Meet Our Esteemed Speakers

Abdulaziz A. Alnaim

Abdulaziz is the founder and Managing Director at Mayar Capital. Abdulaziz is the Portfolio Manager for the Mayar Responsible Global Equity Strategy and the Mayar Responsible Saudi Equity Strategy.

Abdulaziz has over 20 years of investment experience and board-level experience in multiple industries including asset management, investment banking, insurance, food & beverage, amusement parks, chemicals, logistics, and education.

Abdulaziz is a CFA charterholder and a member of YPO. He holds a bachelor's degree in Management Science with a concentration in Finance and a minor in Economics from MIT.

Ahmed Hashim

- I'm an individual investor.
- I am open to new ideas that makes sense.
- I worked in asset management, automobile, industrial gasses, retail and real estates development.
- I believe that sharing ideas is what makes them stronger.
- I don't take unnecessary risk, especially when it comes to leverages.
- I prefer public traded companies.
- I invest anywhere around the world where there is value.
- I invest in any industry as long as I can understand it, if I can't understand it and it is promising I try my best.
- I lean more toward concentration than diversification.
- I value companies using their story as well as thier financials.
- I invest for the long term, I never sell.
- I came from a family business background, making me less sensitive to market volatility.
- I invest my own money, meaning I don't need to impress anyone with my choices.
- I create a customized framework for every investment.
- I invest in growth companies with value mismatch.
- I prefer owner-operator companies especially if the founder is still leading the company.
- I never overpay even in high quality companies.

Alpay Ece

As of 2024, he oversees GSR GmbH Fund of Funds with assets under management exceeding 330 million EUR, alongside the Allstars 10x10 Fund managing over 80 million EUR. His recent ventures include launching Future Fundstars in 2021, following his successful management of the Vietnam Equity Holding liquidation in 2018 and the ARC Capital Holdings buyout in 2016.

In the early to mid-2010s, Alpay served as Chairman and Founding Partner of AVH Emerging Markets Fund, managing 20 million EUR, while also developing various investment products including Alphatier Capital certificates, total return swap trading strategies, and FX trading strategies, collectively managing over 100 million EUR. His innovative approach earned recognition with the 2010 Zertifikate Award. Earlier in his career, he pioneered emerging markets products, raising over 100 million EUR across Germany, Switzerland, and Austria for structured notes investing in Vietnam, China, India, and Africa. His Vietnam Opportunity product won first place in the 2007 Zertifikate Award, and his LBB DAX Bear certificate achieved remarkable success as the most traded certificate on EUWAX in 2008, with trading volume exceeding 1 billion EUR.

Ankit Oberoi

Founder and CEO @ AdPushup, SaaS product which helps web publishers optimize their online ad revenues. Sold to Softbank subsidiary in Feb 2023. Published author on The Entrepreneur, YourStory, SocialMedia Today and numerous other publications. Founding Volunteer in SaaSBoomi, World's Largest Pay-it-forward Community of SaaS Founders. Enjoy learning about investments (duh!), growth hacking, technology and marketing. Apart from this, love traveling and obsessed about learning new languages. Investment Experiences: Actively investing in Equity since 2010. Self taught accountant. 6 months in real estate.

Anton Rudenok

Anton Rudenok is an asset manager with more than 15 years of experience in equity research and portfolio management.
Originally from Russia, currently based in Dubai, works as a Registered Investment Advisor at Interactive Brokers LLC, managing around $60 million, focusing on global equities analysis and value-driven investing. Anton has previously held portfolio management and equity research roles at major financial institutions, including Citibank, handling portfolios exceeding $500 million. He holds an MBA in finance and financial risk management from Sberbank Corporate University.

Arko Kadajane

Arko is responsible for ASI's Listed Equity investments, investing ASI's stock portfolio based on value-investing principles. Investments are made across various sectors, excluding non-ethical industries. He also plays the key role in working out ASI's overall portfolio and investments strategy. Arko, with involvement in the stock market since 1996 and previous experience in both private equity and listed equity, possesses extensive expertise in both qualitative and quantitative business factors.

Aryaman Kamath

Aryaman is currently helping to grow his family's tourism and event management business. Currently based in Dubai, he builds websites and automation software using AI. In his free time he likes to read up on behavioral economics and artificial intelligence.

Asanth Sebastian

Asanth co-founded ACP Asset Management, is a member of its Board of Directors, and serves on the Investment Committee.
Asanth heads and is ultimately responsible for the investment teams and decisions of ACP Asset Management's asset management business across private equity, listed equity and fixed income. He is passionate about the detail in any transaction ACP Asset Management undertakes from both return and risk perspectives.
Prior to founding ACP Asset Management, Asanth was in structuring and trading roles at global investment banks and held a management position at the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX).
Asanth holds a Finance and Economics degree and is also an ASX accredited advisor for both equities and derivatives.

Ben Feder

Ben Feder is an investor and operator with deep experience in the video games sector and related technologies. He is Managing Partner at Tirta Ventures, an early stage venture capital firm. Previously he was President, International Partnerships (North America) of Tencent Games, where he served on the boards of Epic Games, Glu Mobile, Bad Robot Entertainment and Hirez Studios. Prior to joining Tencent, Mr. Feder was Chief Executive Officer and a member of the board of directors of Take Two Interactive. He also served as co-founder, partner and vice-chairman of ZMC, a media investment and management firm, and as a board director of Columbia Music Entertainment in Japan. Prior to co-founding ZMC, Mr. Feder was Chief Executive Officer of MessageClick, a leading provider of voice messaging technology for next-generation telephone networks and held senior positions with News Corporation. Mr. Feder holds a BA from Columbia University and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Bryan Lawrence

Bryan is the founder of Oakcliff Capital, which invests in public securities, and a member of Yorktown Partners, a private equity firm investing in energy companies. He is a co-founder of Public Prep, a network of charter schools in New York, and has served on the boards of multiple for-profit and non-profit companies. His analyses of U.S. government finances have been published by the Washington Post. He received a BA from Yale, an MPhil from Cambridge and an MBA from Harvard. Bryan lives in New York City with his wife, Gillian Zoe Segal.

Burton Flynn

Dr. Burton Flynn manages the Finland-based Evli Emerging Frontier Fund, which celebrated its 11th anniversary last month. To gain deeper immersion in the markets in which they invest, Burton and his colleague, Ivan Nechunaev, spent 12 months living in 12 different emerging markets with their families—a project featured in a Bloomberg article and on the Odd Lots podcast. Their unconventional approach to market research has continued in 2024, taking them to another 20 emerging markets including a 1,400-kilometer bike tour from south to north Malaysia, a Rolls Royce ride in Kuwait, down a fireman's pole to the full-service bar of a tech company in Namibia, and even swimming from Europe to Asia in Turkey. They chronicle their adventures in entertaining trip reports published on terranovaca.com/journal.

