



TOP
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ASIAN STARS IN UK TECH 2015



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Judging Criteria

1. For inclusion in this list individuals must reside predominantly in the UK and be of South Asian descent (i.e. those from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Mauritius, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and their descendents or any genealogical combination of these).
2. Each individual was assigned a primary category e.g. investor. A second category has been assigned where the individual has more than one role e.g. entrepreneur and investor. The categories are Accelerator, Incubator, Investor, Digital Influencer, Entrepreneur, Technologist, Social Entrepreneur, Venture Capital.
3. Each individual's profile was developed based on:
 - their level of seniority and reach within their organisation – for the purposes of this list I have only included CEO, CTO, CDO, CMO, COO or equivalent titles.
 - their impact – this can either be based on number of ventures started, awards won, books and papers published, investment raised, exits achieved, people helped etc.
 - their level of innovation – this is strength of their business idea or scope of their strategy or plan.
 - their level of influence – this is a subjective criterion and would be determined by their public profile, social media followers, TED talks, podcasts, vodcasts, white papers, conference speeches, seminars hosted etc.
4. Individuals were then assessed from a longlist to a shortlist to a final list before being selected in the Top 5 categories of: Accelerators, Investors or Venture Capitalists grouped collectively as 'Investors', Digital Influencers and Technologists grouped collectively as 'Digital Influencers', Start-Ups, Social Entrepreneurs and Women.
5. Seven judges were asked to make their selections independently of each other with a casting vote by the Chair of the Judging Panel if required.
6. Judges were asked to declare any conflicts of interest and are excluded for consideration on the list.
7. The information for each individual has been compiled from published sources. Every possible effort has been made to ensure the information contained in this publication is accurate at the time of going to press. Notification of any errors, amendments or omissions can be sent via email to info@diversityuk.org



Celebrating the Top 100 Asian Stars in UK Tech

Digital industries are among the fastest growing in Britain, accounting for 1.46 million jobs last year with demand for skilled individuals growing at a rate of 28% year on year according to statistics in the Tech Nation 2015 report published earlier this year. But the success of industry in the UK has been marred by its lack of female and ethnic diversity at all levels.

So to challenge the notion of the “white, young, male” stereotype, Diversity UK set itself a challenge to research the individuals working within the industry to see what it would find. Having spent the last 14 years publishing for the South Asian diaspora, my job was to start with a community I knew well. Imagine my surprise to quickly find over two hundred South Asian leading lights working in every corner of the British tech scene: from angel investing and startups, to fintech, cleantech, edtech, medtech and social enterprises.

Wayra’s new StartUpDNA research has shown that the start-up system, in particular, is five times more likely to have individuals from ethnically diverse communities in C-Suite positions than FTSE 100 businesses. Furthermore, Wayra’s research showed that 18.7% of people working in startups are from an ethnic minority background, the majority of them Asian. This affirms reports that Asians are more entrepreneurial than the average UK population and is a mirror image of what is now happening in Silicon Valley, as Asians steadily establish their global digital empires.

Those from the “old tech” corporate world of proprietary software solutions are embracing the “new tech” world of cloud-based SaaS services, cybersecurity, mobile applications and collaborative working. And it is not for themselves alone, many Asians mentor startups and social entrepreneurs; others contribute to online learning, creative collaboration, knowledge transfer and skills sharing or run hubs and entrepreneurial bootcamps.

Like all startup adventures, this list was joint collaboration with a stellar line-up of judges - Rob Chapman, Patrick Imbach, Shivvy Jervis, Neeta Patel, Sarah Turner and our Chair, Dilip Joshi MBE - to whom I owe a huge thank you.

My thanks also to the KPMG High Technology Growth Group team for sharing their knowledge of the latest developments on the UK Tech scene and for sponsoring the launch of this list, the ‘Top 100 Asian Stars in UK Tech 2015’. Enjoy!

Regards
Lopa Patel MBE
Founder & CEO - Diversity UK (Curator)



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Over the last 3 years, Wayra UK & Wayra UnLtd start-ups have raised over to \$50m, with last year's cohort raising \$10.4m of that total before reaching demoDay, December 2014. To date, our companies have run 45 trials with Telefónica

KPMG's High Growth Technology Group is based in Shoreditch, London. The team is focused on helping early stage and high growth technology companies succeed through providing advice and assurance as well as contacts in the ecosystem for UK technology startups. The team's remit includes advising companies on: successfully scaling their business, understanding what tax incentives might be available, corporate structuring and expanding internationally, accessing equity and M&A transactions. Furthermore, KPMG's High Growth Technology Group hosts a range of industry and networking events for the startup community in London and supports a number of startup accelerator programmes as coaches and/ or mentors.

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UK, with companies like RotaGeek and Quidini being awarded contracts.

In 2015, Wayra UK welcomed 22 start-ups into its newly refurbished academy, half of which are being accelerated by Wayra UnLtd, the UK's first accelerator facility for digital technology social ventures. The social accelerator also tops the UK's Social Incubator Fund for third-party investment raised.

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100 Asian Stars in UK Tech - A-Z list

1. Mr Adil Abrar, Founder, Mastered
2. Mr Tushar Agarwal, Co-Founder & CEO, Hubble
3. Mr Rajesh Agrawal, Founder & Chairman, Rational FX
4. Mr Ajaz Ahmed, Founder & CEO, AKQA
5. Mr Ajaz Ahmed, Founder, Legal365
6. Mr Ali Ahmed, Founder & CEO, Lutebox
7. Mr Azeem Azhar, Evangelist, Brandwatch
8. Mr Manoj Badale, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Blenheim Chalcot
9. Mr Hasan Bakhshi, Director, Creative Industries, Nesta
10. Mr Faisal Butt, Founder & CEO, Pi Labs
11. Mr James Caan, Chairman, StartUp Loans
12. Mr Rizwan Chand, CTO & Co-Founder, Vivid Technologies
13. Mr Suranga Chandratillake, General Partner, Balderton Capital
14. Mr Devin Chawda, Co-Founder & CEO, Y-Cam Solutions
15. Mr Ajay Chowdhury, Partner & Managing Director, BCG Digital Ventures
16. Mr Rishi Chowdhury, Founder, Incubus Ventures
17. Ms Sonali De Rycker, Partner, Accel Partner
18. Mr Rikesh Desai, Digital Entertainment & Games Director, BBC Worldwide
19. Mr Samir Desai, Co-Founder, The Funding Circle
20. Mr Rajeeb Dey, CEO, Enternships
21. Mr Dinesh Dhamija, Founder & Chairman, Copper Beech
22. Mr Gi Fernando, Founder, Freeformers
23. Mr Faisal Galaria, Managing Director, Alvarez & Marsal
24. Ms Rupa Ganatra, Co-Founder, YesSir.com
25. Mr Suran Goonatillake, CEO, Bodymetrics
26. Mr Imran Hakim, Founder, iTeddy
27. Mr Anuraag Jain, CTO, IntelliQ
28. Mr Satish Jayakumar, Co-Founder, Typeless
29. Mr Indy Johar Senior, Innovation Associate, The Young Foundation
30. Mr Nick Kandola, Co-Founder, Love Shopping Direct
31. Mr Hussein Kanji, Partner, Hoxton Ventures
32. Mr Mark Kanji, Founder, Apptivation
33. Ms Bindi Karia, Vice President, Silicon Valley Bank
34. Mr Faraz Khan, Co-Founder, Seed Ventures
35. Mr Shakil Khan, Head of Special Projects, Spotify
36. Ms Mitu Khandaker-Kokoris, Founder, The Tiniest Shark
37. Dame Zarine Kharas, CEO, Justgiving.com
38. Ms Shalini Khemka, Founder & CEO, E2Exchange
39. Mr Anand Krishan, General Manager, Microsoft App Ecosystem
40. Mr Nish Kukadia, Co-Founder, SecretSales.com
41. Ms Madhuban Kumar, CEO, Metafused
42. Ms Priya Lakhani, Founder, Century Tech
43. Mr Manish Madhvani, Managing Partner, GP Bullhound
44. Ms Aekta Mahajan, Head of Venture Capital, Unit UKTI
45. Mr Bhaskar Majumdar, Chairman, Health Ventures
46. Mr Ketan Makwana, CEO, Enterprise Lab
47. Ms Shomila Malik, Head, TheLab UK
48. Mr Krishan Meeto, Creative Director, Proversity.org
49. Ms Rekha Mehr, Director of Development, Mass Challenge UK
50. Mr Dharmash Mistry, Co-Founder & CEO, Blow
51. Ms Vin Murria, Founder & CEO, Advanced Computer Software Group
52. Mr Rajay Naik, CEO (UK), Plattform
53. Mr Rohit Nanda, COO, AssetMatch
54. Mr Rahul Parekh, Co-Founder, Eat First
55. Mr Ali Parsa, Founder, Babylon
56. Mr Nitin Passi, Founder, MissGuided.com
57. Mr Ajay Patel, Co-Founder & CEO, HighQ
58. Mr Alpesh Patel, Founding Partner, Praefinium Partners
59. Ms Sarika Patel, Partner, Zeus Capital
60. Dr Pathik Pathak, Director of Social Enterprise, University of Southampton
61. Mr Amit Pau, Director, Ariadne Capital
62. Mr Mark Perera, Founder & CEO, Old Street Labs
63. Mr Uday Phadke, CEO, Cartezia
64. Mr Anil Pillai, CEO, DigitasLBI
65. Mr Ash Puri, Early Stage Investor, Episode 1
66. Mr Debu Purkayastha, Entrepreneur In Residence, Octopus Investments
67. Mr Mohammed Raja, Co-Founder, Fare Exchange
68. Ms Anjali Ramachandran, Head of Innovation, PHD UK
69. Mr Raj Ramanandi, Founder, Soho Labs
70. Mr J P Rangaswami, Chief Data Officer, Deutsche Bank
71. Mr Deepak Rao, Venture Partner, Concentric Ventures
72. Mr Sohail Rashid, Founder & CEO, Property Network
73. Ms Yashu Reddy, Director, Healthbox Europe
74. Ms Sanchita Saha, Founder & CEO, CitySocialiser
75. Mr Dan Sandhu, Chairman & CEO, Digital Assess
76. Mr Darshan Sanghrajka, Founder, Super Being Labs
77. Mr Mehool Sanghrajka, Founder & CEO, Learning Possibilities
78. Mr Nishul Saperia, Entrepreneur & Investor
79. Mr Samir Seetal, Co-Founder & CTO, Zzish
80. Ms Salone Sehgal, CEO, Truly Social
81. Mr Sandeep Senghera, CEO Toothpick
82. Mr Sam Sethi, CTO, Bagzee
83. Mr Nikhil Shah, Co-Founder MixCloud
84. Ms Shilpa Shah, Founder, Deloitte Women in Tech Network
85. Ms Cynthia Shanmugalingam, Founder & CEO, Kitchenette
86. Mr Rohan Silva, Founder, SecondHome Hub
87. Mr Dajit Singh, Executive Creative, Director Happiness
88. Mr Mandeep Singh, CEO, Streethub.com
89. Mr Narry Singh, Managing Director, Digital Business Strategy Accenture
90. Mr Raj Singh, CEO, Soqini
91. Mr Raj Sivalingam, Executive Director, Telecoms UK Tech
92. Ms Reshma Sohoni, CEO, Seedcamp
93. Mr Anil Stocker, CEO & Co-Founder, Market Invoice
94. Dr Srini Sundaram, Co-Founder, Aire
95. Ms Sitar Teli, Managing Partner, Connect Ventures
96. Mr Permjit Valia, Chairman & Investor, Wooshii
97. Mr Aneesh Verma, Co-Founder, Aire
98. Mr Salim Virani, Partner Founder, Centric
99. Mr Krishna Visvanathan, Managing Partner, DFJ Esprit LLP
100. Dr Shailendra Vyakarnam, Director Cranfield, Bettany Centre for Entrepreneurship

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Judging Panel



Dilip Joshi MBE
Chair - Diversity UK [Chair of the Judging Panel]

Dilip Joshi MBE is a seasoned professional with extensive senior level management experience who was awarded the MBE in June 2000 and the prestigious citation of 'Videsh Samman' for contributing to Indo-British understanding by the High Commissioner of India. He holds a Masters degree in Transport and Logistics Management. He is a Fellow of Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, and a Fellow of Royal Society of Arts. Previously Dilip has coordinated the Hindu Council UK (HCUK) relationship with the Greater London Authority and Central Government and lead the HCUK drive in making private and public sector organisations more representative. Dilip is chair of Asian Welfare and Cultural Association, Eastleigh and a special advisor to the chair of Ethnic Minority Business Group (EMBG). He is an interim Strategic Adviser on Economic Development and International UK-India Trade relationships.



Rob Chapman
Director - Founders Intelligence

Rob Chapman runs Founders Intelligence, a consultancy which helps clients like Sky, News Corp, Diageo, Unilever and Visa to innovate by understanding and working with the digital start-up ecosystem. Its work ranges from setting digital strategies to helping clients find, partner with and invest in emerging technology companies from across the globe. Founders Intelligence was born out of Founders Forum, an exclusive membership network for the world's most successful digital entrepreneurs. Prior to joining Founders Intelligence, Rob worked for a business intelligence start-up in France and the M&A strategy team at PwC. He has a Masters in Natural Sciences from the University of Cambridge.



