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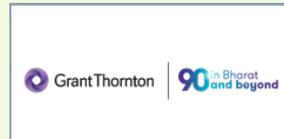
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SHRI TUHIN KANTA PANDEY

Chairman,
Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

Shri Tuhin Kanta Pandey took charge as Chairman, Securities and Exchange Board of India in Mumbai on March 01, 2025.

Shri Pandey is an IAS Officer of Odisha Cadre belonging to 1987 batch. Before joining SEBI he served as Union Finance Secretary, Revenue Secretary and Secretary, Department of Investment & Public Asset Management (DIPAM), Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises and Secretary, DOP&T.

Shri Pandey has held many significant positions in Union Government and State Government of Odisha, in addition to serving a stint in the Regional Office of the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO).

In the Union Government, his previous organisations include Planning Commission (Now Niti Aayog), Cabinet Secretariat and Ministry of Commerce.

In State Government of Odisha, he served as administrative head in the Departments of Finance, Health, General Administration, Commercial Taxes and Transport.

In his career spanning over more than three decades, Shri Pandey has wide experience in the areas of Economy & Finance, Industrial Development, Tax policy and administration and has been instrumental in bringing about several institutional innovations, new policies and systems in the Departments he has served.

He holds a Masters Degree in Economics from Panjab University, Chandigarh and Master of Business Administration from the University of Birmingham (UK).



SHRI S. RAMANN

Chairperson,
Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)

Mr. S. Ramann assumed charge as Chairperson, Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) on 20th June, 2025.

Mr. Ramann served as an officer of the Indian Audit & Accounts Service (IA&AS) from the 1991 batch. Prior to joining PFRDA, he served as the Deputy Comptroller & Auditor General and Chief Technology Officer in the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

He has previously held several leadership positions, including Chairman and Managing Director of the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), Managing Director of NeSL - Information Utility, Principal Accountant General of the State of Jharkhand; Chief General Manager (CGM) and then as Executive Director at the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) during the period 2006 to 2013.

Mr. Ramann holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics followed by an MBA from the University of Delhi. Amongst his professional and academic qualifications are an M.Sc. in Financial Regulation from the London School of Economics and Political Science, an LLB, Chief Digital Officer certification from the Indian School of Business, the Certified Internal Auditor credential from the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), Florida, and a Post Graduate Diploma in Securities Law.

GOVERNMENT DIGNITARIES



SHRI SANDIP PRADHAN

Whole Time Member,
Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

Shri Sandip Pradhan has taken charge as Whole Time Member, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) in Mumbai on December 04, 2025. Prior to joining SEBI he was Director General of Income Tax (Investigation) in Pune.

Shri Pradhan handles Market Intermediaries Regulation and Supervision Department, Alternative Investment Fund and Foreign Portfolio Investors Department, Information Technology Department, Office of Investor Assistance and Education and National Institute of Securities Market.

Shri Pradhan is a B. Tech in Computer Science from IIT Kanpur.

In his career spanning over more than three and half decades he worked in various capacities in Income Tax Department and handled verticals like investigation, assessment, administration, judicial matters, systems, etc. across Ahmedabad, Surat, Mumbai and Pune.

He also contributed significantly for development of Sports in India being Director General, Sports Authority of Gujarat, Member Convener of Olympic Task force formed by the Government of India and Director General, Sports Authority of India.

As a Sports Administrator, he spearheaded Khelo India Scheme and Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS).



DR RUCHI CHOJER

Executive Director,
Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

Mr.Dr. Ruchi Chojer joined SEBI in 1995 as a Management Trainee. She has handled various roles in different departments like Investment Management, Market Surveillance, Market Intermediaries Supervision, Corporation Finance.

She is indebted to SEBI for the range of exposure gained in securities market during the period of around more than 30 years she has spent at SEBI.

She acquired Doctorate in Management from the esteemed Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay in 2012.

She has represented SEBI on domestic and international fora.

She was designated Executive Director in 2023. Currently Executive Director of Alternative Investment Fund and Foreign Portfolio Investors Department which handles work relating to Alternative Investment Funds (AIF), and Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI).

GOVERNMENT DIGNITARIES



SHRI JAYANT SINHA

President, Everstone Group & Eversource Capital; Senior Advisor, IVCA Climate & Sustainability Council and Former Union Minister, Government of India

Mr. Jayant Sinha is a globally reputed policy-maker, investor, and thought leader. He introduced India's first net zero legislation as a private bill in the Indian parliament in 2021. Mr. Sinha has also pioneered ground-breaking research on the economic, public health, and national security impact of net zero development for India. This research has culminated in widely acclaimed TV shows, articles, and podcasts highlighting how Net Zero is Net Positive! for India and the world.

As a two term elected Member of Parliament from Hazaribagh, Jharkhand, Mr. Sinha represented 3 million people in an underdeveloped, coal-mining area. His development works in Hazaribagh (train & road infrastructure, medical and educational institutions, and Akshaya Patra) are widely considered among the best in India. Mr. Sinha won his elections in 2014 and 2019 with record margins. As Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Finance, Mr. Sinha led the 31-member Parliamentary panel that has oversight of the Ministries of Finance, Corporate Affairs, Statistics & Program Implementation, and the Niti Aayog. In addition, the panel has parliamentary responsibility for the Reserve Bank of India, the Securities & Exchange Board of India, the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board, and the Insurance and Pension regulators.

Mr. Sinha served on India's Council of Ministers from 2014 to 2019; first, as the Minister of State for Finance and then as the Minister of State for Civil Aviation. During his time as a Minister, Mr. Sinha gained wide recognition as an innovative and results-oriented policymaker with singular successes ranging from piloting the legislation that brought in India's game-changing bankruptcy code to establishing India's sovereign wealth fund (the National Investment & Infrastructure Fund) and the Higher Education Financing Agency to driving the privatization of Air India as well as multiple airports by devising entirely new bidding approaches. As Aviation Minister, Mr. Sinha was instrumental in upgrading safety and security across India's fast-growing aviation system. He launched the UDAN Regional Connectivity Scheme which expanded the number of operational airports in India by 50% in just three years. UDAN was awarded the 2020 Prime Minister's Award for Policy Excellence. Mr. Sinha also implemented several major technology initiatives such as the DigiYatra digital traveler program, the Digital Sky drone policy, and the national Air Traffic Control Center.

Prior to his career in public service, Mr. Sinha was Partner at Omidyar Network and the Managing Director of Omidyar Network India Advisors, where he led overall investment strategy and operations in India from 2009 to 2013. At Omidyar, Mr. Sinha made venture capital investments in a variety of companies of which three went on to become unicorns: DailyHunt, Quikr, and Tata1mg. Several others were semi-unicorns including d.light, Aspiring Minds, Neogrowth, Vistaar Finance, and HealthKart. Before joining Omidyar Network, Mr. Sinha was Managing Director at Courage Capital Management, where he led Global Technology and India-related investing for a US based billion-dollar global special situations hedge fund. Mr. Sinha joined Courage Capital in 2006 after twelve years with McKinsey & Company, where he was a Partner in the Boston and Delhi offices and co-led the Global Software & Services Practice.

As a global thought leader, Mr. Sinha has been published in the Financial Times, Times of India, Economic Times, Indian Express, Business Standard, Harvard Business Review, and the McKinsey Quarterly. He has pioneered new thinking on climate finance, sustainable development programs, platform-based businesses, and digital competition. Mr. Sinha's Green Frontier framework is gaining broad acceptance as the net zero development model for India.

Mr. Sinha has an MBA with Distinction from the Harvard Business School, an MS in Energy Management & Policy from the University of Pennsylvania, and a BTech with Distinction from the IIT Delhi. He was awarded the Distinguished Alumni award from IIT Delhi in 2015. Mr. Sinha was recognized as the Best Lok Sabha MP of the Year 2021 while the Standing Committee on Finance was awarded the Best Parliamentary Committee in 2022, 2023, and 2024. Based on his five year record, he was awarded as a top Parliamentarian by the President of India. Mr. Sinha is a member of the Harvard Business School Global Advisory Board and has also served on the IFC Global Advisory Board (2012-2013).

GOVERNMENT DIGNITARIES



SHRI. ANANTH NARAYAN

Former Whole-time Member, SEBI



SUPARNA TANDON

Chief Executive Officer,
National Pension System Trust (NPS Trust)

Suparna Tandon is a highly accomplished leader in the financial services sector, boasting an illustrious career spanning over three decades. She currently serves as the CEO of NPS Trust, where she oversees more than Rs 16 trillion in pension assets and is responsible for implementing the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS), ensuring transparent fund management, and addressing subscriber queries and grievances.

Her previous experience includes pivotal roles in NABARD, the country's largest All India Financial Institution, where she contributed to significant business growth and headed departments such as Department of Climate Finance, Department of Strategic Investments, and Risk Management. She has an excellent track record as Managing Director of NABSamruddhi Finance Limited (a Subsidiary of NABARD).

Her career reflects deep expertise in lending operations, portfolio management, strategic decision making, Risk & P&L management, corporate governance, and business restructuring. She has a proven record of leading teams to success, fostering innovation, and implementing robust corporate governance frameworks. She has also represented NABARD as a nominee director on the boards of MCX and AMC Repo Clearing Limited and has established strong collaborations with national and international organizations like RBI, KfW, GIZ, and SDC, including negotiating substantial international loans and assistance.

She has been awarded gold medals in both Masters (Economics) as well as in Executive MBA.

GOVERNMENT DIGNITARIES



MS. SHYAMALA GOPINATH

Former Deputy Governor,
Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

As Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for seven years and member of the RBI's Board of Directors, she guided and influenced national policies in diverse areas of financial sector regulation and supervision, the development and regulation of financial markets, capital account management, management of government borrowings, foreign exchange reserves management and payment and settlement systems.

She has served on several Committees while with RBI. During 2001 to 2003, she worked as senior financial sector expert in the then Monetary Affairs and Exchange Department of the International Monetary Fund (Financial Institutions Division). She served as Chairperson Advisory Board on Bank, Commercial and Financial Frauds for two years from 2012 to 2014. She was an Independent Director on the Boards of Clearing Corporation of India, Indian Oil Corporation Limited, GAIL and an Independent Non-Executive on the Global Governance Council of Ernst and Young. She was also the Chairperson of the Board of Corporate Bonds and Securitisation Advisory Committee of Securities & Exchange Board of India. She is an Independent Director on few other companies including not for profit entities. She is also Chairperson of the Board of Governors of Indian Institute of Management, Raipur.

GOVERNMENT DIGNITARIES



PREM PRABHAKAR

MD & CEO, SBI Ventures

Prem Prabhakar, MD & CEO, SBI Ventures

Mr. Prem Prabhakar joined as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of SBI Ventures Limited (formerly known as SBICAP Ventures Limited) in June 2024. A seasoned banker with over 25 years of diverse experience in the financial services industry, Mr. Prabhakar brings a deep understanding of banking operations, treasury, compliance, risk management and strategic leadership.

Prior to his appointment at SBI Ventures Limited, Mr. Prabhakar held the position of General Manager at State Bank of India (SBI), where he played several key leadership roles across domestic and international assignments. His career reflects a consistent record of managing complex portfolios, driving innovation, and delivering strong operational and financial outcomes. One of his notable assignments includes serving as Deputy General Manager (Business & Operations), where he oversaw a large cluster of SBI branches. In this capacity, he was responsible for the retail business, operational excellence, customer service enhancement, and implementation of risk mitigation strategies. He played a critical role in ensuring adherence to standard operating procedures (SOPs), internal controls, and audit norms while leading initiatives to promote digital transformation and tech-enabled banking services at the branch level. His efforts contributed significantly to improving compliance with RBI guidelines, internal policies, and regulatory expectations.

Mr. Prabhakar's core area of specialisation lies in treasury and financial markets, where he has experience of more than a decade in managing diverse functions such as foreign exchange, money markets, derivatives, resource mobilisation, asset-liability management (ALM), and interest rate and liquidity risk management. He served as Chief Dealer (Forex) at SBI Global Markets, Mumbai, where he was responsible for forex operation and uphold SBI's role as a market maker.

Internationally, Mr. Prabhakar also held the role of Head of Central Treasury at SBI New York, where he managed strategic relationships with other central treasuries and global treasury counterparts. His leadership in this role reinforced SBI's footprint in global markets and ensured efficient treasury operations aligned with global best practices.

In addition to his executive roles, Mr. Prabhakar also served as a Director on the Board of Jharkhand Rajya Gramin Bank (JRGB), a Regional Rural Bank. In this governance role, he contributed to the strategic oversight, compliance monitoring and execution of development-focused banking initiatives. He was instrumental in ensuring alignment with RBI and NABARD guidelines, evaluating rural credit performance, priority sector lending, and strengthening the bank's risk management framework.

Mr. Prabhakar holds a postgraduate degree in Humanities and is a Certified Associate of the Indian Institute of Bankers (CAIIB). His strong academic foundation, combined with rich field experience and global exposure, uniquely positions him to lead SBI Ventures Limited in its mission to foster innovation and investment in the financial ecosystem.

