



Yang replaces Semel at Yahoo

Changing Faces

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Yahoo's co-founder Jerry Yang is to replace chief executive Terry Semel as he steps down. Mr Semel will continue as non-executive chairman for the company as Sue Decker takes over as president.

Mr Yang co-created the Yahoo internet navigational guide in 1994 with David Filo and co-founded Yahoo Inc in April 1995. He now sits on the board of Cisco Systems, Yahoo Japan, and Alibaba, and is a member of the Stanford University Board of Trustees.

Mr Yang holds degrees in electrical engineering from Stanford University and is working towards a PhD.

● Laurence Alexander, formerly CEO at Emblaze Mobile has become CEO of UK mobile TV company ROK. Before Emblaze Mobile, Mr Alexander was CEO of O2 Online and was responsible for the company's sponsorship deals with the England rugby team and Arsenal football club.

Mr Alexander helps children's music-therapy charity Nordorf Robbins, and sits on the board for several other mobile content firms.

He is married to Marsha, has three children and is a keen rugby fan. ROK, a privately funded company that makes TV technology for GPRS networks, is about to be listed on Nasdaq.

● Professor Richard Jones of the University of Sheffield has been appointed as the senior strategic advisor for nanotechnology for the UK's Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council.

Nanotechnology devices, such as tiny microchips, usually measure between one and 100 nanometers.

Professor Jones already leads the polymer physics group at Sheffield, and says he aims to learn from principles of nature to progress his research.

● Secure data firm Ingrian Networks has appointed Michael Howard as president and CEO of the company as Robert Steinkrauss retires. Mr Howard has 25 years' experience in the IT industry, most recently serving as CEO and chairman of OuterBay after working at storage firm Veritas.

He earned his degree at the University of California at Berkeley.

● CDC Corporation has appointed Frank Au to its board for the mobile and games section of the business. Mr Au is the managing director of Latitude Capital Group, an investment banking group focused on China cross-border mergers and acquisitions.

He was awarded a master's degree in business administration by Harvard University.

● Infowave Software, the mobile applications firm, has appointed Richard Hoy as the company's president and interim CEO. He has led the sales team since 2006. The company also promoted Paul Townsend, who joined the firm in 2003, to VP of technology.

● Nominum, the IP addressing company, has made Tom Tovar CEO. Mr Tovar, whose hobbies include hiking, has served as president and COO since September last year. Former CEO Chris Riskey will remain on the board. The company's Paul Mockapetris, the inventor of the internet's domain name system (DNS), will continue as chairman and chief scientist.