

# SmartStream names Akber Jaffer as new CEO

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*SmartStream has named Akber Jaffer as its new CEO, succeeding Haytham Kaddoura.*

Jaffer has held senior leadership positions at Finastra and Colt Technology Services. At Finastra, Jaffer left the firm in 2022 as executive vice president, treasury and capital markets, software, while at Colt he was chief strategy officer (CSO) and chief of staff between 2015 and 2017.

On his new appointment, Jaffer said: "I am honored and thrilled to join SmartStream as CEO. I believe in the company's mission, and I am committed to build upon its broad and excellent capabilities. Together with the talented team of colleagues who have been instrumental in the company's success, we will continue to deliver market leading solutions and drive value for our customers and partners."



*Akber Jaffer, CEO, SmartStream*

SmartStream chair of the board Khalifa AlDaboos said: "We warmly welcome Akber Jaffer as our new SmartStream CEO. He brings a distinguished career in financial services and software to our organisation. His wide-ranging experience and track record of success make him ideally suited to lead SmartStream. I am confident that under his leadership, our company will continue to flourish."

Haytham Kaddoura, who was CEO since 2016 and is now an advisor and board director, said: "We are confident that Akber is the right leader to take SmartStream to new heights. His extensive experience and vision align perfectly with the company's mission and he will drive the development of new technologies to meet the demands of the industry."