



## **Maria Rutledge Named Ben's Chief Technology Officer**

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**Maria Rutledge, Ben's Managing Director, Technology, has been named the company's first Chief Technology Officer.**

In her new role, Maria will oversee all of Ben's proprietary systems, customized data management solutions, artificial intelligence and automation, and robust application stack as Ben seeks to meet growing demand for liquidity and other services in the alternatives market.

"Serving as Ben's first Chief Technology Officer presents a new and exciting opportunity, and I'm thrilled to be in a position to help Ben reach its strategic goals at the C-Suite level," Maria said. "Continuing to improve the investor experience and develop new ways to empower owners of alternative assets with digital solutions remains the primary focus of Ben's Technology teams, and I look forward to working closely with the Senior Leadership Team to achieve this goal."

"Maria's commitment to excellence, efficiency, innovation, and collaboration has made her an invaluable asset at Ben," Derek Fletcher said. "Her demonstrated ability to lead in a dynamic technological and regulatory environment makes her the ideal person to serve as Ben's Chief Technology Officer as we embark on this next phase of our growth."

Previously, Maria held the role of Managing Director, Technology, where since 2018 she managed a team of more than 30 professionals and played a key role in building the infrastructure that powers the delivery of Ben's unique liquidity solutions and overall client experience. She was instrumental in developing Ben's technology architecture, helping to automate each of Ben's core business functions and streamlining various underwriting, risk management, and business development processes along the way.

Prior to Ben, Maria held roles of increasing responsibility in technology management and leadership at MUFG Investor Services, The Michaels Companies, Society of Petroleum Engineers, CompUSA, and XO Communications.

Maria holds an MBA from the Naveen Jindal School of Management at the University of Texas at Dallas, as well as multiple industry certifications such as PMP, CSM, and ITIL Information Technology.

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