GOVERNMENT DIGNITARIES



SHRI. SARAVANA KUMAR

Chief Executive Officer & Director,
NSIC Venture Capital Fund Ltd

Shri. Saravana Kumar is a Post graduate from IIM-Bangalore, holds degree in B.E., Risk management program from GARP- USA, CAIIB from Indian Institute of Bankers and attended Management Development Programme at Merrill Lynch Global Headquarters at New York. He has over 35 years of professional experience in Venture Capital, Private equity, AIF, MSME sector, Finance & Accounts, Risk Management, Resource mobilisation, Treasury management and Corporate planning.

He worked as a Senior management professional in ICICI Ventures and ICICI Bank and worked as Chief Investment Officer in SBI Funds Management, LIC Nomura Funds Management, etc, Tata AIA Life Insurance Ltd.

He was a Consultative working group committee Member of (a) IRDAI on restructuring the investment for life insurance sector in 2011 (b) SEBI on developing the AIF funds and (c) Core investment committee member of American International Assurance (AIA)-Hong Kong between 2010 and 2013. He had received in person the "World Finance" Award for the Best AIF Fund from London Stock exchange in March 2013. "World Finance" i.e. A UK based investment publication had distributed the above award.



APARNA THYAGARAJAN

Chief General Manager,
SEBI

Education

University of Madras
Masters in Financial Management
1996-1999
University of Madras
Bachelors in Mathematics

Over 23 years of experience at SEBI. Areas of work include:

Policy with respect to Foreign Portfolio investors, Foreign venture Capital Investors and Custodians (Current, since April 2023)

Policy with respect to Alternative Investment Funds (Current, since April 2023)

Primary Markets – Corporate Finance: Policy and IPOs (Past)

Secondary Markets Policy (Past)

Regulation and supervision of Market Intermediaries (Past)

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SHRI. UK SINHA

Former SEBI Chairman



LUIS MIRANDA

Chairperson and Co-Founder,
Indian School of Public Policy (ISPP)

Luis Miranda is Chairman of the Centre for Civil Society and CORO. He has been involved in setting up 2 highly successful companies – HDFC Bank and IDFC Private Equity. Mr. Miranda spends his time, with his wife, connecting dots; using their networks to help the organisations they are connected with. He is also on the board of Educate Girls and SBI Foundation and co-founded, Take Charge, a mentoring programme for Catholic youth in Mumbai.

Mr. Miranda is also Chairman of ManipalCigna Health Insurance, Senior Advisor at Morgan Stanley and a board member of L&T Technology Services. He is a member of the Global Leaders Group and the Society Advisory Council at the University of Chicago. He blogs for Forbes and Thrive Global and teaches at the Accelerated Development Program of Chicago Booth.

Mr. Miranda received an MBA from the Booth School of Business at the University of Chicago and is also a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

IVCA ALTERNATE CAPITAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS JURY



CATE AMBROSE

CEO and Board Member,
Global Private Capital Association (GPCA)

Cate Ambrose is CEO and Board Member of the Global Private Capital Association – an independent, non-profit membership organization. GPCA represents 300+ fund managers, institutional investors, family offices, SWFs, and DFIs who manage over US\$2 trillion of assets across Asia, Latin America, Africa, Central & Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

Cate is a Steering Committee Member of the United Nations Institutional Investor Partnership for Sustainable Development (IIPSD), a Board Member at the Association for Private Capital Investment in Latin America (LAVCA) and a Board Member at Girls Write Now, a non-profit mentoring underserved young women in New York City. She is a member of the Americas Partnership for Economic Prosperity, an initiative created by the U.S. Department of State to tackle economic inequality, foster regional economic integration and prosperity and restore faith in democracy across the Americas.

Cate featured in Forbes' prestigious '50 Over 50: Investment' ranking – which recognizes the leading women in the US in finance and investment. She speaks and writes regularly on a range of topics related to public policy and private investment in global markets. In the last twelve months, she has been a commentator on CNBC, Bloomberg TV and CNN Business Arabic. She is also a regular guest lecturer at The Wharton School, and often lectures at other leading business school programs.



MANISH SABHARWAL

Chairman and Co-founder,
Teamlease Services

Mr. Manish Sabharwal's role has been transitioned from Executive Vice Chairman to Non-Executive Non-Independent Director of the Company with effect from February 02, 2026. Prior to co-founding the Company, he had co-founded India Life, a HR services Company that was acquired by NYSE listed Hewitt Associates. Consequently, he served as a Chief Executive Officer of Hewitt Outsourcing (Asia) based in Singapore. Mr. Sabharwal is a member of Advisory Board of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) and a governing Board member of National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER). He is also Managing Trustee of the New India Foundation that offers fellowships for writing books about post-1947 India and is a columnist for Indian Express. He served as an Independent Director on the Board of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). He got his MBA from The Wharton School and is an alumnus of Shri Ram College, Delhi and Mayo College, Ajmer. Mr. Sabharwal has been instrumental in conceptualizing and building the company over the past two decades from a pioneering staffing startup in 2002 to a diversified workforce solutions leader serving 350,000+ employees and 3,500+ clients across 28 states. He has championed India's labour reforms, apprenticeship expansion, employability initiatives, and job-creation policies through national forums and advisory boards.

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VIVEK PANDIT

Senior Partner
McKinsey & Company

Vivek is a Senior Partner at McKinsey & Company. He co-leads McKinsey's Private Equity & Principal Investors Practice globally, serving the world's leading investors and shareholders. Vivek serves as a trustee of Magic Bus, the Aspen Institute, ACT for Women, and has served on the Boards of Governors of Doon School and St. Jude's Cancer Care.



MOHIT DHAWAN

President,
Hero Enterprise

Mohit Dhawan leads the Investment Office at Hero Enterprise since 2018. Hero Investment Office invests in omni-channel consumer businesses, financial services, healthcare delivery and technology enabled manufacturing and logistics businesses. In addition to Investment Office, Mohit also leads the group level mergers and acquisitions and capital raising activities.



SMT. NIVRUTI RAI

Managing Director & CEO,
Invest India

FEATURED SPEAKERS



AKSHAT GUPTA

Principal,
Praxis Global Alliance

Akshat Gupta is a Principal at Praxis Global Alliance, where he leads the firm's Private Capital practice. He has led over 60 commercial due diligences across sectors in India, including consumer, food & agriculture, and healthcare. He also works closely with financial investors to devise fund strategies and develop sector theses. Akshat holds an MBA from SP Jain Institute of Management and Research (SPJIMR) and a bachelor's degree from NMIMS, having secured Dean's Merit List at both institutions.



ANU CHAUDHARY

Partner, Global Head of Sustainability & Climate
Consulting, Uniqus Consultech

Anu Chaudhary is an internationally recognized leader in sustainability and climate action, with over 25 years of experience spanning low carbon technologies, corporate sustainability, climate risk, social impact and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Over the course of her career, she has worked with governments, multilateral bodies, non-governmental organizations and the private sector across Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas — including the United Nations (Germany), the American National Accreditation Board (USA), and the Gold Standard Foundation (Switzerland).

She began her career in North America helping large automotive and manufacturing companies minimize their environmental impact, spent more than a decade in the Climate Action & Sustainability practice at DNV Europe and later led the Corporate Sustainability function at Tata Technologies. In 2016, she founded SustainPlus, one of India's pioneering sustainability and climate consulting firms, serving clients across India, Europe, the Middle East and the USA. Today, she is a Founding Partner & Global Head of Sustainability & Climate Action at Uniqus Consultech, where she leads the firm's global advisory and technology practice and co-created ESG Universe — a digital platform for GHG accounting, sustainability disclosures and sustainable supply chain transformation.

Anu's deep expertise lies in Decarbonization and Climate Risk, guiding corporates, investors, and institutions in designing net-zero strategies, aligning with frameworks such as TCFD, building risk resilience & adaptation strategies and preparing for emerging regulatory landscapes including CSRD, IFRS S1/S2, RBI climate guidelines and SEC proposals. She also advises boards and leadership teams on embedding sustainability into long-term business strategy and risk management.

Her contributions have been widely recognized. She has received several prestigious honors, including the CII Women Corporate Leadership Award for ESG, recognition among the Most Influential Sustainability Leaders of India, and the Sheroes Award for exemplary work in Sustainability. She has also been featured in the British High Commission's publication on Top Women Leaders driving the UN SDGs, as well as in SheMaker for her advocacy of women in leadership and DEI in manufacturing.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



AKSHAY PANTH

Chief Investment Officer,
Neev Funds and Head - Fund of Funds

Akshay Panth has close to 2 decades of experience in Private Equity, Principal Investments and Advisory roles with leading domestic and international investors. He started his career with the India Infrastructure Fund (a c.US\$1Bn Infrastructure Fund managed by IDFC Alternatives) and has since worked with multiple private equity and principal investors. His previous experience includes working with CapAleph Private Equity, GMR Infrastructure, and MAPE Advisory Group.

At CapAleph, he handled the Infrastructure Support Services and Education & Skill Development segments for the Fund. At GMR Infrastructure, he was part of the Project Finance team working on the road sector where he submitted multiple bids to the NHAI. He has been part of teams that have invested over US\$100Mn in the Indian infrastructure space.

Akshay holds a bachelor's degree in commerce and PGDM/MBA.



AMIT CHANDRA

Managing Director
57 Stars

Mr. Chandra joined 57 Stars in 2008, and is responsible for sourcing, due diligence, structuring, and monitoring of investments in private equity partnerships and co-investments across 57 Stars' target markets. He is a member of the advisory boards of several private equity funds, and has more than a decade of private equity experience across the US and Emerging Markets.

Prior to joining 57 Stars, Mr. Chandra was an associate at Key Principal Partners, where he was involved in mezzanine and equity investments in middle-market companies. He was also involved in leveraged finance transactions as an associate at KeyBanc Capital Markets. Mr. Chandra has prior experience as a supply chain consultant for J.D. Edwards & Co. He holds a Bachelor of Engineering degree from The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, an MS in Management Science from Case Western Reserve University, and an MBA from the University of Chicago. Mr. Chandra is from India and speaks English, Gujarati, and Hindi.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



AMIT JAIN

CEO - Real Assets,
Kotak Alternate Asset Managers Limited.

Amit Jain is CEO - Real Assets, at Kotak Alternate Asset Managers Limited and brings with him nearly 2 decades of experience in the Indian Credit markets. Prior to joining Kotak Alternate, Amit was instrumental in setting up the Infrastructure Credit vertical at Kotak Mahindra Bank and contributed meaningfully to the healthy growth of this portfolio as part of Wholesale Bank. During his stint with Kotak Mahindra Bank, he played a vital role in setting up credit evaluation and monitoring frameworks for large infra projects across Renewable Energy, Roads, Transmission, Ports, Thermal Power, Smart Meters etc. In addition to this, he also managed Credit for the Structured Finance and Metals & Mining portfolio of the Bank prior to joining KAAML. Over nearly 2 decades with Wholesale Banking - Credit, Amit has managed Credit portfolios across multiple industries and multiple segments such as Conglomerates, MNCs, BFIG, Large Corporate and Mid Markets. Thus, he brings with him rich Credit experience across business cycles, diverse industry connects and deep understanding of Indian markets.

Amit had been part of Kotak Young Leaders Council and worked on multiple strategic level projects across the firm. He has also won the coveted "The Economic Times Young Leader" award. Amit is a CFA, FRM and MBA from NMIMS, Mumbai.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



ANKITA BAHETI

Investment Director
Schroders Capital

Schroders Capital has been investing in India since 2007. The fund is focused on mid-market GPs with strong execution capabilities and a demonstrated track record.

Ankita Baheti covers Schroders Capital's investment activities in India across primary, coinvestments and secondary transactions. She also oversees Schroders Capital's secondary practice for Asia.

Before joining Schroders Capital in 2023, Ankita was with TPG NewQuest, where she worked for five years. Ankita Baheti holds a Bachelor's degree in Commerce from St. Xavier's College, Kolkata and completed her MBA from the Indian Institute of Management Lucknow, India.



APOORVA SHARMA

Managing Partner
Stride Ventures

Apoorva Sharma, Managing Partner at Stride Ventures, is a pioneering figure in venture debt financing. With over 11 years of experience in the lending ecosystem, she oversees critical functions like fund raising, investor relations, and deal sourcing. Apoorva's leadership has led to groundbreaking deals across sectors like FinTech, Consumer, B2B commerce, and HealthTech. She holds the distinction of being one of the first Indian women to hold the position of Managing Partner at a venture debt fund. Apoorva's professional journey began at HSBC, where she contributed to debt capital markets and successful bond issuances. Later, at Xander Finance, she played a key role in deal sourcing and structuring investments across various sectors. Her academic credentials include post-graduation in management from the Indian Institute of Management Shillong and the prestigious CFA charter holder designation. At Stride Ventures, Apoorva's strategic acumen and financial expertise drive venture debt financing and strategic partnerships.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



ASHISH CHHAWCHHARIA

Partner & Leader – Debt & Special Situations
Grant Thornton Bharat LLP

Ashish is a Deals Partner and leads the Debt & Special Situations offering for Grant Thornton in India. He is a Chartered Accountant and qualified Insolvency Professional with over 29 years of professional experience. He also heads the Eastern region practice for the Firm.

He has substantial experience in offering debt advisory services, financial and operational restructuring, interim management, M&A, due diligence, post-merger integration as well as advising on insolvency and liquidation matters including cross-border.