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With 18 years of experience in emerging markets investing, Burton has been based in Dubai since 2016. He holds an MBA from the Wharton School, a PhD in Finance with a doctoral thesis titled "Evidence of stock market inefficiencies exploitable through investor legwork," based on data from his thousands of private meetings with CEOs of listed companies, and he is a CFA charterholder.

Chetan Parikh

Chetan Parikh is a co-promoter of Jeetay Investments Private Limited, a portfolio management firm registered with SEBI. He holds an MBA in Finance from the Wharton School of Business (where he graduated with distinction in the top 2% of the class) and a BSc in Statistics & Economics from University of Bombay (Economics record holder in Bombay University). He also serves as visiting faculty at Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies (University of Bombay) for the MBA course. His writings have been published in Business Standard, Business World, The Economic Times and Business India. His work can also be read at www.capitalideasonline.com .

Chetan was rated amongst India's best investors by Business India magazine. He is also the co-promoter of capitalideasonline.com , a well-regarded investment website.

Chris Francis

Chris has led major consulting projects across multiple continents, advising governments and leading corporations on strategic real estate development. In Asia, he guided Japan's Sekisui House and South Korea's Hanwha on market entry strategies, while in Africa, he consulted on significant developments including the World Bank-backed Abuja Technology Village and a CBD redevelopment in Nairobi. His work in the Seychelles involved advising the government on national hospitality and residential development strategies.

In the UAE, Chris played a key role in shaping Dubai's real estate landscape, advising on the Expo 2020 legacy development and Dubai World Central, the world's largest Aerotropolis project. His Saudi Arabian portfolio includes several prestigious projects, such as consulting for Saudi Aramco, advising on the UNESCO World Heritage site Dirriyah Gate development, the Jeddah Metro project's Transit Oriented Developments, and the PIF's Asir tourism destination project.

Christian Prochazka

Christian Prochazka is serving as a Finance Mgr in the Petrochemical industry with overall 17 years professional experience in Europe, US and currently in UAE. He holds a graduate degree in Management from the University of Vienna/Austria and a Master degree in Commercial Law from the University of Saarland/Germany.

He is a value investor since 9 years on a continuous learning journey with the ambition to pursue it on the long term.

David Diranko

David is a data scientist and machine learning engineer at IBM in Munich, currently transitioning into a full-time professional investor. He is in the process of establishing his own investment firm, Diranko Capital, through which he manages accounts for a small group of HNWIs and focuses on a concentrated portfolio of global small-cap companies. In addition, David authors the investment blog Contrarian Cashflows (contrariancashflows.com), where he shares his in-depth investment research with a community of like-minded investors.

David Lewis

David founded Sisu Investment Holdings to invest in and nurture exceptional companies. David is also the President/CEO of Venus Wafers, an artisan cracker and snack food company. David brings a unique skill set to his work. Before founding Sisu, he ran operations and business development for a specialty manufacturer. David began his career in public accounting and held various progressive roles within private equity investing and business operations.

David graduated from Hampton University, Indiana University Maurer School of Law, and The University of Chicago Booth School of Business. He serves on the Board of Directors for The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland, Northwest Indiana, and Chicago Hope Academy.

Debashish Neogi

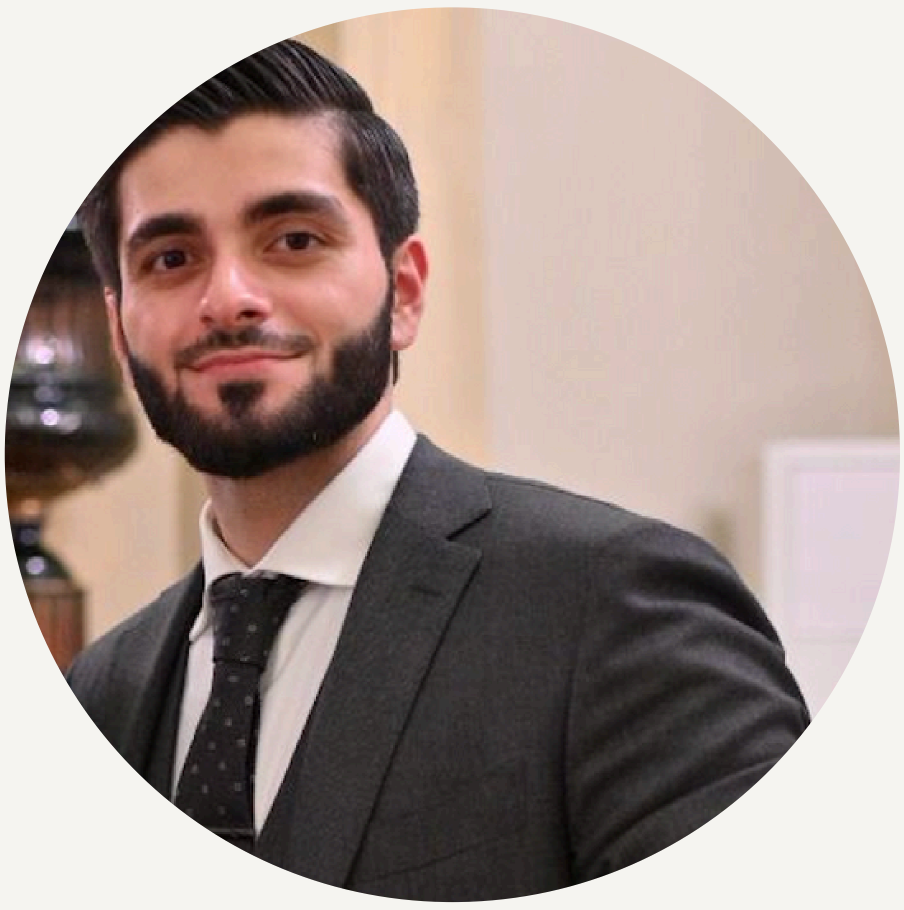
I have 29+ years of experience – primarily in Finance, Commercial , Supply chain and in General Management – in 5 corporate groups – Polar ,Perfetti,Becton & Dickinson , Marico & Kaya across India ,South East Asia & Middle East.
I worked in Marico and Kaya for 19 years and reported to Harsh Mariwala (Chairman of Marico + Kaya) for 4 years before starting my own business venture in early 2018 .The learnings from Marico ,Kaya and specially Harsh was an awesome life changing experience .

Being a CA cum ICWAI ,I am a turnaround specialist .Having transitioned from CFO to CEO ,I can see where value can be created .Having created turnarounds in many companies in international geography as an industry leader ,now I look at those attributes in small and micro cap companies .I am one of the largest individual investor in some micro/small caps in India .

Important facts :

1. I am into full time investment based out of Dubai ,in Indian and some African Market
2. I have a FMCG business (chocolate) based out of Dubai having presence in 23 countries !!
3. I have an Algo option trading platform

Fahd Shahzad



I Graduated from Ivey Business School, Canada and was actively involved in the Ben Graham Center for Value Investing. Worked as an Investment Analyst and now I manage our groups equity portfolio. Also founded Pakistans first professional dairy goat farm (Goat Pure Pvt Ltd.)

