Meet Our Esteemed Speakers

Abdulaziz A. Alnaim

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

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

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

Adarsh (Adi) Shyamsundar

- Adarsh (Adi) Shyamsundar is the Managing Member of the General Partner for Atchala Investment Fund (AIF) LP (launched Sep 2025). AIF is an investor aligned, pay for performance fund. AIF is a long only, go anywhere, equity fund, with the goal of beating the S&P500 benchmark.
- Additionally, Adi also runs his financial advisory firm, Polaris Capital Management (founded in 2022), which is the investment manager for AIF.
- Additionally, Adi has two decades (2002-2022) of experience in the semiconductor industry. He was at Intel and then at Micron, performing various technical and leadership roles. He has worked through the lifecycle of many semiconductor chips, both on the hardware and the software aspects.
- Adi holds an MS in Electrical Engineering from Arizona State University and an MBA from the University of California, Davis.
- Adi is based out of El Dorado Hills, California and has been in that region since 2002. Adi and his wife have two boys ages 15 and 12. Apart from research and investing, Adi enjoys traveling, watching his kids play sports and hiking.

Adhi Kesarla

I am a full time investor managing my personal portfolio and related family members in high quality stocks. Prior to this I had a 25 year corporate career at General Motors (Product Engineer), Google (Finance and Business Development) and more recently as a founder of a digital healthcare startup. My work experience has given me a good foundation to analyze stocks in a variety of sectors including Consumer Tech, Healthcare companies in Obesity and Diabetes space, Automotive, Industrial, Real Estate and Clean Energy companies. While at Google I was winner of Alexander Hamilton Awards 3 years in a row for executing innovative financing projects. Education wise, I have an MS from Texas A&M and MBA in Finance (Ross-Michigan). I am a CFA charterholder. I am an avid reader of business books- favorite being Business Adventures, Pulak Prasad's What I learned about Investing from Darwin. I would love to get connected with the Valuex community- you can find me on Linkedin, gmail and Twitter.

Afsheen Dhedhi

Afsheen Aqeel Dhedhi is a Director at AKD Securities Limited, Pakistan's largest and most trusted brokerage house, where she leads initiatives across investment strategy, digital innovation, and market development.

She began her career in corporate finance and investment banking, gaining hands-on experience in rights issues, buybacks, IPOs, commercial papers, and term finance sukuk. This early exposure to capital-raising and structuring transactions shaped her deep understanding of how long-term value is created across Pakistan's capital markets.

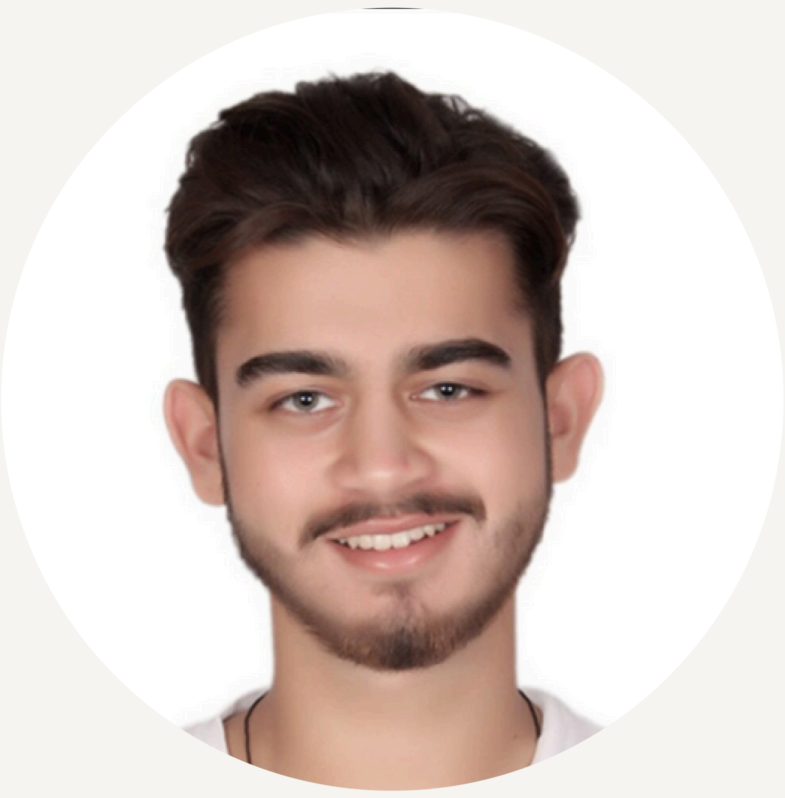
Today, Afsheen is an advocate of fundamentals-driven investing and financial literacy, with a passion for empowering new investors to build confidence in their financial decision.

Representing the next generation of AKD Group leadership, she continues to advance the firm's legacy of integrity, innovation, and investor trust.

Ahmed Hashim

Ahmed is a private investor and financial advisor who manages a concentrated portfolio of global equities. As a principal of a family conglomerate, he is exposed to strategic decision-making across industries such as industrial gases, healthcare, automotive and real estate, giving him a broad and practical understanding of these industries

Aiden Gupta



Aiden Gupta did his undergraduate in International Business from Kent University and is currently an analyst in Mumbai, India. Growing up he spent a considerable time relocating around the world in particular - London, Dubai, and Mumbai. This lead to a passion about learning investing in different countries around the world. He has a keen eye for the contrarian view in a world where we are bombarded with constant repetition.

Alexis Stravou

Alexis is a London-based emerging investment manager with a focus on US-listed equities and also utilises Options to support his value investing strategies.
He is in the process of establishing his first investment fund, having run a Special Purpose Investment vehicle since 2020, Alexis had an extensive career in Consulting and Financial Services in the UK, as well as personal experience in the London residential and commercial property market, before pivoting to value investing.
He holds an undergraduate degree in Ancient History and a postgraduate degree in Management, both from the University of Durham.

Ankit Oberoi

Ankit is a tech entrepreneur turned value investor with a track record of building, scaling, and backing impactful ventures. He founded AdPushup (now Zelto), growing it into a $40M+ revenue business before a successful exit to Geniee (SoftBank Group). Over two decades, he has launched global companies, raised venture capital, and delivered stellar returns to investors.

