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Colm Lyon is one of Europe's leading payments and fintech entrepreneurs. With a career spanning more than 30 years, Colm has built payment businesses, led change across the industry and supported the wider business community.

Colm was previously the Founder and CEO of Realex Payments, which he led to a position as one of Europe's largest and most successful online payments businesses. Realex Payments was acquired by Global Payments in March 2015.

Colm was appointed to the UK Finance Payments Products and Services Board in 2018. He has received many awards and held several industry leadership positions, including chairman of the Irish Internet Association, founder of Payments Ireland and co-founder & chairman of the Fintech and Payments Association of Ireland. Colm is an adjunct professor for University College Cork and a member of the International Advisory Board of the Innovation Academy in University College Dublin.