Ashish has led engagements across India on behalf of several large public and private credit institutions and ARCs such as SBI; ICICI; ARCIL, ACRE, Edelweiss, Varde and ARES. He has advised financial investors and trade buyers with focus on companies on special situation transactions and restructuring solutions.

He is a member of INSOL International and sits on or chairs various expert committees or councils including FICCI, CII and ICC. Ashish is also a YPO International member.



ASHISH KOTECHA

Partner
Bain Capital

Ashish Kotecha is a Partner at Bain Capital Private Equity, having joined the Firm in 2010. He leads their consumer and retail investments in India and Southeast Asia.

Ashish is a member of Bain Capital Asia's investment committee and Asia Operating committee which oversees larger operating decisions for the fund.

Ashish also leads Bain Capital's Portfolio Group in Asia – a group, responsible for Bain's value creation efforts within portfolio companies. As part of this, he actively works with many consumer companies across the region including India, Australia, China and Korea on strategy, operations and performance transformation topics.

Over the last 13 years, he has been personally actively involved in 12 of Bain Capital's investments across Asia including Axis Bank, L&T Finance Holdings Limited and Hero Motocorp in India. Camp Australia, Only About Children in Australia. Hugel in Korea. Gymboree China, Rise Education and APMG in China.

He was also a Board Member of Axis Bank – India's 3rd largest private bank.

Prior to joining Bain Capital, Mr. Kotecha was the acting Chief Operating Officer at Tourneau, in New York – then the world's 2nd largest luxury watch retailer and a Leonard Green & Partners portfolio company. He replaced the CEO of the business and successfully led a turnaround of the business through the global financial crisis in 2009.

Earlier, he was an Associate Principal with McKinsey & Company, in San Francisco, where he led engagements in Retail, Consumer and Private Equity. He also co-founded their Retail Private Equity Service Line and spent time with McKinsey's economic think tank (MGI), where he was part of a team that analyzed the impact of FDI in emerging economies, including India. Some of his work at McKinsey has been published in the McKinsey Quarterly and quoted in several external publications, including the Economist.

Prior to that, he worked at Goldman Sachs and the Kotecha Group.

He received an MBA with Honors, from The Anderson School at UCLA, a Master of Commerce (Banking and Finance) and a Bachelor of Commerce (Financial Accounting and Auditing) from Sydenham College, University of Mumbai.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



ASHISH KUMAR

Partner,
Bain & Company

Part of Bain's Private Equity practice with focus on consumer products, retail and technology.



ASHLEY MENEZES

Partner & COO, ChrysCapital Advisors LLP, and Chairperson, IVCA

Mr. Menezes is the COO and a Partner at ChrysCapital and has been with the firm for over 22 years. He is a member of the advisory committee and is responsible for diligence, regulatory/industry relationships, legal, compliance and operations. Mr. Menezes is a private equity veteran and has served on the board of the Indian private equity association for almost eight years, including as the vice-chairman. He has also served as a member of the CII National Committee of private equity and other industry bodies.

Prior to ChrysCapital, Mr. Menezes was with KPMG, in its information technology and U.S. GAAP practices, where, among other things, he was involved in the ADR issues and NYSE/NASDAQ listings of several leading Indian companies. Mr. Menezes is a rank-holding Chartered Accountant and received a Bachelor's degree in commerce from Mumbai University.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



ASHU SUYASH

Founder and CEO,
Colossa Ventures

Ashu Suyash is a seasoned leader with over three decades in financial services and global information sectors. As Founder & CEO of Colossa Ventures, she fosters innovation, drives growth, and champions diversity in venture capital.

Previously, Ashu was MD & CEO of CRISIL Limited and a member of S&P Global's Global Operating Committee, steering CRISIL's transformation into a leading global analytics firm. She also served as CEO of L&T Investment Management, and Managing Director and Country Head of Fidelity's Indian Mutual Fund business that she helped set up. This followed a successful career at Citibank India across the Corporate and Investment Bank.

Beyond executive roles, she contributes to corporate governance as an Independent Director on the Boards of Hindustan Unilever, Kotak Mahindra Bank and Tata Elxsi, and as a member of CII's Corporate Governance Council. She also drives impact and innovation as a member of the Advisory Board of Aseema Charitable trust and Marico Innovation Foundation.

Ashu is a Chartered Accountant with a Commerce degree from the University of Mumbai. She has been recognized among the top 50 women in business in India and Asia, earning multiple accolades for her contributions to finance and society.



ASHOK ANANTHAKRISHNAN

Partner,
Iron Pillar

Ashok has over 26 years of experience as a management consultant, operator, and investor in India. Prior to co-founding Iron Pillar in 2016, he co-founded Vertebrand in 1999 and Taxiguide in 2010. As an operator, Ashok built ICICI Bank's SME business and DBS Bank's mid-market business in Karnataka between 2005 and 2010.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



BHARAT ANAND

Senior Partner,
Khaitan & Co.

Bharat Anand is a Senior Partner in the Corporate and Commercial practice group and leads the Firm's NCR Delhi office and is also a member of the Firm's National Executive Committee.

He specialises in advising clients on mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, private equity transactions as well as being a strategic advisor on particularly complex or sensitive situations in India. He has a wide range of industry experience including financial services, insurance, renewable energy, telecom, information technology, manufacturing and consumer goods. He represents financial sponsors, founders and family offices on control deals, growth capital investments, joint ventures and exits. He has also advised Indian and foreign clients on disputes in India.

Bharat is ranked by both Chambers Asia Pacific and UK as a "Band 1 Lawyer" for M&A work and is recognised as a Global Leader by "Who's Who Legal" for M&A and Governance issues. He has also served as a member of the National Executive Committee of FICCI.

Bharat read law at Jesus College, Cambridge and is an alumnus of St. Columba's School. He is a dual qualified lawyer (India and England Wales). Prior to joining the Firm in 2009, Bharat had a successful career at Freshfields (London) for several years as a corporate and M&A lawyer.



CHIRAG SHAH

Principal,
Avendus Future Leaders Fund

Chirag Shah brings 24 years of expertise in equity research, focusing on identifying and backing high-quality late-stage private companies with strong growth potential. Based in Mumbai, he has previously led India Consumer Research at CLSA and held senior roles at Barclays and IDFC Securities. He is a Chartered Accountant by qualification.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



DR. AANCHAL JAIN

Chief Executive Officer,
PMI Electro Mobility Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

Dr. Aanchal Jain is the CEO of PMI Electro Mobility Solutions, where she merges her deep expertise in global economics with a bold vision for sustainable, inclusive public transportation in India. Since taking the helm, she has led the company through a dynamic growth phase—doubling revenue, securing ₹750 crore across three funding rounds, and expanding PMI's electric bus fleet to 2,500 across 31 cities. With a standing order book of 3,000 buses, the company is on track to surpass 5,000 vehicles within the next two years.

An accomplished economist, Dr. Jain holds degrees from Lady Shri Ram College, the London School of Economics, and a Ph.D. from Northwestern University. Her academic journey includes stints at Harvard University and UC Berkeley, and she previously held key roles at Wayfair and Compass Lexecon, advising on market strategy and regulation.

A strong advocate for gender diversity in the mobility sector, Dr. Jain launched the “Focused Effort to Empower Women” initiative and established India's first all-women-operated battery assembly plant.

Her efforts underscore a commitment to inclusive innovation and social impact. Recognized as one of Business World's 40 Under 40 and named EV CEO of the Year by ET Now, Dr. Jain is known for driving climate-conscious growth, fostering responsible manufacturing, and reimagining leadership in India's electric mobility landscape.



DR. ARVIND ANANTHANARAYANAN

Fund Manager - Tristar Fund, ValueQuest

Dr. Arvind Ananthanarayanan is the Fund Manager of the Tristar Fund at ValueQuest, a private equity strategy targeting aerospace, defence, energy transition and advanced manufacturing platforms.

He earned his PhD in Physics from the University of Mumbai and the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), where he spent over 15 years leading research in nuclear waste immobilisation and reprocessing. Following his doctorate, Dr. Arvind completed postdoctoral research at Delft University of Technology (TU Delft) in the Netherlands, enhancing his expertise in advanced materials and applied energy systems.

He brings a rare blend of deep scientific training and practical sector insight across strategic industries, energy policy and complex manufacturing systems. At ValueQuest, Dr. Arvind applies this analytical rigor to identify structural inflection points and partner with high-potential companies poised to become leaders in India's industrial transformation

FEATURED SPEAKERS



DUSHYANT SINGH

Managing Director,
Playbook Partners

Dushyant is Managing Director at Playbook Partners, an operator-driven growth capital fund investing in digital India.

He has over 25 years experience in consulting, private equity and technology, including executive and leadership roles at McKinsey, Deloitte, PwC and IBM. Along the way he has advised on nearly \$4 billion in PE and M&A deals across diverse sectors, and advised Indian and global MNCs on profit improvement, M&A value creation, organisation development, and performance management.

Dushyant has an MBA from IIM Calcutta and a B.Com from Sydenham College, Mumbai.



ERWIN ROEX

Partner,
BEX Capital

BEX Capital is a specialist private equity secondaries firm based in Nice, France.

At BEX Capital, Erwin is a member of the investment committee and responsible for transaction execution. He joined BEX Capital in 2016, initially as a non-executive Chairman, transitioning to an executive role as Managing Partner later that same year.

Prior to joining BEX Capital Erwin was the Chairman of MP Venture, an Italian mid-market private equity firm based in Florence.

From 2003 to 2014 he was a partner at Colter Capital in London, where he managed transactions in secondary private equity markets in Europe and Latin America. He sat on the firm's investment, credit and ESG committees.

Between 1995 to 2002 he was Managing Director at AlInvest in London and Amsterdam, where he was responsible for buy-out investments and founded both the mezzanine and private equity secondary businesses.

He embarked on his career in private equity having worked in banking at Westdeutsche Landesbank, the Chase Manhattan Bank and Banco Exterior de España.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



ESHWAR KARRA

Deputy Managing Director,
Kotak Alternate Asset Managers

Eshwar joined the Kotak Mahindra Group in 2000 and brings with him over two decades of financial services experience. He is part of the core leadership team at Kotak Alternate Asset Managers Ltd.

Eshwar is the CEO of Kotak Special Situations Fund where he oversees investments across all special situations, credit and stressed assets opportunities. The fund strategy is to invest in opportunities across all asset classes with a flexible approach to investing and structuring.

Prior to Kotak Special Situations Fund, Eshwar was the CEO of Phoenix Asset Reconstruction Company (a Kotak sponsored ARC) which had an AUM of USD 1 billion. During his 5 year tenure at Phoenix, he made investments across all major sectors and successfully resolved investments.

Eshwar was the founding member of the distressed assets business at Kotak and has helped the group in successfully investing over INR 2,500 crores (USD 417 million) of its proprietary capital in distressed assets. He has built time tested expertise in identifying distressed opportunities, structuring and executing complex financial transactions as well as securing profitable exits.

Prior to Kotak, Eshwar has worked at Ceat Financial Services (RPG Group) and Sundaram Finance Ltd.

Eshwar holds a Bachelor's degree in Commerce from the University of Pune and is a Management graduate from the Institute of Management Development and Research, Pune.



GIRISH MALHOTRA

Head - New Economy group,
IDFC FIRST Bank

Girish Malhotra brings 35+ years of experience in banking and financial services, including a 16-year stint with Citibank in India and leadership roles abroad in Vietnam and Dubai. Currently, he heads the New Economy Group at IDFC FIRST Bank, strategically empowering the startup, VC, and PE ecosystem.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



GOPAL JAIN

Managing Partner,
Gaja Capital

Gopal Jain is Managing Partner and Co-founder of Gaja Capital, India's premier mid market growth & buyout firm based in Mumbai. Founded in 2005, Gaja is a leading player in India's private equity market with an exceptional track record of investments and a USD 1B+ n AUM. Gaja has invested consistently in India's mid-market across themes in education, financial services, consumer, and SaaS with a key focus on driving scale and transformation in its portfolio companies via operational value add.

Gopal leads both the executive and investment functions at the firm and has personally led several of the Firm's investments. Gopal has been investing in Indian equities since the age of thirteen and has been a professional investor in the Indian capital markets for almost thirty years. He is one of the more experienced private equity investors in India, having led or co-led over 25 private equity investments since 1995. Several of the companies Gopal has backed have grown 10x in value since the investment. Prior to Gaja Capital, he was country head for the Boston-based View Group one of the pioneers in Indian private equity.

Gopal is an active columnist and is currently member of SEBI's Alternative Investment Policy Advisory Committee. He has a deep interest in the social sector and leads Gaja Gives which supports a wide and growing number of philanthropic efforts in India. Another unique recent initiative Gaja Business Book Prize aims to encourage entrepreneurship through inspiration. Gopal is a Graduate in Electrical Engineering from IIT Delhi. He is remembered on the campus for being one of the first graduates from the institute to turn entrepreneur before graduating.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



JAMIL KHATRI

Co-Founder & CEO

Uniquis

Jamil is an Indian Chartered Accountant and a US Certified Public Accountant with 30 years of experience in the consulting and assurance industry serving clients in India, the UK, and the US. He has deep experience in US listings and as the leader of the US GAAP & SEC practice for KPMG, has assisted several large Indian companies in complying with US listing regulations as they raised capital from the US markets.

