally. Mr. Sondhi also served as Visa’s Head of Corporate Strategy and Senior Vice President / GM atop Visa’s Cybersource and Authorize.net businesses. Prior to joining Visa, he served as CFO to three private equity and venture-backed companies that spanned a wide variety of FinTech solutions including ERP accounting, point-of-sale systems, hospitality reservations / billing and financial document management. His experiences as CFO include raising private capital, executing M&A transactions and an Initial Public Offering. His executive career includes C-level, Managing Director and Senior Executive positions at Allianz, Booz Allen & Hamilton, IXOS (now OpenText), Micros-Fidelio (now Oracle) and SAP in addition to his most recent roles at Visa.

The addition of Vijay represents FT Partners’ third key senior hire in the past month and further highlights the Firm’s commitment to building out the most experienced and deepest team of FinTech investment bankers / industry experts globally. FT Partners previously announced the addition of 25+ year InsurTech veteran Paul VanderMarck as Managing Director, and former Goldman Sachs senior banker Melissa Wasser as Director, Head of Private Capital Markets. These additions demonstrate FT Partners’ unrelenting efforts to build a highly-differentiated team that brings the best in investment banking and deep domain / operational experience essential to providing truly world-class advisory services.

“Over our 16-year history of advising FinTech clients, we have proven time and time again that the best outcomes are achieved by combining world-class investment banking advice with deep insights into our clients’ businesses. No other firm, large or small, can match the depth and breadth of our team when it comes to advising clients in the FinTech sector and we are extremely excited to add Vijay to our winning team,” said Steve McLaughlin, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of FT Partners. “Vijay will work hand-in-hand with our senior bankers and clients to bring an added level of depth and insight to our deal processes as we strive to help our clients and their shareholders achieve the best possible outcomes. Vijay’s experience on the buy-side with Visa, in addition to his roles as CFO and in Corporate Strategy, bring a unique perspective to our team and align perfectly with our strategy.”

“I was deeply impressed by the global scale and depth of the platform that FT Partners has built over the years and I am extremely excited to be joining the absolute premier FinTech investment banking franchise in the world,” said Vijay Sondhi, Managing Director at FT Partners. “My passion for FinTech and working with high-growth businesses over the past 25+ years made joining FT Partners an obvious choice. I look forward to working with innovative companies disrupting financial services and assisting them with their strategic and financial objectives.”

About FT Partners

Based in Silicon Valley, Financial Technology Partners (“FT Partners”) is the only investment banking firm focused exclusively on providing top-tier strategic and financial advisory services to FinTech CEOs, founders and investors. The Firm offers CEOs and investors a wide array of strategic advisory services in mission-critical transactions including Private Capital, M&A, IPO Advisory, Debt Advisory, LBOs and Recapitalizations.

FT Partners' CEO, Founder and Managing Partner, Steve McLaughlin, was formerly a senior investment banker in Goldman, Sachs & Co.'s FinTech Group and Financial Institutions Group in San Francisco before leaving the firm to form FT Partners in late 2001. With offices in San Francisco, New York and London, FT Partners is comprised of a team of experienced investment bankers formerly with the financial technology, M&A and investment banking groups of Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley and J.P. Morgan. With clients in the U.S., Canada, Hong Kong / China, United Kingdom, Portugal, Germany, Argentina, Brazil, India and Australia, FT Partners continues to be called upon by clients to expand its footprint and scale on a global basis.

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