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Workday Names Gerrit Kazmaier President, Product and Technology

Former Google and SAP Executive Joins Workday to Lead Global Innovation Strategy

Sayan Chakraborty to Retire from Workday After a Decade of Transformative Leadership

PLEASANTON, Calif., Feb. 25, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- Workday, Inc. (NASDAQ: WDAY), the AI platform for managing people and money, today announced the appointment of Gerrit Kazmaier to the role of president, product and technology. Kazmaier will succeed Sayan Chakraborty, who is retiring from Workday, assuming leadership of the company's innovation strategy and product and technology organization.

Kazmaier brings extensive experience driving innovation in enterprise software. He joins Workday from Google Cloud, where he led the data analytics and business intelligence division, overseeing the organization's AI-ready data cloud strategy. Before Google, Kazmaier spent nearly 11 years at SAP in various leadership roles, including president of SAP HANA and SAP's Analytics.

"Gerrit's strong enterprise software experience and a proven track record in cloud and AI transformation, make him the perfect person to lead the next chapter of Workday's innovation," said Workday CEO Carl Eschenbach. "We are grateful to Sayan for being a driving force for our innovation strategy for the past 10 years, and we look forward to building on his great work under Gerrit's leadership."

"Just as they did with the cloud, Workday has incredible potential to again redefine HR and finance with AI, and I am thrilled to be part of that journey," said Gerrit Kazmaier, president, product and technology, Workday. "Workday has the unique combination of a powerful AI platform and best-in-class applications to truly revolutionize the way we work. I look forward to joining my fellow Workmates and our valued partners as we unlock these opportunities for customers around the world."

Kazmaier's appointment will be effective as of March 10.

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