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Abdulaziz A. Alnaim

Founder & Managing Director, Mayar Capital

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.



Adhi Kesarla

Full-time Investor

I am a full time investor managing my personal portfolio and related family members in high quality stocks. Prior to my full time investor role, 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 strong 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 Peter Lynch's One Up on Wall Street, Pulak Prasad's What I learned about Investing from Darwin. In my spare time I travel for photography and enjoy cooking for my family! I would love to get connected with the ValueX community- you can find me on LinkedIn, gmail and Twitter.



Aiden Gupta

Analyst

Aiden Gupta is a Mumbai-based analyst who earned his degree in International Business from the University of Kent. Having spent his formative years relocating between London, Dubai, and Mumbai, he developed an early appreciation for the nuances of global markets and international investing. In an environment often dominated by consensus thinking, he maintains a sharp focus on contrarian perspectives and independent fundamental analysis.



Andrew Coye

Head of Public Equity, Investment Corporation of Dubai

I am the Head of Public Equity at Investment Corporation of Dubai (ICD), a sovereign wealth fund and the principal investment arm of the Government of Dubai, where I manage a large, global, long-only equity portfolio on a discretionary basis. I invest the book directly and am not an allocator to external managers.

I received the investment mandate in early 2020. The portfolio has outperformed the S&P 500 since inception, and its size has more than doubled through appreciation. The portfolio is value focused, concentrated, long-term, and built on the idea of identifying, buying and holding high-quality businesses at a discount to their intrinsic value and allowing their earnings to compound.

My process is driven by bottom-up security selection that is quantitatively informed. I forecast intrinsic value from historical results and forward earnings estimates that incorporate industry and company fundamentals, valuation, flows, narratives and competitive intensity. I am responsible for the public equity investment process end-to-end, encompassing equity research, investment memos, portfolio construction, trade execution and ongoing performance and risk monitoring. Portfolio positions are sized based on conviction and margin of safety. Holdings span banking, insurance, industrials, consumer and technology, with a concentration in financial services.

Before building ICD's public equity platform, I spent a decade in debt capital markets and treasury at ICD and Mubadala GE Capital, executing more than $7 billion of financings across more than a dozen bank and capital markets transactions and securing inaugural investment grade credit ratings. Managing funding, liquidity and interest rate risk through asset-liability modeling and debt issuance established my framework for evaluating the balance sheet and risks of financial services firms.

I have nearly two decades of experience in institutional investments, treasury, capital markets and risk management in Dubai, Abu Dhabi and the United States. I earned an M.B.A. with Distinction from London Business School and a B.S. in Information Technology, summa cum laude, from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

I teach in the “Genius of Warren Buffett” course offered annually at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and I post about investments at x.com/andrewcoye.

I run ultramarathons at distances from 63 km to 160 km and have climbed more than ten peaks above 5,000 meters.



Aniruddha Pant

AI Entrepreneur & Quant Investor

Dr. Aniruddha Pant is an AI entrepreneur and quantitative finance practitioner with over two decades of experience applying mathematical modelling and machine learning to real-world problems.

He holds a PhD in Control Systems from the University of California, Berkeley, and has been passionate about applying quantitative methods to financial markets since his doctoral years.

He has founded several AI ventures, including AlgoAnalytics Financial Consultancy, which advised institutional money managers and proprietary trading desks; DeepTek in radiology AI; and A2IoT in manufacturing AI.

After spending much of the past decade building AI businesses across industries, he is now renewing his focus on quantitative investing: providing quantitative strategy research and development consultancy to global hedge funds, while independently using systematic investment strategies to manage his family's capital.

He is also an Adjunct Professor at FLAME University.



Ankit Oberoi

Founder, Oberoi Expeditions

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 AIBoomi, he has helped nurture Asia's AI ecosystem and guided 100+ entrepreneurs on their journeys.



Anton Rudenok

Value Investor & Portfolio Manager

Anton Rudenok is a Dubai-based value investor and portfolio manager with more than 15 years' experience in equity research and portfolio management. He focuses on high-quality listed companies with durable competitive advantages, pricing power and opportunities to reinvest at attractive returns. His approach combines fundamental research, valuation discipline and a long-term ownership mindset, with particular attention to capital allocation and compounding intrinsic value.