Through Oberoi Expeditions, his family office, Ankit invests across sectors from software to pharmaceuticals—while also actively managing a global public portfolio. Beyond investing, he's passionate about community and mentorship: as a founding member of SaaSBoomi, he has helped nurture Asia's SaaS ecosystem and guided 100+ entrepreneurs on their journeys.

From scaling startups to collecting rare books, Ankit brings curiosity, wisdom, and entrepreneurial spirit to every endeavor.

Anton Rudenok

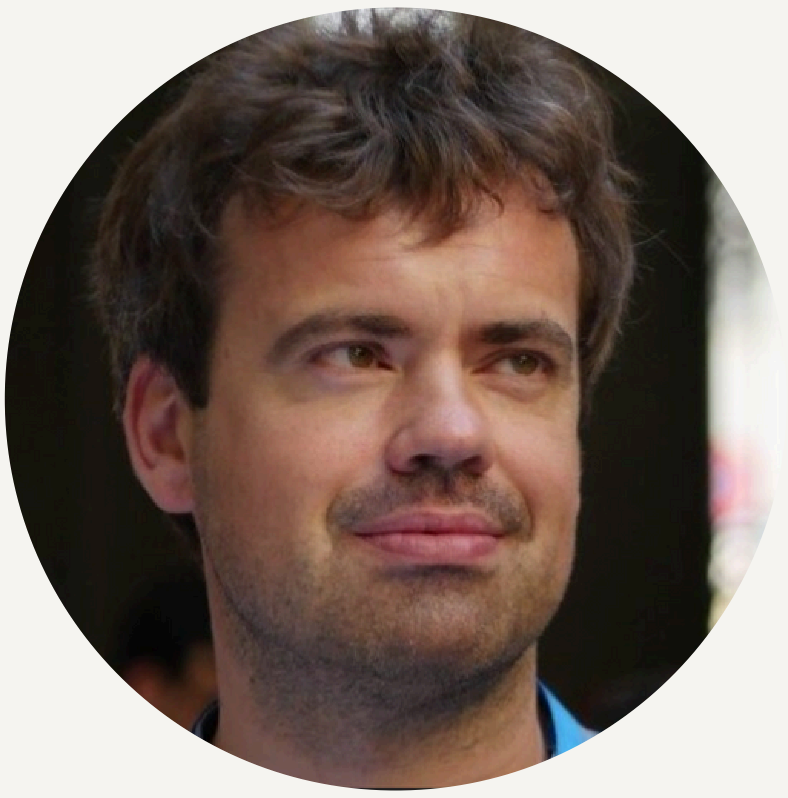
A hard working equity research analyst and an investor with a long-term outlook with more than 15 years of professional experience.
Since first years at University I became interested in the concept of value investing. I find companies with sustainable competitive advantages that also trade below intrinsic value.

Ardal Loh-Gronager

Ardal Loh-Gronager founded Loh-Gronager Partners as an Investment Partnership in 2021. He is the Managing Partner, responsible for all investment decisions and runs its Global Fund. Ardal is also the author of the book: The Perceptive Investor. Ardal is half Danish, born in the United Kingdom, and was educated across Europe, Asia and Australia, giving him unique exposure to different peoples, cultures and values from a formative age. He has always been entrepreneurial and business minded having established and run several successful ventures. He attended Durham University in the UK, receiving the Queens Campus Scholarship and graduating with a BA (Hons) in Accounting & Finance.

Ardal has over 15 years' financial industry experience with both buy-side and sell-side expertise. His career in finance began with internships in Sales & Trading at Goldman Sachs and Swiss Re Asset Management. He subsequently joined Morgan Stanley as an Interest Rates Trader, followed by Credit Suisse as a Credit Trader, before departing to manage an investment portfolio for himself and a small group of family & friends. Ardal decided to formalise the Partnership by forming Loh-Gronager Partners after several successful years, at the request of his investors and to manage external capital in the spirit of the original Buffett Partnerships.

Arko Kadajane



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

Arun Bansal

Arun Bansal builds ZenoRealty and ZenoCloud. ZenoRealty helps investors buy well and manage real estate in India with discipline, using builder histories, cash flow plans, and post-handover checks. ZenoCloud provides reliability-focused cloud and AI infrastructure for teams that need uptime.

A long-time operator of ServerGuy and Breeze.io, Arun invests his own capital in quality equities and special situations. Stoic principles guide his work: focus on what you can control, clarity over noise, and steady execution.

He is currently developing ReraTracker, a structured dataset on projects and developers, designed to make underwriting and exit calls faster and more repeatable for long-term owners.

Arvind Mahalingam

Chief Growth Officer @ DoctorC.

Leading growth initiatives and investor relations at DoctorC. Prior to this an MBA grad from IE Business School, Spain.

Aryaman Kamath

Aryaman Kamath is the co-founder and CTO of AceBroker AI, an AI voice agent for real-estate teams. As an investor, he analyzes technology businesses riding exponential curves, with a particular focus on AGI infrastructure and applications, next-gen energy, robotics, and decentralized finance.

Ateeq Afzal

After graduating from the University of Miami and studying Private Equity and Venture Capital from Harvard Business School, Ateeq returned to Pakistan to start working in his family business, Gerry's Group. Afterwards, Ateeq launched his private family office focusing primarily on public securities, private equity, real-estate and venture capital. Ateeq was also the founding investor of Sadapay, a fin-tech in Pakistan which was acquired by Papara.

Avinash Baskar

I am a value investor based in India, soon relocating to Dubai.

My investing philosophy can be summarized as seeking "Fischer quality
at Graham prices" – combining high-quality businesses with disciplined
valuation.

Over the past two years, I have focused on studying and investing in
Hong Kong-listed companies available at generationally attractive
valuations. I look forward to sharing insights on one such compelling
opportunity at the summit.

I am privileged to work with the Family office of Dolly Khanna, one of
India's most respected investors, gaining unique insights from their
skillful approach.

Previously, I led Uber's operations across India, the US, and the
Netherlands for six years gaining hands-on exposure to how businesses
work in different regions.

Outside the markets, I enjoy poker and padel; eagerly anticipating the
Wynn's arrival in the UAE.

I am excited to be part of this summit and to engage with like-minded investors.

Avinash Gupta

Avinash is an experienced, execution-focused leader with a strong global background and brings both experience and a vast network of business relationships. Avinash has worked extensively in financial services including transaction banking, M&A, equity and debt financing, private equity placement, business advisory and equity research.