Faizal Eledath

A career banker with over two decades of experience specializing in technology and transformation, I transitioned full-time into entrepreneurship in 2020. My passion for investing, sparked in 2019, has led me to manage both personal and business funds. I am strongly drawn to the principles of Value Investing and continuously strive to integrate them into my investment strategies.

Francis Lim

Francis is a seasoned wealth management professional with over ten years of experience in the industry. He has honed his wealth and business management skills with past experiences at United Overseas Bank, Standard Chartered Bank and Bank of China.

Throughout his career, Francis has achieved outstanding results for his clients. He is an expert in wealth management with a deep understanding of financial markets and a commitment to client success.

Under his leadership, the firm has grown to become a trusted advisor to some of Asia's most influential clients.

Gianfranco Rosati

Gianfranco Rosati, born 1994 in Sassari, Italy, graduated Summa cum Laude in Philosophy from the University of Bologna with a thesis in logic and philosophy of language inspired by the work of Bertrand Russell. While applying for a PhD he decided not to pursue an academic career but to turn to investments and spent a season as an analyst for a renowned European value investing firm (Rentrop Investment Office) where he specialized in analyzing serial acquirers. With a deep passion for deconstructing complexity into basic functional elements and elementary cause-effect relationships, he is a value and special situations investor, a member of well-known investors clubs and advises investment funds and capital allocators on financial and investment decisions.

Girish Bhakoo

Girish Bhakoo has 30 years of experience investing globally across developed, emerging, and frontier markets. Prior to founding the Investment Manager, Girish was one of two partners at the Acacia Partnerships, a part of Ruane, Cunniff & Goldfarb (RCG). At Acacia, from September 2001, Girish invested across the globe in developed, emerging, and frontier markets primarily in equity securities of exceptional public companies. Prior to Acacia, from 1993, Girish was an intern, then analyst, and later one of three partners at global investment firm Mason Hill Asset Management and Equinox Partners, where he invested extensively in small and mid-sized high-quality companies in North America and across Europe, Latin America, and Asia. While at Mason Hill / Equinox, Girish helped to launch Kuroto Fund, which was focused on investments in South Korean consumer franchise and other excellent companies after the Asian financial crisis of 1997. Girish graduated from Williams College in 1995 with Highest Honors in Economics. He grew up partly in Bridgeport, CT and partly in Ludhiana, India, where he was born.

Harsh Agarwal

Hey, I'm Harsh Agrwal. I founded ShoutMeLoud, a platform that helped thousands if not millions achieve financial independence through blogging, which was a big part of my early journey. These days, I focus on passive investing, with an emphasis on long-term growth and improving quality of life through thoughtful investments. My current interest is around AI, Web 3 and technology, and always looking for ways to combine profit with purpose. Outside of that, I enjoy scuba diving and travelling to breathtaking spaces. I'm excited to connect with like-minded people and explore how we can invest or synergize to create lasting value and positive impact.

Hemant Amin

Hemant Amin is the Founder & CEO of the ASIAMIN Family Office in Singapore. Drawing on insights from leaders of Berkshire Hathaway and Singapore, he manages a concentrated, long-only global equities investment mandate. His career began at Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte in London, followed by ventures into steel manufacturing, industrial metals trading in Singapore, and IT services in India.

These diverse experiences shape his investment approach at the Single Family Office, regulated by the Monetary Authority of Singapore.

Hemant holds a degree in Economics & Accounting from the University of Kent, UK, and has earned an FT Non-Executive Director diploma. He also completed the Executive Program at Singularity University, focusing on exponential technologies to address global challenges.

ASIAMIN Group actively supports education and poverty alleviation initiatives. In Singapore, Hemant is a member of the Indian Business Roundtable, the NUS Medicine International Council, and a benefactor of the Singapore Indian Education Trust and the United World College Foundation. The family also supports educational institutions in India, serving over 5,500 students annually.

He has lived and worked in India, the UK, and, since 1993, in Singapore, where his grandfather first migrated in 1936.

Ivan Nechunaev

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With 10 years of experience in emerging markets investing, Ivan has been based in Dubai since 2019. He holds an MBA from the Wharton School. Outside of work, Ivan is a distinguished swimmer and competes in the bi-annual World Masters Championships.

Jakob Kucharczyk

Jakob is OpenAI's Europe Policy Lead for competition and intellectual property matters. He is based in Brussels and represents OpenAI's interests towards EU institutions and policymakers across Europe. Prior to joining OpenAI, he spent five years at Meta where he was responsible for all competition policy matters in EMEA. Before starting his in-house company career, Jakob was a VP for Competition & EU Regulatory Policy at the Computer & Communications Industry Association - a trade body representing leading technology companies such as Google, Amazon, and Uber. He is an expert in regulatory policy in the high-tech Internet sector with a focus on competition, AI, copyright, and online platform policies. Jakob is a published author on EU lobbying and a frequent speaker at public events.

Jonathan Schiff

Jonathan Schiff is the Managing Director of Resilient Investments ("Resilient"), a Singapore based investment firm. Resilient invests primarily in equities and real-estate, both directly and through external managers.

Jonathan has worked across the spectrum as an entrepreneur, a family business co-owner and a hired gun. Both the successes and the failures that he experienced in those endeavours provided invaluable learnings which underlie Resilient's investment philosophy and process.

Jonathan spent time with the US Foreign Commercial Service in China in the late 1990s, where his work included helping US MNCs to establish operations in China and also conducting background research for negotiations associated with China's joining of the WTO.

In 2007 Jonathan founded and built a B2B workforce housing platform which he exited in 2021. He also spent time in his career working in the real-estate and hospitality industries with experiences at The Related Companies, Molasky Pacific, MGM Resorts, the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, PGA, and NASCAR.

Jonathan earned a joint-MBA from Kellogg and HKUST. He studied Mandarin at both Middlebury College and Sichuan Union University and earned a BS in Hospitality from UNLV. He has also attended advanced courses in leadership and investing at Harvard/Columbia/NYU and is currently a level 2 CFA candidate.

Jonathan is a member of the YPO Singapore Chapter, the YPO Global One Chapter, CEO, Tiger 21, and the NUS Medical School International Council. He also serves on the Board of the Singapore American School.

Jonathan and his family actively contribute to community service causes in Singapore and have informally donated time and resources to some of Singapore's soup kitchens, old age homes, and organizations which support children in need. He and his family have also participated in Cataract Missions based in Cambodia for a number of years.

Jonathan grew up in the US, spent close to 13 years living in China and moved with his family to Singapore in early 2016.