Arno Dames

Founder & PM, Maxia Capital Management

Arno is the founder of Maxia Capital Management, a Cape Town-based emerging manager with a concentrated, global deep value focus. He launched the Maxia Value Fund in September 2026 and serves as its portfolio manager.

Before launching Maxia, Arno spent over five years at RECM as an analyst and portfolio manager refining the deep value approach he applies today across a broad range of industries and geographies.

Earlier in his career, he built more than a decade of experience in financial services across South Africa, the wider African continent and the United Kingdom, holding senior positions in audit, commercial finance, corporate finance advisory and private equity.

Arno holds a BCom (Hons) from the University of Pretoria and qualified as a Chartered Accountant (South Africa) with KPMG.



Arvind Mahalingam

Growth & Recruitment, DoctorC

Arvind Mahalingam leads Growth and Recruitment at DoctorC, working across marketing, product, hiring, new initiatives, and expansion. He has played a key role in scaling DoctorC's consumer healthcare business across India.

His approach combines data, experimentation, and consumer insight to drive growth across new markets, products, and services.

An engineer by education, Arvind previously worked across manufacturing and FinTech in the United States and India before completing his MBA at IE Business School in Madrid. He has been with DoctorC since 2020.



Aryaman Kamath

Founder, Inferex Labs

Aryaman Kamath is the founder of Inferex Labs, a Dubai-based company that helps businesses grow revenue and run leaner operations with AI. Its systems help teams convert more leads and spend less time on routine work. Its clients today include companies in travel, hospitality and education, with a growing presence across other industries.

Outside his work, Aryaman is interested in finding asymmetric opportunities in the AI value chain, from chips and data centers to the models and applications built on them.



Avinash Gupta

Independent Board Member

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 (Dean's 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.



Bhuvan Gupta

Co-Founder & CEO, Client First Holdings

Client First Holdings Ltd is the holding company of the Client First Group, co-founded by Bhuvan Gupta and Varsha Gupta. Bhuvan Gupta, Co-Founder & CEO of Client First Holdings Ltd and CIO of Client First Capital Ltd, Mauritius, brings over 20 years of experience in banking, financial services, and investment management.

The Group's flagship investment strategy, Founders' Portfolio, has built a legacy of disciplined, long-term value investing since its inception in 2019. The portfolio follows a concentrated, high-conviction investment philosophy, investing in exceptional businesses at attractive valuations. Founders' Portfolio has delivered approximately 18% compounded annual returns from 2020 to YTD, based on its reported historical performance.

Under Bhuvan's leadership, Client First has expanded its presence across international markets, serving approximately 100 families in 11 countries. The Group operates across investment management and wealth advisory, with operations in Mauritius and Dubai.



Bjorn Beam

Arcano Partners

Bjorn leads technology research and geopolitical advisory work at Arcano Partners in Madrid. He advises multinational companies, investors, and governments on geopolitical risk, emerging technologies, and international security.

Bjorn previously served as an intelligence officer with the Central Intelligence Agency, where he conducted intelligence operations and contributed to the President's Daily Brief. His experience spans intelligence, national security, hybrid warfare, and technology risk.

Bjorn teaches at IE Business School. He holds an MBA from IE Business School, a master's degree in Terrorism and Counterterrorism Operations from King's College London, and a bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of Michigan.



Chris Francis

Co-Founder, Exprovise Technology & Algovisory Real Estate

Chris Francis brings over two decades of global real estate expertise, leading multidisciplinary teams to deliver high-impact development and investment strategies. His experience spans more than 250 master-planned developments across 1 billion square meters of land, with a cumulative project value exceeding US$1 trillion.

As a pivotal advisor shaping Dubai's modern urban landscape, Chris steered iconic transformations including the landmark Palm Island developments, Dubai World Central aerotropolis, and the prestigious Expo 2020 legacy project. Globally, he drives high-profile initiatives of national significance. He has formulated comprehensive hospitality growth strategies for the Seychelles government, supported World Bank-backed tech innovation hubs in Abuja, Nigeria, and optimized complex city-center redevelopments in Kenya. Furthermore, he regularly advises Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund (PIF) on premier tourism and transit-oriented megaprojects, including Diriyah Gate and the Metro networks in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Bridging elite advisory with advanced technological innovation, Chris is the Co-Founder of DIFC-headquartered proptech pioneer Exprovise Technology Limited and Algovisory Real Estate. Driven by predictive data analytics, these enterprises deliver client-centric intelligence that empowers institutional investors and end-users to identify, execute, and capture high-yielding real estate opportunities aligned with their strategic objectives worldwide.