Prior to joining Dun & Bradstreet in 2020, Avinash worked with Rabo Private Equity where he was the Managing Director. Over the years, he has held various leadership positions including Head of Deloitte's Financial Advisory Services business. He has worked in senior positions across geographies and products in institutions such as Alpen Capital, Barings, Citibank, Falcon Capital, HSBC and UBS across Europe, Middle East & Asia. In the USA, he worked as an equity analyst covering the Oil Services sector at Wedbush Morgan Securities (Los Angeles) and Howard Weil Labouisse Friedrichs (New Orleans).

Avinash has an MBA from the A.B. Freeman School of Business, Tulane University (Deans List with full fellowship) and a B.Tech. in Mechanical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, BHU, Varanasi. Avinash plays an active role in shaping the industry in his role as the Chairperson of Western Region Council of American Chamber of Commerce in India (AMCHAM), Co-Chair of Committee on Privacy and Data Protection of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), and the Advisory Board of Bennett University (Greater Noida, India). He has been active with industry bodies like Association of Chambers of Commerce (ASSOCHAM) where he co-chaired the MSME Committee for a number of years, and with FICCI where he was a member of the National Executive Council.

He is an independent board member on the boards of Adventz Keventer Capital Advisors Pvt. Ltd., Jupiter Wagons Ltd., Keventer Agro Ltd., Stovekraft Ltd., and Transport Corporation of India Ltd.

Ben Grenier

Principal, Philippe Ventures, Hong Kong

Ben is a Hong Kong-based private investor, who manages assets for his family's investment office. He specialises on natural resources and the energy transition. Previously, he held buy-side roles as a portfolio manager and investment director at financial institutions in Geneva and Shanghai.

He earned a Master's degree in East Asian Studies from Columbia University, and a Bachelor's in Accounting and Finance from the London School of Economics, and is an INSEAD alumnus. In his spare time, he enjoys sailing and travelling off the beaten path.

Bhuvan Gupta

Bhuvan is a dedicated value investor with over 10 years of experience in equity markets, deeply inspired by Warren Buffett's investment philosophy. He focuses on acquiring and holding positions in exceptional public businesses at fair valuations.

He is the Co-Founder of Client First Capital, a Portfolio Advisor regulated by the FSC Mauritius. The firm manages more than $75 million in its flagship "Founder's Portfolio," which has achieved a 19% CAGR since its inception. This portfolio is a concentrated, long-only global equity fund.

Additionally, Bhuvan is the Co-Founder of Dharohar Capital Partners, an India-focused, long-only equity fund also regulated by the FSC Mauritius.

Committed to continuous learning and personal growth, Bhuvan has been a contributing member of ValueX Middle East since 2022.

Chetan Parikh

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

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

Chris Francis

Chris Francis brings over two decades of experience across global real estate markets, having led multidisciplinary teams in delivering strategic development and investment advisory for real estate and infrastructure projects with a cumulative value exceeding US$1 trillion.

His extensive portfolio encompasses more than 250 master-planned developments worldwide, spanning sports and leisure destinations, iconic towers, affordable housing communities, transit-oriented developments, and waterfront mixed-use projects—collectively covering over 1 billion square meters of developable land.

Chris has played an instrumental role in shaping Dubai's modern real estate landscape, advising on landmark initiatives such as the Expo 2020 legacy development, The Burj Khalifa District, Downtown, Dubai South, the world's largest aerotropolis and the Palm Island developments, which have become defining symbols of Dubai's urban identity.

In addition to his advisory work, Chris is the Co-Founder of Exprovise Technology Limited, a proptech firm headquartered in the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC), and Algovisory Real Estate, a real estate brokerage and advisory company. Both enterprises focus on delivering data-driven, client-centric guidance to investors and end-users, helping them identify and execute the most suitable real estate investment opportunities aligned with their strategic objectives.

Christian Prochazka

Christian Prochazka is serving as a Finance Mgr in the Petrochemical industry with overall 18 years professional experience in Europe, US and currently in UAE. He holds a graduate degree in Management from the University of Vienna/Austria and a Master degree in Commercial Law from the University of Saarland/Germany.

He is a value investor since 10 years on a continuous learning journey with the ambition to pursue it on the long term.

Christopher Reese

Chris Reese serves as CEO and CIO of Fermont Capital, his family's single family office, where he invests in both public and private markets. His prior experience includes acquiring and managing a SaaS business, founding and managing an emerging markets public equity fund and various finance and strategy roles.

Christopher Waller

Chris Waller is the Founder and Portfolio Manager of Plural Investing, LLC. Plural Partners Fund invests in 7-8 ‘hidden gems’ in the small cap universe over a 3-5 year time horizon, and uses an investment approach focused on scuttlebutt research to find value. Some of our research is also published to the newsletter www.hiddengemsinvesting.com. Prior to founding Plural, Chris worked in London at Goldman Sachs Asset Management. Chris worked as a member of the investment team for the Global and International Small Cap equity funds. He has an MBA from the Value Investing program at Columbia Business School and BA in Economics and Management from Oxford University.

Darshan Doshi

Darshan is an individual investor who loves to study great companies and managements. As the Chief Leadership Officer at Adeption, Darshan is a leadership development facilitator who helps make professionals and organizations better. Additionally, he has built a tech team in India that has created a leading platform in the learning & development space.

Darshan has led, consulted, coached and designed leadership programs for a wide variety of organizations around the globe.

Previously, Darshan has led operations at Reliance Jio-GenNext, launched a Postgrad program in Entrepreneurship at FLAME University, managed his family business in fertilizer and engineering, and led strategic projects at W.R. Grace (USA). He graduated from Babson College with honors and has been active in the US & Indian startup communities in various roles.

David Barata

David was born and raised in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He is currently managing his family's financial assets and takes part in the boards of several businesses, including a hotel chain, transportation companies and a bank. He attained his business degree from IBMEC in 2023, while he simultaneously also completed, with honors, Aswath Damodaran's advanced valuation class at NYU Stern and Columbia Business School's Value Investing class. In his free time, he enjoys surfing, snowboarding, and playing tennis.