Josh Metnick

Josh is co-founder, Chairman & CEO of Navier, Inc., a technology firm founded in 2014 and named after the physicist Claude-Louis Navier. Navier specializes in designing, building and operating utility scale (100MW+) high density compute facilities. Prior to Navier, Josh served as CTO of The Chicago Sun-Times, and previously co-founded American Information Systems, Inc. (AIS.NET), a data center company acquired by Exodus Communications in 1999 (NASDAQ:EXDS). AIS.NET was subsequently acquired by Cable & Wireless and Liberty Global plc. Since 2005, Josh has served as Chairman of Unified Digital Holdings, Inc., a Chicago-based entity that invests primarily in technology companies and assets tangential to power utilities. He holds a B.S. from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

Julio Utrera

Mr Julio Utrera, CFA joined Southeastern's London Office as an Analyst in 2021.
He previously held investment research roles in T. Rowe Price International Equities and Private equity firm AnaCap Financial Partners. Prior to that, he was an M&A Analyst at J.P. Morgan's Investment Banking division in London.
Mr. Utrera received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Finance from C.U.N.E.F University in Madrid and a master's degree in Value Investing from OMMA Business School. He holds his Certificate in ESG Investing issued by the CFA Institute.

Karim Eissa

My name is Karim Eissa, originally from Egypt, but I live & work in Dubai.
I'm a full time Managing Director for a Regional Construction and Development Company and a part time Investor.
My investment journey started in 2013 with the objective of creating a secondary income from dividends, especially during the low savings interest rate environment. Dollar Cost averaging helped me get decent portfolio size to start getting more serious about stock investment.
Over the years I have been listening to podcasts, reading and found myself attracted to the value investment school of thought.
I hope to gain more insight into the thinking process of finding and building positions in companies that have the potential to become multi baggers over the long term.

Karim Jetha

Karim is an asset management leader with more than 19 years of international experience. His most recent role was as a Portfolio Manager for BlueCrest Capital Management, a leading global alternative asset manager, where he led global equities investments for a global macro portfolio. Prior to this, he was the Founder and Chief Investment Officer of Longdean Capital, an investment firm focused on listed equities in the Middle East and North Africa. Prior to founding Longdean, Karim was a Partner, Member of the Management Committee and Portfolio Manager at Blakeney LLP, one of the pioneers of portfolio investment in the Middle East and Africa. At Blakeney LLP, Karim was the head of MENA coverage, with lead responsibility for the firm's MENA investments (average $600m portfolio). Karim began his career with Goldman Sachs where he was an Associate in the Investment Banking Division. Karim holds an MA degree from the University of Cambridge where he read Economics.

Ken Majmudar

Kaushal "Ken" Majmudar, CFA, is the distinguished founder of Ridgewood Investments, LLC, boasting an extensive 30-year tenure in the domains of finance and investing. His illustrious career includes past affiliations with prestigious organizations such as the Value Investors Club and SumZero. Currently, he holds active memberships with the esteemed CFA Institute and the New York Society of Securities Analysts. Ken's expertise is further underscored by his seven-year stint in investment banking at Merrill Lynch, during which he played a pivotal role in orchestrating the successful IPOs of industry giants like Garmin (NYSE: GRMN) and Sirius Satellite Radio (SIRI: NASDAQ). Academically, he is a proud alumnus of Harvard Law School, having graduated in 1994, and Columbia University, where he completed his studies in 1991. Beyond his individual accomplishments, Ken Majmudar is widely acknowledged as a distinguished value investor and holds a coveted position as a member of a prominent professional investment group.

Kishan Patel

Kishan Patel is an entrepreneur who has built a business focused on providing software engineering services to edtech companies. In 2020, he turned his attention to investing and developed a diversified portfolio across five countries. His main holdings include Edelweiss in India, Ding Dong in China, Emirates REIT in Dubai, and Meta in the USA. He draws inspiration from prominent investors like Mohnish Pabrai, Vijay Kedia, Rakesh Jhunjhunwala, Howard Marks, and David Swensen.

Kunal Adnani

Private Banker by profession. Started career at Merrill Lynch and spent a few years at Bank of Singapore before joining Swiss based Bank J. Safra Sarasin in 2014. Spend time advising families and institutions primarily based in the Middle East. Work with clients on estate planning, asset allocation and over all wealth management. Buffett & Munger fan.

Lalit Taurani

Lalit brings over 30 years of diverse experience in managing trading and manufacturing companies. As a Managing Director, he holds a 33% share in the Taurani Group of companies, an organization that employs 3,000 people globally. The group's portfolio includes manufacturing companies in UAE and India, trading companies across UAE, USA, Australia, Canada, and UK, as well as equipment rental companies in UAE and Australia.

In his role as Managing Director, Lalit actively manages several key companies. One of these is DSS STEEL LLC, the group's flagship trading company registered in the UAE. With a history spanning over 40 years (previously known as Dayal Steel Suppliers), DSS STEEL operates multiple branches throughout the UAE. The company has established itself as a leading trader in structural steel products and steel pipes and tubes, maintaining extensive warehousing facilities in both Ras Al Khor and National Industries Park, Dubai.

Lalit also oversees DUCAST FACTORY LLC, a UAE-registered company with almost 25 years of experience in manufacturing cast iron and ductile iron manhole covers and industrial equipment. The company exports its products to various GCC countries and Europe. To enhance operational efficiency, they have established a new plant in KIZAD, Abu Dhabi, which is projected to double their manufacturing capacity and begin operations in the third quarter of 2019.

Leonard Kirsch

Originally from New York City, Leonard has been the Director of the Retina Service at the Eye Institute of West Florida in Largo, Florida since 1994, and is now the senior partner in the practice. Leonard trained as an ophthalmology resident and ocular pathologist at McGill University in Montreal and as a surgical retina fellow at the University of California, San Diego. He has authored six book chapters and more than forty peer-reviewed publications and has lectured at scientific meetings all over the world. Leonard pioneered intra-ocular anti-VEGF agents to treat macular degeneration and retinal vascular disorders and was among the first surgeons worldwide to use the 25-gauge vitrectomy system.

Leonard is most proud of his two amazing daughters, and he firmly believes that their outstanding education was the best investment he's ever made. Alexandra is a pediatric hematologist-oncologist at Nemours Children's Hospital and was recently engaged. Nadia was recently admitted to the Bar in the states of New York and New Jersey and is now working as a real estate attorney. She is planning to launch a private real estate venture soon. Leonard, Alexandra, and Nadia are each investors in Guy Spiers' Aquamarine Fund.

Leonard's interest in investing was instilled by his 91-year-old father, Larry, who has been a superb, self-taught investor for the better part of fifty years. Leonard attended the 2023 VALUEx ME conference and is extremely grateful to Ram and Mallika for inviting him to participate in his second meeting in Dubai. Having recently earned a Certificate of Specialization Finance and Accounting at Harvard Business School, he hopes to make a meaningful and lively contribution to the meeting and is especially excited to learn from more accomplished, like-minded value investors.