Darshan Doshi

Chief Leadership Officer, Adeption

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.



Derek Pilecki

Founder & Portfolio Manager, Gator Capital Management

Derek Pilecki is the Founder, Managing Member, and Portfolio Manager of Gator Capital Management, established in 2008. He is responsible for leading the firm's investment strategies, with a focus on Financials sector portfolios across long/short and long-only mandates. Derek oversees all portfolio construction, research, and risk management activities across the firm's strategies, including private funds, mutual funds, and separately managed accounts.

Derek was a Portfolio Manager and Co-Chair of the Investment Committee for the Growth Equity Team at Goldman Sachs Asset Management (2002–2008). He was an Analyst at Clover Capital Management and Burridge Growth Partners, where he focused on the Financials sector (2000–2002). Derek began his career at Fannie Mae, performing interest rate risk analysis for the firm's mortgage investment portfolio (1994–1998).

Derek holds an MBA with honors in Finance and Accounting from the University of Chicago and a BA in Economics from Duke University. He is a CFA® charterholder.



Fahd Shahzad

Executive Director, Din Prime

Fahd Shahzad is Executive Director at Din Prime, a family office investing in public markets and running private businesses. A value investor and former equity research analyst, he is also the founder of Goat Pure, a dairy and livestock genetics business in Pakistan. He is a graduate of Ivey Business School in Canada. Outside investing, he enjoys reading, mixed martial arts, and table tennis.



Fares Khoory

Banker & Private Investor

My name is Fares. I am based in Dubai, UAE. I am a finance professional at a local bank, focused on secured lending. I manage a personal investment portfolio. I invest in real estate deals and public equities, with a special interest in the latter. I have been a student of the markets since 2018 and continue to learn more every day. I have completed my undergraduate degree in Boston, Massachusetts. I have a dog and enjoy tennis.



Javier Kubicki

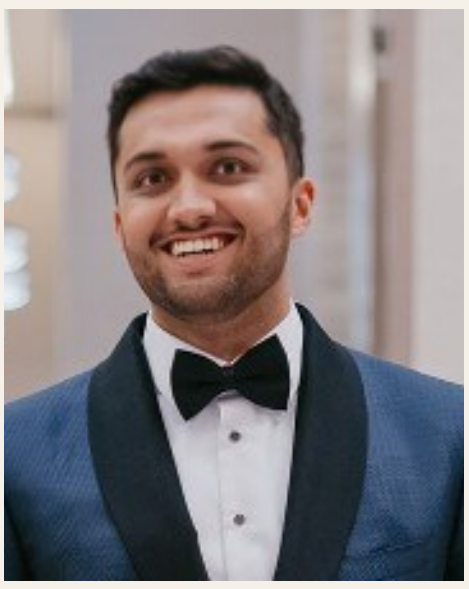
Founder, Kol Nidrei Capital

Javier Kubicki is the Founder of Kol Nidrei Capital as well as Portfolio Manager of Kol Nidrei Fund and author of a value-investing newsletter on Substack called CigarButts.

A self-taught investor with over a decade of experience across global financial markets, he invests in global equities with an investment style inspired by Benjamin Graham's value framework and the principles Buffett applied in his early partnership years.

Prior to founding Kol Nidrei Capital, Javier managed a dedicated personal investment portfolio applying a concentrated, fundamentals-driven value approach to global public equities, with selective use of derivatives.

His earlier career spanned consulting, finance, and strategy. In the last of those roles, he acted as an independent advisor to the management of a UAE oil and gas company. Before that, he was an aviation consultant at an American consulting firm, and earlier worked in the finance department of a travel software company in Spain and the UAE. He began his career in investment banking at a major Spanish bank. Javier holds a Degree in Economics from Carlos III University in Madrid.



