

# The BitFury Group Adds Dr. Tomicah Tillemann of New America to Advisory Board

*Dr. Tillemann's addition complements a strong roster of former senior government officials, financial sector experts and technology innovators*

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – The BitFury Group, the leading Bitcoin Blockchain infrastructure provider in the world, added Dr. Tomicah Tillemann to its advisory board today. Dr. Tillemann is the Director of the Bretton Woods II initiative at New America, a civic enterprise headquartered in Washington, D.C. Dr. Tillemann will advise The BitFury Group on a number of initiatives regarding the broader social impact of the Blockchain, including leveraging the technology to strengthen civil society, advance democracy and promote inclusive economic growth.

The Bretton Woods II initiative that Dr. Tillemann directs works with the world's largest asset owners to reduce exposure to risk and volatility through strategic investments in development finance, technology and social impact. He and his team use analytics, advocacy and new financial tools to help asset owners improve their risk-adjusted returns through targeted investments in solutions to major global challenges.

"We are honored to have Dr. Tillemann join our advisory board," said Val Vavilov, CEO of The BitFury Group. "Tomicah's wealth of expertise in the crossroads between technology, civil society development and democracy promotion knows no bounds. He is a visionary who will play a critical role in the global advancement of the Blockchain to solve some of the world's most pressing problems, including ease of access for the underbanked, calming global volatility and enhancing the security of assets."

"Blockchain has more potential to improve governance worldwide than any new technology I have seen since the Internet," said Dr. Tillemann. "The BitFury Group is not only leading the industry, but also leading efforts to harness Blockchain technology to enhance social accountability and safeguard basic rights. I am excited to work with the company and their extraordinary team as they deploy tools that will help combat corruption, protect fundamental rights and strengthen the trust that is at the foundation of every successful society."

Dr. Tillemann joined the State Department in 2009 as Secretary Clinton's speechwriter, and between 2010 and 2014, Dr. Tillemann served under Hillary Clinton and John Kerry as the Secretary of State's Senior Advisor for Civil Society and Emerging Democracies. In this role, Dr. Tillemann led a team of experts that operated like venture capitalists in translating promising ideas and technologies into successful foreign policy. He also established and chaired the State Department's Global Philanthropy Working Group and the State Department's Federal Advisory Committee on civil society. Previously, he spent four years on the professional staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as an advisor to Chairmen Joe Biden and John Kerry. Dr. Tillemann's other professional experience includes work with the White House, five U.S. Senate and Congressional campaigns, Reuters New Media and the World Bank. He is a co-holder of four patents.

## About The BitFury Group

The BitFury Group is the industry leader in Bitcoin Blockchain infrastructure. Founded in 2011 by Val Vavilov and Valery Nebesny, The BitFury Group has offices around the world, as well as data-centers in Iceland and the Republic of Georgia. The BitFury Group derives sustainable advantage through its custom-made application-specific integrated circuits (ASICs), servers and data centers, as well as software that secures the Bitcoin Blockchain. The BitFury Group's management team and board include seasoned industry veterans with a history of execution in silicon engineering, operational build-up and business capitalization.

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New America is dedicated to the renewal of American politics, prosperity and purpose in the Digital Age. We carry out our mission as a nonprofit civic enterprise: an intellectual venture capital fund, think tank, technology laboratory, public forum and media platform. Our hallmarks are big ideas, impartial analysis, pragmatic policy solutions, technological innovation, next generation politics and creative engagement with broad audiences.

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