Sam Alkhalaf is senior vice president of the Technology and Strategic Architecture Division of MasterCard International. In this position since December 1995, Alkhalaf has overseen efforts to support the current technology infrastructure and to drive the MasterCard technology strategy. He has 17 years of experience working in traditional and leading-edge systems development.

One of Mr. Alkhalaf's key strategic efforts is to migrate MasterCard's current architecture from a centralized, monolithic platform to a distributed, layered, architectural solution that will improve the speed to market and quality of MasterCard's applications.

In this position, Mr. Alkhalaf is responsible for providing the internal technology to support corporate and regional applications, including internal and Internet e-mail, desktop and back office computer hardware, local and wide-area network, office application implementation and support, and help desk and operational support.
Mr. Alkhalaf also oversees the design and construction of both technical infrastructure components and business applications to support MasterCard's key business and technology initiatives, including architecture development; information delivery development (data warehouse); security and risk applications; data architecture and support; MasterCom (superscript: ®), the electronic imaging system; MasterCard OnLiNE (superscript: ®), MasterCard's desktop information delivery platform; internal systems development; and Internet/electronic commerce development.

In addition, Mr. Alkhalaf's division provides operation technology and architecture support for the underlying technical infrastructure of MasterCard's applications. The division drives new and emerging technology testing and standards development through execution/data architecture support, development and operations architectures, applied technology research, and technology standards development.

Before joining MasterCard International, Mr. Alkhalaf was a systems integration consultant with Andersen Consulting for 15 years. Starting in 1980 as a staff consultant in St. Louis, Missouri, he became an associate partner in 1990.

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