fTLD Selects Architelos to Monitor Security, Protect Consumers in the .bank and .insurance Domains

WASHINGTON - fTLD Registry Services, LLC announced today an agreement with Architelos, Inc. to provide security monitoring services for the ".bank" and ".insurance" generic top-level domains. In this role, Architelos will add an additional layer of protection to the new domains by implementing its NameSentry^{SM} service to monitor for domain name abuse schemes including phishing, distribution of malware, use of botnets and spamming.

"The partnership with Architelos is designed to help increase the level of trust consumers place in '.bank' and '.insurance' to protect their personal information," said Craig Schwartz, managing director of fTLD. "Architelos is a proven expert in security and fTLD is looking forward to their support in monitoring compliance of registrars and registrants with the enhanced security requirements for '.bank' and '.insurance' domains."

"Trust, safety and security are paramount in the banking and insurance industries," said Alexa Raad, CEO at Architelos. "We are delighted that NameSentry^{SM} will play a crucial part in making '.bank' and '.insurance' safer and more secure," she added.

Registration of domain names in ".bank" to eligible members of the global banking community began on May 14, 2015. Details about the other registration periods are available at www.ftld.com/timeline. fTLD was granted the right to operate ".insurance" on February 19, 2015, and anticipates it will be available for registration later this year.

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