

Jose Fernandez da Ponte

PayPal, Inc.

SVP & GM, Blockchain, Crypto & Digital Currencies

Jose Fernandez da Ponte is the Senior Vice President of Blockchain, Crypto, and Digital Currencies at PayPal, as well as CEO of PayPal Digital Inc., the company's subsidiary focused on digital assets.

In his role, he is responsible for enhancing access to digital currencies and expanding their utility for millions of customers. Over the past few years, he has led efforts to develop products that allow consumers and merchants to buy, hold, and sell digital assets; facilitate on-chain transfers to external wallets; establish new onramps and offramps for Web3 merchants, exchanges, and wallets; and process payments for crypto exchanges. He also participated in the launch of PYUSD, a fully backed regulated stablecoin issued by Paxos in the US with a focus on commerce and payments.

He manages a comprehensive dedicated team, encompassing engineering, product management, risk and compliance, operations, and market development. During his tenure, PayPal obtained the first-ever provisional Bitlicense from the State of New York, the first upgrade of a provisional Bitlicense to a permanent one, and the grant of a New York State Limited Purpose Trust charter to PayPal Digital.

Jose is a frequent contributor to the digital assets space, with his commentary appearing in media outlets such as Forbes, Fortune, Reuters, MSNBC, and Bloomberg. He serves on the Innovation Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and is a former member of the Global Future Council of Cryptocurrencies at the World Economic Forum.

Before joining PayPal, Jose held several leadership positions at BBVA, a multinational banking group, and at McKinsey & Company, where he specialized in financial services and payments. He holds a B.Sc from Universidad Pontificia Comillas in Madrid, and an MSc from the London School of Economics in Political Science.