Karan M. Gurnani

Co-Founder, The Compounding Club

Karan M. Gurnani is building a community of readers in Dubai called "The Compounding Club" with his wife, Jasmin. Their community is built on Munger's words, "The best thing a human being can do is to help another human being know more."

The Compounding Club has over 260 members in Dubai.

Karan is also learning to manage capital on eToro, where he is listed as a Pro Investor with 58 individuals invested in his strategy. He has an affinity for contrarian picks, special situations and value traps which take far too long to materialize.

Karan has a BSBA Finance degree from the American University of Sharjah.



Karim Eissa

Managing Director & Part-time Investor

My name is Karim Eissa, originally from Egypt, but I live & work in Dubai. I'm a full time Managing Director for a Regional Construction and Development Company and a part time Investor.

My investment journey started in 2013 with the objective of creating a secondary income from dividends, especially during the low savings interest rate environment. Dollar Cost averaging helped me get decent portfolio size to start getting more serious about stock investment.

Over the years I have been listening to podcasts, reading and found myself attracted to the value investment school of thought.

I hope to gain more insight into the thinking process of finding and building positions in companies that have the potential to become multi baggers over the long term.



Kaushal "Ken" Majmudar

Founder & CIO, Ridgewood Investments

Kaushal "Ken" Majmudar, CFA, is the Founder and Chief Investment Officer of Ridgewood Investments, an SEC-registered investment adviser he founded in 2002, and a value investor with more than 30 years of experience across public equities, microcaps, private investments and real estate. He co-founded Dharohar Capital, an India fund, with Bhuvan Gupta, with Mohan Nanwani as Head of Research. He is also the founder of Capital Alliance Mastermind and host of the Capital Alliance Podcast. A retired attorney, he earned his JD from Harvard Law School and studied Computer Science and Economics at Columbia University. Ken attended ValueX ME in 2023 and 2024.



Kishan Patel

Value Investor; Founder, ProAnalyst

Kishan Patel is a value investor and software entrepreneur. He is building ProAnalyst, an AI investment analyst, at pro-analyst.com, and invites readers to try it. His portfolio holdings include Edelweiss (India), Emirates REIT (Dubai), and Dingdong and Yatsen Holding (China).



Krishna Parikh

Principal Officer, Ashima Capital Management

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, Bank J. Safra Sarasin

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 overall wealth management. Buffett & Munger fan.



Lalit Taurani

Managing Director & Co-CEO, Taurani Group

Lalit brings over three decades of leadership experience in global manufacturing and trading enterprises as Managing Director and Co-CEO of the Taurani Group—a multinational conglomerate which employs over 3,000 employees with operations spanning the UAE, KSA, India, the UK, Australia, the US, and Canada.

He actively oversees key group entities, including DSS Steel (formerly Dayal Steel Suppliers), the group's flagship steel trading company. Building on a 50-year legacy, DSS Steel is a premier distributor of structural steel, pipes, and tubes, operating extensive warehousing infrastructure in National Industries Park, Dubai, alongside an established GCC network across Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Oman. He also manages Ducast Factory, an Abu Dhabi-based manufacturer with nearly 30 years of expertise in producing high-specification ductile and cast-iron products.

An active value investor and lifelong learner, Lalit also oversees global asset allocation and investment strategies for the Taurani Family Office.



Mallika Ramanathan

Former Vice President & Provost, American College of Dubai

Mallika is a CA and a PhD in Finance who has, until recently, pursued her passion in education. She retired 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 Toastmasters 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.



Markus Bergdolt

Private Investor & Management Advisor

Markus is a private investor and management advisor from Germany with a master's degree in Business Process Management. Over the past decade, he has managed his family's private portfolio, applying a value-oriented and risk-adjusted approach that blends event-driven, scenario-based, and traditional value-investing strategies. Professionally, Markus bridges operational excellence and long-term strategy, working part-time as a Value Manager for a fiber-optic infrastructure company and consulting on certified management systems. Combining his expertise in organizational design with capital allocation, he looks forward to reconnecting with ValueX friends, learning from fellow investors, and sharing a fresh perspective worth discussing.



Martin Boon

CPA (Aust)

Martin Boon CPA (Aust) was lucky to present PICC Group, China Top 3 Property & Casualty insurance company is up 31.9% (15 Nov 24 to 31 Oct 26) while UOB one of Singapore Big 3 banks is up 26% after dividends from ValueX ME 2025.

