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Cloud-based tax compliance maker Avalara, Inc. has announced the appointment of Amit Mathradas as president and chief operating officer (COO), Sanjay Parthasarathy as chief product officer (CPO), and Ross Tennenbaum as executive vice president of strategic initiatives. Based out of the company's Seattle headquarters, the three newly created positions will join Avalara's executive team and more than 1,600 team members worldwide.

"We are thrilled to bring new incredible leaders onto the Avalara team," said Scott McFarlane, co-founder and CEO of Avalara. "Our business has ambitious, exciting goals to pursue and achieving them will require immense skill and collaborative leadership, and with the addition of Amit, Sanjay, and Ross to our current accomplished team we are now even better positioned for the future."

Amit Mathradas, president and COO, will oversee the end-to-end customer experience for businesses seeking tax compliance support, including business development, sales, marketing, customer success, global compliance, and professional services. Prior to joining Avalara, Mathradas served as general manager and head of North American Small Business at digital payments company PayPal,

where he led the company's small business segment, managing teams responsible for

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forward to joining Avalara as we continue to pursue our vision and commitment to customers, partners, employees, and investors."

Sanjay Parthasarathy, CPO, joined Avalara from Indix, an artificial intelligence-based product information platform, after an acquisition in February 2019. As chief product officer, Parthasarathy is charged with unifying global product management, enhancing the in-product customer experience, and driving the long-term global product roadmap. Before founding Indix, Parthasarathy was a senior executive and leader at Microsoft for nearly 20 years. As corporate vice president, he expanded Microsoft's developer and platform group to more than 1,500 employees worldwide and grew the developer tools business to \$1 billion worldwide. Parthasarathy also helped launch the .NET platform, and as regional director of Microsoft South Asia, he was instrumental in Microsoft's early investment and expansion into India.

"Now, more than ever, Avalara's mission to simplify compliance is essential," said Parthasarathy. "I am excited about the opportunity to help Avalara deliver on its ambitious vision through the technologies, product, and people that enable our customers and partners."

Ross Tennenbaum is now executive vice president of strategic initiatives, which encompasses products from various investments and acquisitions, and is at the heart of many of Avalara's primary growth initiatives. He joins the company from Goldman Sachs, where he served as a managing director in its technology investment banking division. Tennenbaum's experience was built over a 10-year investment banking career at Goldman Sachs and Credit Suisse, and nearly seven years in leadership roles at VIACK Corporation, a web collaboration software company.

In his role as an investment banker, Tennenbaum gained a unique perspective and knowledge of Avalara by advising management on various strategic and corporate finance transactions, including leading Avalara's IPO in 2018. "Through more than

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Dooren to the role of executive vice president, international. Van Dooren's extensive experience in international business is well-suited to building Avalara's existing presence in North and South America, Europe, and Asia, and ultimately to offering a consistent Avalara solution across all regions.

Additionally, Marshal Kushniruk will move to the role of executive vice president of corporate development, focusing on helping Avalara provide the right solutions and content for any new industry, product, or region its customers or partners may require. Kushniruk is a founding employee of Avalara and has been instrumental in its growth in business development, product, and M&A.

Avalara also announced the hiring of Steve Lomax as managing director of EMEA; he will be based in Avalara's Brighton office. Avalara continues to invest in its team, its technology, and its expertise, including this year's acquisitions of assets from Compli, a beverage alcohol compliance business, and Indix, a leading artificial intelligence platform.

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