Dr. Mallika Ramanathan

Mallika is a CA and a PhD in Finance who has, until recently, pursued her passion in education. She retired a year ago as Vice President and Provost of the American College of Dubai. She is a people's person and loves getting involved with the community. This led her into Toastmasters and she was the driving force behind Toasmasters when it started in Dubai and has, since then, helped found several new chapters including Dubai's first Women's Only Toastmasters Chapter. She now helps Ram with the Neeti Fund.

Marcel Gozali

Marcel Gozali manages investment partnerships focusing on global public equity. Marcel has spent 15 years in equity research, credit research, and portfolio management across investment banks, hedge funds, and family offices. Originally from Singapore and Indonesia, Marcel graduated from Columbia Business School with a MBA and Carleton College with a BA in Economics.

Mark Brownstein

Areas of expertise:
Global energy policy, energy transition, future of oil and gas
Description:
Mark Brownstein is Senior Vice President, Energy Transition at Environmental Defense Fund, and a member of EDF's executive team. He leads EDF's Energy program globally, with a focus on halting the rise of global oil and gas emissions on a path consistent with a 2050 zero-carbon future.
Mark is a member of the University of Pennsylvania's Kleinman Center for Energy Policy Advisory Board.
He is an adjunct professor of law at New York University Law School and has also taught energy policy at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA).

Martin Boon

A value investor that was lucky enough to be sitting on a multi bagger by accident without knowing it which I sold. Pay lots of tuition fees to china stocks listed in Singapore. Until a fellow investor gave me a question. If the best US companies are in the US and the best Singapore companies listed in Singapore, Why are these China companies listed in Singapore ?

Then was lucky enough to buy a russian stock when it was on sale. Unfortunately did not buy enough so still working.

Now building a following to launch a newsletter. If anyone has brighter idea on how I can thrive while I look for my next Sberbank do tell me. Lets learn from each other so we can get to our financial and other goals faster via win-win collabs.

Martin Conder

A Chartered Accountant with corporate finance experience, I was very fortunate to join Intermediate Capital Group in 1990, a startup providing mezzanine finance and private equity, primarily for LBOs.

After IPO in 1994 ICG enjoyed a period of strong growth on the back of a rapidly expanding private equity market, building a global office network and enviable mezzanine franchise. The lesson here was in fund management go to where the institutions are increasing their allocations.

In 2000 I took a 12-month sabbatical to sail around the world (yes and that is a whole other story) and then I became responsible for mezzanine fund raising and securitization of ICG funds as well as ICGs own balance sheet.

By 2005 I was ready for new challenges and left to establish a number of startups; a software company for mobile working, a pension comparison website and a fund management business in Germany. The German business was successful but the others not.

I have devoted the past 18 years to managing my own portfolio, mostly in public companies and private equity indirectly having first invested in public company stocks in 1984 and thus have a 40 year track record.

In 2020, I took another break from investing to complete an MA degree in Architectural History and one of my proudest achievements was twice to have been a judge for the UK regional awards run by the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Matthew Peterson

Matthew Peterson is the Managing Partner of Peterson Capital Management, LLC, a long-term, concentrated, value-based fund that he founded in 2011. With 25 years as a financial professional, his expertise is anchored in risk management roles with leading institutions on Wall Street such as Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, and Merrill Lynch. Matthew holds a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation, a bachelor's degree in economics, and a minor in mathematics from the University of Puget Sound. He has lived and worked in China, England, and the United States. Matthew and his wife have two children and currently reside in Austin, Texas.

Max Kronberg

I am an entrepreneur turned investor, with over a decade of experience as Co-founder and CEO of an e-commerce company, selling private label products on online market places worldwide.
Now I manage my own investment portfolio with a small team in Singapore, specializing in public equities with a bottom up, long-only, concentrated portfolio.

Min Hoosik

Mr. Min, Hoosik (Michael) has been working in the Korean financial market for over 30 years as an analyst and fund manager in several investment banks. He graduated from university in Korea and completed his MBA from the University of Denver in the US.
In August 2010, Pine Investment Advisory was established, thus starting the asset management business, while management of external funds began the following year. His investments primarily target cash-generating businesses with a sustainability goal of 3 to 5 years. He then invests on a value basis while applying an appropriate discount rate. The world may change, but he wants to find timeless principles. He reads books for various thought structures, and tracks and emulates respected individuals. He also seeks to enhance his investment knowledge by learning from his past failures.
He currently serves as Chairman of a small scholarship foundation supported by his family. He likes to run along the Han River, and enjoys hiking and golfing with his friends. He also likes painting, e often visiting art galleries, and occasionally accompanies his wife to her favorite concerts. He is married with two daughters in Seoul.

Michel Fattal

Michel leads the Fattal Group’s fast-moving consumer goods division, a prominent
regional distributor in the Middle East and North Africa. Founded in 1897, the Fattal
Group is a fourth-generation family-owned business, specializing in the distribution of
fast-moving consumer goods, pharmaceuticals, and beauty products (skin care and
makeup).
Michel's professional journey began at Coopers & Lybrand in Paris, where he served as
a consultant. He later joined Credit Suisse First Boston in London as an M&A analyst in
the Healthcare & Consumer Products groups. During this time, he advised on various
transactions, including the sale of a renowned catering company and the IPO of a major
Swiss biotechnology firm. In 2005, Michel joined the family business, assuming several
roles, and currently oversees the Group's fast-moving consumer goods division.
Michel has been actively involved in various organizations. He served as Chairman of
Injaz Al Arab Lebanon until early 2023 and is currently the Vice Chair. He has been a
member of the Young Presidents' Organization (YPO) since 2007 and the Chief
Executives Organization (CEO), holding multiple positions within the Levant Chapter.
His contributions to YPO include serving as the Corporate Social Responsibility officer
on the MENA YPO board. In 2019, Michel led a global education program called
Advanced Decision Making for Leaders at HEC, France's leading business school,
attracting over 40 participants from around the world. He graduated from the YPO
Harvard President Program in 2018, where he served as a Group Leader. He is also a
member of CEO since 2023.
Michel holds an MSc in Management from HEC, France's leading business school, a
Post Graduate degree in Business Law from Paris-Sorbonne University, and a Master's
degree in Business and Tax Law from Paris-Assas University. He is also an alumnus of
the Harvard Business School (HBS).

