

Job Role: Chief Technology Officer

Company

Applied Financial Technology (AFT) is a technology based proprietary trading firm. The core activity of the business focuses on developing software for automated trading, risk management, process automation and controls. The business focusses on developing innovative trading strategies which through technology targets profitable and scalable trading. AFT is based in London and focuses on public exchange traded derivative products.

Role Summary

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a CTO to join AFT based in Central London. The company is looking for someone to take full ownership of its technology infrastructure and architecture, with responsibility for its daily operation, strategy and development. The ideal candidate would have a background in financial services with a knowledge of traded derivative products. The candidate must be commercially focussed and be able to demonstrate experience of working alongside the business in developing and delivering technology solutions for business problems. Being a small organisation, the candidate should be willing to operate at both executive level and participate in the detail when required. We are looking for someone who will drive our business forward, bringing best-practices, experience and enthusiasm to the table.

Key responsibilities

- Establish and deliver the company wide technology vision, strategy and road map in line with our business strategy.
- Build and galvanise the technology department and wider business to ensure everyone understands all elements of the technical roadmap and are focused on delivering technology solutions to satisfy business objectives.
- Create and inspire a culture of technological innovation throughout the business whilst continuously hunting for opportunities to solve trading and operational challenges with technology.
- Act as the strategic partner and sounding board to the senior management team for technology.
- Key areas of focus will be providing innovative trading tools leveraging cloud-based technology
- Manage the technology budget; seeking efficiencies and delivering a return on investment.

Knowledge, Skills & Experience

- Extensive experience as a CTO. Traded derivatives experience is desirable, financial services experience is essential.
- Extensive experience of guiding expanding technology functions and significant change management experience is essential.
- Knowledge and experience of Java within Front Office and Back Office applications.
- Track record in developing and delivering strategic technological road maps is essential.
- Commercial flair with sound financial analysis skills.
- Experience of influencing senior management, with excellent communication skills. Proven relationship builder, building relationships at all levels across the organisation.
- Clear and proven leadership skills and a strong team player.
- Strong entrepreneurial talent.
- A coaching and mentoring style that develops the team.