

Telcoin Association Names David Palmer as Strategic Telecom Advisor

SWITZERLAND, SWITZERLAND, October 14, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- David Palmer, who pioneered Vodafone IoT blockchain, joins [Telcoin](#) Association as Strategic Telecom Advisor

□ Palmer, who co-founded Pairpoint, a Vodafone and Sumitomo venture, brings more than 25 years in telecom, including a decade leading blockchain and Web3 work for a global mobile operator

□ He advises the Association on adoption of Telcoin Network across mobile operators, mobile money providers, and the GSMA as the network approaches mainnet later this year

□ Palmer joins Parker Spann for a community X Space on Thursday, October 15, at 6:00 PM UK / 7:00 PM CET / 12:00 PM CT,



LUGANO, SWITZERLAND, October 13, 2026 - The Telcoin Association, the independent Swiss Verein that governs Telcoin Network and TEL, today named David Palmer as its Strategic Telecom Advisor as Telcoin Network approaches mainnet later this year. Telcoin Network is a public blockchain validated exclusively by GSMA mobile network operators.

As Strategic Telecom Advisor, Palmer advises the Association on strategy, positioning, and value proposition development for Telcoin Network across mobile operators, mobile money providers, and the GSMA. His work centers on operator participation in the network, the application ecosystem built on it, and the network's position within the GSMA. He has worked alongside the Association in this role over the past several months.

Mobile operators exploring blockchain face the same choice: launch a localized network of their own, adopt a public chain built for someone else, or run an enterprise chain with no real industry alignment behind it. Telcoin Network takes a different path: one industry standard, owned and governed by the operators who secure it. Validator onboarding with mobile operators is underway ahead of mainnet.

"The industry that standardized GSM, SMS, and roaming is built to coordinate a global standard for money," said Parker Spann, Founder of the Telcoin Association. "Telcoin Network gives operators that standard to own and govern together. David has spent 25 years in telecom and the last decade bringing blockchain into it. He has been part of this work for months, and today we make it official."

Palmer led blockchain exploration for Vodafone IoT, where he took the first IoT Web3 proof of concept and turned it into an MVP platform within a global operator; as a result, he co-founded Pairpoint, a Vodafone and Sumitomo venture. He holds multiple patents in telecom and blockchain, sits on the board of the Asia Web3 Alliance, and is the author of "The Business of the Metaverse: How Organisations Can Optimize the Opportunities of Web3 and AI." He is a regular speaker on Fintech and Web3 at MWC and spoke at the GSMA's Agentic AI Summit at MWC Barcelona in 2026.

"Mobile operators already run the world's most trusted networks for communication. Telcoin Network lets them extend that trust to money, on a standard they own rather than rent," said Palmer. "There are over 8 billion mobile phones and more than 20 billion machines connected by mobile operators around the world. A trust layer run by those operators has the potential to unlock the AI and machine economies and bring a new era of value for the industry." Palmer and Spann will discuss his work and take questions from the community in an X Space on Thursday, October 15, at 6:00 PM UK / 7:00 PM CET / 12:00 PM CT, hosted on @telcoinTAO: Telcoin Association (@TelcoinTAO) / X.

Sources: Statista, Connected Devices Worldwide; Statista, IoT Connected Devices Worldwide; Ericsson, Mobility Report: Key Figures.

ABOUT THE TELCOIN ASSOCIATION

The Telcoin Association is the independent Swiss Verein that governs Telcoin Network and TEL, the blockchain and token standard for the global telecommunications industry. GSMA mobile network operators validate Telcoin Network exclusively, and they own and govern the network they secure. By aligning mobile networks around one industry standard, Telcoin Network brings the local currencies, economies, and users they serve into a shared global ledger for money, markets, and ultimately every good and service. Telcoin Inc., a regulated global digital asset banking group, is the Association's Founding commercial member. Learn more at www.telcoin.org.

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