Muhammed Yesilhark

Muhammed is an entrepreneur, investor and philanthropist
born and raised in Germany and living in Dubai. He is currently the Chief Investment Officer of NOIA Capital, a Luxembourg based multi-family office focused on growth
capital.
Outside of the world of finance, Muhammed has been appointed as an Advisory Council Member of the Dubai Chamber of Commerce's Digital Economy Advisory Council by HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. In addition, he serves as a Board of Trustee of National Zakat Foundation in UK, Chairman of Shamaazi Ltd, Board Member of Collective Continuum (CoCo) and as an Ambassador of Global Blockchain Business Council.
Until April 2016, Muhammed was the Head of European Equities at Carmignac, one Europe's leading asset managers with close to $40bn of AuM. Muhammed was a
Partner of the firm and Head of European Equities responsible for the company's European funds as well as the
European exposure of the global funds adding up to approximately $8bn exposure.
Muhammed moved to Carmignac with his team from SAC
Global Investors (now called Point72) where he was a Partner and Portfolio Manager. There he managed a European equities portfolio with $650m AuM. It was during
his time at SAC that Muhammed received the "40 under 40" award for the highest achieving 40 investment professionals in the European hedge fund industry.
Prior to SAC, Muhammed had moved to London from Frankfurt to join York Capital Management, a New York based event driven hedge fund with $18bn AuM.
Muhammed started as an Associate and got promoted to
Director level after just 4 years at York Capital. He was one of
the youngest Directors in the financial services industry in
London at the age of 27. He was responsible for York's investments in the German speaking countries as well as in
the EMEA region.
Muhammed started his career at Lazard's Frankfurt office in
their Mergers & Acquisition practice and was trained in areas
such as Corporate Finance and Equity Capital Markets.
Muhammed, of Turkish origin, but born and raised in Germany, studied finance and management at ESB and graduated with a first-class honors' degree both from Reutlingen University of Applied Science in Germany and Lancaster University's Management School in the United Kingdom.
Muhammed enjoys water sports, padel tennis, and philanthropy. Muhammed is fluent in English, German, Turkish
and well versed in Spanish. He is married and has two children

Neehar Cherabuddi

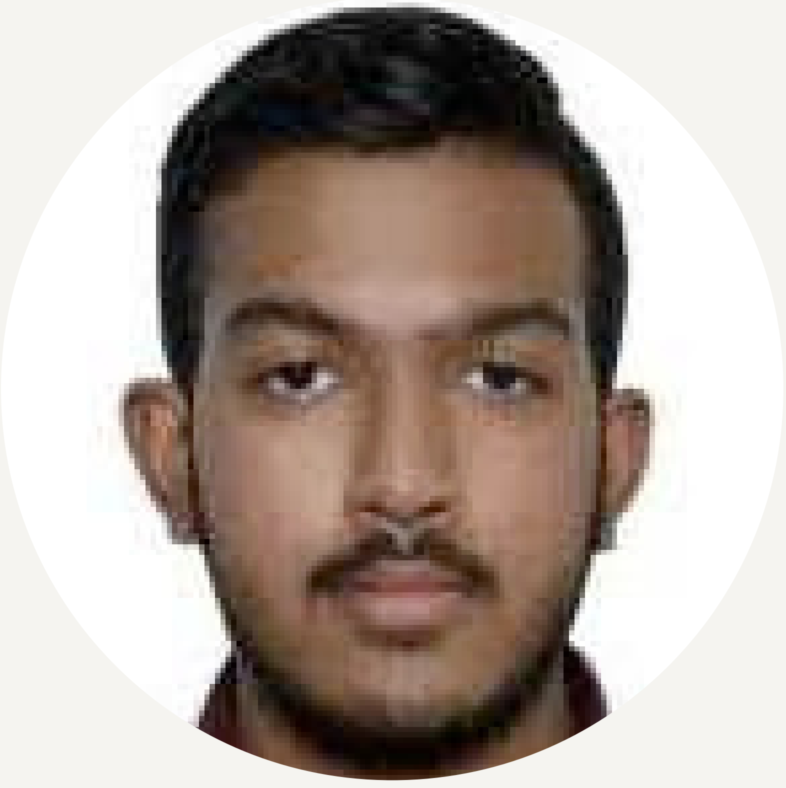
Neehar Cherabuddi co-founded DoctorC in 2014. DoctorC is building India's first Internet Hospital with a mission is to make healthcare as accessible and affordable as the internet.

He is the CEO, and heads strategy, vision, product, and growth. Neehar's Growth Team combines product, marketing, engineering, and design. It has been key to the high growth and scale at DoctorC. Neehar believes that balancing design and technology is an art and when you get it right, it's invisible.

Neehar has always been entrepreneurial. His first 3 startups were based in the Bay Area - WebMynx, Sleepyhead, and Shoutt. Neehar also wrote and directed several award winning short films and a feature film. After moving to India, Neehar started DoctorC to design healthcare services for the Indian consumer.

Neehar graduated from Brown University and worked for 5 years in Silicon Valley as a Senior Software Engineer at Oracle Corporation.

Nikhil Vishwanathan



Nikhil is a Finance & Operations Accountant at Samena Capital, an investment group focusing on the Subcontinent Asia, Middle East and North Africa. The firm focuses on Private Equity, direct investments and credit. He graduated from Heriot Watt University with a Finance and Accounting degree. He is a qualified chartered accountant (ACCA) and has completed CMA and CFA Level 2 and is keen on being an investment analyst in the future. In his spare time he enjoys playing Padel and listening to podcasts.

Nirman Shetty

Nirman is passionate about learning.
Some of his favourite topics are studying businesses, consumer behaviour, biology, science fiction and fantasy.
He is a computer engineer and an MBA and has worked in software development, real estate, healthcare, distribution and food processing.
He lives with his wife, four children and 2 dogs in the UAE.

Norman Rentrop

Norman Rentrop is a value investor. He runs his own family office (Rentrop Investment Office) in Bonn Germany (the former capital and now United Nations city). The money comes from professional publishing: paid advisory newsletters – everything for business owners from starting the business, managing, labor law for employers, social security, wealth and health. His son Richard now runs the publishing company.
Norman Rentrop bought his first stock at the age of 10 and attended his first annual shareholder meeting at age 15 (with 4 shares by then) at a chocolate factory in neighbouring Cologne, Germany. The CEO and majority shareholder, Dr. Hans Imhoff, was as great a storyteller as Warren Buffett is today. Norman understood and liked what he heard. He liked even more that he could eat as many chocolates as he wanted – and felt treated very well as a minority shareholder.
Investing all the profits from his publishing business into stocks of great companies, he started his Family Office back in 1998.
Among his large shareholding are Alphabet (Google), Microsoft, Berkshire Hathaway, Markel, Hannover Re, Moltiply (MutuiOnline), Thermador, PSI Software, Gesco, 1&1, DocCheck, Mincon, Qualitas Controladora, R. Stahl, Tucows and WashTec.

Paolo Veneziani

Paolo founded and manages a family investment company, Vidya Capital, since 2014.
He started to invest with a value oriented approach (mostly focalizing on high quality companies) in the mid 90's, after he learned about Warren Buffett and Value Investing. He became a full timeinvestor in 2014.
Opportunities are sourced mostly in Europe and the US, and are sector and size agnostic.
Previously Paolo has been an executive in the Pharmaceutical industry in the US, UK and Italy and then a senior partner at Egon Zehnder.
He holds an MBA from Columbia Business School and an undergraduate degree in Economics from the University of Rome.