Patrick Imbach
Head of High Technology Growth Group - KPMG

Patrick Imbach leads the High Growth Technology team at KPMG, based in Shoreditch, London and has a strong background in audit and finance advisory. The team is focused on helping early stage and high growth technology companies succeed through providing advice and assurance as well as contacts in the ecosystem for UK technology startups. The team's remit includes advising companies on: successfully scaling their business, understanding what tax incentives might be available, corporate structuring and expanding internationally, accessing equity and M&A transactions.

Patrick has a strong background in audit and finance advisory, prior to his current role, he worked for 9 years for KPMG in Germany and the UK on a variety of assurance and advisory projects across industries with a focus on Media, Telecommunications, and Technology companies. He holds an MBA from the John Molson School of Business, Montreal, Canada and a doctorate in economics from Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf, Germany.



Shivvy Jervis
Head of Digital Media - Telefonica

Voted one of 100 people "making digital Britain tick", Shivvy is an editor, speaker and the creator-host of video series Digital Futures which focuses on the social impact of technology. The series has gained a loyal following of over 1.5 million (with over 6 million minutes watched) and features both established and emerging industry trailblazers. A former TV reporter, Shivvy is also Head of Digital Media for Telefonica's innovation stream, crafting brand-agnostic editorial across their web, social and video channels. She is highly active on the speaking circuit, curates a global innovation hub and writes for The Huffington Post.

A recent winner at Britain's Asian Women of Achievement Awards 2015 (Media category), Shivvy mentors 8 bright young folk and is currently planning a new series that will profile the next generation of talent and emerging thought leaders.



Lopa Patel Founder & CEO - Diversity UK

Lopa Patel is a digital entrepreneur who founded the popular online South Asian Lifestyle portal Redhotcurry.com in 2001, ecommerce website TheRedhotshop.com in 2005 and she also publishes the annual Asian Power Couples Hot 100 list. After attaining a BTec in Computer Science followed by a BSc in Biochemistry from the University of Manchester, she started her career at Imperial Chemical Industries, before leaving to set up DMS Direct Ltd, a direct marketing business, in 1991. The advent of the internet encouraged her to set up Redhotcurry.com, initially as a means of sharing curry recipes, before it grew to cover the wider South Asian lifestyle sector.

Lopa is also the Founder & CEO of equality and inclusion think tank Diversity UK and a Technology Ambassador for STEMNET, helping to encourage girls to take up science careers. She was honoured with an MBE in 2009 for services to the Creative Industries and received the Queen's Award for Enterprise Promotion in 2015.



Neeta Patel CEO - New Entrepreneurs Foundation

Neeta Patel is Chief Executive of the New Entrepreneurs Foundation (NEF), a charity that aims to develop the next generation of UK entrepreneurs. Before joining the NEF, Neeta worked in private equity, matching technology entrepreneurs to investors. She has also worked at the British Council, the Financial Times, Legal & General - where she launched the first personal finance website in Europe - and Thomson Financial (Reuters).

She has an MBA from City University Cass Business School; a Sloan fellowship in strategy and leadership from London Business School, where she was an entrepreneur-mentor in residence and a Masters from the University of Oxford. She completed the Senior Management Programme at Harvard University and co-authored the business book 'Creative Business - The Making of Addictive Stories' in 2003. An acknowledged leader in entrepreneurship development in the UK and a regular contributor to The Huffington Post and Real Business Magazine, she is also a non-executive director at Go City Girl, a fashion e-commerce business and a trustee at the Young Women's Trust.



Sarah Turner Founder - Angel Academe

Sarah Turner is a technologist, consultant, startup advisor and angel investor who has been working in and around digital technology for the last 20 years. She set up Angel Academe to activate more women as angel investors in technology startups. Over half of the angels in the group are women and are new to investing and we invest in technology businesses with a woman on the founding team. Sarah is also a Director at Turner Hopkins, a consultancy that help clients create their digital strategy. She is a Dealmaker for the UTKI Global Entrepreneur Programme, the GEP team consists of a network of internationally successful entrepreneurs who are able to offer their insight, networks and experience to help selected early stage technology ventures relocate to the UK and grow their businesses from here.

Sarah is also a mentor at BBCWLabs, the BBC Worldwide's digital media startup accelerator providing outstanding entrepreneurs with mentors, infrastructure and partnerships, at TechStars London and StartUpYard. She has a Bachelor's degree from the University of East Anglia and a Masters in Information Systems from the University of Brighton.

Top 5 Asian Stars



Top 5 Digital Influencers

1. Mr Ajaz Ahmed Founder AKQA
2. Mr Azeem Azhar
Co-Founder Brandwatch PeerIndex
3. Mr James Caan Chairman StartUp Loans
4. Dame Zarine Kharas, CEO, Justgiving.com
5. Dr Pathik Pathak Director of
Social Enterprise University of
Southampton



Top 5 Investors

1. Mr Suranga Chandratillake
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4. Ms Bindi Karia Vice President
Silicon Valley Bank
5. Ms Sitar Teli Managing Partner
Connect Ventures



Top 5 Social Entrepreneurs

1. Mr Adil Abrar Founder Mastered
2. Ms Shalini Khemka Founder &
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3. Mr Gi Fernando Founder Freeformers
4. Ms Priya Lakhani Founder Century Tech
5. Mr Rohan Silva Founder SecondHome
Hub



Top 5 StartUps

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2. Mr Darshan Sanghrajka
Founder Super Being Labs
3. Mr Nikhil Shah Co-Founder MixCloud
4. Mr Anil Stocker CEO & Co-Founder
Market Invoice
5. Dr Srinidhi Sundaram Co-Founder Aire



Top 5 Women

1. Ms Bindi Karia Vice President
Silicon Valley Bank
2. Dame Zarine Kharas, CEO, Justgiving.com
3. Ms Priya Lakhani Founder Century Tech
4. Ms Anjali Ramachandran
Head of Innovation PHD UK
5. Ms Reshma Sohoni CEO Seedcamp





Adil Abrar Founder at Mastered

Adil Abrar is the Founder of Mastered.com, an online fashion school. Previously he founded, Sidekick Studios in 2009, a product design consultancy and incubator with \$2m+ annual revenues helping large organisations innovate like startups. Clients included RSA, Red Bull, Unilever, Sky, NHS London, Which?, Cancer Research, Charities Aid Foundation, Carers UK, and Flamingo International. In 2012, Adil was selected by The Observer as one of '50 New Radicals Making Britain a Better Place'. He is also the Co-Founder & Non-Executive Director of VC-backed Buddy, an SMS and web app enabling people with anxiety and depression to take control of their own condition. Buddy has been adopted nationwide by NHS therapy services. From 2012 - 2013, Adil was Projects Director at Sidekick School helping to create spin-out products and services from charities. The first cohort from Sidekick School included Vinspired, Comic Relief, Carers UK and Inaura. He also co-founded The Amazings, a marketplace for retired people to sell their experiences, skills and passions direct to their local community. Adil began his career in advertising, before spending three years at Amnesty UK as the brains behind the Protect The Human Campaign.

Tushar Agarwal Co-Founder & CEO - Hubble

Tushar Agarwal is currently, Co-founder & CEO at Hubble (formerly Spacious) - an online marketplace for renting office space. He is an EF (Entrepreneur First) 2014 Cohort, selected as part of a group of 35 to found and build a high-growth technology startup and was selected as one of the top 100 students in the UK from 8,000 initial nominations in the FreshMinds 'One to Watch' 2010. An Economics Graduate of the London School of Economics, he previously worked as an Investment Banking Analyst at Greenhill & Co. specialising in Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A) for two years. Previous internship experience is in investment banking at Barclays Capital, RBS Global Banking and Markets and Morgan Stanley



Rajesh Agrawal Founder Chairman & CEO - RationalFX

Rajesh Agrawal is the Founder Chairman & CEO of London based commercial foreign exchange company RationalFX. He was born and educated in India, completing a Master of Business Administration at one of India's leading business schools, the Prestige Institute of Management & Research, Indore, before a job opportunity brought him to London in 2001. Rajesh founded RationalFX along with Paresh Davdra in 2005 in a small office in Brighton providing foreign exchange and wire transfer services to individuals. In the same year, RationalFX launched UK's first online currency exchange system for private individuals at real time prices. RationalFX relocated to City of London later in the same year. In August 2012, Agrawal launched Xendpay, an online money transfer platform aimed at remittance market, to cut down the cost of money transfer and bring more transparency in the market. Rajesh Agrawal was featured in The Sunday Times Rich List 2012 with a £90m fortune.



Ajaz Ahmed Co-Founder & CEO - AKQA

Ajaz Ahmed is the Co-Founder & CEO of AKQA, a digital agency that specializes in creating digital services and products. It employs 1,600 staff globally and was founded in 1994 in London by Ajaz Ahmed and James Hilton. In 2001, the company became AKQA Holdings Inc. after an investment of \$70 million by Francisco Partners and Accenture, with San Francisco as its new headquarters and four offices in the UK, US and Asia. In the same year, Nike Run London, a new branded sports format with 10,000 runners taking part was launched by AKQA for Nike. A year later, in 2002, Run London sold over 20,000 places in a few hours using an e-commerce platform designed by AKQA.

In 2005, AKQA Interface Design Practice helped Microsoft create the new user experience for the Xbox 360 gaming console. AKQA Mobile was launched as a specialist division in 2006. In 2010, AKQA created key branded iPhone apps launching that year: Gap Style Mixer, Nike True City, Nigella Quick Collection, and VW Real Racing GTI. In June 2012, AKQA joined WPP plc as an independent subsidiary within the world's largest communications group, with revenues of \$250 million that year. AKQA has garnered more than 100 industry awards, including at least one agency of the year award every year, and in 2014 it won Queen's Award for Enterprise: Innovation.

Ajaz and his co-author Stefan Olander, VP of Digital Sport at Nike crystallized their ideas of "the seven laws for a world gone digital" in 'Velocity', which featured a foreword by Sir Richard Branson and was published in 2012.

Ajaz Ahmed Founder - Legal365

Ajaz Ahmed is one of the original tech entrepreneurs who founded Freeserve, which was once the UK's largest Internet Company, in 1998. The eureka moment came when he bought a computer in PC World and nobody there could tell him how to get onto the Internet. After much persuasion, Dixons launched Freeserve in 1998, it became the UK's largest ISP in 3 months floated 9 months later with a market cap of £1.5bn. It entered the FTSE 100 soon after reaching a peak market cap of £9bn, Freeserve was sold by Dixons to France Telecom for £1.6bn in 2001. Ajaz left soon after the sale. He is currently the Founder of Legal365, a disruptive business model for the legal industry and runs his own business consultancy called SoSavvy. Ajaz also writes a column for Retail Week and sits on the Advisory Board at the University of Huddersfield Business School.



Ali Ahmed Founder & CEO - Lutebox

Ali Ahmed is Founder & CEO of Lutebox, an award winning London based startup that makes patented video communication technology. Winner of the Startup Games, Seedcamp finalists, and Lisbon Challenge finalists, Lutebox lets people voice chat over photos, and be more expressive and visual with their chats by putting a face to every message. The company has also developed patented technology for enterprise offerings in the social TV and social shopping spaces. An economics graduate from Lahore University of Management Sciences, Ali completed a Masters in Advanced Marketing Management from the University of Lancaster and started his career at Unilever working as an Assistant Brand Manager on the \$50 m brand, Brooke Bond Supreme. A stint at GroupOn UK & Ireland and a year spent consulting and advising startups like Tripster, spurred Ali to found Lutebox in 2011.



Azeem Azhar Evangelist - Brandwatch

Azeem Azhar is founder of PeerIndex, a startup building an expertise directory for the social Web, which was acquired by Brandwatch in 2014. Previously he worked with, started, advised or invested in startups like Seedcamp, Dopplr, Powerset, New Energy Finance, Zygo, TrueKnowledge, Mondus.com, PlanetOut, esouk and AMI Software. Prior to that he was Head of Innovation at Reuters; and had stints at the BBC, The Economist and The Guardian. He has a Masters degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics from the University of Oxford.

Manoj Badale Co-Founder & Managing Partner - Blenheim Chalcot

Manoj Badale was born in Dhule, Maharashtra, India and later on moved to the UK. He is a graduate of the University of Cambridge where he studied economics. Manoj is the co-founder and managing partner of Blenheim Chalcot, the Chairman of Emerging Media, chairman of The British Asian Trust (part of the Prince of Wales' Charities organisation) and of the Prince's Charities Events Ltd., as well as chairman of Operation Smile UK. He was formerly a partner at Monitor Company, a co-founder of the Netdecisions group, co-founded Fluency (sold to venture capitalists in 2003), Eviivo, and Steeltrace (sold to Compuware in 2004), the Rights Company (sold to Warner Music in 2005). In 2008, he along with a consortium of investors acquired the Jaipur Indian Premier League cricket team 'Rajasthan Royals' where Manoj is now Chairman.



Hasan Bakshi Director, Creative Industries - Nesta

Hasan Bakshi leads Nesta's creative and digital economy policy and research. His recent work includes co-authoring the Next Gen Skills Review (2011) of the video games and visual effects industries, and the Manifesto for the Creative Economy (2013), which sets out ten recommendations by which governments can help the creative economy grow. Hasan has a particular interest in data and experimental research methods: in 2010, he designed and piloted in Manchester Creative Credits, a business support scheme structured as a randomised controlled trial; in 2011, he devised the Digital R&D Fund for the Arts which has been rolled out in a three-year partnership with Arts Council England and the Arts and Humanities Research Council.