Fahd Shahzad

Fahd Shahzad is a Pakistan-based value investor. He is an Executive Director at Din Prime, a family office focused on public and private equity investments with operator ship. He also manages the firm's portfolio and has experience as an investment analyst. In addition to his work in finance, Fahd is the founder of Goat Pure Pvt. Ltd., Pakistan's first professional goat dairy farm.

He holds a degree from the Ivey Business School at Western University, Canada, and has a deep interest in equity markets, behavioral economics, and marketing. Outside of work, Fahd enjoys Table tennis, Mixed Martial Arts and reading.

Faizal Eledath

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

Gianfranco Rossati

Gianfranco Rosati (b. 1994, Sassari, Italy) manages proprietary capital through a concentrated, long-biased equity and special-situations strategy. He graduated summa cum laude in Philosophy from the University of Bologna, with a thesis in logic and philosophy of language inspired by the work of Bertrand Russell. Initially applying for a Ph.D., he pursued investing over academia and began as an analyst at a European value investing firm, later advising a long/short equity hedge fund with a focus on Asian markets. Gianfranco enjoys applying his analytical and interdisciplinary training to study businesses and seek fundamentally mispriced opportunities in inefficient pockets of the market.

Girish Bhakoo

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

Gus Chehayeb

Gus Chehayeb is the co-founder and CIO of Sancta Capital, an alternative investment manager focused on special situations investing in MENA. Sancta Capital is based in Dubai and has a 15-year track record with current AUM of US$650mn. Gus began his career as an analyst with Goldman Sachs in Chicago, followed by a decade of working with value-focused hedge funds in the US

Harsh Agarwal

Harsh Agrawal is an investor, entrepreneur, and curious mind exploring where money, technology, and consciousness meet. Based in Dubai, he built CoinSutra, one of the earliest crypto education platforms, and now invests across digital assets, real estate, and integrating AI tools into modern investing frameworks.

His approach blends strategic clarity with grounded self-awareness—seeing wealth as something deeper than numbers on a screen. A long-term meditator and systems thinker, Harsh focuses on how blockchain and AI can unlock new models of value and ownership.

Hoosik (Micahel) Min

Mr. Hoosik (Michael) Min has worked as an IT analyst at three investment banks in Korea since 1989. He managed Korean pension fund assets for three years as a CIO at Tempis Capital, an investment advisory firm, since 2007. He founded Pine Investment Advisory in August 2010 based on family and friend funds. He invests in Korean companies. He currently manages HNW, family offices, and pension assets. At the request of investment partners, he added global investment fund management in 2020. His investment strategy is to invest in companies with excellent competitiveness and trustworthy and wise management. He enjoys the process of reading for diverse thinking. The world can change, but he looks for things that do not change. He is dedicated to trying to think differently from the market. He graduated from B.A of HUFS in Korea. He completed his MBA at the University of Denver. He is married and has two daughters. He lives in Seoul. Pine Investment Advisory

Jad Daoud

Jad Daoud has extensive expertise in finance and investments. He holds a Bachelor's in Industrial Engineering and a Master of Finance from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He began his career as a consultant at KPMG and has held internships with firms such as EY, Merrill Lynch, and Credit Suisse. He also gained investment experience at SafeKnight Capital LLC. Since October 2021, Jad has been managing capital for himself and his family through a disciplined, long-term investment approach.

Kairus Kavarana

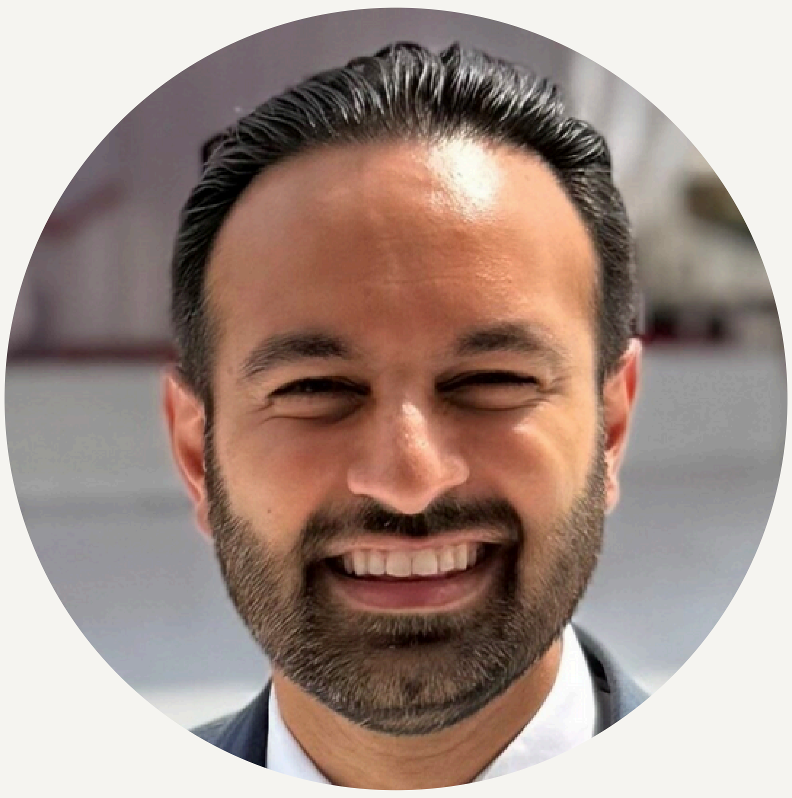
Kairus is the Founder and Managing Partner at 40 Ridge Capital Management LLP, a single family office based out of Mumbai, specializing in public equities with a bottoms-up, long-only, concentrated portfolio.

Kairus has over 17 years of investment experience and has previously worked with two long/short funds in New York and as a Portfolio Manager at Adakin Capital LLC, a largeNew York based global family office.

Kairus holds a BS in Finance from Indiana University, Bloomington and an MBA with a focus on Applied Value Investing from Columbia Business School.