He is also into wellness, having done Vipassana meditation, Reiki Tummo for more than 15 years and been at the inaugural Wisdom Asia 2.0 with and he loves to build community around wealth & wellness.



Mohammed 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 a B.A. in Finance with honors. He is a CFA charterholder and held positions of Board Member and Treasurer at the Kuwait CFA Society.



Mohan Nanwani

Chief Investment Officer, Dharohar Capital

Mohan Nanwani is the Chief Investment Officer of Dharohar Capital with 25+ years of cross-industry leadership experience in investment operations, risk management, analytics, and process improvement. With strong Six Sigma & technology integration exposure, he is known for building efficient, scalable, and growth-driven business solutions.



Muhammed Taha Yesilhark

CIO, NOIA Capital

Muhammed is a dynamic entrepreneur, investor, and philanthropist of Turkish origin, born in Germany and 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.

With a career spanning some of the most prestigious names in global finance, Muhammed was formerly Head of European Equities and Partner at Carmignac, where he oversaw more than $8 billion in European and global equity investments. Prior to that, he was a Partner and Portfolio Manager at SAC Global Investors (now Point72), managing a $550 million European equities portfolio and earning recognition on the “40 under 40” list of top-performing investment professionals in the European hedge fund space.

Earlier in his career, Muhammed joined York Capital Management in London - an $18 billion event-driven hedge fund - rising swiftly from Associate to Director in just four years. At 27, he became one of the youngest Directors in London's financial sector, leading investments across German-speaking countries and the EMEA region. His journey began in M&A at Lazard in Frankfurt, where he built a solid foundation in corporate finance.

Muhammed holds first-class honors degrees in finance and management from both Reutlingen University in Germany and Lancaster University in the UK.

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

In this role, Muhammed is committed to driving the growth and innovation of the digital economy in the Emirate.

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



Nauman ul Haq

Black Willow

Nauman ul Haq heads business controls and Group reporting at Majid Al Futtaim in Dubai, where he has worked since 2014. Before that, PwC. He trained as a chartered accountant in Pakistan because it was the only qualification he could afford after school and added the CFA later.

Outside work he manages Black Willow, a family investment vehicle, and writes two things: My Ledger, a newsletter on investing, learning and reading or anything else that piques his interest, and Mandelbrot (a journal tracking his investments), where every position, every mistake and every kill condition is published as it happens. The point is to be graded by the record, not the narrative.

He is interested in capital cycles, balance sheets that say more than income statements, and what a price invites.



Navin Somaya

Relationship Manager, Private Banking

Navin Somaya is a Relationship Manager at an international private bank. Born and raised in Mumbai, he began his professional journey as an 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 Lefèvre 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

Co-Founder & CEO, DoctorC

Neehar Cherabuddi co-founded DoctorC in 2014. 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. 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

Finance & Operations Accountant, Samena Capital

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



Nirman Shetty

Value Investor

Nirman is a value investor who lives in Abu Dhabi with his wife, 4 kids and a dog. He loves analysing business models, reading science fiction / fantasy and taking long, meandering walks.



Ofek Levin

Private Investor

Ex medical device entrepreneur, founded and led 3 medical device companies, some were acquired by multi-billion medical device global players. Over 15 issued patents in various medical device inventions. Manage money just for myself and find it very interesting. Value investor for the past 2 years. Electrical Engineer by profession.



P.V. Ramanathan

Investment Advisor, Neeti Fund

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 Toastmasters 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.



Parshu Adiraja

Private Investor; Fintech Centre, IIM Bangalore

Parshu Adiraja is a private investor based in Bangalore and also leads the fintech centre at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bangalore. Previously, he was a lead investment officer for fintech and financial services sector at the International Finance Corporation (IFC), having concluded growth stage investments across Asia and Africa. He has also held senior global roles in strategy and business development at Citigroup and other emerging market PE funds. Parshu studied at IIT Bombay and Carnegie Mellon University.

He is an avid tennis player and a keen hiker. His personal claim to fame is making it (just about) to the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro and he hopes to build on that by tackling more peaks around the world. He is always up for a conversation about coffee, sports, markets & valuations, or the next great hike.



Rakan AlHajji

Dentist & Investor

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.