Parshu Adiraja

Parshu Adiraj serves as a Senior Investment Lead at the International Finance Corporation (IFC) focusing on investments in private assets focused on emerging markets across Asia, Middle East and Africa. In this capacity, he has spearheaded the structuring and execution of several well-known investments in the financial services and the fintech areas. He previously worked as an investment banker at Citigroup in Hong Kong and New York.
His personal portfolio consists of both private and public assets with major exposures towards equity and fixed income markets in US, India and to a limited extent in Europe and Japan. He ardently follows value investing principles for his equity portfolio and is a keen follower of well-known value gurus in his endeavor to compound his portfolio.
Parshu is a graduate of the Carnegie Mellon University and the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay. Other than his passion for investing, he is a keen hiker, having recently summited Mt. Kilimanjaro, and tries really hard to squeeze in his routine weekend tennis while dedicating time for his family.

Paul Holtfrerich

Paul Holtfrerich is a Fund Manager at Principled Capital, based in Dallas, TX. With a diverse professional background that includes experience at a national laboratory, management consulting, and startups, Paul brings a unique perspective to the investing world. He holds a graduate degree in engineering from the University of Arizona.

Since founding Principled Capital in 2021, Paul has focused on long-term, concentrated investments, drawing inspiration from investors such as Warren Buffett and Mohnish Pabrai. His investment framework emphasizes disciplined decision-making and a principled approach to capital allocation. He also authors the Principled Capital Substack (principledcapital.substack.com), where he shares insights on his fund's performance and investing philosophies.

Outside work, Paul enjoys traveling, playing sports, chess, arm-wrestling, and spending time with his wife, Molly, and their 1-year-old daughter, Cora.

Pramod Gubbi

Pramod is one of the founders of Marcellus. In the final two years of his 8 year stint in Ambit Capital, Pramod was Managing Director & Head of Institutional Equities (from 2016 to 2018). Prior to that, Pramod served as the head of Ambit's Singapore office from 2013-2016. Before joining Ambit, Pramod worked across sales and research functions at Clear Capital, a British equity research firm. Pramod is Head of Sales in Marcellus and manages the sales & marketing efforts of the firm. He also sits on Investment Committee that discusses and approves investment strategies of the firm. Besides being a technology analyst, Pramod has served in technology firms such as HCL Technologies and Philips Semiconductors' Indian arm in Business Development and Engineering respectively.

Prashan Abeywardana

Private investor living in Western Australia with wife and 2 young kids.

I've had 10 years of a deep interest in value investing. I initially worked as a doctor, then worked in corporate finance for 2 years and more recently spend my time looking for investments, balancing family life and trying to develop an understanding of the big sciences, human behaviour and history. Hoping to learn some insights on building a dependable, sustainable investment process.

P.V. Ramanathan (Ram)

Ram is a CA by profession and co-owns a corrosion services company headquartered in UAE but with offices all over the GCC, India, Azerbaijan, Georgia and the UK. His private passion is investing and he is the investment advisor to the Neeti Fund – a fund of funds. He loves reading and playing golf. He is the founder (together with Mallika) of the Toasmasters movement in Dubai and the Northern Emirates. He enjoys meeting new people, keeping in touch with his numerous good friends around the world and wants to be a learner till the end of his life on this earth.

Raymond Mosseri

My name is Raymond Mosseri. I was born in New York, currently living in Florianópolis, Brazil, and am 28 years old.

I grew up immersed in business, learning from my father, who founded an e-commerce company over 40 years ago. Early on, I developed a strong knack for board games that involved odds, probability, and problem-solving. By age 18, I was deeply interested in personal development and drew inspiration from thinkers like Maimonides and a few Buddhist monks. This exploration taught me the importance of temperament and discipline in maintaining peace of mind throughout life.

My curiosity in business and investing naturally led me to study Warren Buffett and Charlie Munger. I was captivated by their approach to both life and investing, which inspired me to manage my personal savings and apply their principles. After some success, I started managing money for friends and family, eventually founding an investment partnership called Pink Lion Fund. Today, I manage a concentrated portfolio of 12 global businesses, with allocations in Turkey, the USA, China, and Europe. Over the past 7.5 years, our performance has been strong.

Richard A Piliero

Richard is an investor across private and public markets. He has extensive cross border experience in multiple regions. He is based in Dubai. Previously, Richard was a Managing Director in Franklin Templeton Global Private Equity. As founding member of all four of the Templeton Strategic Emerging Market Funds private equity funds over 23 years, Richard executed global cross border PE transactions across Southeast Asia, North Asia, Europe and Latin America. He often sat on the boards of the investee companies. His most recent focus has been on climate change solutions. Prior to Franklin Templeton, Richard was a PE investor at Investor AB's Investor Growth Capital, focusing on healthcare and technology transactions. He started his career as an investment banker at Bear Stearns in New York. Richard has served on the boards of Our Next Energy, Inc, IndoTrans Logistics, Globus Spirits, Philippines Urban Living Solutions, and China High Speed Transmission, Co. Ltd., among others.
He is an industry speaker and also advocate of climate and impact investing, co-founding the Oxford Impact Collaborative (OIC), a non-profit forum for impact and sustainability.

Roberto Castiglioni

Roberto is part of the Equity Capital Markets team at Negma, where he oversees the portfolio and provides daily support to managers through research, financial simulations, and market insights. His primary areas of interest include identifying mispriced emerging compounders and uncovering special situations.

Sandeep Kapadia

Sandeep Kapadia currently manages a family office based in Dubai, overseeing investments in listed companies across the US and India.

Professional Experience

Partner, Prime Ventures
Sandeep joined Prime Ventures at its founding in 1999. Prime Ventures (www.primeventures.com) is a prominent venture capital and growth equity firm specializing in investments in European technology and related sectors. Operating from offices in the Netherlands and the UK, the independent partnership manages over €800 million in committed capital.

With over 25 years of experience, Sandeep brings expertise in venture capital, investment strategy, operational senior management, and board-level decision-making. He has been instrumental in supporting portfolio companies by recruiting senior leadership and establishing strategic partnerships. Prior to Prime Ventures, he held various senior management roles at Baan Company, focusing on sales channel management and international marketing.

Education

Sandeep holds a Bachelor's degree in Computer Engineering from Bombay University and an MBA from Rotterdam School of Management and the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

Sharad Sri

Sharad co-founded ACP Asset Management, is a member of its Board of Directors, and serves on the Investment Committee.
Sharad is responsible for sourcing, executing acquisitions and monitoring several of ACP Asset Management's portfolio companies. He serves on all investee company boards and maintains strong personal relationships with all stakeholders across the investment spectrum.
Prior to founding ACP Asset Management, Sharad trained and practiced as a corporate M&A lawyer in both Sydney and Abu Dhabi and has worked for several global law firms including Linklaters, Allens Arthur Robinson, and DLA Piper.
He holds a Bachelor of Business and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Technology, Sydney.
corporation.