Prior to Nesta, Hasan worked as Executive Director and Senior International Economist at Lehman Brothers, and as Deputy Chief Economist at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. He has eight years' experience as an economist at the Bank of England and has also consulted for a number of organisations, including the European Commission, Film London and the British Film Institute. Hasan has a BA in Economics from Cambridge and an MPhil in Economics from the University of Oxford. Hasan is a founding member of the government's Creative Industries Council. He was awarded an MBE for services to the creative industries in the New Year's Honours List for 2015.

Faisal Butt Founder & CEO - Pi Labs

Faisal Butt is a serial entrepreneur who works with founders and management teams to scale up high-growth ventures. He also invests private equity to execute a partial or full buyout in more stable SMEs through his personal investment vehicle Pere Ventures. Faisal is the co-Founder & CEO at Property Innovation Labs (Pi Labs), Europe's first property innovation accelerator programme. Located in the iconic Second Home building in East London, Pi Labs has a strategic partnership with Venture Capital firm Spire Ventures and global real estate firm Cushman & Wakefield.



Faisal is also Founder & CEO at Spire Ventures, a private equity and venture capital house that historically focused on property related businesses and now manages a multi-sector mandate on behalf of its investors. A BA in Business Economics & Computing graduate of UCLA, Faisal completed an MBA in Finance from University of Oxford - Said Business School before launching a 13-year career trajectory, living and working on three different continents, returning in 2009 to set up a base in London.



James Caan Chairman - StartUp Loans

In May 2012, James Caan CBE was appointed Chairman of The Start Up Loans Company, which supports entrepreneurs with funding and mentoring to start their own business. He is best known as a former investor on the BBC television program Dragons' Den, in which he was one of the Dragons from 2007 to 2010. He is the founder and CEO of Hamilton Bradshaw. The company was established in 2004 and specialises in buyouts, venture capital, turnarounds, and real estate investment in the UK. James is a Board Director of number of invested companies including being Chairman at Bluebox Corporate Finance Group; Advisor to Sons & Co.; Partner at eMoov.co.uk, Leadership and Management Ltd, Euromedica; Ivy Gate, The London Management Company, Voyage Global Energy, SF Group, Acouster Group and Star Capital Resourcing.

In the mid 1980's, James began a successful career in recruitment. He founded Alexander Mann, a UK recruitment business which he successfully grew to £130m turnover with 30 offices worldwide. During the same period, he was keen to explore the international market and launched Humana International, a franchising model, establishing 147 offices in 30 countries. He subsequently sold both businesses in 1999.

Rizwan Chand CTO & Co-Founder at Vivid Technologies

Rizwan Chand is currently CTO and Co-Founder of Vivid Technologies, a startup that is being accelerated by Microsoft Ventures London and BlackBox Connect (Google For Entrepreneurs). Vivid is building an innovative customer service mobile phone app that is going to revolutionise the way the public connect with contact centres using Interactive Voice Response (IVR) technology. A Computer Science Graduate (2005) from Staffordshire University, Rizwan also holds an MBA from the University of Birmingham (2011). He has over eight years programming, consultancy and project management experience working for companies such as Ali Cargo, E-Group and Active Web and a three year spell working as a web and social media consultant before co-founding Vivid Technologies in 2013.





Suranga Chandratillake General Partner at Balderton Capital

Suranga Chandratillake is the founder of blinkx.com, an Internet video search engine, and is a Board Member of the company. In 2014, Suranga joined Balderton Capital, the London, UK-based Venture Capital firm, as a General Partner. Prior to founding blinkx, Chandratillake held a variety of roles in technology, sales and marketing at Morgan Stanley, Netdecisions and Anondesign. He was also the US Chief Technology Officer of Autonomy Corporation, responsible for growing Autonomy's research and development division in the United States.

Named a Young Global Leader Honoree in 2009 by the World Economic Forum, Suranga has also been recognized as a leader in Science and Innovation by The Observer's Future 500 list. Suranga holds an MA in Computer Science, specializing in distributed processing architectures, from the University of Cambridge. He holds patents in the area of video discovery and online video advertising and was a 2012 recipient of the Royal Academy of Engineering's Silver Medal.

Devin Chawda Co-founder and CEO, Y-cam Solutions Ltd

Devin Chawda is the Co-founder and CEO of Y-cam Solutions Ltd, a cloud-based video surveillance company. Founded in 2007, Y-cam was created to make video monitoring technology simple and accessible for everyone, particularly non-technical consumers. To date the company is processing over one million customer videos each day, operating in 38 different countries with hundreds of thousands of customers worldwide. Devin has a professional background in IT and began his career starting up a range of niche online businesses. Prior to Y-cam he held a business development role within the mobile telecommunications industry and was responsible for developing new channels to market including working with accounts such as Vodafone, Samsung and T-Mobile.



Ajay Chowdhury Partner and Managing Director at BCG Digital Ventures

Ajay Chowdhury is a global, experienced CEO with over twenty five years experience in mobile, e-commerce, digital media, digital retail and Government and strong functional expertise in sales, strategy development, product development and fundraising. He has significant board experience as Chairman and Non-Executive Director having served on the boards of Shazam, Seatwave, ComQi, Lionhead, Department of Culture Media and Sport, Arts Council London, Virtual Internet (LSE) and FairFX (LSE-AIM) amongst others.

He has raised funding successfully for several companies and participated in selling various companies including Seatwave (to Ticketmaster), Lionhead (to Microsoft), Shazam (part sold to BMI) and Virtual Internet plc (to Register.com). Ajay is currently the Partner and Managing Director at BCG Digital Ventures which is an innovation, product development, venture and commercialization firm, set up by the Boston Consulting Group. A Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com.) graduate from Bombay University, Ajay completed his MBA in Finance from University of Pennsylvania - The Wharton School before joining management consultants Bain & Co.



Rishi Chowdhury Co Founder IncuBus Ventures

Rishi Chowdhury is the co-founder of IncuBus Ventures which is hosted on an iconic double decker London bus at the heart of the 'Silicon Roundabout'. IncuBus London is an entrepreneur incubator building better entrepreneurs and getting them and their startups accelerator ready. This is done through a tailored personal development course, and a series of business and product based training workshops. Rishi is also the co founder of YHP (YourHiddenPotential), which was created with the goal of encouraging entrepreneurship as a real career choice for the younger generation. YHP has interviewed over 1,000 entrepreneurs in the UK. After graduating with a 1st Class BA Honors, Business Management degree from Kingston University, he took on an online marketing role at the London based startup Huddle. Initially as an intern, then as a consultant, then on a permanent basis. Huddle went on to become one of the fastest growing tech companies in the UK during that period.

Sonali De Rycker Partner at Accel Partners

Sonali De Rycker is a Partner at Accel Partners and has been investing in European technology companies since 2000. She is passionate about backing entrepreneurs in the consumer (especially marketplaces), next generation financial services, fintech and business software markets. Sonali has led Accel's investments in Avito, Lyst, Spotify, Calastone, KupiVIP, Wonga, Housetrip, Silverail Technologies, Top10 and Wallapop. Sonali is also an independent director on the board of Nasdaq-listed IAC.



Prior to Accel, Sonali was a Partner at Atlas Ventures in London where she led investments or served on the board at Moo.com, Globoforce, Skinstore (acquired by Drugstore.com), Seatwave (acquired by Ticketmaster), Magicalia (acquired by Exponent) and Moreover (acquired by Verisign). Sonali started her career in investment banking at Goldman Sachs in NYC where she was actively involved in M&A and financing for a number of clients including many high-growth technology businesses. Sonali was born and raised in Bombay, India. She attended Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania where she received a full merit-based scholarship and graduated magna cum laude in Economics with Honours. Sonali holds an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Rikesh Desai Digital Entertainment & Games Director at BBC Worldwide

Rikesh Desai is currently the Digital Entertainment & Games Director at BBC Worldwide - the games division's role is primarily about licensing its IP to the right partner, whether that's Top Gear, Doctor Who, its various kids brands or other properties, such as BBC Earth. Doctor Who Legacy, the free-to-play mobile puzzle game, has attracted some 1.4m gamers. And its various Top Gear titles - including Top Gear Race - The Stig, and Top Gear Stunt School - have been well received. He was previously responsible for leading BBC Worldwide's Consumer Products digital and multi-format innovation agenda focused on commercially leveraging emerging digital technologies, combining them with BBC content, brands and products. A Management Sciences graduate of the London School of Economics, Rikesh started his career as a technology graduate at Vodafone followed by stints at 3-Com, T-Mobile, Carphone Warehouse and BestBuy Europe before he joined BBC Worldwide in January 2012.





Samir Desai Co-founder & CEO - Funding Circle

Samir Desai is Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer at Funding Circle, the global leading marketplace where investors directly lend to small businesses in the UK and US. Since mid 2010 Funding Circle has lent over \$800m to over 6,000 businesses globally. Investors include over 30,000 individuals, institutional investors, local councils, universities and the UK Government backed British Business Bank.

Before founding Funding Circle, Samir was an Executive at Olivant, a private equity investor in financial services businesses in Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Prior to this, he was a management consultant at the Boston Consulting Group advising a number of major UK and global banks and insurers on strategy, new product initiatives, and operational efficiency. Samir gained a 1st in Economics and Management from the University of Oxford.

Rajeeb Dey Founder & CEO - Enternships.com

Rajeeb Dey is Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Enternships.com, a portal that connects students and graduates to work placements in startups and SMEs, and develops innovative corporate talent programmes for clients such as Telefonica, Santander and Havas for which he was named the "02 X Young Entrepreneur of the Year" in 2009 and the youngest recipient of the Queen's Award for Enterprise Promotion in 2013.

Rajeeb is also the Co-Founder of StartUp Britain, a national entrepreneurship campaign supported by the government; it was launched by Prime Minister of the United Kingdom David Cameron in March 2011. He is a Trustee of UnLtd, the Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs, and was recognized as one of the 1,000 Most Influential People in London by The Evening Standard. He graduated with First Class Honours in Economics and Management from the University of Oxford in 2008 and was appointed as the world's youngest Young Global Leader (at 26) by the World Economic Forum in 2012.



Dinesh Dhamija Founder & Chairman - Copper Beech

Dinesh Dhamija is one of the original UK tech entrepreneurs having founded one of Europe's most successful internet travel agencies, ebookers.com. After listing the company on the Nasdaq, sales at ebookers.com went from \$23 million in 1999 to \$1 billion in 2004. He sold Ebookers in 2005 for \$471m from an initial investment of \$5million in 1999. Dinesh is now the Founder & Chairman of the Copper Beech Group, a company which manages investments in sustainable education, ecotourism and real estate - currently, he directs sustainable investment projects in India and Romania.

Born in Australia, the son of an Indian Diplomat, Dinesh completed an MA in law at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge University in 1974 after which he worked for various companies including IBM. In 2006 Dinesh graduated from the President's Programme in Leadership at Harvard Business School. He is a patron and advisory board member of the entrepreneurs' organization, TIE UK, the Governor of the Rainbow Foundation in the UK, an active member of the World Presidents Organisation (WPO) and the Chief Executives Organisation (CEO).



Gi Fernando Founder - The Deep Group

Gi Fernando is an entrepreneur and an investor. In 2013, he founded The Deep Group which owns, invests in, and manages a group of high-potential technology businesses, particularly in the social media, business services and social entrepreneurship sectors. The Deep group includes businesses such as Free:Formers, a digital training business; LoveThis, a social to do list business; Booking Bug, an online booking and reservation system, the Deep Ventures VC Fund; and Deep Labs.

Gi's career began at 21 when he sold his first entrepreneurial project. Since then he has accumulated experience including five years with HSBC implementing ground-breaking and innovative technologies for the banking group and later setting up Western Consulting in 2002, a digital CRM service helping smaller businesses punch above their weight. His most notable success came when he co-founded Techlightenment with Ankur Shah in 2007. Under Gi and Ankur's leadership Techlightenment became a global leader in providing products and services in social technology for brands. It was acquired by Experian plc in 2011.

Faisal Galaria Managing Director, Alvarez & Marsal

Faisal Galaria is currently Managing Director at Alvarez & Marsal where he leads the European digital practice focusing on: international expansion, mobile and multi-platform development, business model innovation, content licensing and corporate development. Previously he was a Vice President at Spotify, reporting to the CEO and leading teams responsible for M&A, new market entry, international growth and strategic partnerships. Before Spotify, Faisal was the International Managing Director of Kayak.com where he was responsible for expanding the service across Europe and propelled it to become the second largest travel search engine in the UK. Faisal started his career in wireless and Internet consulting at Arthur Andersen and was a member of Cluster Consulting, which was acquired by Diamond Technology Partners for \$930 million in 2000. He graduated from the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology with a Bachelor's in Management Sciences. He also holds an MBA from IESE in Spain.



Rupa Ganatra Co-Founder - Brand us Social

Rupa Ganatra is a serial entrepreneur: co-Founder of online retailer Yes-Sir.com and Social Media/Digital conference company Brand us Social. A BSc Economics graduate from the University of Manchester, she started her career at RBC Capital Markets, a premier investment bank, before founding Yes-Sir.com in 2013. Yes-Sir.com is a global online retailer of men's grooming brands in the category of Beards, Shaving, Skincare, Hair, Body, Fragrances and Health. In 2014 she co-founded Brand Us Social, a forward-looking digital and social media intelligence and events company hosting conferences for different vertical industries. In 2014, she was listed in Management Today's '35 Women Under 35' to watch.

