

# Netlist Appoints Jeff Benck To Board Of Directors

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IRVINE, Calif., June 21, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Netlist, Inc. (NASDAQ: NLST), a leading provider of high performance and hybrid memory solutions for the cloud computing and storage markets, today announced that Jeff Benck has been appointed to the Company's Board of Directors.



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Mr. Benck is currently President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Lantronix, a global IoT solutions provider. Prior to joining Lantronix, he served as President and CEO of Emulex and prior to that, President and COO of QLogic. Benck began his career at IBM and for 18 years, held various executive leadership roles including Vice President of xSeries, BladeCenter and Retail Store Solutions development. Benck holds a Masters of Science degree in management of technology from University of Miami and a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Rochester Institute of Technology. He is also a distinguished inventor in the computer systems field and holds six U.S. patents.

"We are thrilled to have Jeff, a chief executive with extensive experience relevant to Netlist, join our Board," said C.K. Hong, Chairman and CEO of Netlist. "His track record of leadership and breadth of expertise spanning technology development, intellectual property management and customer engagement will be invaluable to the company as we execute on our strategic growth initiatives."

## About Netlist, Inc.

Netlist creates solutions that accelerate turning data into information. The company produces next generation persistent memory solutions that enable businesses to transact quicker, gain insight faster, and reduce datacenter costs. Flagship products NVvault® and EXPRESSvault™ accelerate system performance and provide mission critical fault tolerance. HyperVault®, Netlist's next-generation architecture, expands the performance and capacity of memory channel storage. The company holds a portfolio of patents, many seminal, in the area of hybrid memory, rank multiplication and load-reduction, among others. To learn more, visit [www.netlist.com](http://www.netlist.com).

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