

Sir Vince Cable joins World Trade Board as strategic advisor

Misys supports drive to widen international trade debate and promote inclusion

London, UK – 15 December – Rt. Hon. Sir Vince Cable, former Secretary of State for Business Innovation and Skills and President of the Board of Trade, has joined the World Trade Board as a strategic advisor. He will advise on the Board’s collaborative initiatives to widen debate and foster a more inclusive future around sustainable international trade, as well as supporting the [World Trade Symposium in 2017](#).

Sir Vince Cable was the Liberal Democrat Member of Parliament for Twickenham from 1997 to 2015 and Secretary of State for Business in the coalition government from 2010 to 2015. Along with campaigning on current issues, he remains at the centre of political and economic discourse.

“We are at an important juncture for trade, where the old order of global and regional agreements are coming under threat,” said Sir Vince Cable. “Trade brings significant economic and social benefits. At a time when the political debate is side-tracked by inward looking protectionism, the opportunity to make real headway in this space is too important to leave only to politicians. We need events like the World Trade Symposium to increase understanding and drive real change. Joining the World Trade Board with firms like Misys will help bring together a wide community to help trade regain momentum.”

Sir Vince Cable joins Pascal Lamy, former Director-General of the WTO, in this advisory role to the Board. The [World Trade Board](#) members share a common vision of a collaborative, connected, inclusive trade and finance network enabled by the latest business technologies.

Most recently, the Board has welcomed several new members, including:

- John Danilovich, Secretary General of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- Michael Gidney, CEO of Fairtrade Foundation
- Gerard Hartsink, Chairman of the GLEIF (Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation) Board
- Berna Ozsar, Secretary General, World SME Forum
- Michael Vrontamitis, Global Head of Trade, Product Management, Transaction Banking, Standard Chartered Bank
- Diane Wang, Founder and CEO of DHgate.com

“We are entering an exciting time in world trade, with true transformation on the cards,” said Simon Paris, Co-Chair of the World Trade Board and President at Misys. “Now is the right time for our community of like-minded individuals, including leaders in business, finance, technology, politics and economics, to really make a difference. Sir Vince Cable brings a wealth of knowledge to our cause and we are thrilled to have his support”.

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The [World Trade Board](#) is made up of global leaders, innovative thinkers, influencers and subject matter experts from the different corners of trade and commerce. The members are the co-creators of an organisation that has the objective of shaping the future – to define the parameters and be an enabling force for global trade. The Board shares a common vision – of a collaborative, connected, inclusive trade and finance, built on a foundation of the latest business technologies – to allow the world and people to prosper.

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