



Spark Networks Promotes Tobias Plaputta to Chief Technology Officer

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BERLIN, Nov. 24, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- [Spark Networks SE](#) (NYSE: LOV), one of the world's leading online dating companies, has announced the promotion of Tobias Plaputta to Chief Technology Officer (CTO).



Spark Networks SE (NYSE: LOV), a leading online dating company, has announced the promotion of Tobias Plaputta to CTO.

Plaputta will lead technological innovations for Spark Networks' portfolio of premium, complementary brands including [Zoosk](#), [EliteSingles](#), [SilverSingles](#), [Christian Mingle](#), [Jdate](#), [JSwipe](#) and [eDarling](#).

Spark Networks CEO Eric Eichmann says, "I am very excited to have Tobias Plaputta take on the CTO role at a critical moment's in Spark's development. Tobias has a strong history of technology management, people leadership and innovation. I am sure that under Tobias' stewardship, our product

and technology investments will pay off handsomely."

Plaputta brings a wealth of insight to the CTO role, thanks to over a decade of experience working with Spark's products. Since joining as a developer in February 2010, he has been a part of several company milestones, including kickstarting mobile development in 2012, overseeing multiple new country launches of core products and managing company takeovers in France and the US.

Most recently Plaputta held a General Manager role, leading the team behind the creation and development of the company's latest innovation, the self-expression focused dating app [Spark](#).

Plaputta says that "Over the past 10 years I had the chance to work on almost all parts of our tech organization, and with my passion for our products and for building highly motivated teams, I can't wait to see what we can achieve and deliver to our customers over the next few years."

About Spark Networks SE:

Spark Networks SE is America's second largest dating company, listed on the New York Stock Exchange American under the ticker symbol "LOV," with headquarters in Berlin, Germany, and offices in New York and Utah. The Company's widening portfolio of premium and freemium dating apps include Zoosk, EliteSingles, Christian Mingle, Jdate, JSwipe, SilverSingles and eDarling, among others. Spark Networks SE in its current form is the result of the merger between Affinitas GmbH and Spark Networks, Inc. in 2017 and the addition of Zoosk, Inc. in 2019. Spark Networks has approximately one million monthly paying subscribers globally.

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