Suran Goonatilake Co-Founder & CEO - Bodymetrics

Suran Goonatilake OBE is a Sri Lankan born British entrepreneur. He is the CEO and co-founder of Bodymetrics, a company that grew out of body-scanning research at University College London. As a PhD student at UCL, Suran co-founded a Big-Data company called Searchspace (renamed Fortent and then acquired by Actimize) whose software is used by global banks and the London Stock Exchange. In May 2005 Searchspace was acquired by Warburg Pincus, a buy-out fund. Suran also co-founded the Centre for Fashion Enterprise, a non-profit initiative that finances and nurtures high-growth fashion designers in London. He was educated at Royal College Colombo and the University of Sussex. He completed his higher studies at the University College London, gaining his PhD. In 2005, Suran was made an officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the Queen's birthday honours list for his services to Entrepreneurship.



Imran Hakim CEO - Hakim Group

Beginning his journey trading IT equipment whilst at still at school, Imran went on to complete his BSc Hons in Optometry and Vision Science at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology before earning his spot as one of the UK's most innovative and vibrant young Entrepreneurs. Imran came into the media eye in 2007 when he appeared on BBC2's Dragon's Den TV show with iTeddy - a 21st century teddy bear. Having successfully secured investment, Imran joined forces with Peter Jones and Theo Paphitis to create one of the biggest commercial successes the den has seen to date with the multi award-winning teddy bear which won him the World Toy Innovation award in 2008. Imran currently sits as CEO of Hakim Group whose core business activities remain within the optical industry.

Anuraag Jain Chief Technology Officer - IntelliQ

Anuraag Jain is currently the Chief Technology Officer at IntelliQ, the leading provider of profit protection forensic analysis solutions to the retail industry. Anuraag has more than 14 years of IT experience and expertise in online transactional, e-commerce websites. He was the first IT person to join Betfair and designed their betting engine and database - this led to company going from £1 Million to £1.6 Billion valuation in less than 5 years. More recently he was the CTO of The Hut Group, the company which provides innovative solutions to the retail industry and is behind the thehut.com, zavvi.com, ASDA Entertainment and Argos Entertainment. The Hut Group was No. 1 in Sunday Times 'Fast Track Tech 100' companies in 2009. Previous employers include Betfair, SISL, TCS, Pinnacle Sports. An economics graduate from the University of Mumbai, he also holds a postgraduate qualification in computer programming from the Boston Computer Institute.





Satish Jayakumar Founder & Team Member at Typeless.co

Satish Jayakumar has thirteen years entrepreneurial experience in developing strategic & profitable online businesses across markets, having been part of raising over \$15m in venture funding & over \$200m in exits. He is currently the Founder and team member at Typeless, founded in November 2014, which is a contact book for business. It brings together contacts from Google apps, Gmail, LinkedIn, Facebook & with 7+ other apps from Salesforce to Outlook and is set to go live within months. He is also an investor in Grub Club & Toothpick. Grubclub brings curated pop-up gastronomic experiences to consumers. Grubclub marries stunning locations with experienced chefs to create out-of-this-world settings for breakfasts, brunches, lunches & dinners. Toothpick is a dental booking & appointment management service.

Satish is best known as Co-Founder & COO at AdJug, Europe's first online advertising exchange, where he worked from January 2007 – April 2013. Prior to Adjug he has also had stints as a Marketing Manager at Mitsubishi; Head of Business Development at eSpotting; Director of European Strategy at MIVA. After Adjug, Satish went on to become CCO & Co-Founder at Bondable.com, an integration enablement platform, before setting up Typeless.

Indy Johar Senior Innovation Associate

Indy Johar is an architect, and institutional innovator. He, on behalf of 00;, a London based strategy, architecture and prototyping practice, has co-founded multiple social ventures from HubWestminster.net to the upcoming HubLaunchpad.net (A £4m open venture accelerator) and has also co-led research projects such as The Compendium for the Civic Economy, whilst supporting several 00:/ explorations including the wikihouse.cc, opendesk.cc. He was Director of the Impact Hub Association and Impact Hub Islington [the original Hub in the Hub Network].

Indy is a Director of DataScienceLondon and an Advisor to the Earth Security Initiative. Indy in collaboration with the Young Foundation is co-founding a new Applied Research, Design and Prototyping Centre focused on the development of new 21st Institutions and information architectures. The centre is currently working on the series of institutional startups from the Polytechnic of the future to Corporate organisation for Social Innovation



Nick Kandola Managing Director - LoveShoppingDirect

When Nick Kandola lost his job at MG Rover in 2008, he used his redundancy pay to found Love Shopping Direct Ltd. and launch his first website, EnergyBulbs.co.uk. Like so many successful businesses, it started in a bedroom! Nick now oversees all aspect of Love Shopping, paying particular attention to suppliers and marketing. The Love Shopping group also includes Airconcentre.co.uk, the UK's biggest online retailer of air conditioners, dehumidifiers and ventilation equipment for the home, office and other applications - such as swimming pools, conservatories and caravans. Love Shopping Direct Ltd was featured Sunday Times Virgin Fast Track 100 in 2013, the list ranks Britain's one hundred private companies with the fastest-growing sales over the last three years.



Hussein Kanji Partner - Hoxton Ventures

Hussein Kanji is a founding partner of Hoxton Ventures, a \$40 million London-based early stage technology venture capital firm. He currently represents Hoxton's investments on the boards of bd4travel which provides IT solutions which identify the future vacation dreams of individual users; Campanja, which delivers the paid search industry's most advanced SEM bidding engine and Deliveroo, a technology company focused on marketing, selling and delivering restaurant meals to the household or office. Since 2010 he has been an Angel investor and advisor to a number of companies including Bea's of Bloomsbury; European Leaders; Exceptional.io (acquired by Rackspace); Exclusively.in (acquired by Myntra); Flypost; GoCardless, Jaycut (acquired by RIM); KBG; Signpost and Tarmin and a Non-Executive Director at POPxo and Bea's of Bloomsbury.

A London School of Business MBA graduate, Hussein has had stints at Accel Partners; Microsoft; Safe-View (acquired by L-3); Radiance (acquired by Comcast); Sun Microsystems and Studio Verso (acquired by KPMG).

Mark Kanji Founder & CEO - Apptivation

Mark Kanji is the Founder & CEO of Apptivation, UK's Leading Mobile Innovation Agency, based in the heart of London, which was set up in 2012. A dynamic, results-orientated leader with a track record of delivering digital innovation, Mark previously led the implementation of new online and mobile channels within leading UK Financial Institutions, including Mobile Transformation at Lloyds Banking Group; as Programme Manager at Investec, and The Tower Group and Senior Project Manager at Vero Insurance New Zealand. Following a BA in Commerce from the University of Auckland, Mark joined Accenture as a Consultant.



Bindi Karia Vice President - Silicon Valley Bank

Bindi Karia has been Vice President Silicon Valley Bank, Europe since January 2013 and leads the bank's early stage banking efforts in Europe. Having devoted much of her career in and around the startup ecosystem, most recently as the Venture Capital/Emerging Business lead at Microsoft UK where for five years, she lead BizSpark in the UK (now, Microsoft Ventures). She focused on how Microsoft could drive success for early-stage technology companies as well as partnering with the UK Investor Community. Her previous role at Microsoft was as a Business Productivity Advisor for FinServ C-Level Execs. Prior to that, Bindi worked as Associate Director in Interregnum; as BizDev Manager at Trayport, a commodities trading technology start-up; as Strategy Management Consultant at PwC Consulting; and as Senior Business Analyst at Datamonitor.

She sits on many Industry Advisory Boards, and has recently been appointed a Trustee for Up Global. She's an active mentor and supporter at some top London Incubators including Seedcamp, TechStars, Startupbootcamp, WAYRA, JLab, Microsoft Ventures & Level39. In 2014, London Evening Standard named Bindi as part of the Silicon 60 and Top 1000 Influential Londoners, and GQ Magazine named her in Britain's 100 Most Influential Women List.



Faraz Khan
CEO & Co-Founder - Seed Ventures (Pvt.) Ltd

Faraz Khan is a UK-based Pakistani social entrepreneur, investor, published author and public speaker. He is CEO & Co-Founder of Seed Ventures (Pvt.) Ltd - for Social Entrepreneurship & Equity Development - which was founded in 2009 as a repository of knowledge for visionaries and entrepreneurs, particularly those with a social mandate. He is also a Partner and Investor in MyBankersOnline which is Pakistan's pioneer website on the consumer banking industry. In 2013, he became a Co-Founder & Investor in Gizelle Communication (Pvt.) Ltd, an integrated digital marketing agency offering digital brand development.

Over a period of 10 years he has taken many entrepreneurial initiatives, transforming most of them into a success story and is considered an authority in entrepreneurial ecosystem development. He is the co-author of 'Pukh Theory', Pakistan's first business parable. Faraz has been appointed as a member of Catalyst UKTI, and sits on the Advisory Board of All Party Parliamentary Group for Entrepreneurship (APPGE)-UK Parliament and member of the Atlantic Council US.

Shakil Khan
Head of Special Projects - Spotify

Shakil Khan (Shak) is head of special projects at Spotify, the award-winning digital music service that gives on-demand access to over 20 million tracks. A serial entrepreneur, Shakil was part of the founding team at buy.at, which was acquired by AOL in 2008, and he recently founded bitcoin news site CoinDesk. Shakil is fluent in several languages, heavily involved in charity work - including projects with charity: water and Pencils of Promise - and was an investor and mentor to Summly founder Nick D'Aloisio. Since January 2012, he has also been an advisor to Horizon Ventures, a venture capital firm based in Hong Kong with a focus on disruptive and technology-focused start-ups. Shakil has also invested in a host of startups including Hello, Humin, Spring Inc, Bit Pay inc, Duedil, Top 10, SecondMarket Inc, Skift, YPlan, Invi, Localini, Summly and Blackjet.



Mitu Khandaker
Kokoris - CEO - The Tiniest Shark Ltd

Mitu Khandaker-Kokoris, was raised in Portsmouth and now lives near Leicester. Mitu founded the independent games studio, The Tiniest Shark Ltd, whilst continuing her PhD in Creative Technologies, looking at novel game controllers. As part of her PhD, Mitu has spent six months in the US on a fast-track entrepreneurship program, spending time at Harvard Business School, the Kauffman Foundation, and taking part in a design and business internship at Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Education Arcade initiative, designing educational game concepts. In 2013, Mitu was named as one of the UK's emerging talents in the BAFTA Breakthrough Brits 2013. Since Breakthrough Brits, Mitu's career continues to go from strength to strength. In March 2014 she spoke at several Games Developers Conference sessions in San Francisco. She is also writing a book on independent game development and successfully launched her latest game Redshirt, a comedy sci-fi sim about social networking aboard a space station.





Dame Zarine Kharas Founder & CEO at JustGiving

Zarine Kharas is the founder and chief executive of fundraising website JustGiving, which launched in February 2001 and is credited with transforming online fundraising, enabling charities and individuals to easily raise sponsorship money over the internet. By the end of 2008, users of JustGiving had raised £527m for 8,100 charities, and a US version has also been launched. A University of Cambridge BA (Hons), Law graduate, she previously worked in investment banking, and then launched the MC Securities' operations in Warsaw, where she was responsible for strategy and operations. She was made Dame Commander for services to business and charity in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2015.

Shalini Khemka Founder & CEO - E2Exchange

Shalini founded E2Exchange in 2011. Its mission is to create the UK's leading organisation supporting entrepreneurs and helping them accelerate the growth of their businesses in a nurturing and dynamic environment. Shalini was an Investment Director at LDC the private equity arm of Lloyds Banking Group and led LDC's off-market origination network. Shalini joined LDC from Lloyds Banking Group where she ran the Group's 'plain vanilla' International Trade Finance business whilst chairing the Lloyds TSB's Emerging Leaders programme.

Prior to working for Lloyds TSB, Shalini along with three former Managing Directors of Deutsche Bank, set up the world's first online 'bank to bank' trade finance company. She was a management accountant at Deutsche Bank and has worked in various finance related roles for Bankers Trust International Bank, Natwest Bank and Coopers & Lybrand. Shalini is also a Director on the Development Board of The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, a Mentor for IBM Smartcamp and a Champion for Tech London Advocates.



Anand Krishnan - General Manager, Developer & App Platform, Microsoft

As General Manager Developer and App Platforms for Microsoft, Anand Krishnan leads a UK-based team on sales of platform products (Azure, Developer Tools & MSDN), app acquisition for Microsoft's mobile and tablet platforms as well as the Microsoft Ventures Accelerator and BizSpark programs for startups. Anand joined the Microsoft UK subsidiary in June 2012. Prior to this appointment, he spent two years as the Global Lead & Director for Microsoft's Cloud Business, based in Paris responsible for launching & driving Office365 & Azure share and revenues across 100+ subsidiaries worldwide.

Anand has spent most of his career in early-stage businesses. He previously served as Western Europe Area lead for Microsoft's web-platform business. Prior to that, he was at Microsoft's HQ in Redmond and launched Microsoft's first product in the Technical Computing space. He came to Microsoft after 8 years in the startup world, having held positions in sales, business-development, alliances and product-management. Anand holds an MBA from Stanford University and a Masters in Computer Science from the University of Texas at Austin.