Rittika Gupta Garg

Full-time Investor

Rittika is a full time investor focused on value stocks across geographies.

Rittika worked with Aequitas Investments, Mumbai, a boutique long only hedge fund focused on Indian equities for 7 years. Prior to that she worked at Ernst & Young, Mumbai in the M&A department. She has pursued Chartered Accountancy in India and was an All India Rank holder. Rittika is based in Dubai with her husband and son. She loves to read, play mahjong and work out.

From an investing perspective, she loves to identify companies which are in unloved and boring sectors and trade below their intrinsic value.



Roberto Castiglioni

Head of Research, STP Partners

Roberto is the Head of Research at STP Partners, where he focuses on market research and valuation while supporting the firm's trading desk. He also contributes to the development of the firm's asset management platform, helping shape its investment process and philosophy around value investing principles.



Ruchir Asnani

Private Investor

Ruchir Asnani is a private investor with over 25 years of experience in finance and investment management. A Chartered Accountant and Oxford MBA, he began his career at Deloitte and PwC before moving into investment research and asset management in London. He subsequently worked at CFRA and AKO Capital, joining Ruffer LLP in 2012, where he became a Partner. After leaving Ruffer in 2025, Ruchir now manages his own capital, focusing on concentrated, contrarian investments in publicly listed businesses. His investment philosophy centres on exploiting the disconnect between short-term market sentiment and long-term business fundamentals, often using long-dated options to express his convictions.



Sahil Uttarwar

Physician & Value Investor

Sahil is a physician and value investor currently based in Dubai. Board-certified in Internal Medicine (ABIM), he completed his residency training at Cook County Hospital/Rush University in Chicago and spent several years as a hospitalist physician in California. Today he practices part-time with Dubai Health while exploring new ventures and investment opportunities.

His investing philosophy draws on Buffett, Munger, Pabrai, Pulak Prasad, and Howard Marks: durable moats, high returns on capital, a sensible price, and the patience to hold. He focuses on listed global equities, including small and micro caps. Outside the markets, he enjoys travel, badminton, Georgian wine, and film. He looks forward to connecting with fellow ValueX members.



Sanjiv Duggal

Equity Fund Manager

Seasoned equity fund manager and franchise builder with nearly 30 years at HSBC Global Asset Management – including 23 years in leadership roles, starting as Chief Investment Officer, HSBC India, in 2002 – across London, Mumbai, Singapore, and Hong Kong. Now based in Dubai.

Core Expertise:

> **Alpha Generation – Single-Country Specialism:** Rare dual-track expertise running award winning long-only and long/short India equity strategies, and successfully managing single-country Indian and Chinese equity funds.

> **Alpha Generation – Regional & Thematic:** Extended this expertise into broader Asia-Pacific/Global Emerging Markets mandates and a global thematic fund with an Asia focus; the HSBC Asia Pacific Dividend Fund won the 2026 AsianInvestor Award.

> **Franchise Building:** Grew the HSBC Indian Equity Fund from USD 10 million to USD 10 billion, one of the most widely recognized India investment franchises internationally; more recently, scaled the HSBC India Infrastructure Fund from USD 50 million to over USD 2.5 billion in 2-3 years (2023-2025), winning consecutive LSEG Lipper Fund Awards (Japan, 2024 and 2025).

> **Team Leadership:** Held progressively senior leadership roles – including CIO, HSBC India, and a board position in Singapore – culminating in leading the Asia Pacific equity team as a hands-on portfolio manager in Hong Kong, before taking early retirement from HSBC in 2025.

Currently managing personal investment capital, alongside select board governance, advisory work, and pro bono academic lecturing on practical equity fund management.



Saurav Khandelwal

Oberoi Expeditions

I am with Oberoi Expeditions, a family office based out of DIFC, Dubai and set up by Ankit Oberoi. I focus on identifying opportunities through a GARP/Value framework, utilizing fundamental analysis to drive portfolio selection and allocation.

Over the past eight years, I've gained experience across equity research, investment banking, private equity, and consulting, working with organizations including Bain & Company, S&P Global, Credit Suisse, and Apex Funds.

When I'm not working, you'll usually find me with a book in hand or on the badminton court.