Jamil pioneered the accounting advisory industry in India and built a market-leading practice advising clients on accounting, reporting, governance, and finance function matters. He subsequently assumed responsibility as the Global Head of KPMG's Accounting Advisory Services business, a US\$ 1 billion practice, with 4,000+ consultants. In his last stint before co-founding Uniquis, he led the assurance practice of KPMG to a market-leading position and served on the leadership team of KPMG India where he also led the Inclusion, Diversity & Equity agenda.

Jamil has served on various industry and regulatory committees and has been featured as a Top 40 business leader under the age of Forty by Spencer Stuart & The Economic Times. He was also selected as one of the three Leaders of Tomorrow in Business for a special feature by India Today, a leading Indian publication.

An avid reader, he loves to travel and soak in multicultural experiences. He has a deep interest in mentoring startups and has personally invested in several early-stage companies. Jamil actively supports a not-for-profit organization that focuses on increasing the education participation of the underprivileged girl child.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



JASON SAMBANJU

Partner, CEO & Founder,
Foundation PE

Jason has 28 years of experience in financial services, the last 22 years of which has been in Asian private equity. Before establishing Foundation Private Equity in July 2017, he was Head of Asia, Secondaries for DB Private Equity, the private equity arm of the Deutsche Bank AG group. Prior to this, he spent 7 years as Co-Head of Asia for Paul Capital Partners, establishing and leading their practice in the region. Jason started his private equity career as a direct investor with Symphony Capital. He has invested in funds and companies in India, China and Southeast Asia and has a broad and deep network of relationships across the region. Jason has a B.Sc. in Finance and B.A. in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated with honors. Jason is an Indonesian citizen. See Appendices for further information on Jason's background.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



KARTHIK ATHREYA

Managing Director,
Sundaram Alternates

Mr. Karthik Athreya is a Director on the Board of Sundaram Alternates and the Head of Strategy for Alternative Credit. He is a financial services professional with over 25 years of experience across principal investing, funds management, investment banking, corporate finance, assurance, and transaction diligence services. He oversees Sundaram Alternates' private credit team which manages assets of over USD 300 million.

Prior to Sundaram, Karthik led the India business of Clearwater Capital Partners, a pan Asian special situations fund and oversaw over a billion dollars of investment in India across secured lending, offshore private credit, deep restructurings, private equity, and real estate investing.

Karthik has been instrumental in the set up and build out of several new businesses in his earlier roles at YES Bank, Arthur Andersen and Rabobank's India operations.

Karthik is a Chartered Accountant and graduated from the prestigious Loyola College, Chennai. He is also a member of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).



KARTHIK REDDY

Co-Founder & Partner,
Blume Ventures

Karthik Reddy is the Co-founder and Managing Partner at Blume Ventures, one of India's leading early-stage venture funds with over \$650 million in AUM. Blume invests in emerging tech and tech-led innovation from Seed to Pre-Series A and supports its standout portfolio companies into growth rounds. Over the past 14 years, Blume has backed 175+ startups across four core funds and is currently deploying its \$290 million Fund IV. Blume will raise and invest out of Fund V in 2025.

At Blume, Karthik has led investments in and serves on the boards of several top portfolio companies, including Servify, Smallcase, Ultrahuman, Unacademy, GreyOrange, Exotel, IDfy, Zopper etc., amongst other rising stars.

Karthik has also held several leadership roles in shaping India's venture ecosystem. He served as Chairperson of the Executive Committee (2022–24) and Vice Chair (2020–22) at the IVCA (Indian Venture and Alternative Capital Association) - India's apex association for Venture & PE funds, collaborating with the Indian government on policies for Alternative Investment Funds. He has also been a member of SEBI's AIPAC (Alternative Investment Policy Advisory Committee) and the NSAC (National Startup Advisory Council), chaired by the Minister of Commerce and Industry.

With prior roles at American Express Bank, Instinet (Reuters-owned), and Bennett, Coleman & Co. Ltd. (Times Group), Karthik brings diverse experience in financial markets, technology, and media across the US and India.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



KAUSHAL GANERIWAL

Managing Director,
BPEA Credit

Mr. Kaushal Ganeriwal has 20 years of experience across structured credit and structured finance. As Head of Origination, Mr. Ganeriwal oversees the sourcing function for BPEA Credit. Prior to joining BPEA, Mr. Ganeriwal worked with Altico Capital India as one of its founding members to build the firm's structured finance lending practice. Mr. Ganeriwal also worked at Clearwater Capital Partners in the Mumbai office where he was involved in building the special situations portfolio in India.

Mr. Ganeriwal has previously worked with ICICI Bank where he was involved in building the structured finance business across the bank's onshore and offshore balance sheets, in addition to roles within the bank's proprietary trading and distress assets businesses.

Mr. Ganeriwal completed his MBA from IIM Kolkata and graduated from Kolkata University.



KEVIN EDWARDS

Managing Director - Investments,
Carnegie Mellon University

Kevin Edwards joined the Investment Office of Carnegie Mellon University in 2023.

Prior to joining the university, Edwards served as Senior Investment Director/Deputy Chief Investment Officer for Hartford HealthCare, investing and building out several programs in the pension, endowment, and insurance portfolios. Prior to joining the HealthCare team, Edwards led investments at The University of Connecticut Foundation, Inc. as VP of Finance/Chief Investment Officer, managing endowed, non-endowed, and deferred gift portfolios. Edwards began his career in public accounting at Blum, Shapiro & Co. PC, earning his CPA, and began his career in investments at George Weiss Associates.

Edwards serves on the Investment Advisory Board of the Student Managed Funds Program and as an Advisory Board member for the Financial Risk Management Program, both at the University of Connecticut, and has taught in the M.S. in Financial Risk Management program. He earned his B.S. in accounting from the University of Connecticut. Edwards is a CFA® charterholder.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



KHEG SAYSENA

Director, Data Management,
Preqin, a part of BlackRock



KRITI GHOSH

Managing Director
EAAA Alternatives

Kriti brings nearly 23 years of expertise spanning special situations investments, private credit, high yield research, and corporate acquisitions. As Managing Director at EAAA India Alternatives Limited, Kriti leads the firm's Special Situations vertical, focusing on bespoke financing strategies. With extensive experience in structured debt solutions and complex investment strategies, Kriti specializes in identifying and executing high value opportunities across alternative asset classes.

Previously, he served as Director Investments at SSG Advisors (India) Private Limited, where he contributed to special situation investments across India and South East Asia. Earlier, as Investment Director at Edelweiss Special Opportunities Fund (ESOF) under EAAA, he was instrumental in setting up the fund and also managed all fund's investments end to end. Prior to that, Kriti was Vice President, Special Situations Investment at Lehman Brothers, contributing to the firm's special situations investment activities in India and South East Asia.

Kriti holds an MBA (Finance) from Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta, and B-Tech. (Electrical Engineering) from Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



KUNAL SHAH

Partner
PW & Co LLP

Kunal Shah has over 22 years' experience in the field of Indian tax and regulations. He is responsible for working on and developing the various tax and regulatory aspects of Private Equity and Financial Services clients (domestic and foreign).

He has extensive experience of working on fund structuring and transaction structuring across spectrum of clients such as Private Equity funds, Venture Capital funds, Alternative investment Funds (AIFs), GIFT City funds, Buyout funds, Real Estate and Infrastructure funds, Credit and distressed funds, Sovereign Funds, Pension Funds, etc.

Kunal advises clients from the tax and regulatory perspective over the entire life cycle of the funds starting from fund structures, investments and capital structuring, profit repatriation strategies, due diligence, exit related structuring, transaction-related tax negotiation, distribution waterfall, carry structuring, compliances, litigation, regulatory approvals, indemnity, liquidation of funds, etc.

He also advises NBFCs, portfolio managers, stock broking organisations, mutual funds, merchant banks, asset management companies, etc., on tax and regulatory matters. In addition, he works closely with leading financial services players and industry bodies in their representations to policy-makers and tax authorities and advocacy matters.

Kunal is a Commerce graduate and a Chartered Accountant.



KUNAL SOOD

Partner,
Pantheon

Kunal is a Partner in Pantheon's Asia Investment team and member of Pantheon's Global Primaries Investment Committee. Kunal leads sourcing, evaluation, completion and monitoring of primary, secondary and co-investment opportunities across Asia Pacific markets and sits on several LP Advisory Boards in the region. Prior to joining Pantheon, Kunal was at a middle-market direct private equity investment firm, before which he worked at CITI Group and ICICI Bank. He has an MBA from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi and prior to that a bachelor's degree in engineering. Kunal chairs the Limited Partners Council and is member of Secondaries Group for the India Venture Capital Association (IVCA).

FEATURED SPEAKERS



LEELAVATHI NAIDU

Senior Partner,
IC RegFin Legal

Ms. R. Leelavathi Naidu heads the Financial Services, Asset Management and Regulatory practice at its Mumbai office.

She has been advising various Mutual Funds amongst the top 15 mutual fund houses and also advising new mutual funds in set up, takeovers and entire spectrum of governance, policy and compliance issues. She constantly engages with SEBI on various compliance matters and representations including proceedings for various mutual funds.

Leelavathi also advises various domestic fund managers on formation and registration of alternative investment funds (including private equity funds, hedge funds, venture capital funds, debt funds and so on), and drafting, and negotiation of associated documentation. She also assists in structuring of the India focused offshore funds including funds in GIFT City and other jurisdictions and FPIs.

She is the sought-after legal advisor for global asset managers who are seeking to establish their fund offering services in Indian markets. She also has wide experience in advising on setting up of structures and advising on synergies for wealth management and asset management set up and ancillary licences such as investment advisers, portfolio managers, research analyst.

She is also very active on advocacy for various regulatory matters and works alongside various associations and intermediaries. She works alongside regulators in various regulatory initiatives for industry.

Prior to joining RegFin Legal, Ms. Naidu was Vice-President at Avendus Capital leading their Compliance function for the asset management services including offshore funds, AIFs and PMS. Prior to that she held leadership position in legal-compliance departments of IIFL Asset Management, IDFC Asset Management and Principal PNB Asset Management.

She holds Masters degree in Commerce degree from University of Mumbai, Company Secretary from Institute of Company Secretaries of India and Bachelor in laws from KC Law College, Mumbai. She is also a Certified Anti Laundering Specialist (CAMS) and Certified Global Sanctions Specialist (CGSS).

She was recognized as one of the 'Top 40 under 40' Alternative Investment Professionals in India by the Association of International Wealth Management of India (2020). She was also recognized as '40 under 40' compliance professionals at Compliance 10/10 (2020).

FEATURED SPEAKERS



MADHUR SINGHAL

Managing Partner, Private Capital,
Praxis Global Alliance

Expertise

Corporate M&A | PE fund strategy | Commercial due diligence | Business plan evaluation | Investment thesis building | Value creation blueprinting | Business transformation | BU and Corporate strategy | Joint ventures | Exit strategy | Sustainability and Impact | Financial services | Consumer and retail | Public sector

About

With deep expertise in value creation for financial investors and high-growth companies, Madhur is a dynamic business leader globally. He runs a new age management consulting firm – Praxis Global Alliance, a next-gen management consulting firm revolutionizing how organizations consume business advice. He has wide experience with supporting investors through due diligence and value creation right till investment exit. He has led several transformation programs at mid-sized and large corporations in Asia and globally. Passionate about powering businesses through technology, Madhur firmly believes that business advisory in the future will be created through a combination of deep data and research approaches, practitioner expertise, and digital technologies.

He is well quoted in several leading business dailies like The Wall Street Journal, Forbes, The Economic Times, Business Standard, Financial Express, The Times of India, etc. He has co-authored many seminal publications like the India Investment Pulse Report, Bharat Nirman Report, Private Credit Landscape Report with Indian VC and PE Association, India Philanthropy Report, and many more. He holds a significant position in the Indian and global private investment landscape and gives back as a knowledge Partner to many government and quasi-government bodies.

Prior to this, he was a Partner at the global consultancy major - Bain & Company, in India and USA. He was one of the global leaders in the Private Equity Group and has been a thought leader in technology, consumer, and financial services.

At leisure, he enjoys quality time with his wife and two children. An avid coin collector, Madhur loves to travel and experience different cultures and likes to learn from his surroundings. He also loves mentoring startups and collaborating with people from all walks of life.

Education

MBA, IIM Ahmedabad | B.Tech, IIT Delhi



MANISH GAUR

Managing Director,
Multiples Alternate Asset Management

Manish is an investment professional with 25+ years of experience spanning listed and unlisted markets. He joined Multiples in 2019 and serves as Managing Director, leading investments across Enterprise Tech (Services and SAAS), Pharmaceutical & Healthcare sectors.

Before Multiples, Manish spent 14+ years with The Carlyle Group, where he worked across Asia Growth Capital as well as Buyout teams focusing on investments across sectors such as pharmaceuticals, technology and business services, consumer, and industrials. Earlier in his career, he was part of the top-rated equity research teams at Credit Suisse and Deutsche Bank.

