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Juniper Networks finds a CEO following the retirement of Kevin Johnson -- former Verizon CTO and CIO Shaygan Kheradpir takes seat as CEO and board of director member from 1 January 2014.



The appointment is perhaps surprising since Kheradpir comes from the service provider, not the enterprise, arena. A 10-year Verizon veteran, Kheradpir is credited with pushing Verizon into the broadband business, leading development of the N. American provider's \$12 billion FiOS business.

Kheradpir left Verizon for Barclays on 2011, taking the post of COO and CTO.

"Juniper Networks delivers innovations that are transforming the way people interact, conduct business, and connect as a global community," Kheradpir says. "I am honored to lead this visionary organization and look forward to working with this group of dedicated and talented professionals to drive the next phase of the company's growth."

The appointment follows a swathe of channel-related departures at Juniper-- including channel chief Chris Jones, SVP of worldwide partners Emilio Umeoka, senior director of worldwide partner development Lori Cornmesser and SVP of worldwide partner development Steve Pataky.

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