

# RFHL appoints chief information officer

HOUSTON ROSS has been appointed the group chief information and digital transformation officer of Republic Financial Holdings Ltd (RFHL). The appointment came into effect on June 1.

A release issued yesterday stated that Ross is charged with spearheading RFHL's 'digital transformation endeavours, elevating operational excellence through the adoption of cutting-edge technologies, and catalysing innovation across the entire RFHL Group'.

'Mr Ross brings a wealth of experience, boasting over two decades of successful leadership in driving digital initiatives within the financial sector. His track record speaks volumes, showcasing an innate ability to align technology investments with strategic business objectives, ultimately delivering tangible and measurable outcomes,' it stated.

In 2016, Ross was recognised by *CIO Magazine* and *ComputerWorld Magazine* as one of the top 100 CIOs in the world.

Last year he received the Outstanding Leadership award at the Money 2.0 Conference in Dubai, in recognition of his remarkable contributions to the fields of finance and insurance.

Prior to joining RFHL, Ross held an executive committee position at Paidy Inc in Tokyo, Japan-a Fin-Tech start-up counted among the exclusive six unicorn companies in Japan.

He also held board-level roles within the banking and insurance sectors across Asia and Europe, spearheading transformative efforts on both regional and global scales. RFHL Group president and chief executive officer Nigel Baptiste commented on Ross' appointment, stating, 'Houston is undoubtedly a significant asset to

our leadership team.'



'WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE': Houston Ross