Manish holds a postgraduate diploma in management from IIM Ahmedabad and a Bachelor of Technology degree from IIT Bombay. He is also a CFA charterholder.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



MANISH KEJRIWAL

Founder & Managing Partner,
Kedaara Capital

Manish Kejriwal is the Founder and Managing Partner of Kedaara Capital. Kedaara is a private equity firm pursuing control and minority investment opportunities in India. It currently manages over ~US\$ 6 billion through investments in several market leading businesses across a variety of sectors including consumer, financial services, pharma/healthcare, technology / business services and industrials. Kedaara's operating partner model comprising former CEOs with proven track records of building market leading businesses. Since its inception, Kedaara has remained singularly dedicated to its stated strategy of focusing on investments built through trust-based relationships with best-in-class entrepreneurs and management teams across secular fast growing end markets. Kedaara combines the strengths of a well-networked, highly experienced local investing and operating team, with the experience of their strategic partner, Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, a global private equity firm.

In early 2004, Manish founded the India office of Temasek Holdings Pte. Ltd., where he headed all its investments and other activities till September 2011. During this time, Temasek invested over US\$ 4 billion in India. He was a Senior Managing Director and also held multiple responsibilities in Temasek Singapore. He was a core member of its senior leadership team and a key member of Temasek Holding's Senior Management Committee (SMC), and its Senior Investment & Divestment Committee (SIDC). He was also tasked to lead the firm's global investments in the FIG sector, and its investments in Africa, Middle-East and Russia. Manish brings over 30 years of experience in investing, encompassing the full cycle of experiences in private equity across a variety of industries and sectors in private and public companies, and consulting.

Prior to Temasek, Manish was a Partner at McKinsey & Company, Inc. and was part of their New York, Cleveland and Mumbai offices. He helped found "The Private Equity Practice" during his years in New York and was instrumental in conceiving and co-authoring the widely followed "NASSCOM McKinsey reports". Prior to McKinsey, Manish had worked at the World Bank in Washington D.C. and with Goldman Sachs (Principal Investment/Corporate Finance) in HK. Manish received an AB from Dartmouth College where he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Major in Economics and Engineering Sciences and where he received the Dean's Plate. He holds an MBA from Harvard University, where he graduated with high distinction as a Baker Scholar.

Manish is currently the lead independent director at Bharti Airtel, on the boards of Bajaj Finserv Limited and Bajaj Holdings Investment Limited, and various Kedaara investee companies. He is also a Member of the Governing Board at K Raheja Corp. Over the years he has been on the boards of various portfolio companies: Temasek Holdings Advisors India, Parksons Packaging, ICICI Onesource, Punj Lloyd, Bharti Infratel, Fullerton Financial Holdings and Fullerton India Credit Company. He is passionate about driving a few select education initiatives reflected by his ongoing involvement in the United World College movement, as a founder trustee at Ashoka University and a former member of the Harvard Alumni Board.

Manish is an active member of the Young Presidents' Organization (YPO) and was named a Young Global Leader (YGL) by the World Economic Forum. Manish is the Co-chair of the CII National Committee on Private Equity and Venture Capital and was also a member of the Alternative Investments Policy Advisory Committee, constituted by the Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI). He has authored various articles on PE in India and has been profiled in various newspapers and periodicals. He is a sought after speaker at numerous conferences in India, Asia and North America. He was profiled as one of the "25 hottest young executives in India" by Business Today.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



MANISH KHETERPAL

Co-founder & Managing Partner,
WaterBridge Ventures

Manish has over 2 decades of experience in VC and PE having led over US\$ 750 Million of investments in India and across the USA-India corridor. Manish has seen 2 complete alternate investment-exit cycles, and has a nuanced lens to the craft of private investing and fund management.

He is currently the Co-founder & Managing Partner of WaterBridge Ventures, an India based home-grown early-stage VC firm with over US\$ 250 Million AUM.

His investments at WaterBridge include category leading start-ups like Atlan, Chalo, CityMall, Magicpin, PocketPills, Posh, SocialCops and Unacademy. At WaterBridge, he focuses on AI, Frontier Tech, and large-scale Tech disruption investments. He is on the Boards of all his active investee companies and enjoys the art of company building along with founders.

Earlier he has been in senior investment roles at Rho Ventures (North America), Actis (South Asia), and Providence Equity Partners (India & SE Asia). Earlier, Manish has held operating roles (tech, product marketing) in the telecom and tech sectors with Ciena (through acquisition of Cyras), Nortel and Infosys.

Manish is an active member of entrepreneurship and investing networks such as Indian Venture & Alternate Capital Association (IVCA), TiE (Delhi NCR, Bangalore), Stanford Angels, Indian Deep Tech Alliance (IDTA), and speaks regularly on VC industry and regulatory engagement forums.

As the Vice-Chair of IVCA's VC Council, he has helped with ecosystem building initiatives like 'VC101', 'Bharat Vaapsi', and 'IPO and Exits summit'. He is passionate about both 'India building for Bharat' and 'India building for the world' opportunities; and in the holistic, sustainable growth of VC ecosystem in India.

Manish graduated with a B.Tech from IIT Delhi and an MBA from Stanford University (Graduate School of Business).

FEATURED SPEAKERS



MUKESH MEHTA

Senior Managing Director,
Blackstone

Mukesh Mehta is a Senior Managing Director in the Private Equity Group of Blackstone Advisors India Private Limited (“Blackstone”) and is based in Mumbai. He has spent two decades in Indian Private Equity and has been awarded 40 under 40 award by Economic Times. At Blackstone, he is involved in several transactions including acquisition of International Gemmological Institute, VFS Global, R Systems International, Xpressbees, Simplilearn Solutions, Piramal Glass Division, Aadhar Housing Finance and TaskUS. He is on the board of these companies.

Before joining Blackstone, Mr. Mehta worked as an Associate Director with The Carlyle Group in their Private Equity division, where he was involved in several transactions including HDFC, SBI cards, PBHF, IIFL.

Prior to Carlyle, he worked in the Investment Banking Division at Citigroup and the Assurance & Business Advisory Group at PWC.

Mr. Mehta is a Chartered Accountant, with a Master's Degree in Commerce from Mumbai University. He has also completed CFA (AIMR-USA).



NAKUL ZAVERI

Partner, Global Co-Leader for Climate Investments
LeapFrog Investments

Nakul Zaveri is a partner at LeapFrog Investments and co-head of the firm's climate investment strategy.

Nakul has over 20 years of experience spanning entrepreneurial, operational and investing activities. He brings relevant investing experience across Climate and Responsible Investment strategies including investing in renewables, climate tech, industrial/ enterprise efficiency, evolving consumer priorities, and related value chains.

Nakul joined LeapFrog in 2022 and in his current role guides LeapFrog's climate strategy, focussed on supporting pathways out of poverty for emerging consumers that also deliver rapid decarbonisation of all sectors of industry.

Previously, Nakul was Managing Partner at Relativity Investment Management, a sustainability focussed investment manager, where he made investments in high-growth companies addressing risks and opportunities created by megatrends of climate change, demographic shift, and increasing use of technology.

Nakul has an MBA from the University of Oxford's Said Business School and is a member of the Exeter College in Oxford. He completed his Bachelor of Commerce & Economics from University of Mumbai's Sydenham College.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



NEHA GROVER

Regional Lead, South Asia Funds Group,
International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Neha has been IFC's Regional Lead for Private Equity Funds in South Asia since 2019. She has been investing for over 2 decades across private and public markets across diverse industries with specific focus on Consumer, Healthcare, Financial services, Manufacturing and Education sectors. Prior to joining IFC, Neha was Principal and India CFO at Baring Private Equity Partners India, an India-focused manager with over billion-dollar assets under management, where she worked across 4 Funds across investments, finance, portfolio management, fundraising and structuring roles. She has deployed capital in most of the leading Funds in India and serves on Limited Partner Advisory Councils of most of these. Neha has featured in the '40 under 40' list of Alternate Investment Professionals in India and also in the 'India's Top 100 Women In Finance' by Association of International Wealth Management of India. She has also served on the Board of certain Indian companies. Neha is an all-India rank-holding Chartered Accountant, Company Secretary, and MBA from the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Lucknow.



NIKHIL SAHNI

Founder and CEO,
Bynd

Nikhil Sahni is the Founder and CEO of Bynd, a generative AI platform reshaping how leading financial institutions leverage data and automation. With deep expertise advising top-tier firms on AI strategy, adoption, and implementation, Nikhil helps business leaders practically apply artificial intelligence to drive real-world results.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



NUPUR GARG

Founder,
Winpe

Nupur Garg is a leading investor in private equity and venture capital and an expert advisor to large institutional investors. She is the founder of Winpe (<https://winpeforum.com>), an initiative to enhance gender diversity in the investing ecosystem.

Nupur serves as Chairperson of the board of Kids Clinic India Limited and an independent director on the boards of companies including Edelweiss Real Assets Managers Limited, Kerala Infrastructure Fund Management Limited and SIDBI, the Indian development finance institution. She is an independent member of the investment committee at the Fund of Funds managed by the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF), the quasi-sovereign wealth fund sponsored by the government of India, and an advisor to and a member of the investment committee for the Dutch Good Growth Fund (DGGF) investment funds mandate given by the Dutch government for investments in SMEs in frontier markets across 75 countries. She has served as an external expert on the investment committee for the INR 10,000 crore Fund of Fund for Start-ups for investing in the Indian start-up ecosystem. Nupur advises select fund managers on a confidential basis on matters related to institutionalization, best practices and governance. She also mentors female entrepreneurs across various platforms.

Nupur is recognized as a thought and industry leader with a long list of recognitions that include the HerPower Award 2023, BW VC World Most Influential Women 2023 and 2022, Forbes W-Power list of Self Made Women 2020, India's top 10 Women Leaders in Finance (AIWMI 2019), Vedica Women's Alliance's Women Leader in D&I 2022, Women Empowerment Entrepreneur Award 2019-20 and the Business Excellence and Innovative Best Practices - Academia Award 2019.

Prior to starting her entrepreneurial journey, Nupur led the private equity and venture capital funds business in the region for IFC and is widely credited with establishing IFC's brand and credibility as one of the most respected institutional investors in this space. Under her stewardship, the portfolio doubled in size and returns, moving from a negative IRR to delivering gains for the first time in its history.

Nupur is a CA and an MBA from MIT Sloan School of Management, with executive education from Harvard Business School.

Nupur loves to spend time with her mother, husband and 8-year-old son, travel to new places, read and do 1500-piece puzzles.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



PADMAJA RUPAREL

Co-Founder
Indian Angel Network (IAN)

Padmaja Ruparel is nationally recognized as a key player in the Indian entrepreneurial ecosystem and has helped co found many of the relevant institutions, besides being an active Angel investor herself. Her operating experience spans large corporates, M&A, and startups/early stage companies.

She has been recognized in several “Most Powerful Women” lists for several years and repeatedly, by Fortune India, Forbes India and Business Today. The Women Economic Forum recognized her with its “Women of the Decade in Investment Banking” award.

She is Co Founder of Indian Angel Network (IAN), India’s single largest horizontal platform for early stage investments. Padmaja is the Founding Partner of IAN Group’s uniquely differentiated Venture Capital business with the IAN Fund I, a US\$ 55mn SEBI registered AIF Category I VC Fund. As Senior Managing Partner, she has now launched the second Fund, with the IAN Alpha Fund, a US\$100mn SEBI registered AIF Category II, Venture Capital Fund.

Padmaja is a member of the TIE NCR board and has been nominated as Co Chair of Global Business Angel Network (GBAN). She is a member of the Government’s NEAC, Board Member of SIDBI (Small Industries Development Board of India, Govt. of India) & TDB (Technology Development Board, Govt. of India) . Padmaja is a member of the Executive Council of IVCA (Indian Venture Capital Association) and on the board of TIE NCR. She was also a member of NASSCOM’s Deep Tech Council.

Padmaja has extensive experience in the corporate world specially in the IT industry. She is currently, an Independent Director on the Boards of Avendus Finance Pvt. Ltd., Ester Industries Ltd., Manipal Technologies Ltd.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



PADMANABH (PADDY) SINHA

Co-Founder & Managing Partner,
Launchbay

Padmanabh Sinha brings over 25 years of private equity and tech entrepreneurship experience with investment experience and a track record spanning industrials, technology, consumer, healthcare, financial services, and infrastructure.

He previously served as Executive Director and CIO – Private Equity at the National Investment & Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) from 2021 to 2025. At NIIF, he was a member of all direct investing committees and chaired the private equity investment committee.

Before NIIF, he was Managing Partner and co-founder of the Tata Opportunities Fund, Tata Group's flagship private equity platform. There, he led the fundraising of the then-largest India-focused private equity fund (~\$600M in 2013), attracting marquee global investors.

Earlier, as Managing Director – India at Temasek, he co-founded and scaled the firm's India office starting in 2004 and led major international initiatives, including Temasek's global entry into the insurance sector.

Prior to his investing career, he was a digital pioneer with eGurucool.com, one of India's earliest ed-tech startups (later acquired by NIIT), and began his journey at the JP Morgan–ICICI investment banking joint venture.

Paddy served as Chairman of the Indian Private Equity & Venture Capital Association (IVCA) from 2018 to 2020.

He holds a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science (Hons.) from BITS Pilani, an MBA from IIM Calcutta, and has completed an Executive Program in Private Equity at Harvard Business School.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



PALLABI GHOSAL

Partner – Corporate Practice,
Trilegal

Pallabi Ghosal is part of the Corporate practice group at Trilegal and very well-regarded partner specialising in investment funds and asset management practice. She also regularly advises on financial regulatory matters. She also assists funds in their portfolio investments, joint ventures, and other corporate restructurings.

