

## **ACI Worldwide Appoints Paul Thomalla to VP Sales for EMEA**

(New York, N.Y. – 23 March 2010) – ACI Worldwide (Nasdaq: ACIW), a leading international provider of electronic payments software and solutions, today announced that Paul Thomalla has joined ACI as V.P. Sales for Europe, Middle East and Africa. Paul comes from Stratus Technologies and brings extensive knowledge and experience in growing sales teams and consistently delivering results.

A 30-year veteran in the technology space, Paul's career history includes time at IBM and Microsoft, as well as roles in Europe and the U.S. In his most recent role as V.P. for EMEA at Stratus, Paul delivered consistent, significant sales growth, as well as directly contributing to employee satisfaction and motivation. In his role at ACI, Paul will report to Ralph Dangelmaier, president of global markets and services, and he will be responsible for the EMEA sales channel.

Ralph Dangelmaier, president global markets and services at ACI Worldwide said, "For EMEA, the second half of 2009 was strong and we look forward to Paul building on that positive momentum. The EMEA market is key to ACI, and we have seen increased interest across our retail, wholesale and fraud solutions, as well as in the back office space after the Essentis acquisition last year. Paul is a leader who will strengthen ACI's sales process as we are going to the market with new products and solutions, and help grow market share."

Paul Thomalla said, "ACI has a strong heritage and an impressive customer base. The changes the company has been through recently means that it now has one of the broadest product sets in the payments space, delivering an integrated solution to customers around the world. I am delighted to be joining ACI at such an exciting time."

For more information on ACI Agile Payments Solution™ please visit [www.aciworldwide.com/agilepayments](http://www.aciworldwide.com/agilepayments).

### **About ACI Worldwide**

ACI Worldwide is a leading provider of software and services solutions to initiate, manage, secure and operate electronic payments for major banks, retailers and processors around the world. ACI Agile Payments Solution offers a vision for the future for financial institutions of an integrated solution that can meet all their payment needs – from a single service to a complete toolset. Today, ACI products deliver payment processing, online banking, fraud prevention and detection, and back-office services. ACI solutions provide agility, reliability, manageability and scale to customers around the world. Visit ACI Worldwide at [www.aciworldwide.com](http://www.aciworldwide.com).

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