Kapil Shah

Kapil Shah is the Founder of StockQuest, an AI-assisted Edtech platform. An economics graduate, he began his career in London at Bourne Park Capital before working across consumer goods and technology. His investment philosophy centers on long-term quality investing and the compounding power of durable



Karim Jetha

Karim is an asset management leader with more than 20 years of international experience. His most recent role was as a Portfolio Manager for BlueCrest Capital Management, a leading global alternative asset manager, where he led global equities investments for a global macro portfolio. Prior to this, he was the Founder and Chief Investment Officer of Longdean Capital, an investment firm focused on listed equities in the Middle East and North Africa. Prior to founding Longdean, Karim was a Partner, Member of the Management Committee and Portfolio Manager at Blakeney LLP, one of the pioneers of portfolio investment in the Middle East and Africa. At Blakeney LLP, Karim was the head of MENA coverage, with lead responsibility for the firm's MENA investments (average $600m portfolio). Karim began his career with Goldman Sachs where he was an Associate in the Investment Banking Division. Karim holds an MA degree from the University of Cambridge where he read Economics.

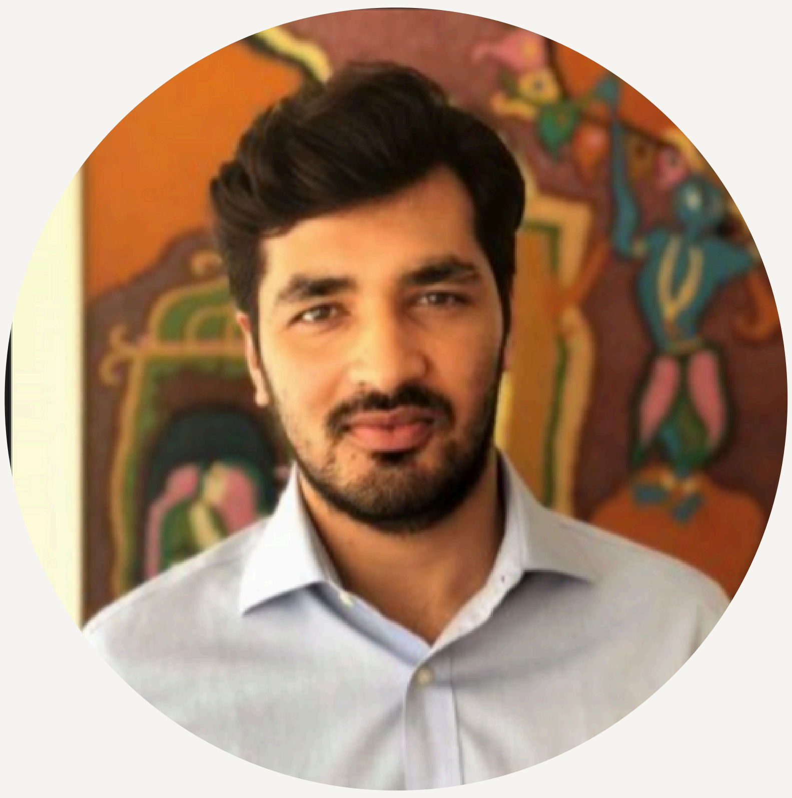
Kishan Patel

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

Kris Heyndrikx

Kris Heyndrikx is a self-taught investor and the founder of Potential Multibaggers, a research service with over 200K followers across platforms.
His investment philosophy centers on a simple but powerful insight: growth stocks held long enough eventually become value stocks. That concept inspired his pen name, From Growth To Value.
Kris began his public investing journey in February 2016 when his first article was published on Seeking Alpha.
Initially, he was a deep value investor who loved DCF calculations, but he grew disillusioned when valuation models (both his own and others') rarely matched reality.
As an optimist by nature, he was increasingly drawn to high-growth companies and developed an approach that embraces volatility as "the entrance fee for outsized growth." This philosophy has guided him through successful but volatile investments in companies like Shopify, Duolingo, CrowdStrike, Cloudflare, Hims & Hers, and Sea Limited.
In May 2019, Kris became more active on X under the handle @fromvalue, building a community that has grown to 116K followers. The rest of his followers are on Seeking Alpha, Substack, LinkedIn. A year later, he launched his paid newsletter, Potential Multibaggers, on Seeking Alpha, followed by a second newsletter on Substack called Best Anchor Stocks, which he runs with collaborator Leandro.
What started as a side project has since evolved into a small business with three full-time employees and multiple freelancers.
Kris firmly believes that one's investing style should reflect one's personality. Both as an investor and in his personal life, he is calm, patient, and optimistic, qualities he combines with a passion for deep research and analysis. He focuses on long-term trends rather than short-term noise and sees volatility as the entrance fee for outsized growth, a price most investors aren't willing to pay.
Before becoming a full-time stock author and investor, Kris worked as a journalist for a local TV station, in the Belgian Parliament, and as a teacher of English and Dutch. He lives in Belgium with his wife and daughter. In his free time, he enjoys reading (both fiction and nonfiction), listening to music (from classical to heavy metal and much in between), cooking, and playing board games.

Krishna Parikh



Title: Principal Officer,
Company: Ashima Capital Management, India
Bio: Krishna started working for Alcazar Associates in 2017 as a portfolio manager which is a proprietary fund of a single-family office focused in india. In 2021 he became Portfolio Manager for the treasury division of Ashima Ltd. As a strategy Ashima focuses on long term fundamental value investing in Indian markets with a highly concentrated position sizing.