Nish Kukadia
CEO - SecretSales.com

Nish Kukadia is CEO of SecretSales.com, the UK's leading members-only private shopping club, hosting online sales for over 1,500 designer fashion, accessories, footwear and lifestyle brands. The company founded in 2006 has over 4 million engaged members and employs over 100 people in Notting Hill with a further 40+ people managing fulfilment in Coventry. Prior to SecretSales.com, Nish was an Advertising Planner at MEC Global, WPP Group, where he managed brand and direct response campaigns for a range of clients including Sony Ericsson, Visa, Direct Line Insurance, Xerox and Singapore Airlines. Nish received his undergraduate degree in Management & Marketing from the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. He is a mentor for Seedcamp and also advises Liberty Lodge, a therapeutic home in Ipswich for children with severe emotional and behavioural difficulties.

Madhuban Kumar
CEO - Metafused

Madhuban Kumar is CEO at Metafused, a cloud based real-time decision engine delivering alerts and triggers from the continuous aggregation, analytics and optimization of any data. Madhuban has worked in startup environments with one of the first India-US Venture Funds (Insight Venture Partners); built products from idea to launch and has previous experience in brands (GSK), mobile and NFC (Encorus acquired by First Data Inc) and IP data (Camelot, BT). She has also advised the Doughty Hanson Technology Fund and Siemens Venture Capital Fund. In 2010, she became CEO of I80KB, a cloud based big data product platform aggregating data from disparate data sources for music and entertainment media brands. She worked with music producers and artists and helped them understand and leverage data driven insights for artist development, touring and others. Madhuban has an MBA from the Cardiff Business School University of Wales and an Executive MBA from London Business School.



Priya Lakhani OBE
Founder & CEO - Century Tech

Priya Lakhani OBE is Founder & CEO of Century Tech, which utilises data mining techniques to provide a personalised learning experience to students. Century Tech has 5 schools committed to launch the pilot programme but is still in the fundraising stage. A libel lawyer, she set up Masala Masala a fresh food company in 2008. It became the forerunner for Priya's subsequent charitable enterprise iamSOCO (i am socially conscious) which she set up alongside her business to provide a hot meal to a homeless person in India for every pot of her sauces sold. The charity provided over 1,000,000 hot meals to the homeless in India and over 35,000 Pentavalent five-in-one vaccines to the underprivileged in Africa, via charitable partners, before closing in December 2012.



Priya was a member of the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills' Entrepreneurs' Forum, and an Advisory Board Member to the Education Foundation, the UK's leading education think-tank. She was awarded Business Entrepreneur of the Year in 2009, and was named on the Growing Business Young Guns list 2009 and listed in Management Today's '35 Women Under 35' in the same year. Priya launched her second business Century Tech in 2013 and was awarded an OBE in the New Year Honours list 2014 for services to business, community and voluntary initiatives.



Manish Madhvani Managing Partner - GP Bullhound

Manish Madhvani is a Co-Founder and Managing Partner of GP Bullhound, an international technology investment banking group with offices in London, San Francisco, Stockholm, Berlin and Manchester. Since 1997 he has executed M&A and capital raising transactions involving some of the best known global internet, software and media companies including: Spotify, King.com, The Telegraph, WPP, Concentrix, Fjord, eCommera, Handbag, Hearst Corporation, Accenture, Newscorp and Experian. Manish who was selected as one of the top 40 dealmakers globally by M&A Advisor, started his career at Barclays Capital's Private Equity team. He has advised the Treasury on Entrepreneurship and, graduated from Southampton University with an LLB in Law and an MA in Marketing. Manish is currently Chairman of the Investor Allstars and Media Momentum judging panels and is a regular speaker at conferences including Digital Hollywood, The Global Ecommerce Summit, TIE, Internet World, Red Herring, BVCA and EVCA.

Aekta Mahajan - Head of Venture Capital Unit at UK Trade & Investment (UKTI)

Aekta Mahajan is currently Head of Venture Capital Unit at UK Trade & Investment (UKTI), responsible for bringing investments from Venture Capital firms, Sovereign Wealth Funds, Family Offices and Ultra High Net Worth individuals to fund British companies. She previously lead on a range of government priorities for the Cabinet office. After graduating from King's College London with a First Class Honours degree in Business Management, she joined Accenture's Management Consulting program; followed by stints at Deutsche Bank and the Home Office. She is also the Co-Founder of Young Asian Social Enterprise (YASE), a unique social enterprise scheme that strives to empower young people, particularly from Britain's ethnic minority communities, to be able to achieve their academic and career aspirations. Aekta was identified as Management Today's top "35 women under 35" in 2012 and was shortlisted for the Women of the Future Awards.



Bhaskar Majumdar Chairman, Heath Ventures

A seasoned media and technology executive, entrepreneur and early stage investor primarily focused in the UK and India, Bhaskar Majumdar is Chairman at Heath Ventures, a venture capital firm structured as a family office based out of Dubai. Bhaskar is also an investor in technology provider Media Nucleus (I) Pvt. Ltd. based in Mumbai; a Director in Di5, a leading marketing and communications agency headquartered in London, and an Investor/Director in SheSaidBeauty.com, the ultimate Beauty Discovery Box and Social Networking experience for women.

Previously he held a series of positions in the Indian media industry that culminated in being chosen to roll out Zee TV internationally. In 2000, he launched Recreate Solutions – a digital media services company with backing from Insight Partners. Within six years the company grew over 800 people and established itself as global player with offices around the world leading to his first exit. Thereafter he became an early stage investor and advisor for start ups in the media and technology space as well as an advisor to private equity firms.



Ketan Mekwana CEO - Enterprise Lab

Ketan Mekwana described as an enterprise & employment catalyst is CEO at Enterprise Lab, a disruptive agency set out to bridge the gaps between education, employment and enterprise. He is also Director and Head of Operations at RockStar Group, the UK's largest Entrepreneur Mentoring Group; a youth mentor and an Advisory Board Member of Enterprise Connect - King's Commercialisation Institute, Sustainable and Diplomacy Project, Enterprise India and Youth Employment UK. A seasoned sales and marketing professional with over 15 years track record in commercial and strategic development in Electronics, IT and Healthcare, he has over the past few years started, scaled and sold a number of businesses.

Shomila Malik Principle Product Manager - Skype

Shomila Malik has a proven track record in creating and delivering innovative products for companies undergoing digital transformation and is currently the Principle Product Manager at Skype. From 2013 - 2015, she was Head of the Innovation Lab at Telefonica where she accountable for technology led innovation across its UK business. She has over 14 years experience in conception and delivery of creative mobile services for IBM, FT and Telefonica O2, blending business, technology, and innovation management. Shomila has a BEng in Electronic Engineering from University of Southampton, an MBA from Henley Management College and started her career as a software developer at IBM. She is also a startup mentor, a steering group member for the UK Digital Skills Taskforce and a Board Director at St George's House, Windsor Castle.



Krishan Meetoo Co-Founder & Chief Design Officer - Proversity

Krishan Meetoo is the Co-Founder & Chief Design Officer at Proversity, the digital university created by employers where he is responsible for leading the creative direction for the digital learning environment and the educational content. Krishan has always maintained an enterprising spirit and following his graduation from Aston University in Design Engineering BEng (Hons), he set up his design and engineering consultancy Krishan Meetoo Design Limited. His agency has delivered a number of projects with Siemens Wind Power, NHS and Jaguar Land Rover.

Prior to Krishan's endeavour into product development, he had developed a successful freelance graphic design agency which supported the launch of BBC 1xtra and produced interesting work for the likes of Red, Maroush and Bershka. Alongside his career within design Krishan has endeavoured to help those less fortunate through a number of philanthropic efforts including co-founding Engineers Volunteer which aims to provide Young Members of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers with the opportunity to conceive, develop and perform outreach projects both in the UK and Internationally.



Rekha Mehr Director of Partnerships – MassChallenge UK

Rekha Mehr is Director of Partnerships at MassChallenge UK. MassChallenge is the largest-ever startup accelerator and competition, and the first to support high-impact, early-stage entrepreneurs with no strings attached. Rekha has been in the UK's startup eco-system for the last three years, working in start-up businesses as well as advising them. In 2013 she was appointed as the first Startup Entrepreneur in Residence for the Department of Business, Innovation & Skills, informing policy and helping to shape the business support landscape.

Before taking up the MassChallenge role in 2014, she was the owner of Pistachio Rose Baking Boutique until December 2013, offering luxury Indian-inspired sweets and desserts and went on to set up her business consultancy Moonrekha in October 2013. Prior to this, Rekha was a Buying Manager for Amazon.co.uk and formerly Waitrose.

Dharmash Mistry Co-Founder & CEO – Blow

Dharmash Mistry is a Co-founder and CEO of Blow - a one-stop fast beauty destination. He was previously Partner at venture firm Balderton Capital from 2008 to 2012. He has 15 years of extensive experience launching, developing and acquiring businesses in the media, retail and consumer goods sectors. He spent eight years at Emap International, where he held a range of executive roles, including Managing Director of Emap Performance and he launched EMAP Digital's 4Music offering. Before that he was the Managing Director of Bauer Consumer Media, hired to reform the United Kingdom consumer facing magazine group. He began his career in marketing for Procter & Gamble and served as a Brand Manager, followed by a stint at The Boston Consulting Group from 1997 - 2000. He has been a Director of British Broadcasting Corporation since 2014 and a Non-Executive Director of Hargreaves Lansdown Plc since 2011. He serves on the OFCOM Advisory Committee for England. He holds an M.Eng and a B.A. in Engineering, Economics, and Management from Oxford University and has previously served on the boards of several companies including Dixons Retail PLC and Lovefilm among others.



Vin Murria CEO – Advanced Computer Software plc

Vin Murria's career has included a combination of venture capital, private equity, CEO and operational experience, centred around twenty years of M&A activity in the software sector. Vin is a partner at Elderstreet Investments and Chief Executive Officer of Advanced Computer Software plc, which she founded in 2008. Advanced is a consolidator in the healthcare and business solutions sector which, in November 2014, accepted a cash offer of £765m (circa \$1.2Bn), from Vista Equity Partners, a software and technology-focused private equity firm.

Prior to this, Vin was CEO of Computer Software Group plc, a small shell which she joined in September 2002 and exited to the US private equity vehicle Hellman Friedman for £500m (circa \$800m). Vin is currently non-executive director at FTSE 250 company Chime plc, and AIM listed Greenko plc. Previous roles include COO for Kewill Systems plc, Chairman of Leeds Group plc, advisory Board of Signia Wealth Management and a non-executive director of Concateno plc.



Rajay Naik CEO (UK) - PlattForm

Rajay Naik is CEO (UK) for PlattForm, a world leader in edtech, which partners with universities around the world to launch online degree programmes, recruit students and enhance student outcomes. Since it was founded more than 25 years ago, PlattForm has worked with 4000 universities using its proprietary technology. Prior to joining the company, Rajay was Director of Government & External Affairs at the Open University, the largest university in the UK with over 264,000 students; a world leader in flexible learning achieving over 65m downloads on iTunesU and the owner of FutureLearn; a catalyst of social mobility (20% of newest students from the 25% most disadvantaged communities) and a driver of economic growth (80% of FTSE 100 companies sponsor staff on OU courses).

A graduate of Warwick University, Rajay holds a number of board level positions including The British Council Education Advisory Board; UKTI ASEAN board and Coventry City Football Club. He was Chairman of UK Programmes at the Big Lottery Fund from 2009-2015; Commissioner at the UK Department of Health (2009-2015) and Council Member of the National Careers Council at the Department of Business, Innovation & Skills from 2012-2015.

Rohit Nanda Chief Operating Officer at Asset Match Limited

Rohit Nanda is COO at Asset Match, the online marketplace to buy and sell shares in UK private companies. Rohit has over 14 years experience in the Financial Services sector having worked at GE Capital, Nomura, and UBS. He has a broad range of business expertise, notably e-commerce, websites, electronic platforms, technology and fixed income. Rohit has a detailed understanding of client 'on-boarding' practices to Platforms and has successfully implemented and improved a number of key business processes.



Rohit holds an MBA from Cass Business School, is PRINCE 2 qualified, and studied Mechanical Engineering at Imperial College of Science, Technology & Medicine. Prior to joining Asset Match he started his own consultancy business in early 2012 and has completed a term contract with a major name in the Retail sector, instigating and developing e-commerce projects to improve their online offering.



Rahul Parekh Co-Founder & CEO - EatFirst

Rahul Parekh is the Co-Founder & CEO at EatFirst, which brings fresh and healthy meals to The City, Canary Wharf, East London, East Central, West Central and SE1 within just 15 minutes, which he co-founded in 2014 with Humberto Ayres Pereira, who is based in the company's Berlin office. Following an M.A in Economics from Cambridge University, he started his career at Goldman Sachs as an Executive Director in Securitised derivatives trading prior to setting up EatFirst.



Ali Parsa Founder of Babylon

Ali Parsa is an engineer and a healthcare entrepreneur. He founded Babylon in 2013 with the goal of creating an integrated digital healthcare system combining the latest advances in technology with modern medicine; it aims to eventually provide a virtual healthcare service to anyone, anywhere, through any mobile device. Prior to Babylon, Ali founded Circle and built it within a few years to become Europe's largest partnership of clinicians, with some £200m of revenue, near 3,000 employees and a successful IPO. In the mid 1990s, Ali worked in banking for Credit Suisse, Merrill Lynch and Goldman Sachs. He was named by The Times among the '100 Global People To Watch' in 2012. Ali is the UK Cabinet Office Ambassador for Mutuals and has a PhD in Engineering Physics from University College London.