Pallabi has drafted many submissions (as a part of requests from various industry bodies) for changes in laws framed by Indian regulators including SEBI, RBI, IRDA and the Government of India.

Prior to joining Trilegal she was a partner with AZB & Partners. She started her career at Amarchand & Mangaldas & Suresh A. Shroff & Co.

RECOGNITION:

- Ranked in Investment Funds by Chambers and Partners (2025 – 2024).
- ‘Notable Practitioner’ for Private Equity Funds and Private Equity (2019 – 2020)
- ‘Rising Star Partner’ for PE Funds, PE (2024) by IFLR1000.
- ‘Distinguished Practitioner’, Investment Funds, Asialaw 2024.
- GenNext partner in Private Equity and Investment Funds - Legal 500.
- Asialaw Client Service Excellence 2023: India – Investment Funds.
- One of AIWMI India’s Top 100 Women in Finance (2019)
- ‘Top 40 under 40’ alternative investment professionals in India by the Association of International Wealth Management of India and the Indian Association of Alternative Investment Funds (2018).

CREDENTIALS

- Education: National Law Institute University, Bhopal (NLIU)
- Admissions: Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa.

INDUSTRY BODY MEMBERSHIPS:

- Member of the LP Council and Regulatory Affairs Committee of the Indian Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (IVCA)
- Member of Emerging Markets Private Equity Association (EMPEA).

SELECT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- PE/VC – Gaja Capital, Kedaara, Tata Capital, Arpwood, Chiratae Ventures, Kalaari Capital, Aavishkaar, Kaizen and Avendus.
- Debt/Distressed – Kotak, HDFC, Cerberus, Oaktree, Bain Capital, Axis, Investec, Aditya Birla, and ASK.
- Investors -- International Finance Corporation, DFID – UK (Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), CDC, Allianz, and Tata AIA

FEATURED SPEAKERS



PR SRINIVASAN

Founder and Managing Partner,
Xponentia Capital Partners

Managing Director & Head of Citigroup - India Private Equity Team (CVCI)
Part of Leadership Team raised two global EM funds: USD 1.5 billion in 2005, USD 4.3 billion in 2007

One of 3 founders that set up HSBC India Private Equity & raised a USD 60 million fund in 1995

USD 700 million invested. Key investments include:

At CVCI- Axis Bank, Yes Bank , Suzlon, Lupin, GMR and Sharekhan

At HSBC India PE - Sharekhan, Kurlon, Dishnet, and Millennium Software

At ICICI Ventures – Geometric Software, Microland

CEG, Anna University, Chennai and IIM, Bangalore



PRANOB GUPTA

Managing Director, Business Head - India Alternatives (Credit & Hybrid Strategies), Lighthouse Canton

Pranob Gupta is MD & Business Head for Lighthouse Canton's India Credit & Hybrid Alternatives business. Pranob's role involves expanding the current funds platform, leveraging his extensive experience in proprietary origination, investment management, and building cross-border partnerships. Bringing over 23 years of experience in the industry, Pranob joins from JM Financial, where he served as MD and CIO of the Credit Alternatives platform. Prior to that, he held senior leadership roles at 360 One, KKR, and Kotak Alternates, with earlier career stints at Deutsche Bank and Credit Suisse in similar domains.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



PRATIBHA JAIN

Head of Strategy and Group General Counsel, Everstone Group & Co-Chair, IVCA Climate and Sustainability Council

Ms. Pratibha Jain is the Head of Strategy and Group General Counsel at Everstone Group. Prior to Everstone, Pratibha was a Partner at Nishith Desai Associates where she founded their New Delhi office, and led their Funds and Regulatory practice. She brings with her a breadth of international and Indian experience having worked with Sullivan & Cromwell in New York, Tokyo and Hong Kong, with Skadden Arps Slate, Meagher and Flom LLP in Hong Kong and Goldman Sachs in Mumbai. She's an alumna of Harvard Law School, Oxford University and Delhi University.

She has worked on some of the most challenging projects in financial services and regulatory sector globally and in India, including representing Ministry of Finance in setting up of National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) and designing USD 1.3 billion special 'window for funding stalled affordable and middle income housing projects' as an AIF fund (SWAMIH), listing of companies on US exchanges, representing private equity investors in some of the biggest investments into India such as Mubadala's investment in Reliance Jio and reliance Ventures, Softbank's in its investment of USD 1.4 billion in PayTM, , representing investors for facilitating listing of stock exchanges in India including BSE, IEX and NSE, representing investors in investigations by the Enforcement Directorate, Central Bureau of Investigation and Reserve Bank of India.

She enjoys working and writing on public policy issues and is regularly quoted in news on various public policy issues. She sits on various important committees including FICCI Capital Markets Committee, CII Financial Markets Committee and Policy Committee of Ananta Centre. She is a Fellow of the Seventh Generation Class of Ananta Aspen's Kamalnayan Bajaj Fellowship and member of Aspen Global Leadership Network.

She received the "Woman Lawyer of the Year Award 2019" by Business World magazine. Recently, she has been recognized as a Top Individual Lawyer by Forbes Legal Power list 2020.



PUNCHAM MUKIM

India Head of Private Equity and Senior Managing Director, Everstone Capital

Puncham Mukim is the Head of Private Equity and Senior Managing Director, India at Everstone Capital. He is based in Mumbai. Puncham leads teams specialising in the healthcare, pharmaceuticals, and consumer sectors.

He has over 17 years of investing experience, including four years at Warburg Pincus and J.P. Morgan in India. Puncham holds a Bachelor of Management Studies from the University of Mumbai and a Master of Business Administration from Symbiosis Institute of Business Management.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



RAGHURAM K

Partner ARC,
Uniquis



RAHUL AGARWAL

Partner,
HealthQuad

Mr. Agarwal is a Partner and Investment Committee member at HealthQuad. He is responsible for sourcing, evaluation, execution and portfolio management and plays a key role in managing investor relations and fundraising activities. Prior to HealthQuad, he served as Managing Director at Quadria Capital following a 13-year tenure at Quadria Capital and was its founding team member. With over 18 years of experience in healthcare investing and fund management, he has a combination of experience including building institutional investment discipline, operational insight, and deep healthcare expertise across healthcare delivery, pharma and digital health. He has executed investment and exit transactions of over USD 1.5 billion across India, Southeast Asia and US during his stints at Quadria Capital, Religare Global Asset Management and Evolve India Fund. He was also a founding team member at Religare Global Asset Management where he deployed over USD 250 million in buy out transactions across US and Asia; Investment Associate at Evolve India Fund, a USD 250 million PE fund for India. He is an active healthcare/ climate impact thought leadership contributor at Aspire Impact and Indian Venture Capital Association. He is a regular speaker on Healthcare, PE, ESG/ Impact at SuperReturn, AVCJ, PEI, IVCA and others.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



RAJAT TANDON

President,
IVCA

As President of the Indian Venture and Alternate Capital Association (IVCA), Rajat Tandon plays a pivotal role in advocating for public policies that drive the development and growth of the Indian Alternate Asset ecosystem. He champions the mobilization of capital pools to strengthen the sector. His leadership is key to representing the interests of the alternate asset industry to government stakeholders and policymakers, focusing on elevating India's profile as a global hub for alternate asset investing.

Before joining IVCA, Rajat lead NASSCOM's '10K Start-ups' initiative, which was pivotal in nurturing and scaling technology start-ups across India. His extensive experience encompasses leadership roles in IT & Telecom, Geographic Information Systems - Automobile navigation, marked by achievements in technical support, sales, and strategic initiative management.

Rajat's early entrepreneurial endeavors, combined with his corporate tenure, endow him with a comprehensive insight into the operational and strategic facets of the investment and technology sectors. His active involvement with the CII National Start-up Council underscores his dedication to advancing India's startup ecosystem.

Rajat is an alumnus of the Indian Institute of Management Technology (IIMT), Ghaziabad, where he pursued his Post-Graduate degree in Business Management. He also holds an engineering degree from MIT Engineering College, Pune. He resides in New Delhi with his family.



RAJEEV KALAMBI

General Partner,
Cactus Partners

Rajeev brings 25+ years of extensive financial experience in early-growth private equity, investment banking, and M&A. With experience across the lifecycle of investment management, Rajeev is skilled in deal making, capacity building for scale-up in portfolio companies, governance, and exit management.

Prior to Cactus Partners Rajeev was at FidelisWorld, a US\$100 million private equity fund leading consumer and technology investments in India (with several marquee businesses like Wildcraft, Raw Pressery, Techfront, and Sportz Interactive).

Prior to FidelisWorld, Rajeev had investment banking stints with Edelweiss Capital, Cipher Capital, and SMC Capital. His corporate banking roles prior to that included HSBC and DBS.

Rajeev graduated in economics from Shri Ram School of Commerce (SRCC), has a master's degree from the Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, and an MBA from the Indian School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad.

Rajeev is a proud husband and father of two, enjoys adventure sports, is an avid reader and unwinds with rock, blues, and pop music.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



RALPH KEITEL

Head of Fund Investments,
responsAbility

Ralph joined responsAbility's in Sept 2022 as Head of Fund Investments. In this capacity he also acts as the Chief Investment Officer responsible for managing the Swiss Investment Fund for Emerging Markets ("SIFEM").

Before joining responsAbility, Ralph spent 16 years in the Private Equity funds group of the IFC, the private sector arm of the World Bank Group. He was based in Washington DC, Johannesburg and Singapore as Head of PE/Fund operations for various Emerging Market regions.

Previously, Ralph spent nearly 5 years with TBG (now part of KfW Group) doing direct Venture Capital (VC) deals and funds in Germany before joining Canada's 2nd largest pension fund, CDPQ in Montréal, where he managed a portfolio of VC funds in North America and Europe.

During his 25 years in the Private Equity (PE) funds industry, and working for 3 different institutional investors, Ralph was directly responsible for investments in well over 100 PE funds across all regions of the world.

Ralph holds a MA in Economics from the University of Bonn as well as a post-graduate degree in Finance and Management (Dean's Honour List and recipient of the American Express Award for outstanding academic achievements) from McGill University.



RITESH CHANDRA

Managing Partner,
Avendus Future Leaders Fund

Ritesh Chandra heads the Private Equity Strategies business at Avendus, a practice he set up more than seven years ago and continues to lead. Prior to that, he helmed the consumer and financial services investment banking practice at Avendus for 10 years. With over 29 years of deal making experience, he has worked with companies like Credit Suisse, Ernst & Young and Andersen in the past. Ritesh holds an MBA degree from the Faculty of Management Studies (FMS), and a Bachelor of Engineering degree from the University of Delhi.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



RITU VERMA

Managing Partner
Ankur Capital

Ritu Verma is the co-founder and Managing Partner at Ankur Capital – an early stage venture capital firm that invests in disruptive digital and science led technologies. She is passionate about supporting breakthrough ideas that can solve challenging problems and create a better world. She has sat on the sides of many category creating companies as they establish roots and scale across the globe over the past 10 years.

Ritu sits on the board/board observer positions at multiple of Ankur's portfolio – Cropin, Niramai, StringBio, Vegrow, Krishify, Piatrika, OffGrid, IBISA, Superfone and BigHaat.

Prior to starting Ankur Capital, Ritu ran Truven an advisory firm for venture funds looking at investments in India and SE Asia. One of the funds she worked with was BASF corporate venture fund, which focused on investments in renewable energy, agri-biotech and materials. She has also brought products from lab to market across the globe as parts of innovation teams in Unilever and Philips working across roles from product development to marketing strategy. She holds 7 patents and has authored and contributed to seven peer reviewed research publications in prestigious journals.

Ritu is a director and a member of the steering committee at ThinkAg a non-profit platform for scaling ag-tech innovations in India. She is a member of the Global Development Committee for American Society of Mechanical Engineers that focuses on hardware innovations globally. She is also a member of the Core Advisory Committee for the Centre of Excellence in Agri Innovation at C-CAMP and IKP Advisory Group for our Agri and Sustainability. She has also been part of government led initiatives to drive agricultural growth and sustainability.

She holds an MBA from INSEAD and a Ph.D. in physics from the University of Pennsylvania and has bachelors from Middlebury College, Vermont.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



ROHAN GHOSE

Director - Private Equity Partnerships,
Blue Earth Capital

Rohan leads Blue Earth Capital's Private Equity Partnerships business in Asia. Blue Earth Capital is a global multi asset class impact fund manager, and manages a leading global impact secondaries investment strategy, with a strong focus on India. Rohan joined BlueEarth in 2020 and has 18+ years of industry experience. Prior to joining Blue Earth Capital, he was a Director at Palladium Impact Capital (a leading impact investment bank), LetterOne Technology (growth equity and VC investing), KPMG (deal advisory) and Analysys Mason (strategy consulting). He holds a BSc in Economics from the London School of Economics and completed the Social Finance Programme at Saïd Business School, University of Oxford.