Kunal Adnani

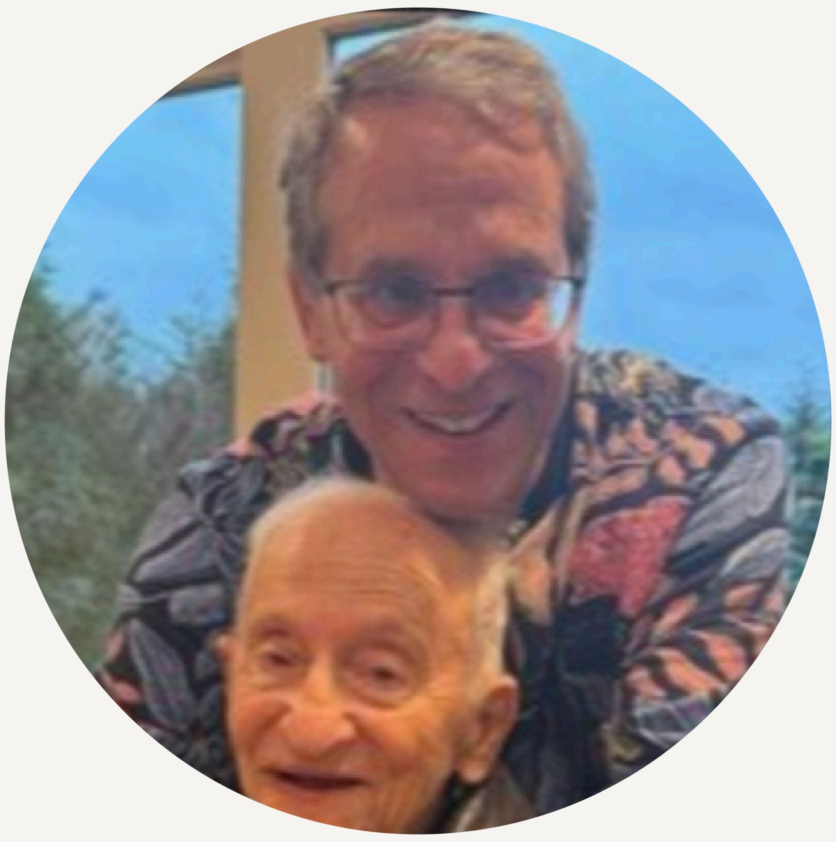
Private Banker by profession. Started career at Merrill Lynch and spent a few years at Bank of Singapore before joining Swiss based Bank J. Safra Sarasin in 2014. Spend time advising families and institutions primarily based in the Middle East. Work with clients on estate planning, asset allocation and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

Lalit Taurani

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

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

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



Leonard Kirsch

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

Leonard is most proud of his two amazing daughters, and he firmly believes that
their outstanding education was the best investment he's ever made. Alexandra is an
attending pediatric hematologist-oncologist at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and
was married in June. Nadia works as a real estate attorney in New York City. She
recently launched Hana Homes, LLC, a real estate venture firm, and is getting married
next year. Leonard, Alexandra, and Nadia are each invested in Guy Spiers' Aquamarine
Fund.

Leonard's interest in investing was instilled by his 92-year-old father, Larry, who
has been a superb, self-taught investor for more than sixty years. This is Leonard's third
consecutive VALUEx ME conference and is extremely grateful to Ram and Mallika for
inviting him to participate this year. Having recently earned a Certificate of
Specialization in Finance and Accounting at Harvard Business School and a Certificate
in Applied Value Investing from the Wharton School, he hopes to make a meaningful
and lively contribution to the meeting and is especially excited to learn from more
accomplished, like-minded value investors.

Dr. Mallika Ramanathan

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

Marc Zboch

Marc Zboch is CIO of a US based family office specializing in frontier and emerging market equities.

Traveling to 70 countries, investing in over 16 jurisdictions; our portfolio has become quite eclectic and uncorrelated.

The public equity strategy is focused on growth at value. Positions are often entered when geopolitical risk over pricing creates opportunities to take meaningful stakes with favorable execution.

A passion in the office is Uzbekistan public equity, which continues to become a growing allocation.

Martin Boon

My name is Martin Boon CPA (Aust) a wealth & wellness content creator. Do you aim to be healthier & wealthier in 10 years time ?
If so, do hit me up for a conversation.

Matthew Peterson

Matthew Peterson, CFA, is the Founder and Managing Partner of Peterson Capital Management, LLC, established in 2011. He manages Peterson Investment Fund I (www.petersonfunds.com), a long-term, concentrated value fund that has compounded partner capital at double-digit net annualized rates since inception.

In addition, Matthew is the Co-Founder of the Talas Turkey Value Fund (www.talascapital.com), a focused portfolio of deeply undervalued businesses in Turkey, and the Titan Strategic Income Fund (www.titanstrategicincome.com), a structured-income strategy designed to generate enhanced-yield, low-volatility returns on cash and collateral.

He is also the Founder and CEO of AlphaOne AI, Inc., an AI-driven equity research platform delivering institutional-quality analysis and valuation reports for nearly every U.S. public company through www.VeritasAlpha.com.

Matthew's 25-year career began on Wall Street, where he spent nearly seven years in risk-management consulting for Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley. He has lived and worked in Beijing, London, New York, and Los Angeles, spent the past five years in Austin, Texas, divides time in Istanbul, and is currently relocating with his family to Cascais, Portugal. He holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation and a B.S. in Economics with a minor in Mathematics from the University of Puget Sound.

Max Kronberg

Max is an entrepreneur turned investor and the founder of Kronberg Capital, a Singapore-based investment fund focused on global public equities. After exiting his e-commerce business, he managed his family office before seeding his own fund and taking on outside capital. Kronberg Capital applies a barbell-style strategy, combining investments in established, high-quality businesses with select opportunities in companies off the beaten path.

Outside of investing, Max is an active touring car racing driver competing in the GT4 European Series.

Mehmet Yigit Turkmen

Yiğit Türkmen is a financial blogger and investor focused on value investing and behavioral finance. In his blog LattedenBorsaya.com, he distills lessons from great investors to help his readers gain the skills of long-term thinking and rational decision-making.

Mohammed M Ali-Reda

Founder & CIO
Darkhorse Capital
Prior to starting Darkhorse Capital, Mohammed was Head of Consumer Investments at Asiya Investments in Hong Kong – a leading Middle East based company with US$ 1 billion in AUM. He was responsible for the firm's public and private investments within the consumer sector. He was the top performing fund manager within the fundamental equities team and has a proven track record of consistently outperforming the market. Prior to Asiya Investments he was an Associate Investment Manager at Gulf Bank Kuwait's Strategic Investment department that was responsible for investing the Bank's proprietary capital.
Mohammed has been investing in Asia since 2007 and has spent 20 years in the investment industry. He has been a guest speaker at SOHN Next Wave HK, HKUST, HK Chamber of Commerce, the Value Investing Summit in Singapore, and a judge for the Hong Kong CFA Research Challenge.
He graduated from Michigan State University with B.A. in Finance with honors. He is a CFA charterholder and held positions of Board Member and Treasurer at the Kuwait CFA Society.

Muhammed Yesilhark

Muhammed Taha Yesilhark is a Turkish-born entrepreneur, investor, and philanthropist who has lived half his life in Germany and half in the UK, and is now based in Dubai.

He currently serves as the Chief Investment Officer of NOIA Capital, a multi-family office with a strong focus on growth capital.