Stephanie Akkaoui

Co-founder and CEO of EdenMountain, Stephanie Akkaoui Hughes is a seasoned businesswoman, visionary entrepreneur, and strategic investor with over two decades of experience. Born and raised in Beirut, Lebanon, Stephanie's leadership journey spans multiple industries, marked by innovation and resilience. At EdenMountain, she serves as the CEO, leveraging her deep expertise in startups to drive growth, profitability, and business transformation.

An award-winning architect by training, Stephanie was the founder and CEO of AKKA Architects, a firm she established in 2012. Under her leadership for over a decade, AKKA delivered multi-million-dollar projects worldwide for prestigious clients such as the European Commission, Triodos Bank, and DHL. Alongside her entrepreneurial ventures, Stephanie has also become a strategic investor, focusing on managing family wealth through targeted investments in real estate and public equities.

In addition to being an entrepreneur and investor, Stephanie is a bestselling author and distinguished speaker. With a speaking career spanning over 15 years, she is widely recognised for her thought leadership, inspiring audiences ranging from global corporations to government bodies around the world.

Stig Brodersen

Please find my updated bio for the panel here: Stig Brodersen is the CEO and co-founder of The Investor's Podcast Network. With more than 170M downloads, their main show, "We Study Billionaires," is the biggest stock investing podcast in the world. On his platform, Stig has publicly documented his investing journey, and his portfolio has since 2014 returned 21.4% CAGR vs. the S&P500's 11.3%.

Sunil Parthasarathy

Sunil is currently working as Head of Research and Portfolio Manager at Ouswah Capital. Before this, he was working as Vice President at GW&K Investment Management where he was a senior investment analyst on an emerging markets long only fund, covering consumer discretionary, communication services, tech hardware, software and e-commerce names. He has prior background as a chip design engineer at Sun Microsystems and Cisco. He received his MBA from Columbia Business School and is an alumnus of the Value Investing Program there. He also has a Btech Electrical Engineering from IIT Madras and a MS in Electrical and Computer Engineering at University of California, Santa Barbara. He has 3 US patents in chip and memory design.

Syed Balkhi

Syed Balkhi is the founder & CEO of Awesome Motive. His portfolio of software companies are used by over 25 million websites around the world

Tarbir Shahpuri

Born and brought up in Mumbai, Tarbir Shahpuri attended Commerce and Law college in Mumbai, India. Tarbir started his career as a derivatives trader at Edelweiss Financial Services and left to pursue his own interests in 2010.

Since 2010 Tarbir has been managing his own capital and advision one U.S based education institution.

Tarbir is a qualified pilot, likes to run obscure marathons and occasionally is found in the kitchen. He is married and currently lives with his wife and two daughters in Mumbai, India.

Thomas Roland Hartl

Thomas Hartl is a private value investor based in Dubai with decades of experience investing internationally. He spent over 25 years with Morgan Stanley in London and Frankfurt, where he served as Managing Director and Head of Real Estate Asset Management for Europe. During his tenure, he led transactions for over $15 bn and oversaw a portfolio covering investments in Western and Eastern Europe as well as Russia. Thomas holds a degree in business administration from the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, where he graduated in 1998 with a specialisation in finance and capital markets.

Varun Balachandran

15+ years of experience across long-term investing (8 years;
TenCore Partners, Catamaran), management consulting (McKinsey
& Co, Singapore), transactions and audits (Ernst & Young, Veda
Advisors) • Worked closely with TenCore Partners, long-term investor
based in NYC, for 6 years (2018-2024) as an investment analyst
(consultant) from prior to fund launch. Research experience
across sectors (including Financial Services, Ecommerce) &
markets (India, US, Latam, China etc). Contributed to the firm's
ground research & data analysis toolkit. • Worked with Catamaran as an investment analyst from 2016-18
and assisted the CIO with institutionalizing the firm's public
investments strategy and approach.

Academics
• INSEAD MBA (with
Distinction, top 10%) • Chartered Accountant
(ICAI, All India Rank 46 in
the Final stage)

Veronika Kamplade

Vero Kamplade is an associate partner with McKinsey & Company in London currently residing in Dubai. She has extensive experience in leading large-scale transformations for private- and public-sector institutions seeking to enable the power of digital and AI. This includes the GenAI opportunity definition but also how to make things happen through change management, operating model design and capability building.
Vero is passionate about creating and scaling new ventures that leverage digital platforms and analytics to address strategic and organizational challenges. She has led the development of several new firm offerings, such as digital solutions. She is also a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion champion, frequently speaking on women and leadership and spearheading EMEA's women in the workplace research.
Outside of McKinsey, Veronika is a trustee on the board of Constella Opera Ballet, a mentor to pupils from King Solomon Academy, and a violinist, and a passionate Mandarin Chinese speaker. She has a Diploma in Business and Cultural Studies from Passau University in Germany, a degree in Mandarin Chinese and on China economy from Beijing University and degrees on digital strategies and digital product management from Cambridge University and General Assembly in the UK

Wesley Richards

Wesley co-manages an in-house Asian equity fund for a UK Single Family Office based in London. Previously, he founded Frontier Asset in 2009 providing investment consultancy and research services. Before moving into the wealth management industry, Wesley worked as a Pastor for a non- denominational church, investing in people.

A former international rower, he served as an elected Local Councillor for the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead, 2015-19, and is a parent-founder of an independent school in Windsor. Wesley holds a degree in Economics from the University of London and a Masters from the London School of Economics in Environment and Development. He was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple and is a CFA Charterholder. He is married with four sons.

Vivek Kalra

Vivek Kalra is the Founder and Managing Partner of Singular Capital – an investment manager focused on the mid and mid-to-large cap listed equity universe in India. The firm has been operational since 2015 and has a presence in both Singapore and India.

Previously, he was a Partner at Capital Group Private Markets, based in Singapore, and led/co-led investments across various emerging markets and sectors, with a substantial focus on India. Vivek has served on various investee company boards, including Mindtree (India), Pacific Textiles (Hong Kong) and Manipal Global Education Services (India).

Prior to Capital Group, Vivek was a Partner at McKinsey & Co. in Mumbai and served several mid to large sized business groups on a range of initiatives, with a primary focus on business and portfolio strategy.

Vivek currently serves on the Boards of Mankind Pharma – a leading listed pharma company in India; and Step By Step School – a leading K-12 school in Delhi. Earlier, he served for 6 years as a Member of the Board of Governors of UWCSEA (United World College) – one of Singapore's leading international K-12 schools – and as Chair of the Finance & Infrastructure committee.

Vivek holds a BTech in Electrical Engineering from IIT Mumbai and an MBA from Stanford University.