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Richard Mgrdechian is a highly experienced investment banking and technology management professional with over 15 years of accomplishments with regard to startups, operations and distressed situations. He brings a variety of specialized expertise to situations involving aerospace, consumer electronics, digital technologies, telecommunications, publishing and media.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Mgrdechian has held positions as an investor in distressed securities, a securities analyst at Bear Stearns, a member of the restructuring advisory team at The Blackstone Group, and president of a boutique corporate finance advisory firm he founded along with two other CBS Alumni to provide strategic, turnaround and financial advisory services to clients in the telecommunications and consumer electronics industries.

In addition to his work in the financial industry, he was the founder and CEO of two Silicon-Valley startup companies in the areas of telecommunications and social networking, the second of which was acquired by Yahoo, where the Java/J2ME based software he developed (US Patent Number 7,545,784) is expected to comprise a core element of their next-generation mobile offering.

Prior to his work in business and finance, Mr. Mgrdechian was a member of the technical staff at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) where he was a design engineer on the Cassini mission to Saturn.

Mr. Mgrdechian holds a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from the California Institute of Technology (Caltech), and an MBA from Columbia University. He is a member of the Turnaround Management Association (TMA) and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE).

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