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FORMATION OF SENIOR INDUSTRY ADVISORY BOARD

Ovanti Limited ("OVT", "**Ovanti**" or the "**Company**") is pleased to announce the appointment of renowned Australian technology founder and CEO **Alessandro (Alex) Gambotto** to chair its newly-established **U.S. Advisory Board**, created to oversee the Company's U.S. BNPL expansion and support the commercial launch of **Flote** (OVT's U.S. BNPL offering).

Alex Gambotto joins Ovanti at a pivotal moment, as the Company progresses its U.S. go-to-market program, merchant integrations and capital-markets pathway. **He will Chair an Advisory Board comprising of senior industry experts.**

A Transformational Appointment: Founder, CEO, Industry Leader to Chair OVT U.S. BNPL Advisory Board.

Alex Gambotto is one of Australia's most respected technology founders. He established **The Missing Link** in **1997**, building it into one of Australia's largest, most awarded and fastest-growing **cybersecurity, cloud and managed services groups**, now employing hundreds of staff and servicing blue-chip enterprises across APAC.

Over **nearly three decades of continuous leadership**, Alex has:

- Led The Missing Link to become a top-tier national cybersecurity provider across offensive security, defensive security, managed detection/response, cloud transformation and AI-enabled IT operations.
- Built a reputation for **high-performance culture**, engineering-led problem solving, and operational discipline.
- Been **inducted into the ARN Hall of Fame**, recognising his multi-decade contribution to Australia's technology and cybersecurity ecosystem.
- Overseen significant scale, with the company repeatedly breaking revenue records and ranking among the most awarded IT service providers in the region.
- Become widely known in the industry for mentoring senior technical leaders and building enterprise-grade delivery teams capable of handling mission-critical operations.



In 2025, after more than 27 years as Founder & CEO, Alex led The Missing Link through a landmark transaction: its strategic sale to global technology giant **Infosys (a global leader in next-generation digital services, consulting and AI-powered business solutions operating in over 59 countries with over 320,000 employees globally)**. Extensive media coverage of the transaction has reported an indicative valuation in excess of A\$100m for the transaction. Alex remains **CEO of The Missing Link**, guiding the business through its integration into Infosys and its continued expansion across APAC and North America.

Alex brings to Ovanti a rare combination of:

- Deep founder-operational capability;
- Large-scale enterprise partnership experience;
- M&A and corporate transaction execution;
- Digital, cybersecurity and payments-adjacent technological expertise;
- Commercial leadership in highly regulated, trust-heavy industries.

As Chair of Ovanti's new **U.S. Advisory Board**, Alex will provide direct oversight and strategic guidance across:

- U.S. BNPL operational readiness;
- Flote commercialisation strategy and launch governance;
- Enterprise sales, merchant onboarding and partnership structuring;
- Risk, technology and cybersecurity frameworks suited to U.S. financial services;
- Capital-markets execution and transaction readiness, including U.S. SPAC pathways and institutional engagement.

He will work closely with **the U.S. Executive Team, the CEO** and with the Ovanti Limited Board.

Commenting on the appointment, Mr Quinn, Non-Executive Director and Company Secretary of Ovanti said on behalf of the Board, “Alex is one of the most successful founder-CEOs in Australia’s technology industry. Building a company from scratch into a national cybersecurity and managed-services powerhouse — and then executing a major strategic sale — demonstrates the calibre of leadership required to scale Flote in the United States.

His appointment immediately strengthens our execution discipline, credibility with enterprise partners, and our ability to commercialise an affordability-first BNPL model at national scale in the U.S. market.”



Commenting on the appointment, Mr Alex Gambotto said, “Ovanti is taking on one of the biggest inefficiencies in U.S. consumer finance — enabling fair, transparent, cash-flow-based affordability rather than legacy credit scoring. I’ve spent 25+ years building and scaling technology organisations, solving complex problems and partnering with enterprise customers. Flote has the right product thesis at the right time, supported by a hungry, execution-driven team. I’m excited to help guide and be a part of the next chapter of Ovanti’s U.S. growth.”

This Appointment Strengthens OVT’s U.S. BNPL Ambitions

Mr Gambotto’s appointment comes as the Company advances:

- U.S. BNPL platform development and AI-driven affordability engine;
- Merchant integrations and partnership announcements;
- U.S. commercial readiness for Flote;
- Capital-markets strategy, including its previously announced SPAC transaction pathway.

In regards to the **key commercial terms of the appointment:** Mr Gambotto has been appointed for an initial term of 18-months (subject to further renewals). His base remuneration is set at AUD\$15,000 per month (exclusive of GST) plus disbursements. Mr Gambotto, in line with the other members of the Advisory Board, shall be entitled to performance-based shares and options plan which shall be formulated by the Board of Directors and put to shareholders for their approval at an EGM at the relevant time. The shares and options package shall be tied to the success of Ovanti’s U.S. BNPL roll-out (measured by the attainment of TTV and users to the Flote app).

The release of this announcement was authorised by Josh Quinn, Non-Executive Director and Company Secretary.

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About Ovanti Limited (ASX:OVT):

Ovanti Limited (ASX:OVT) provides fintech and digital commerce software solutions and services that enable its institutional customers to securely authenticate end-user customers and process banking, purchase and payment transactions.

The Company’s core technology platform enables large customer communities to connect to end user customers using any mobile device and integrate mobile technology throughout their existing business and customer product offerings. The Company’s business divisions consist of Mobile Banking and Digital Payments which service leading banks in Malaysia and large telcos and corporates in Malaysia & Indonesia. Ovanti also works with telecommunication network providers to provide mobile OTT (over-the-top) services that leverage their subscriber base to build active communities. In addition to the Malaysian operations, the Company is expanding operations for buy now, pay later services (BNPL) into the United States of America (USA). The Company’s technology solutions and expertise across fintech and digital commerce solutions and services, including years of servicing numerous large banking clients, give it distinct advantages as it enters the USA market.