ROHIT AGARWAL

Vice President, Head of Asian Private Equity,
Aksia

Rohit heads the Private Equity Asia strategy for Aksia, an alternative investment firm with \$380 billion+ of assets under supervision. He drives all aspects of PE investments in Asia including sourcing, due diligence and monitoring primaries, secondaries and co-investments in the market

FEATURED SPEAKERS



ROHIT GULATI

CEO,
UTI Alternatives

He has worked with Religare Capital Markets, ICICI Securities, ICICI Bank, PwC and Ballarpur Industries in his career spanning over 26+ years. Previously, he served as the Head of Investment Banking business for Religare. He has extensive experience across investment banking, corporate finance, stressed assets management and investing.



RUCHIRA SHUKLA

Founder & CEO,
Green Marble Ventures

Ruchira Shukla is the Founder and CEO of Green Marble Ventures, a VC Fund focused on STEM-led innovations for climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Previously, Ruchira was the South Asia Regional Lead for Disruptive Technology Investments at the International Finance Corporation (IFC), World Bank Group. She led IFC's investments in early-stage technology businesses as well as VC Funds and represented IFC on the boards of several startups and LP advisory committees. Her investments include Upgrad, Blackbuck, Bizongo, Tata1mg, Medgenome, Byju's, and several others. Also, as the Global Lead for the HealthTech business at IFC, Ms. Shukla led IFC's investments and interventions in the HealthTech industry across emerging markets.

Ms. Shukla also ran IFC's South Asia business in Technology, Media and Telecom, and has previously worked with organizations such as Boston Consulting Group and Lehman Brothers. She has over 25 years of experience across venture capital and private equity investing, strategy consulting, and investment banking across Asia, US and Europe. Her sector focus spans consumer internet, enterprise technologies, B2B eCommerce, HealthTech, Edutech and eLogistics, with a keen interest in business models that leverage emerging technologies such as Web 3.0, AI, IoT and blockchain to disrupt traditional spaces.

Ruchira studied at IIT Delhi and IIM Ahmedabad in India. She also graduated as Palmer Scholar from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania and is a Chartered Financial Analyst.

She enjoys Indian classical music and herbal teas.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



S. SRINIVASAN

Managing Director, Kotak Alternate Asset Managers
and Vice Chairperson, IVCA

S. Srinivasan (Srini) heads Kotak Alternate Asset Managers Limited (“KAAML”). He is also a part of the Group Management Council that drives Kotak Mahindra Group’s growth charter.

Srini has played a crucial role in setting up and building the different asset classes in KAAML including Real Estate, Infrastructure, Special Situations & Credit, Private Equity and Investment Advisory. Overall, KAAML has raised / advised ~USD 8.8 billion in funds across these asset classes. As one of the earliest fund managers to raise and invest capital in India, Srini has introduced significant financing, financial structuring and negotiating skills in the alternate assets industry. Srini joined the Kotak Mahindra Group in 1993.

Prior to KAAML, he was a part of Kotak’s investment banking joint venture with Goldman Sachs from inception in 1995, and was co-head of Kotak Investment Banking until 2005. At Kotak Investment Banking, Srini advised leading domestic and international companies on capital raising, M&A and strategic divestitures.

Srini is a member of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) subcommittee on Capital Markets. He is also a Board member of Asia Pacific Real Estate Association Limited (APREA) India Chapter and a member of the Governing Council of Global Real Estate Institute (GRI) – India Chapter. He was a Member of the Executive Committee at the Indian Private Equity & Venture Capital Association (IVCA) and is a Member of the Private Credit Council at Emerging Markets Private Equity Association (“EMPEA”).

Srini holds a Bachelor’s degree in Commerce from Delhi University and an MBA from the Institute of Management Technology (IMT), Ghaziabad.



SAMEER SHROFF

Co-founder and Managing Director,
Faering Capital

Sameer is the Co-founder and Managing Director at Faering Capital. He holds an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University and a BS summa cum laude from Babson College.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



SATHYA NELLORE SAMPAT

General Partner,
BoldCap

Sathya Nellore Sampat is the General Partner at BoldCap, an early-stage venture fund backing ambitious Indian founders building AI-native companies for global markets. An operator turned investor, Sathya previously founded WeKan Enterprises. His firsthand experience of the zero-to-one journey shapes how BoldCap partners with founders: getting in early, often as the first believer, and helping them navigate from idea to institutional scale.

Across BoldCap's two funds, he has led 24 investments spanning \$800M+ in enterprise value, with AI at the core of the fund's thesis across autonomous work, frontier intelligence and physical AI; several of which have gone on to raise from leading global investors.



SAURABH SINGHAL

Managing Director and Partner,
Neo Asset Management Pvt Ltd

With more than two decades of experience in diverse infrastructure sectors, he has led projects across Airports, Airlines, Railways, Urban Transportation, Energy (Thermal & Renewable), Roads, Transmission & Distribution, and Oil & Gas.

Buyside advisory on investment decisions of more than INR 30,000 cr in value across conventional power, renewables, coal, hydro, LNG Infra and offshore oil.

Lead market analyses and CDDs for more than 50,000 MW of solar, Hydro and Thermal power plants across Europe, Australia, Mexico, Philippines and India.

Managed \$700 million of proprietary funds of American Express in New York

Saurabh is an alumnus of IIM Bangalore, IIT Kharagpur, and IBI New York,.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



SEAN MURPHY

Partner,
Cooley LLP

Sean's practice focuses on the formation and operation of private funds across venture capital, growth equity, secondaries, buy-out, special situations, real estate and infrastructure strategies. He has advised fund sponsors and investors across India, Singapore, Hong Kong and New York for more than a decade.

Sean also regularly advises clients on co-investments, managed accounts, feeder funds for HNWIs, carried interest plans, strategic partnerships and US securities and investment advisory laws.



SHANTANU NARAVANE

Partner, Funds & Asset Management,
Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer

Shantanu advises asset managers on the structuring and establishment of investment funds, funds-of-one, club deals and managed account structures. He has experience across the full range of private capital strategies, with a particular focus on sustainability-oriented strategies. He also advises institutional investors on investments into such structures. Shantanu pairs his transactional practice with advice on regulatory issues relevant to asset managers, including ESG, sustainability and retailisation.

Shantanu has been recognised for his funds and asset management expertise and experience with ESG and sustainable investment. Alongside being regularly quoted in industry media, Shantanu frequently publishes on sustainability matters for the asset management industry. He is also on working groups and committees of several industry bodies (such Invest Europe, BVCA, AIMA, AIC and AFME).

FEATURED SPEAKERS



SHARAD MALPANI

Director, Venture Capital,
ICICI Venture

Sharad joined ICICI Venture's Private Equity team in 2016. He has over 23 years of experience with ICICI Group, spanning across operating businesses, strategy, advisory & investments. He has spent last 14 years in Private Equity investment business and has managed transactions at multiple stages of the business with smaller to larger ticket sizes. Sharad has worked on transactions across sectors which include Consumer / Consumertech, BFSI / fintech, Agri, Manufacturing etc. He was founding member of team for early-stage growth private equity investment fund & has managed full life cycle of the fund. He also heads the ESG responsibilities for private equity business at ICICI Venture.

In his earlier role with SME Group of ICICI Bank, Sharad has seen larger set of companies across multiple industries across economic cycles. Sharad has also spent time with International Banking Group earlier with assignments in various countries.

Sharad holds a Bachelor of Engineering in Chemical Engineering and MMS degree from University of Mumbai.



SHILPA KUMAR

Managing Director and Head of India
British International Investment India Advisers

Shilpa Kumar is Managing Director and Head of India at British International Investment India Advisers. Based in Mumbai, Shilpa will oversee the DFI's operations in India to deliver climate finance and investments designed to foster inclusive growth.

She has over three decades of leadership experience in the banking and financial services sector as well as in building businesses and working with entrepreneurs and policy makers.

She was a Partner at Omidyar Network India, a social impact investment fund, where she directed strategy and investments across the areas of Responsible Tech, Cities & Climate, and Inclusive Property initiatives. She also led policy work in Financial Inclusion.

Prior to that, Shilpa spent a large part of her career with the ICICI Bank group (India's largest private sector bank) particularly in building and shaping the bank's treasury and global markets business. She served as MD and CEO of ICICI Securities, India's pioneering digital equity brokerage and a leading investment bank in the country. She has held board positions in several organisations including ICICI Securities, ICICI Securities Prime Dealership, ICICI Home Finance, Clearing Corporation of India and National Investment and Infrastructure Fund. She has also served on regulatory committees and held positions in industry bodies like FIMMDA (as Chairperson) and FICCI (Co-Chair, Capital Markets Committee).

Shilpa is an alumna of the Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata

FEATURED SPEAKERS



SHIVANI BHASIN SACHDEVA

Founder & CEO,
India Alternatives

Shivani Bhasin Sachdeva is the Founder & CEO of India Alternatives, a top performing mid-market private equity firm in India. India Alternatives invests in companies that are poised to become market leaders by benefitting from transformational themes in India. At India Alternatives, Shivani has made marquee investments and been an active board member in her portfolio companies, resulting in exceptional returns for her investors across two funds.

Shivani has over 21 years of global private equity experience in the US and in India and has previously worked at reputable Funds including GE Equity, Lightyear Capital and IDFC Private Equity. Shivani is an Independent Director at Emaar India, one of India's largest real estate developers with assets in the country of over \$2 billion, 5000 acres of land, and 35 active and completed projects; and at HIKAL Limited, a technology driven, highly innovative company working across the life science value chain with over 3200 employees and market capitalisation of over \$600 million.

Shivani has received accolades and recognition for being one of the top women leaders in Finance in India. Shivani was recently awarded "Private Equity Leader of the Year", at the WinPE Leadership Awards 2024, by an eminent jury of global institutional investors that valued accomplishment in establishing a platform with scale and focused on robust performance as well as strong gender representation across the firm and portfolio.

Shivani is a frequent speaker at leading domestic and international conferences on private equity including SuperReturn Europe and Singapore and the Indian Venture Capital Association. Shivani is also a regular speaker at prestigious corporate and industry forums.

Shivani received an MBA from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania and a B.A. in Economics from Mount Holyoke College (Phi-Beta-Kappa, Magna Cum Laude, Sarah Williston Scholar).



SIDDHARTH PAREKH

Co-Founder & Senior Partner,
Paragon Partners

Sid has over 20 years' work experience across the US, UK and India, a majority of which involved investing in emerging markets.

Prior to co-founding Paragon Partners, Sid served as a Principal in the Mumbai office of Actis. He joined Actis' London office in 2008 and focused primarily on the Financial Services industry. Prior to Actis, he was an Investment Analyst at the International Finance Corporation focusing on investing in the Global Manufacturing & Services sectors and spent 2 years as a Consultant at the Boston Consulting Group.

Additionally, he has been an active participant in the angel network in India, having invested in several start-ups engaged in the financial technology and health & fitness sectors.

Sid holds an MBA and a master's degree in international Affairs from Columbia University, along with a bachelor's degree in finance and management from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



SIDDHARTH SHAH

Senior Partner,
Khaitan & Co.

Siddharth Shah is a Senior Partner at Khaitan & Co and leads the firm's Funds practice. He advises domestic and international clients on fund formation, the establishment of investment platforms, private equity investment structuring, and a range of corporate transactional matters, including joint ventures and mergers and acquisitions in both public and private markets.

He has extensive experience acting as fund counsel to a wide spectrum of domestic and offshore funds across asset classes, including angel, venture capital, private equity, real estate, credit, distressed assets, public markets, hedge funds, as well as REITs and InvITs. He regularly advises clients on the legal, regulatory and tax aspects of structuring and establishing investment funds and platforms.

Siddharth actively engages with industry bodies such as CII, IMC and APREA, as well as regulators including SEBI and RBI, and has contributed to policy discussions, including the formulation of the SEBI framework for Alternative Investment Funds in International Financial Services Centres such as GIFT City.



SIMRUN MEHTA

Managing Director,
KKR

Simrun Mehta (Mumbai) joined KKR in 2012 and is a Managing Director on the Private Equity team. Ms. Mehta has been closely involved in KKR's investments across sectors, and currently serves on the Boards of Vini Cosmetics, Lighthouse Learning, Avendus Capital, RE Sustainability and Ness Digital Engineering. Prior to joining KKR, Ms. Mehta worked with Nomura's fixed income team and the commodities division of Lehman Brothers. Ms. Mehta holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Mathematics from St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



SUBAHOO CHORDIA

Chief Executive Officer,
EAAA Alternatives

Subahoo Chordia is the Chief Executive Officer of our Company. He has been associated with the Company since June 1, 2017. He is responsible for product innovation, fundraising including deepening relationships with both domestic and global institutional investors and overall growth & management of real assets business vertical of our Company. He is an associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Prior to joining our Company, he was associated with IDBI Bank Limited, and Axis Bank Limited (erstwhile UTI Bank Limited) and Edelweiss Financial Services Limited, one of the Promoters of our Company.



SUBRAMANIAM KRISHNAN

Partner,
Ernst & Young

Subramaniam Krishnan is a Partner in Ernst & Young's Private Equity & Financial Services – Tax and Regulatory Services practice, based in Mumbai. He has over 25 years of experience in advising and assisting financial services industry participants and private equity, venture capital, private credit and hedge funds on a range of tax and regulatory issues. Subramaniam is a Chartered Accountant and holds a Bachelor of Commerce Degree. Subramaniam is a member of the Fund Management Advisory Committee constituted by the International Financial Services Centres Authority and a former member of the Alternative Investment Policy Advisory Committee constituted by the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



SUMESH GIRHOTRA

Deputy Head, Capital Team
British High Commission, New Delhi

Sumesh Girhotra spearheads the British Government's development capital investments in India on technology and start-ups. This includes inclusive economic development, fostering new markets across sectors and contribution towards Global Goals 2030.