Nitin Passi Founder & CEO - Missguided.com

Nitin Passi is Founder & CEO of Missguided.com, a fast fashion women's retailer setup in 2009. It is now one of the fastest growing online retailers in the world and has quickly become an international fashion source offering the latest in trend-led clothing, shoes, and accessories to women across the globe. The company employs 600 staff and expects to report revenues of £90m - almost double last year's figure of £51m. Profits are also expected to leap, from £1m to £6m, and he is hoping for sales of £165m for the year ending in March 2016.



After graduating from Newcastle University in 2005 with a degree in Business Management, he joined his father's firm importing, designing and selling clothing to all the high street chains and department stores in the U.S. He was based in New York, and lived there for two years, getting a solid grounding in the fashion business in everything from design to production. At the height of the 2008 recession, he saw that the only growth area was online and so he borrowed £50,000 from his father and launched Missguided.com in March 2009. It was named as the 5th Fastest Growing Private Company in the UK in 2014.



Ajay Patel Co-founder & CEO - HighQ

Ajay Patel is the co-founder & CEO at HighQ, a leading provider of cloud-based enterprise collaboration and publishing software to some of the world's leading law firms, investment banks and corporations. He oversees HighQ's global operations, business strategy and client delivery. Ajay graduated with a first class degree in Computer Science and Mathematics from Manchester University and later completed a Masters degree in Information Systems at the London School of Economics. He qualified as a chartered accountant at PwC in London and later occupied roles in leading investment banks Merrill Lynch and Morgan Stanley, before founding HighQ. In 2015, HighQ named one of Europe's fastest growing companies by Inc. 5000 and it was listed in the 2014 Deloitte Technology Fast 50.



Alpesh Patel Founding Principal - Praefinium Partners

Alpesh Patel is the Founding Partner at Praefinium Partners, a top tier Private Equity fund investing in cleantech and medtech globally with an India bias. The firm was founded in 2004 and is a catalyst for innovation with investments in spinal implants and knee replacement technology. Alpesh is a barrister who holds a Bachelor's degree in PPE from the University of Oxford, and an LLM from King's College, London. He is a FinTech Entrepreneur publishing Sharescope Investment Software; a Co-Founder of InvestingBetter.com - a platform which provides know-how expertise, investor education and information to the private investor - and is the author and co-author of 18 investment and business books. He rose to fame in 1999, writing the 'Diary of an Internet Trader' publishing over 200 columns for the Financial Times newspaper. A former Visiting Fellow in Business & Industry at Oxford University and Council Member of Chatham House, he is also currently a Board Member of 10 Downing Street Entrepreneurship Advisory Group; Senior Dealmaker for the UKTI Global Entrepreneur Programme; Founding Director of the UK India Business Council and Deputy Chairman of the Commonwealth Gates Council.

Sarika Patel Partner - Zeus Caps

Sarika is a Partner at Zeus Caps, a principal finance platform focused on infrastructure investing in emerging markets, where she is responsible for deal origination and operating oversight of portfolio companies and investor relations. Zeus has been involved in over \$800 million of transactions including the biggest PE infrastructure deal in India. Sarika has acquired her depth of experience through her career progression from starting her professional career at Price Waterhouse, early coalface roles in private enterprise and increasingly senior positions in the public sector culminating in being Director of Innovation at London Development Agency managing an annual investment budget of £50 mn. From there she moved into the 'advisory' business as National Head of Technology at Grant Thornton initially in the Government and Infrastructure Advisory practise and later leading the technology M&A Practice where she was responsible for mandate wins on both buy and sell sides in a cross border deal environment. She is a Chartered Accountant, a Chartered Marketer, has a law degree and a post graduate diploma in Managing E Business.



Pathik Pathak Faculty Director of Social Enterprise - University of Southampton

Pathik Pathak joined the University of Southampton in October 2010 as Lecturer in Sociology. In January 2012, he became the Director for Undergraduate Programmes. He is also currently Faculty Director of Social Enterprise and Director of The University Social Entrepreneurship Programme. Pathik previously studied at Southampton as an undergraduate and completed his MA and PhD at the University of Warwick. His doctoral thesis was successfully translated into his first monograph, *The Future of Multicultural Britain: Confronting the Progressive Dilemma* (Edinburgh University Press, 2008). Between then and re-joining the department, he started and directed social enterprises in Mumbai and London. Pathik's current research is concerned with urban transformations and social innovation, with a methodological interest in co-production and action research, an empirical focus on cities in the global South, and non-representational theory. He also directs the University's Social Innovation Challenge Series and our International Social Innovation Challenges.



Amit Pau Managing Director & Operating Partner - Ariadne Capital

Amit Pau is Managing Director & Operating Partner at venture firm Ariadne Capital of Corporate Advisory and Entrepreneur Country which on-line global discovery platform for corporates to partner with leading digital enablers. He is deeply passionate about helping companies exploit disruption (business models and technology) to transform their business. In his previous high profile corporate positions at Vodafone, as Group MD for International Accounts and Business Markets, Amit was instrumental in creating strategic OEM partnerships with Dell, IBM and HP. Additionally, he led the Divisional Units of AT&T and GTS where he launched their e-commerce products and delivered significant scale. Amit has transformed multiple entrepreneurial companies; whether it be as an investor driving the IPO's or NED working with the Executive team in refining their business models, mentoring them with scaling their operations in order for successful exits. Over the years Amit has served on a number of listed and private boards such as Vodafone Spain, Radamec Plc, IOS Plc and Goldnet, to name a few.

Mark Perera Founder & CEO of Old St Labs

Mark Perera is the Founder & CEO of Old St Labs in London which builds software that enables enterprises to forge deeper and more valuable relationships with their buyers and suppliers. Formerly he was CEO & Founder of Procurement Leaders and the Procurement Intelligence Unit. The Procurement Leaders Network is a community of senior executives and directors from global 2000 and public sector organisations dedicated to driving best practices across procurement and sourcing. Mark is an advisor to FundedBuy, an invitation only marketplace and procurement platform for venture or angel backed companies and was previously an advisor to Oxygen Finance. He has a Bachelor's degree from the University of Southampton and started his career as project manager at Personic Inc followed by 3 years as CTO for Parity.



Uday Phadke Chief Executive, Cartezia

Dr Uday Phadke is Chief Executive at Cartezia, which specialises in the design and building of new products, services and businesses for the emerging digital marketplace. He is a founder-Director of AcceleratorIndia, a development company focused on the commercialisation of Indian IP and Innovation, primarily into European markets. He is also an Entrepreneur-in-Residence at Cambridge University, based at the Judge Business School. Dr. Phadke read Engineering at Trinity College, Cambridge, followed by a PhD in aero-thermodynamics at the University of Sussex.

He was a founder-Director of Generics, a Cambridge-based high technology company that developed innovative new products and services for a wide range of international companies, and European Director of Computing and Telecommunications for PA Consulting. During this period, Dr. Phadke also advised senior management in a wide range of media, telecommunications, technology and investment companies including Vodafone, Hewlett-Packard, Burda, Mannesman, France Telecom, EMAP, BT, AT&T, Canon, BBC, Reed-Elsevier, Microsoft, Royal Bank of Scotland, Motorola, Amazon, Hearst, Getty Images and Disney.



Anil Pilla CEO - DigitasLBI UK

Anil Pillai is CEO UK, Middle East and Africa at DigitasLBI, a global marketing and technology agency that transforms businesses for the digital age. During his time at the helm of the UK business, Anil was responsible for growing the agency's annual revenue to in excess of £100m. He also expanded DigitasLBI's family of brands to include Lost Boys, Kitcatt Nohr and DigitasLBI Commerce and added to the client list which includes Virgin Atlantic, Lloyds, BT, Peroni, Coca Cola, Honda and E-ON. A Cambridge University graduate, Anil started his career at Oyster Partners before joining LBI in 2006. Since then he has held the roles of Client Partner, Managing Director and latterly as CEO of LBI UK before taking up his new remit. For more than 3 years he also served as Co-Chair of the IPA's Digital Business Group.

Ashish Puri Early Stage Investor - Episode1 Ventures

Ashish (Ash) Puri is an entrepreneur turned VC and the youngest member of the team at Episode 1 Ventures, a venture capital firm based in London that invests in software driven businesses. Ash has been closely associated with the European Tech scene since 2007. Before joining Episode1, Ash was helping ASOS with its international expansion in Asia based on his experience founding and running a premium fashion ecommerce business in India. He is a Board Observer at eMoov, Adludio and Swift Shift; a mentor at Seedcamp and Startupbootcamp FinTech. Ash has previously worked in Venture Capital with Partech Ventures and Sofinnova Partners in Paris. He started his career as a Consultant at Computer Associates and holds double-masters with a MS in Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology, USA and a Diplome d'Ingenieur from Ecole Superieure d'Electricite (Supelec), France. He also earned a Bachelor of Engineering in Telecommunications from Visvesvaraya Technological University, India.



Debu Purkayastha Entrepreneur-in-Residence at Octopus Investments

Debu Purkayastha is currently Entrepreneur-in-Residence (EIR) at Octopus Ventures, a premier European venture capital firm. Prior to Octopus, till early 2014, Debu spent 6 years at Google. Debu was Principal - New Business Development at Google with a wide product mandate spanning several key strategic focus areas globally. Previously, Debu was Google's Principal - Corporate Development spearheading its global M&A and Investment efforts including the acquisition of ITA Software (travel search), DailyDeal.de (offers), Gizmo5 (VoIP), Phonetic Arts (text to speech), Green Parrot Pictures (video image processing), Zynamics (security software) amongst several others. Debu is also a founding member of Google "Campus", a seven-storey co-working space for startups in East London's Tech City. Debu sits on the Board of MercyCorps (NGO), Advisory Board of Sadara Ventures (VC Fund) & previously used to sit on the Boards of Fon (wireless) & Mobile Planet (mobile apps). Prior to Google, Debu headed Sabre's Corporate Development/M&A team in EMEA & in a past life was a Telecoms/Media/Technology M&A Banker with Salomon Smith Barney and Citigroup in Wall Street, Silicon Valley & London. Debu has a MBA from London Business School & is a qualified Chartered Accountant.



Mohammed Raja Co-Founder - Fare Exchange Network

Mohammed (Mo) Raja is Co-Founder of Fare Exchange Network which helps minicab firms to achieve a competitive edge by boosting their ability to generate more phone calls & bookings from customers using digital channels. Fare Exchange had handled over 1.5 million calls for cabs to date, generated over £20 million in fares and has over 10,000 Minicabs and Taxis listed as part of the network. Following a BA (Hons) Business Studies with Marketing degree from London South Bank University, Mo started his career with Thomson Directories where he was responsible for taking Thomson Local online. He then moved to home and local information Internet service Upmystreet.com followed by stints at Ask.com, 192.com, Passado, ITV Local, the Local Data Company, TripAdvisor and Health IQ before co-founding Fare Exchange. Mo has 20 years of multi sector business experience and a passion for developing new businesses, supporting other entrepreneurs and offering advisory services. He has mentored more than 30 companies and served as a one-to-one mentor for the Cherie Blair Foundation.

Anjali Ramachandran Head of Innovation at PHD UK

Anjali Ramachandran is Head of Innovation at PHD UK and a member of the executive leadership team of Omnicom's Innovation Group, connecting media startups with client opportunities. She works with PHD teams for a range of clients including Sainsbury's, Warner Bros, Mondelez International, Experian, Confused.com, British Heart Foundation, Seat and Global Radio. She is also the co-founder of Ada's List, an online forum for women in tech/digital across the UK and Europe; a Board Advisor for Angel Academe, a network for professional women with extensive business experiences who want to support tech entrepreneurs; a Board Advisor to Libertine groundbreaking print magazine for thinking women and an Advisor to The Cube London, a curated, diverse and smart community of scientists, engineers, designers and technologists. She holds a B.A degree in Sociology from the Stella Maris College and an MSc in Social Policy from the London School of Economics and Political Science



Raj Ramanandi Founder - Soho Labs

Raj Ramanandi is an Angel investor in early stage tech startups around the world and is based in London. He is Founder of Soho Labs, a co-working space in the heart of Soho, London; Co-Founder of social media app PocketSocial; and Founder Partner of 1seed, an early stage tech investment company. 1Seed has done ten deals to date including Toothpick.com, Techstars.com London, Festicket.com and Seedrs.com among others. Raj has previously been involved in exits (Oddschecker.com sold to UK Betting plc and then to British Sky Broadcasting), an IPO (Aqua Online) and a successful agency (Digital Prophets Ltd). He holds a BA in International Relations from the University of Westminster and an MA in International Business Management from Westminster Business School. He is also a Mentor at Techstars, SeedCamp, Entrepreneur First, Springboard & Startup Weekend amongst others across Europe.





JP Rangaswami Chief Data Officer at Deutsche Bank

JP Rangaswami is a renowned speaker, economist, financial journalist, technology innovator, and blogger, currently holding the post of Chief Data Officer at Deutsche Bank where he plays a key role in supporting its digital strategy. Originally an economist and financial journalist, JP Rangaswami has spent most of his career working in FinTech. He joined Deutsche Bank from Salesforce.com, the world's largest provider of customer relationship-management software, where he was Chief Scientist since 2010. He also writes the confusedofcalcutta.com blog about information.