Savio D'Souza

Group Treasury, Taurani Holdings

Savio is a CFA charterholder, ACCA Member & Manager – Group Treasury, Banking & Investments at Taurani Holdings Group based in UAE, providing support for investment due-diligence, operations & reporting function for the personal investments of the family & treasury related functions including liquidity & FX risk management for the operating entities of the group.



Stephanie Akkaoui Hughes

Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Termac Partners

Stephanie Akkaoui Hughes is Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Termac Partners, a private investment partnership focused on long-term, fundamentals-driven investing in public equities.

Before focusing on investing, Stephanie was an entrepreneur for over two decades.

Trained as an architect, she founded and led several companies, including the award-winning AKKA Architects, which she ran for more than a decade, and the fintech venture EdenMountain.

A global speaker with more than 650 talks since 2012 for organisations including DHL, the European Commission and Triodos Bank, she now speaks on long-term investing, capital allocation and the psychology of wealth. She also serves on the board of the Urban Cycling Institute. She is based between Amsterdam and Dubai.



Sumukh Shetty

Entrepreneur & Investor

Sumukh Shetty – Serial entrepreneur and investor exploring the edge of AI. If anybody wants to implement AI in their business, I'd love to help!



Sunil Motiani

Entrepreneur, FMCG Distribution

Sunil Vishindas Motiani is a Dubai-based entrepreneur with extensive experience in the FMCG distribution sector. He has been associated with his family-owned distribution business in the UAE since 1989 and India since 2006.

He is actively involved in managing and growing family wealth through investments in real estate, equities and bonds, working with professional wealth managers.

His interests also include long-term wealth creation, intergenerational wealth planning, philanthropy and community development.



Suresh Mahadevan

Senior Vice President, Sutherland Global

Suresh A Mahadevan is a Senior Vice President at Sutherland Global and runs corporate development. Suresh is also involved in turning around some low margin programs and business finance of the digital engineering business of Sutherland. Suresh spent most of his career at UBS in various leadership roles including running the India equities business and running the Asian Telecom research.

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.



Sushant Bansal

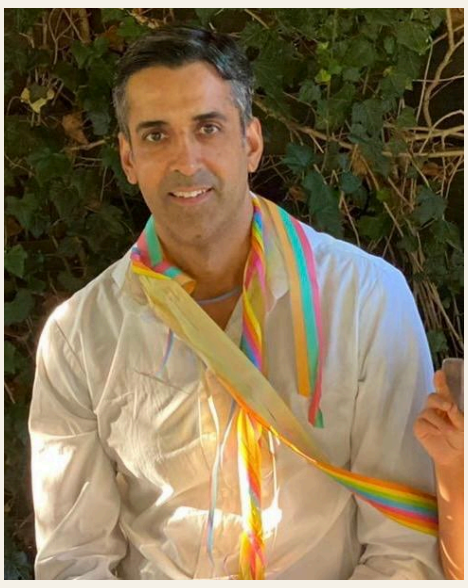
CIO, The SA Partners

Sushant Bansal has been CIO of The SA Partners, his family office, since 2015. He invests in India's smallest listed companies—more than 4,000 businesses worth less than roughly US$310 million each. They span more than 150 sub-sectors, so there is always somewhere to hunt.

He looks for mispricing where other investors have stopped looking: industries where a long downturn has cleared out capacity, companies left too small for their holders after a demerger, and businesses finishing a big expansion before the payoff shows. He will buy an average business if the price is low enough, but no price makes up for doubtful owners: governance is a gate, not a discount. Many of his ideas start with business owners, dealers and distributors in India's industrial clusters, people he has known for years; he reads the filings himself and checks what he finds with them.

Raised in a Ludhiana business family, he ran the family's steel business in Mandi Gobindgarh; worked at internet start-ups, including Roadrunnr (later acquired by Zomato), and at Henkel; and advised companies at BCG. For the past five years he has advised technology clients at Bain & Company.

Sushant co-leads the Gurgaon Investors Club, mentors through Columbia Business School's Heilbrunn Center and plays tennis. He returns to ValueX ME this year with a long idea from India.



Telu Bajar

Analyst, TB Capital UAE

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> **Background:** Analyst, Tudor Investment Group, NYC. Analyst and PM, Hermes AM, London. SPM Talisman Investments, London. SEO / PM VR Group DIFC, Dubai.



