James Bidzos is chief executive officer of Verisign. He also serves as chairman of the board of directors and has been executive chairman since August 2009.

As the founder of Verisign, Bidzos is an internet and security industry pioneer whose accomplishments include building RSA Security into the early standard-bearer for authentication and encryption, and launching Verisign as a company in 1995 to develop the digital certificate infrastructure for internet commerce.

Before returning to the president and chief executive role in August 2011, Bidzos served as Verisign’s first president and CEO and also served as Verisign’s chairman of the board of directors from April 1995 until December 2001, as vice chairman from December 2001 to July 2007, and as interim CEO from July 2008 to August 2009. Bidzos served as president and CEO of RSA Security from 1986 to February 1999, and then served as RSA’s vice chairman from 1999 to May 2002.

Bidzos was named one of Time Magazine’s “Digital 50,” and is in CRN’s Computer Industry Hall of Fame.