JP Rangaswami was born in Calcutta and lived there before emigrating to the United Kingdom in 1980. He studied at St. Xavier's College, University of Calcutta, where he earned an Honours Degree in Economics and Statistics. He began his career at BT Group in a variety of technology roles including Chief Scientist, and prior to that was Global Chief Information Officer at Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein. He made the Wired 100 in 2010 ranked 18th in the list. More recently, he was ranked 4th in Computer Weekly's 2013 list of the most influential people in IT.

Deepak Rao Venture Partner at Concentric Ventures

Deepak Rao is currently a Venture Partner at Concentric - an investment partnership platform for technology companies. He was previously an Investment Banker at UBS Investment Bank's Technology team with a focus on Internet and Digital Media. Transactions include the Premium listing of Perform Group on the London Stock Exchange and the formation of Axel Springer Digital Classifieds GmbH - a JV with General Atlantic. A mechanical engineering graduate of Visvesvaraya Technological University, India, he also holds a Masters in Mechanical Engineering from Imperial College, London.



Sohail Rashid Founder and CEO - Property Network

Sohail Rashid is Founder & CEO of Property Network, the UK's leading the marketing platform that has won a host of trade awards, captured over 5 million property transactions and 4 million unique consumer social profiles. Recognised as the Entrepreneur of the Year at the Coutts Business Insider'42 under 42' Awards in 2013, Sohail has spent the last eighteen months securing £2m in funding from Finance Yorkshire and Ingenious Ventures and expanded his team with 54 new recruits to taken on rival competitors Rightmove and Zoopla. A former lawyer, he was headhunted to set up the property department of J B Law, a niche Leeds city centre corporate insolvency firm. From there he joined iConveyancer Limited, brought in to project manage a joint venture with Steria, a £3 Billion Global IT and Data Management Company. He participated in a management buyout of Steria before setting up social media search tool Property Place in 2011.



Yashu Reddy Director - Healthbox

Yashu Reddy leads operations for the Healthbox Europe program and was a founding member of the team that launched the first Healthbox program in Chicago. Healthbox is the preeminent source of health care innovation and drives actionable collaboration between inventors, entrepreneurs and the healthcare industry. It has a portfolio of more than 50 active companies and strategic partnerships with more than 20 healthcare organisations. Yashu has an international business development and account management background. Prior to joining Healthbox, she was Manager of International Business Development for Sg2, a private healthcare analytics and consulting firm based in London. Yashu worked with healthcare providers and industry clients in the United Kingdom, Europe, Southeast Asia, Middle East and Australia. Her background also includes experience teaching English in Tokyo. Yashu has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and a Minor in Business Administration from The University of Texas at Austin.

Sanchita Saha Founder & CEO - CitySocializer

Sanchita Saha is the Founder & CEO at Citysocializer, the online to offline local, social discovery network, which was founded in January 2007 initially with funding from The Prince's Trust. In 2009 the company raised £260,000 in investments through the London Business Angels group. These funds went towards city expansions, marketing and platform developments. By 2010 they had brought in £300,000 in revenue. In December 2010 citysocializer secured £1 million in a Series A round which was led by PROfounders Capital and EC1 Capital. A UCL Mathematics graduate, Sanchita has a 7 year BBC career spanning Finance, Operations, Production and Marketing - predominantly at BBC Radio 1 and start-up team to launch digital black music station BBC 1Xtra.



Dan Sandhu Chairman & CEO - Digital Assess

Dan Sandhu is currently Chairman & CEO of Digital Assess, a leading provider of SaaS online to support personalised learning at all levels of formal education, e-learning, vocational and workplace training. He is also the Co-Founder & Chairman of Swift Shift, a enterprise software solution to manage staff flexibly. Dan served as Chief Executive Officer of Vix ACIS Limited (formerly, Advanced Communication and Information Systems Ltd) from 2007 - 2011. He served as Director of Indian Operations at Vertex Data Science Limited prior to that having been part of the founding team at 7C that led this startup outsourcing business to a 2,500 strong organization. He served as Chairman for India Operations of Vertex Data Science Limited.

He started his career with Coopers & Lybrand (later PwC) where he qualified as a Chartered Accountant. He then moved to Mitsui Babcock in a commercial role overseeing significant capital projects as well as managing relationships with partners and financial institutions globally before forming part of the 7C teams that launched Vertex.



Darshan Sanghrajka Founder at Super Being Labs & State of Ambition

Darshan Sanghrajka is Founder at Super Being Labs, an innovation and design studio which was the O2 Smarta 100 Winner in 2014. He is also the Founder at State of Ambition, an initiative created by Super Being Labs as a social enterprise which dedicates 100% of its net profits to support to young people, through mentoring, training and scholarships. Darshan has an MA in Economics and History from the University of California, Los Angeles and an MA in Economics from the University of St Andrews. He started his career at PricewaterhouseCoopers before becoming Head of Content Marketing at Bragster responsible for creative guerilla marketing and campaigns for advertisers such as Cadbury, Tango, Adidas, Lionsgate Films and others. He co-founded and ran a brand and communications agency called The House London for just over 6 years, creating campaigns, digital products and strategies for Adidas, Sanyo, the Commonwealth Foundation, The National Trust, The Technology Strategy Board, Forum For The Future and the Design Council. For the past eight years Darshan has also been a Stand Up Comedian!

Mehool Sanghrajka Founder & CEO - Learning Possibilities

Mehool Sanghrajka is Founder & CEO of Learning Possibilities which was created in 2007 as an MBO vehicle to acquire the LP+ learning platform and community from Enterprise plc. Today, LP+ is the national virtual learning environment (VLE) in two countries, Wales and Kuwait and is globally, the largest cloud-based, Microsoft Sharepoint multi-tenanted e-learning platform for K-12. Learning Possibilities has also developed the ADOPT VLE e-maturity framework, which has become the national model for the UK. Mehool holds a Bachelors in Business Computing from City University and started his career by founding his first company whilst at University. Over the past 15 years, Mehool has focused on educational technology, with his first two ventures being acquired by major UK public companies. In 2003, Mehool became a Director and Trustee of The Institute of Jainology and an Executive Director of the authoritative Jainpedia project.



Nishul Saperia Entrepreneur & Investor

Nishul Saperia is the Co-Founder of \$5bn financial services firm Markit, a global, financial information and services company with revenues of \$860 million and over 3600 employees, which was founded in 2003. It IPO'd on the Nasdaq in 2014. Nishul had various roles at Markit in almost every area of the firm across London and New York over the course of a decade, leaving the firm in September 2011. In 2012, he became an Investor and Partner in Jealous, a start up selling all-natural, vegetarian and gluten free sweets that come in beautiful packaging to major department stores. In 2013, Nishul became an investor in FolioShack, document creation for the 21st century and Gerson Lehrman Group, who provide consulting services around financial services and technology. In 2014, he invested in Grabble, pushing the boundaries of fashion and social commerce and eMoov, the UK's largest online estate agent. Nishul has a Masters in Mechanical Engineering from Imperial College, London and is a mentor at Seedcamp, Oxygen Accelerator and TechStars.



Samir Seetal Co-Founder & CTO - Zzish

Samir Seetal is Co-Founder and CTO of Zzish, an edtech startup, which is transforming learning by providing a platform for social game dynamics and educational content on mobile devices. Samir, who is a software engineer and technical leader whose skill-set spans back-end, front-end and mobile app development is responsible for developing the system and integration points of all the components of the Zzish platform including web interfaces, back-end servers, database design, mobile applications, SDKs and RESTful APIs. As well as being a technical wizard Samir is also a business strategist with a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Computer Science and an MBA from London Business School. He has experience building scalable, robust, big data systems working for Deloitte and the Ministry of Finance and Economic Empowerment in Mauritius before helping to co-found Zzish in 2013.

Salone Sehgal CEO & Director of Strategy - Truly Social

Salone Sehgal is CEO and Director of Truly Social, a startup founded in 2013 to design, develop and publish fun cross-platform social apps. Truly Social recently developed and launched a brand-new casual game genre "Flirtual Reality". Her role within the company focuses on formulation and execution of diverse strategies for fundraising, business expansion and commercial strategy. Salone who holds a BA in economics from Delhi University and MBA from IESE Business School University of Navarra, Spain, and has previous experience in M&A, Investment Banking, Private Equity, Strategy & Business Development, having worked across leading global financial services institutions including Barclays, Morgan Stanley and KPMG.



Sandeep Senghera Co-Founder & CEO - Toothpick

A dentist by profession, Sandeep Senghera is the CEO of Toothpick, the UK's largest provider of online booking technology for dentistry. Toothpick which launched in 2013 is backed by some of the UK's leading early stage investors, including Passion Capital, 1 Seed, EC1 Capital and Launcha. It hopes to become the 'go to' website for booking dental appointments. Since its launch in 2013, Toothpick has surpassed 100,000 bookings made on its platform from its own traction alone, equalling £17m worth of dentistry passed to participating dentists. 50 per cent of bookings are made out of hours, validating the business value proposition of increasing access to NHS and private dentistry. Currently over 500 new dentists are signing up to the platform monthly. Sandeep Senghera and co-founder Jozef Wallis, were listed in Business Insider's 'The Coolest People in UK Tech' 2014 and the company also recently won the Santander Breakthrough 50 Award.



Sam Sethi Co-Founder & CTO - Bagzee

Sam Sethi is an entrepreneur and technologist specialising in web and e-commerce startups. He is currently the Co-Founder and CTO at Bagzee, a social marketplace dedicated to fashion, which has successfully raised £1m via EIS. He is also working on Made in <Head>, a startup hub to coincide with the launch of Crossrail in Maidenhead in 2017 and FashTech, a monthly meetup for the fashion and tech startup community, which is now hosted in London, New York and San Francisco. After serving in the British Army - Sam graduated from Sandhurst Military Academy to undertake a Short Service Commission (3 years) with the Parachute Regiment, 2nd Battalion - he joined Microsoft as System Engineer and Consultant whilst also undertaking an MBA at Cass Business School. He then spent the next few year working at Netscape, Microstrategy, Gateway Computer, CMGI and Abrocour before founding Blognation, a global blog network in 10+ countries reporting on the web 2.0 startup industry in 2007. He founded Bagzee in November 2010.

Nikhil Shah Co-founder - Mixcloud

Nikhil Shah is Co-Founder at Mixcloud, the global market leader in on-demand radio and mix hosting reaching 10 million people a month, where he heads up business development - overseeing content strategy, audience development, media partnerships, marketing/PR, music licensing and commercial strategy. A Cambridge University Mathematics graduate and former Brand Consultant working with brands such as Sky, Sony, Unilever and Sony Ericsson on insight, positioning, portfolio management and brand strategy. He sits on the Internet Advertising Bureau UK Audio Council, the Advisory Group for the Branded Content Marketing Association and the Board of iconic London venue and theatre The Hackney Empire. Nikhil also runs an electronic music focused record label and clubnight called ManMakeMusic, DJs under the guise Sketchy and programmes stages at UK festivals Secret Garden Party and Glade.



Shilpa Shah Director - Consulting, Analytics & Information Management

Shilpa Shah is the Programme Director for Deloitte Delivery, leading the growth in the use of alternative delivery models to deliver large scale technology enabled transformation programmes. She has developed her skills in analytics, working and leading a variety of information and data centric projects across clients in the technology, media and telecommunication and public sectors. She also has oversight for centralised consulting bid support and leads the Deloitte Women in Technology Network. She joined Deloitte in 1997 after a six year stint at Andersen prior to which she studied for a Master of Engineering (MEng) in Computer Systems Engineering from The University of Manchester.



Cynthia Shanmugalingam Founder & CEO, Kitchenette

Cynthia Shanmugalingam is the Founder & CEO of Kitchenette, London's first kitchen incubator for food entrepreneurs, based on similar models in the US. She previously served as the Non-Executive Director of Year Here, and Enabling Enterprise and as a Trustee for Working Rite, following work for the Young Foundation where she managed a social venture fund for startup education and youth focused social enterprises and The Global Innovation Academy, building capacities and skills to better design and implement social innovations around the world. An economics graduate from the University of Cambridge, she joined HM Treasury as a Fast Stream Economist, giving policy advice to the Chancellor and other Treasury Ministers, developing strategy on the economics of immigration, pharmaceuticals, regional government and on local government spending and tax. She left to join RSe Consulting, boutique public sector consulting firm for local government. This was followed by nearly four years at The Young Foundation and various non-profit organisations before she set up Kitchenette.

Rohan Silva Co-founder - Second Home

Rohan Silva is the Co-Founder of Second Home, a 25,000 sq ft shared workspace for today's innovators, where technology, fashion, public relations, music and design start-ups work in pod-like studios alongside each other. Described as 'the man behind Tech City', Rohan Silva was formerly Senior Policy Adviser to the UK Prime Minister David Cameron from 2010 until June 2013 and Economic Adviser to the Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne. He then became 'entrepreneur in residence' at Index Ventures before co-founding Hubble (formerly Spacious) where he held the role of Chairman. He Co-Founded Second Home in 2013, after persuading 30 wealthy investors to invest nearly £4m of equity in the venture. A law graduate from the University of Manchester, he was also a Policy Fellow at The University of Cambridge. Rohan was named a Young Global Leader in 2014 by the World Economic Forum.