Thomas Hartl

Private Value Investor

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.

Varsha Gupta

COO & Shareholder, Client First Capital

Varsha Gupta is the Chief Operating Officer and Shareholder of Client First Capital Ltd, Mauritius, and Co-founder of Client First Management Consultancy LLC, Dubai & Client First Holdings Ltd. With over a decade of professional experience, she brings expertise in business operations, compliance, process development and team coordination.

At Client First, Varsha oversees operational functions spanning client onboarding, financial management, banking relationships and the coordination of tax, audit and regulatory requirements. She also leads day-to-day business operations across human resources, business development, marketing, legal and IT, translating strategic priorities into practical processes.

Her approach centres on clear responsibilities, efficient workflows and consistent client service. Before Client First, she worked in financial services and market research in Dubai, gaining experience in client relationship management and business analysis.



Vicki Goodwin

Oil Trading Strategy & Research

Vicki is based in Dubai focused on trading strategy and research at an oil trading hedge fund covering both crude oil and refined products. The fund is a single PM house with extensive track record in the oil space and Vicki adds additional middle distillates knowledge, a product which has been extremely topical of late. She has extensive experience incorporating both fundamentals and price based analysis within oil trading, using data to drive profitable trade returns in an ever changing market. She was previously an Oil Strategist at Ezpada, an energy trading firm in Zug, Switzerland, and Koch Supply and Trading in Geneva and has also spent time in Singapore where she gained insight into the Chinese position in the energy space. She began her career at Shell with experience in both London and Singapore.

Vicki is a keen cyclist and runner, and is currently enjoying the drier and warmer climate in the UAE though will find an excuse to get back to the Swiss mountains in July and August. She is an avid reader and actively seeks to encourage the greater representation of female talent in finance and trading.



Vikram Kondur

Global Alpha

Vikram currently leads the emerging market team at Global Alpha, a Montreal based investment manager specializing in small cap equities. He has also covered global equities in a long short hedge fund in Boston and had two stints in entrepreneurship in India. He is a CFA charterholder with an MBA from Babson College.



Virendra Chauhan

Director, Public Equities, Oberoi Expeditions

Virendra Chauhan is Director – Public Equities at Oberoi Expeditions, where he has advised the family office on its global public equities strategy since November 2025. He covers AI infrastructure and semiconductors, including Micron, TSMC and related optics and ASIC names, as well as healthcare, with a focus on the GLP-1 theme and other pharma/biotech plays.

Virendra has over 13 years of equity research experience. Before Oberoi Expeditions, he spent eight years at The Smart Cube, rising from Lead Analyst to Principal Analyst. There, he led coverage across European Healthcare, Personal Care & Hygiene, and Gaming & Gambling sectors for AlphaValue, a leading pan-European independent research provider. He began his career at Amigobulls, where he set up the investment research function, focussing on US-listed media and technology stocks.

Virendra holds an MBA in Finance and a B.Com (Hons) in Finance from Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning.



Wesley Richards

Single Family Office, Asian Equities

Wesley has nearly two decades of experience working across frontier and emerging markets with over 12 years working for a UK single family office managing an in-house Asian equity fund. Before moving into the wealth management industry, he worked as a Pastor for a non-denominational church, where he spent time investing in people, helping them reach their potential.

Wesley holds a degree in Economics from the University of London and a Masters from the London School of Economics. He was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple and is a CFA Charterholder. He is married with four sons, aged 13-19. A former international rower, he served as an elected Local Councillor for the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead, 2015-19, and is a parent-founder of an independent school in Windsor.



Zeeshan Feerasta

Director, Family Business & Value Investor

Zeeshan currently serves as a director in his family business with diversified interests across polyester manufacturing (Rupali Group) and banking (Soneri Bank) in Pakistan and real estate in Canada. He is also a value investor in public equities across both the US and Pakistani markets for 7+ years. As an avid foodie, he is a part owner of INKA & URBN, 2 different F&B concepts based in Lahore. He completed his undergraduate studies in Finance & Management at Georgetown University and began his professional career at JPM Investment Banking in New York. He completed his MBA at INSEAD and worked at McKinsey & Co in Dubai prior to rejoining the family business.