He has two decades work experience across leading investments into private equity and venture capital funds, corporate finance and commercial banking having led more than \$4 billion worth of transactions across debt and equity.

He is an advocate for responsible and ethical investments, gender lens investing and ESG helping India mobilise investments for achievement of development goals. He has been a speaker and jury member on several industry panels and conclaves.



TEJESH CHITLANGI

Managing Partner,
IC RegFin Legal

Tejesh Chitlangi is the Managing Partner of IC RegFin Legal and is widely recognized as one of India's foremost experts in Investment Funds and Financial Services Legal-Regulatory space. Tejesh, for the year 2025 and for the past several years, has consistently been ranked as India's highest-ranked Investment Funds and Regulatory lawyer by premier legal platforms and the world's leading independent global ranking agencies such as Chambers & Partners and AsiaLaw. He has been featured as the "Global Elite Thought Leader" by Lexology/Who's Who Legal and is the first and only Indian lawyer to be featured in its Asia-Pacific Top Funds Regulatory Lawyer listing.

Tejesh is also one of the most quoted legal voices in Indian financial and business media and contributes regularly as a guest columnist to leading newspapers and industry journals.

Over the years, he has played a pivotal role in structuring and advising on some of the largest offshore and domestic investment fund platforms, earning a reputation for legal innovation and strategic insight. Under his leadership, IC RegFin Legal Team has captured over 30% market share in structuring private equity, venture capital, credit, and hedge funds regulated under SEBI's Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) regime. Tejesh has also been instrumental in advising global institutional investors on several billion-dollar transactions and represents the majority of India's top 20 asset management companies/mutual funds and leading wealth managers. His expertise has also contributed to the highest number of SEBI registrations across various intermediarie categories for the firm's clientele.

Beyond private practice, Tejesh is deeply engaged in policy advisory and regulatory development. He regularly advises key policymakers, including the Government of India, industry bodies and Regulators like SEBI and IFSCA, on legislative reforms, regulatory frameworks and global best practices. He is an active member of several key committees, including being the only law firm partner to have ever been inducted on the SEBI Alternative Investment Policy Advisory Committee (AIPAC) where he plays a pivotal role in regulatory policy making and had also contributed as a member on the Expert Committee on Investment Funds constituted by IFSCA for drafting foundational fund laws and FME regulations for IFSCs in GIFT-City.

Tejesh holds a B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) from the prestigious National Law University, Jodhpur with a specialisation and rank in corporate and business laws.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



VIKRAM CHOGLE

Managing Director & Partner
Warburg Pincus

Vikram Chogle is a Managing Director & Partner based in Mumbai, joined Warburg Pincus in 2011, and has been working in the firm's Indian office for over 14 years. He leads Warburg Pincus' Value Creation and Capital Markets activities in India, spanning oversight of the firm's operating group driving portfolio company transformation, and is also responsible for driving the firm's capital markets & financing strategy across India & South East Asia Private Equity.



VIKRAM GUPTA

Founder and Managing Partner,
IvyCap Ventures

Vikram Gupta is the Founder and Managing Partner of IvyCap Ventures, a leading USD 600 million venture capital firm, recognized as one of India's largest homegrown VC funds. IvyCap Ventures backs over 50 innovative companies across diverse sectors, including HealthTech, ConsumerTech, DeepTech, FinTech, EdTech, AgriTech, and EV. The portfolio includes some of India's most notable emerging brands like Bluestone, Purpille, Biryani By Kilo, Miko, FtCash, Snitch, Celcius Logistics, Dhruva Space, and Beatoven, showcasing IvyCap's commitment to fostering growth in both tech and consumer-driven markets.

Under Vikram's leadership, IvyCap pioneered India's first Endowment Fund at IIT Delhi, launched in 2019 by the Honorable President of India. This initiative exemplifies IvyCap's distinctive approach, reinvesting a portion of its profits into seeding of endowment funds across various educational institutes of India including IITs and IIMs. The idea of these funds is to strengthen the educational ecosystem of the country and to produce many entrepreneurs, innovators and intellectual property from India. IvyCap's governance framework, supported by distinguished industry experts and IIT/IIM faculty on its Board of Advisors, ensures robust decision-making and value creation for its portfolio companies.

Through IvyCap's alumni and mentorship network, Vikram also emphasizes hands-on support, providing critical guidance to help startups achieve sustainable growth and success. Prior to IvyCap, Vikram was the founding member of the Piramal-sponsored USD 100 million Healthcare-focused Private Equity Fund, which he successfully raised during the 2008 economic downturn. He holds a B.Tech. from IIT Delhi, where he was awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award, and an MBA from Case Western Reserve University, USA, where he has been honoured with the Distinguished Hall of Fame award.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



VIPUL ROONGTA

Managing Director & CEO,
HDFC Capital Advisors

Vipul Roongta brings over 25 years of leadership and domain expertise spanning mortgages, real estate private equity, credit and asset management.

Since HCAL's inception, he has spearheaded its overall strategy, operations and growth trajectory. HCAL is one of the largest private real estate financing platforms focused on funding residential projects and technology businesses across the affordable and mid-income housing segments.

He is regarded as a thought leader in the real estate industry, with a focus on widening the adoption of sustainability and innovative technologies for the affordable housing ecosystem.

He has been a speaker at multiple international conferences and education institutions such as MIT (Boston), New York University, University of Oxford and Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore amongst others.

He currently serves on various regulatory committees and industry bodies.

Vipul has been associated with the HDFC Group since 1999.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



VISHAL SHAH

Partner - Deals, PwC

Vishal is a Partner with PwC's Deals practise in Mumbai and has been with PwC for about 25 years. Vishal is a Commerce graduate from Mumbai University and is a Chartered Accountant (ICAI).

Vishal has over 25 years of post qualification work experience. He has served both financial and strategic buyers in excess of 400 M&A transactions over the last 20 years.

Vishal specializes in offering transaction support advisory services to his clients, both on the Private Equity and Corporates side which include buy/sell side due diligence, negotiation support, assistance in drafting share purchase agreements, purchase price mechanism, etc. Over the years Vishal has led several marquee deals both x-border and of high complexity on the buy and sell side.

Over the years, Vishal has worked on a lot of cross border deals in geographies such as France, Switzerland, UK, US, Singapore and Japan.

Vishal has served Private Equity funds including the likes of EQT, Multiples, Samara, GA, CVC and Partners Group. Vishal has also served large Corporates including Coforge, ITC Infotech, Mastek, Nestle, HUL, ITC, Dabur, Marico, Reliance, etc.

Vishal has worked across various industry sectors including Technology, Consumer & Retail, Manufacturing, etc.



VISHAL TULSYAN

Founder & Executive Chairman,
Motilal Oswal Alternates

Mr. Tulsyan founded Motilal Oswal Private Equity in 2006 with MOFSL as its sponsor. He is directly involved in identifying businesses and supporting portfolio companies, and has built a platform to channelise long-term capital to create valuable enterprises and successful entrepreneurs.

Mr. Tulsyan spent over two decades in the Indian financial sector across private equity, investment banking and structured finance before co-founding Motilal Oswal Private Equity. He brings on board his deep experience of raising, investing and returning third-party capital across several economic cycles. He worked with Rabobank, helping build its corporate finance and investment banking franchise. He was also responsible for the origination and execution of structured finance, project finance, acquisition finance, private equity and M&A transactions.

Mr. Tulsyan holds a Bachelor's degree in Commerce from the St. Xavier's College, Kolkata and is a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



VISHAL VERMA

Investment Director,
Oman India Joint Investment Fund (OIJIF)

Mr. Vishal Verma is an Investment Director at OIJIF, having been a key member of the Fund since 2012. With over 20 years of professional experience, including 16 years specializing in private equity investments in India, Vishal has developed a deep understanding of the mid-market landscape and a track record of delivering value for investors.

Vishal has been instrumental in managing OIJIF's investments across key sectors, including consumer and financial services. Notable portfolio companies under his management include Stanley Lifestyles, Prince Pipes and Fittings, Crompton Greaves Consumer, PNB Metlife Insurance, Solar Industries, SSIPL Retail, and NCDEX. He has successfully driven significant returns for the Fund, including multi-bagger exits with Stanley Lifestyle and Prince Pipes. Prior to joining OIJIF, Vishal was with ICICI Emerging India Fund, where he focused on investing in SME businesses across India. Earlier in his career, he gained valuable experience as an Investment Banking professional at ICICI Bank.

Vishal holds an MBA from the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), New Delhi, and a B.Sc (Honours) in Physics from Delhi University.



VIVEK PANDIT

Senior Partner
McKinsey & Company

Vivek is a Senior Partner at McKinsey & Company. He co-leads McKinsey's Private Equity & Principal Investors Practice globally, serving the world's leading investors and shareholders. Vivek serves as a trustee of Magic Bus, the Aspen Institute, ACT for Women, and has served on the Boards of Governors of Doon School and St. Jude's Cancer Care.

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VIVEK SONI

Partner and Private Equity Leader,
EY India

Vivek leads the Private Equity Services for EY in India. He leads a cross-functional team tasked with the coverage of EY India's Private Equity (PE) and Venture Capital (VC) fund clients and their portfolio companies. Vivek is also engaged in various M&A deals and plays an important role in building and maintaining relationships with large PE and VC funds.

He has over two decades of consulting and deal advisory experience across diverse sectors and market segments across Indian and international markets. His experience encompasses business restructuring, business development, management and leadership, debt financing, equity raising, private equity investing, new products development and structured finance. Vivek is part of a rare group of professionals who bring together a depth of experience across sell-side advisory, buy-side PE investing and on-ground operational experience of leading and scaling up a PE-backed services business in India.

Vivek holds an MBA from London Business School and is a Chartered Accountant.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



YASH KELA

Founder & CIO,
Singularity

Yash is a visionary leader at the forefront of investment innovation. With a remarkable career spanning diverse sectors, he has consistently demonstrated his prowess in identifying and nurturing promising ventures.

2013-2015: Yash shadowed industry leaders with diverse management style to build insights into different sectors in India from lending, consumer brands, retail and financial services. He has worked with Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited across several functions, including working closely with the top management & participating in investment committee discussions. The credit committee oversaw a book of \$2.4 Bn loan book.

2015: Singularity Ventures was born under the guidance of Madhu Kela and Yash's leadership. Yash became a pivotal player in driving private investments into multiple companies. Yash's influence extends beyond capital allocation, as he actively engages with these companies by assuming board positions and spearheading strategic initiatives. His journey has seen him acquiring knowledge and insights from pioneers across various domains, including housing finance, commercial vehicle financing, venture capital, consumer brands, and organized retail within the fashion and home sectors. Singularity Ventures invested proprietary capital across Funds and direct investment into companies from 2016-2021 leading to insights and learnings into the world of investments.

2018: Arrivae - Yash founded Arrivae, an integrated custom home interiors platform that has revolutionized the industry. This venture has not only disrupted the market but has also attracted substantial follow-on capital from marquee investors.

2020: Singularity AMC LLP – The Investment Manger platform was enabled to manage investments for UHNI & Institutional clients into Private and listed Equity in India. Yash's strategic vision extends to partnerships with leading GPs (General Partners) early in their fund journeys. He has also collaborated with Artha Ventures, solidifying his reputation as a forward-thinking investor. His entrepreneurial spirit, strategic acumen, and commitment to innovation have not only shaped Singularity Ventures and AMC but have also made a significant impact on the PE and growth equity investment landscape in India. He continues to drive growth and innovation in the ever-evolving world of growth equity investments both in private and public domain.

Mr. Yash Kela has been acting as designated partner in Singularity AMC LLP. Singularity AMC LLP has been acting as Investment Manager to Singularity Growth Opportunities Fund, a SEBI registered CAT II Alternate Investment Fund with two schemes, Singularity Growth Opportunities Fund I (560 Crores), Singularity Growth Opportunities Fund II (Target Corpus 1500+500 Cr) ,Singularity Fund of Funds II(Target Corpus 400+100 Cr) and Singularity Equity Fund I (Target Corpus 5000Cr) wherein Mr. Yash Kela has been acting as Chief Investment Officer (CIO). His responsibilities includes developing and implementing investment strategy, identification and selection of portfolio companies, manage and develop investment team, implementation, supervise and oversee investment process etc.

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YOU-HA HYUN

Principal,
Perpetual Investors

You-Ha Hyun leads the private debt program at Perpetual Investors GmbH, a German based family office. In this role, he is mainly responsible for managing the private debt portfolio and focuses on manager selection, co- and secondary investments across the broad spectrum of the private debt universe as well as structured capital GP funding solutions.

You-Ha has more than 20 year experience in the alternative investment segment having done primary, secondary and co-investments at large institutional organizations such as an insurance company, a supra-national organization and a fund-of-funds. You-Ha began his career in the M&A advisory business at KPMG and is an economist by training.

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