Before founding NOIA, Muhammed held senior positions at some of the world's most prestigious financial institutions — he was Head of European Equities and Partner at Carmignac, where he managed over $8 billion in European and global equity investments, and previously a Partner and Portfolio Manager at SAC Global Investors (now Point72), managing a $550 million European equities portfolio and earning a place among Europe's "40 under 40" top-performing hedge fund professionals.

Earlier, he was a Director at York Capital Management in London, one of the youngest in the city's financial sector, leading investments across the DACH and EMEA regions, after beginning his career in M&A at Lazard in Frankfurt.

From 2022 to 2025, he served on the Advisory Council of the Dubai Chamber's Digital Economy, and in 2025, was appointed by HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum to the Board of Directors of the Dubai Chamber.

Beyond finance, Muhammed is deeply engaged in philanthropy as a Board Trustee of the National Zakat Foundation Worldwide, Co-Founder and President of EverGive, a founding board member of Collective Continuum, and an Ambassador of the Global Blockchain Business Council.

Navin Somaya

Navin Somaya is a Relationship Manager at international private bank. Born and raised in Mumbai, he began his professional journey as equity analyst on Dalal street, Mumbai before moving to Bank Street, Dubai. Navin draws inspiration from industry leaders such as Warren Buffett, Peter Lynch, and Victor Sperandeo, fueling his interest in investing. Committed to sharing knowledge, he aims to inspire others to engage thoughtfully with financial markets.

His recommended reading includes: Trader Vic - Methods of a Wall Street Master by Victor Sperandeo, Reminiscences of a stock operator by Edwin Lefevre in addition to the writings of Warren Buffett, Charlie Munger, Howard Marks and many others. In his free time, he enjoys tennis, traveling, and spending time with his family.

Neehar Cherabuddi

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

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

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

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

Nikhil Vishwanathan

Nikhil is a Finance & Operations Accountant at Samena Capital Investments Limited, an investment group focusing on the Subcontinent Asia, Middle East and North Africa. The firm focuses on Private Equity, direct investments and credit. His role focuses on deal execution, fund operations and investment exits. He is a qualified chartered accountant (ACCA) and is keen on being an investment analyst in the future. In his spare time he enjoys playing Padel and listening to podcasts.

Nirman Shetty

In his day job, Nirman is the CEO of a $200 M edible oils and fats company. He is a passionate business analyst and has been investing his own capital for more than 15 years. He lives in the UAE and is originally from India

Paul Holtfrerich

Paul Holtfrerich, a 35-year-old fund manager, leads Principled Capital, an investment partnership based in Dallas, TX. After earning a graduate degree in engineering from the University of Arizona, Paul's career evolved from engineering and consulting to launching startups before finding his calling in portfolio management. In 2021, he founded Principled Capital with friends and family capital, modeling it after Warren Buffett's first partnership. The fund employs a "first principles" approach to value investing, focusing on a highly concentrated portfolio of long-only positions. Paul also authors the Principled Capital Substack (principledcapital.substack.com), sharing updates of his fund's performance and investing philosophies. Outside work, he enjoys traveling, playing chess, competing in local sports, and spending time with his wife, Molly, and their 2-year-old daughter, Cora.

Pramod Gubbi

Pramod Gubbi, CFA, is a co-founder and leads client advisory and business development.

•Previously the head of Institutional Equities at Ambit Capital; headed Ambit's Singapore office from 2013-16.

•Worked across sales and research functions at Clear Capital.

•Served in technology firms such as HCL Technologies and Philips Semiconductors.

•B.Tech from National Institute of Technology, Karnataka; Post-graduate Diploma in Management from the Indian Institute of Management – Ahmedabad.

P.V. Ramanathan (Ram)

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

Rakan Alhaji

Rakan AlHajji is a dentist based in Kuwait, specializing in periodontal treatment and dental implant therapy. He completed both his undergraduate and postgraduate training in dentistry in the united kingdom. Outside of his clinical work, Rakan has a strong interest in investing and long-term value creation, where he applies a disciplined, research-driven approach inspired by the principles of long term compounding.

Ricardo Polo

Ricardo Polo is a Seville-based investor and entrepreneur with roots in a family-owned construction and real-estate company, where he served as a director for several years. He manages a Spain-based family office guided by a long-term value philosophy, investing directly in global public companies and through partnerships with external managers. He helped launch Cornamusa Capital, a global equity fund that has outperformed the MSCI World Index since inception. Ricardo holds a university degree in business. Outside work, he prioritizes time with his two sons and maintains a steady routine of strength training and weekly tennis. Deeply connected to Seville's cultural life and Rotary-adjacent initiatives, he values tangible contributions to social causes. He speaks Spanish and English, and conversational German.

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Sam John

Sam John, CFA–Managing Member and Portfolio Manager
Sam, a CFA charterholder, is the Managing Member and Chief Investment Officer of Phronimos Capital,
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Sam has more than 20 years of investment research experience having previously worked as a senior
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He resides with his wife and three children in the Western exurbs of Philadelphia and enjoys teaching
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Sandeep Kapadia

Sandeep presently manages a family office out of Dubai. The investment patterns marries lessons learnt from Venture Capital and Value investing and applied to public market investing.

Prior Experience : Partner, Prime Ventures
Mr. Sandeep Kapadia joined Prime Ventures at formation in 1999. Prime Ventures www.primeventures.com is a leading venture capital and growth equity firm focusing on investing in European companies in the technology and related industries. From its offices in The Netherland and the UK the independent partnership manages over 800 million euro in committed capital.

Sandeep has over 25 years of experience in investing, venture capital, operational senior management & board level decision making. He has provided ongoing support to portfolio companies by hiring senior key managers and initiating strategic partnerships. Before joining Prime Ventures, he held various senior management positions with Baan Company including Sales Channel Management & International Marketing .

Sandeep earned a Bachelor degree in Computer Engineering from Bombay University and an MBA degree from Rotterdam School of Management and J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management.

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Shivam Kashan is an investment analyst at a family office and founder of a forthcoming investment firm dedicated to disciplined, long-term value creation. He focuses on identifying high-quality companies and owning them with a long-term mindset. His approach is grounded in fundamental research, patience, and the conviction that disciplined investing can generate exceptional results over time.