Daljit Singh Digital Executive Creative Director - Happiness

Daljit Singh is a creative strategist who uses design methodologies to solve business challenges. He works globally, currently with luxury brands, banks and consumer electronics, collaborating where appropriate with top creatives from his extensive network. Dalit founded creative business consultancy Happiness in 2012. From 2010-2012 he was Founding Partner of Conran Singh, the then Digital Arm of Sir Terence Conran's empire. He joined Conran Singh from Digit, the pioneering digital agency he founded in 1996 and sold to WPP in 2005. Daljit's work has been recognised with a D&AD Black Pencil Award, Design Week Best of Show and two BAFTAs. His work and thinking is used by businesses and has also been represented by cultural institutions with exhibitions at The ICA and Centre Pompidou, Paris. He was a former curator of The Future of Luxury at London's V&A Museum using the digital discipline to focus on notions of value and issues of materiality in the luxury industries. He was a founding member of the British Council and Design Council's advisory boards; an advisor to the London 2012 Olympic Legacy Trust and the Sorrell Foundation and is a fixture on the Financial Times' Top 50 Creative Minds.



Mandeep Singh Co-Founder - StreetHub

Mandeep Singh is the Co-founder of StreetHub, the mobile hyper-local marketplace for bricks and mortar stores. With \$1.2 million funding from a group of leading VCs and Angels, including Index Ventures, Octopus Ventures, Playfair Capital & Avonmore Developments, StreetHub allows users to discover the best products available locally so that they can either collect them immediately or get them delivered the same day - referred to as a click and collect marketplace. Mandeep who has an MA in Natural Sciences & Management Studies from the University of Cambridge, started his career as an Associate at OC&C, a leading European strategy consultancy, working primarily in retail. He then became a Private Equity Associate at BC Partners, one of Europe's largest Private Equity firms before co-founding StreetHub in 2013 with Alex Loizou, Maxim Berglund. Mandeep is also in Angel Investor at Aday, a transformative lifestyle brand offering wear-anywhere apparel.

Narry Singh - Managing Director, Digital Business Strategy - Accenture

Narry Singh is a successful entrepreneur, advisor and investor with over 18 years of experience in mobile, digital media, software, and electronic commerce industries. He has been based in Silicon Valley for over 20 years and relocated to London in 2014 to join Accenture as Managing Director - Digital Business for Europe, Africa and Latin America. As an entrepreneur, he helped build Outfit7 (creator of Talking Tom and other mobile apps) into a global media company with over 840 million user installs in 104 countries. Prior to Outfit7, he was on the executive team of two companies; one, which was acquired, and another went public with a peak market capitalization of \$23 billion (Commerce One, where he was Chief Marketing Officer and Head of Professional Services). He has led global teams and built multiple businesses that have generated over \$750 million in sales, raised over \$230 million in funding, employed over 6,000 people and set up operations in 38 countries. Narry he started his career as a strategy consultant at The Mac Group (later Gemini Consulting); was the youngest equity partner at The Regis McKenna Group; and ran his own consulting firm for five years. He received a B.S. with Honors in Civil Engineering from Punjab University in India, a graduate degree in Civil Engineering and Management from Stanford University, and conducted graduate research at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



Raj Singh CEO - Sooqini

Raj Singh is CEO at Sooqini, an online and mobile task delegator that allows businesses to outsource tasks to trusted local people. It was co-founded by Raj Singh and Tiago Mateus in August 2011 with \$1 million from two rounds of funding. Following a BSc in Computer Science from Imperial College, London and an MBA from Insead, Raj spent 9 years working for IBM as a Systems Engineer and Consultant before joining Booz & Company in 1995 as a member of the Information Technology Group specialising in IT strategy development in financial services, telecoms and media. In 2001, he joined Investcorp, an alternative assets investment firm, where his role included equity and debt financing for portfolio companies and fund-raising for two VC funds (total size \$530m). In 2007, he moved to New York based Pervasive Technology Ventures which invested in early stage companies that have developed significant intellectual property before. In 2014, he became the inaugural Chairman and founder member of the UK Sharing Coalition - a body dedicated to making the UK the best place in the world to share.



Raj Sivalingam - Executive Director, Telecoms & UK Spectrum Policy Forum - Tech UK

Raj Sivalingam is the Executive Director for Telecoms and Spectrum at TechUK, an organisation involves the leadership of activities in support of telecommunications-based companies. Raj's responsibilities include negotiating and influencing government and regulatory policy, knowledge sharing (across industry) and thought leadership, and enabling market development (ie. tackling business issues and barriers). He was recently asked by Government officials to establish an industry forum (UK Spectrum Policy Forum) to act as a sounding board on the future approaches on spectrum and a working group on internet child safety. Prior to joining TechUK he was a Senior Civil Servant as Director for UK Space Policy and European Relations, where he led the development of UK government policies and strategy on space activities. Prior to this, he worked at The Radiocommunications Agency, RA, (now Ofcom). In the private sector, he held roles as the Chief Technologist at M/A-Com Ltd and senior programme manager at Matra Marconi Space Ltd. He has an MBA from Imperial College London, a B.Eng degree in Electronic Engineering from Sheffield University and is a chartered engineer.

Reshma Sohoni Partner & Co-Founder - Seedcamp

Reshma Sohoni is Partner and Co-Founder at Seedcamp, an accelerator helping startups from prototype to IPO with \$25K-\$250K in initial funding. Early on in her career during the height of the dot com boom, Reshma worked in M&A and venture capital across B2B Software and Internet services businesses in the US and India. She had a small helping hand in building MakeMyTrip (NASDAQ) in its formative days. Following on from this, Reshma went to INSEAD and earned her MBA, fell in love with Europe and stayed on to work in Commercial and Marketing Strategy at Vodafone. Reshma has always combined technology and business from university to today. Getting degrees in both Engineering and Business (UPenn M&T) meant that from an early age she was cultivating a path that would always bring business and technology together. Starting Seedcamp in 2007 was a once in a lifetime opportunity and one that she jumped into with a strong desire to help the European founder realize global success. Seedcamp has made 169 investments in 158 companies and exited from 12 acquisitions to date.



Anil Stocker Co-Founder & CEO - MarketInvoice

Anil Stocker is CEO and Co-Founder of MarketInvoice, one of Europe's largest peer-to-peer finance providers, connecting businesses with outstanding invoices to investors. Anil co-founded the company in 2011 and been the CEO ever since, overseeing more than £380m worth of invoices traded. MarketInvoice has raised \$10.4 million in two rounds of funding. From August 2013, the UK Government became an active investor on MarketInvoice as part of the British Business Bank initiative to provide SMEs with access to finance. Having studied economics at Cambridge, Anil worked in private equity for Lehman Brothers and Cogent Partners for five years during which time he spoke to hundreds of business owners and came to understand the financial constraints they faced. Along with friends from his time at Cambridge he hit upon the idea of helping businesses access finance by selling individual invoices direct to investors to raise funding. He quit his job in 2010 and MarketInvoice began trading in 2011. In 2012, Anil was named as one of Forbes Magazine's 30 under 30 entrepreneurs and has won numerous business awards.



Dr Srin Sundaram Co-Founder - Aire

Dr Srin Sundaram is Co-Founder at Aire, an alternate credit score for people who are incorrectly classified because they have no credit history. His deep expertise in alternate credit scoring and risk management models makes him one of the leading authorities in the European scene. He is a holder of 2 patents within machine learning and stochastics processes. He previously has worked at 2 of largest fintech startups in Europe in the lending space. Srin is also the Co-founder and Chief Risk Officer (CRO) at Squidmint, a peer to peer lending platform for small and medium businesses in UK and Director at Amygdala, a risk intelligence business operating in fintech, alternative finance and alternative investments sectors. He is also Founder and Director at Agrisolum, an agri-tech startup with a vision is to enable technology and financial inclusion to farmers using big data and web technologies to help the world achieve food security. A BE in Electronics and Communication graduate from the University of Madras, Srin completed his doctorate in Electrical and Electronic Engineering at The University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne.

Sitar Teli Managing Partner - Connect Ventures

Sitar Teli is Managing Partner at Connect Ventures, a venture capital firm founded in 2012 to focus on seed and early stage investments of £150k - £1.5m in internet and mobile companies in Europe. Connect Ventures' investments include Citymapper, Typeform, The Cloakroom, and Pact Coffee. Connect Ventures has a \$34 million fund that has made 18 Investments in 15 Companies to date and exited from one acquisition. Sitar is a Board Director of invested companies such as Auxy - an app for music makers, The Cloakroom B.V. - a personal styling site for men, ReadWave - a publishing platform and Secret Sales - the UK's leading members-only private shopping club, among others. She has been a venture capitalist for eight years, focusing on early-stage investments in both consumer and B2B companies. Previously, Sitar was with Doughty Hanson Technology Ventures for seven years and led that firm's investment in SoundCloud, where she was a board member for several years. Prior to becoming a venture capitalist, she spent three years with technology M&A bank Broadview (now part of Jefferies). Sitar has a dual degree in Mechanical Engineering and Economics from Duke University.



Permjit Valia Chairman & Lead Investor - Wooshii

Permjit Valia is currently the Chairman and lead investor in Wooshii, the place to get your videos made. He started angel investing after having served as Sales and Marketing Director for Ernst & Young Entrepreneurial Services in London and has invested in over 25 start ups in three countries (Canada, UK and South Africa) to date. After leaving Ernst & Young, Permjit founded Help with Sales which helps companies with their commercialisation approach and strategy. Permjit co-founded a fund management business called Flight & Partners Ltd which now has around \$20m under management. The fund, which started in early 2008, currently invests in distressed situations. He gained a degree in Economics from the University of Leeds in 1993 and an MBA from the Open University in 2000. He is also the co-founder of Mindful Scientific, a company based in Halifax solving the problem of diagnosing brain injury; a director in Bluelight Analytics which enables Dentists to feel confident that they are applying exactly the right amount of energy to cure resin and the Founder of Mentorcamp in Canada.



Aneesh Varma Co-Founder - Aire

Aneesh Varma is Co-Founder at Aire, an alternate credit score for people who are incorrectly classified because they have no credit history. The aim is to enable them access to financial products. Aire has received \$1.4 million in funding and is a TechStars company. Educated as an engineer at Lehigh University with second degree in Quantitative Finance, Aneesh previously co-founded FabriQate, an enterprise technology company. Prior to that he had experience in corporate finance for speciality finance & fintech. He was recognised as European Commission's Entrepreneur of the Year 2014 nominee and British Council's 2009 Young Entrepreneur.

Salim Virani Partner - Founder Centric

Salim Virani is an entrepreneur, consultant and expert on lean startup methodologies who is currently a Partner at Founder-Centric that delivers ongoing, high-calibre startup support to early-stage founders through on-demand training, mentoring and peer-advisory formats. He is also Lecturer & Entrepreneur-In-Residence for the UCL Advances ambitious Masters programme in Technology Entrepreneurship. Salim is the creator of Leancamp which he founded in 2010 in an event format to bring multiple industries together around entrepreneurial and design methods to encourage businesses get to market faster. Salim holds a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from the Simon Fraser University in Canada and started his career as a senior php developer before moving on to become a systems analyst. He was Director of Digital Media at J Walter Thompson serving clients such as Nestle, Kraft, Helene Curtis, Pfizer, Ford, Western Union, Unilever and Merrill Lynch before becoming the Founding Director at Hotelicom (iWebConnect) which specialised in on-site, guest-facing technical amenities, such as business centres and information screens, for hotels and hostels.



Krishna Visvanathan Managing Partner, DFJ Esprit LLP

Krishna Visvanathan who is Managing Partner at venture capital firm DFJ Esprit LLP has been actively engaged in international startups and investing for over 15 years. Krishna joined DFJ Esprit in 2009 and focuses primarily on Internet, mobile and networking related businesses where he is responsible for the company's investments in Achica, Qosmos, Radium One, Netronome Systems, Cambridge Semiconductor, Light Blue Optics, MediaFed, and TrustPilot. Krishna also led DFJ Esprit's investments in Icera (acquired by Nvidia) and The Cloud Networks (acquired by BskyB). Prior to joining DFJ Esprit, Krishna spent ten years with 3i's Technology Venture Capital team where he was responsible for investments in Blue Lithium Inc (acquired by Yahoo!), Ezurio (acquired by Laird), Ubinetics (acquired by CSR plc and Aeroflex Inc), Fastnet Systems (acquired by Redstone plc) and BTN Ltd (acquired by C&W plc). He started his career at Ernst & Young before founding Optika Fibre Technologies, a display technology startup based in SE Asia. He is a Management Sciences graduate of The University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology.



Shailendra Vyakarnam
Director of the Bettany Centre for Entrepreneurship
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Dr Shailendra Vyakarnam is currently the Director of the Bettany Centre for Entrepreneurship at Cranfield. He is also presently Co-Founder and Director of AcceleratorIndia, which helps fast-track business expansion of technology companies in the Indian and European markets. Dr Vyakarnam is Trustee of The GEN Initiative. He is Senior Member of Darwin College and Resident Senior Member of Wolfson College. Dr Vyakarnam worked in industry for several years before completing his MBA and PhD at Cranfield.

From 2003 to 2015 he focused on the development of practitioner-led education for entrepreneurship at the University of Cambridge Judge Business School, Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning and has held Visiting Professorships at University of Reading and University of Aarhus, the Indian Institute of Science and the American University of Cairo.