He also has a free newsletter called “The Knight’s Edge” where he writes about the principles that guide his thinking, detailed company breakdowns, and valuation frameworks. His goal is to provide clear, honest, and thoughtful analysis that cuts through noise and emphasizes what truly matters in investing.

Beyond markets and financials, his life is deeply shaped by faith and purpose. Shivam and his wife, Melissa, are actively involved in their church community, regularly participate in mission trips, and support orphanages in various parts of the world. In his free time, he enjoys playing chess and kickboxing—both of which sharpen the focus and discipline he strives to carry into investing.

Stephanie A. Hughes

Stephanie Akkaoui Hughes is a serial entrepreneur, strategic investor, and experienced business leader with a proven track record of building and scaling ventures across multiple industries, including the award-winning AKKA Architects and the innovation platform Eden Mountain.

Over the past two decades, she has led companies from concept to execution, consistently creating sustainable value through disciplined strategy and innovation. Her ability to bridge creativity, business, and capital has established her as a results-driven leader who combines visionary thinking with strategic rigour to build and invest in companies that create lasting value.

Today, Stephanie focuses on long-term, fundamentals-driven investing in public markets and real assets, guided by a commitment to capital preservation, sustainable growth, and disciplined allocation.

A globally recognised speaker and thought leader, Stephanie has addressed audiences worldwide—from industry summits to policy forums—on entrepreneurship, innovation, and the art of building value that endures, inspiring leaders to rethink how they build, invest, and create lasting impact.

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Sumukh Shetty

Serial entrepreneur - built shvasa.com and currently building a meditation app called Bliss. As an investor started investing surplus capital from my ecommerce business to crypto around 2013-14. Built an early stage venture fund in 2018 at firstprinciplesvc.com and parallely spent time exploring value investing since 2020.

Sunil Parthasarthy

Sunil Parthasarathy is a private investor focused on long-term, value-oriented investing. He approaches investing with the structured reasoning of an engineer, seeking high-quality businesses capable of compounding value steadily over time. His philosophy integrates the analytical discipline of intrinsic-value investing with a deep focus on temperament—the essential ability to remain rational, patient, and objective through market cycles.

Sunil has worked for 15 years in the investment management industry, where he has analyzed public equities and advised on portfolio strategy across global markets. He earned his MBA from Columbia Business School, where he participated in the Applied Value Investing Program. He also holds an M.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering from UC Santa Barbara and a B.Tech in Electrical Engineering from IIT Madras and has passed all three levels of the CFA exam. Earlier in his career, he worked as a chip-design engineer and holds three U.S. patents in semiconductor memory design.

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Suresh has been an investor in public markets since 1995 in his personal capacity in markets across Asia Pacific, Europe and USA. Suresh has an MBA from Columbia Business School. He is also an IIMC alumnus.

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Sushant is a Manager at Bain & Company's Technology, Media & Telecom practice, with 15 years of experience spanning family business leadership, startups, and top-tier consulting. He previously worked at Boston Consulting Group and was an early team member of Roadrunnr (a tech startup later acquired by Zomato). Since 2015, Sushant has been actively investing in Indian public equity markets – focusing on small- and mid-cap companies across sectors – and has built a strong long-term track record of outperformance. He draws on his multifaceted background as a business operator, owner, consultant, and investor to spot underappreciated opportunities, blending hands-on operational insight with rigorous analysis.

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Thomas Roland Hartl

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

Thomas Karlovits

Thomas Karlovits founded K Capital, a family office, and K Capital Ventures, which focuses on early stage start-ups. Between 2014 and 2023 he was running Blackwall Capital, a European focused asset management company with long-only and long-short strategies. Prior to founding Blackwall Capital, he worked in equity research for over 23 years. From 2003 to 2014, Thomas was at Kepler Cheuvreux (Kepler Capital Markets prior to the takeover of Cheuvreux). Thomas most recently held the role of Head of European Equity Research from 2013 and was Deputy Head from 2007. During this time, Thomas was also in charge of the investment strategy for the wider group. Between 1991 and 2003 he worked at different broker houses, including RZB, SMH, Cheuvreux and Santander. Thomas studied Business Administration and Economics at the University in Vienna.

Veronika Kamplade

Vero Kamplade is an investor and startup founder based in Dubai. She invests in public equities with a value-driven, long-term approach, and builds ventures in AI and digital innovation. A former Associate Partner at McKinsey & Company in London, she brings deep experience in digital transformation, AI strategy, and organizational change.

A passionate violinist and trustee of Constella Opera Ballet, Vero combines analytical precision with artistic creativity. She studied at the University of Passau, Peking University, and the University of Cambridge.

Wesley Richards

Wesley manages an in-house Asian equity fund for a UK single family office based in London. Previously, he founded Frontier Asset in 2008 providing investment consultancy and research services. Before moving into wealth management, he worked as a Pastor for a non-denominational church, investing in people.

Wesley's investment career began after discovering Warren Buffett at University, via the Lowenstein biography, and attended a Buffettology conference for his 21st birthday. He earned a degree in Economics from the University of London and a Masters from the London School of Economics in Environment and Development. He was also Called to the Bar by the Middle Temple and is a CFA Charterholder.

A former international rower, Wesley has served as an elected Local Councillor for the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead (2015-19) and is a parent-founder of an independent school in Windsor. He is married with four sons, aged 12-18.

Wyatt Sparks

Wyatt Sparks is the Chief Investment Officer for Sea Meadow Capital, an Investment Partnership that he founded in June 2021. Before launching Sea Meadow, Wyatt was the Chief Financial Officer at DMVans, a class-B-RV (motorhome) manufacturer. Prior investment experience includes roles within institutional credit (Delaware Life), long-only equities (T. Rowe Price), and CMBS (J.P. Morgan)

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Zeeshan Feerasta

I studied Finance & Management at Georgetown. Began career at JPM Investment Banking in New York. Completed MBA at INSEAD and worked at McKinsey & Co in Dubai prior to rejoining family business. Currently serving as director in family business based in Pakistan with diversified interests across polyester manufacturing (Rupali Group) and banking (Soneri Bank). Value investor in public equities across both US and Pakistani markets. Restaurant Owner of INKA & Urban Kitchen, 2 different F&B concepts in Lahore. I look forward to meeting new people and learning from their unique experiences. I hope to develop meaningful connections that might serve as a sounding board on investment ideas and geo-political trends affecting the markets.