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01
First Day

07
June

Agenda

08:45 AM - 9:30 AM

Registration And Tea

09:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Inaugural Session

Lamp Lighting

Welcome Address: Sana Baqai, Vice-President, IIA India - Delhi Branch

Opening Remarks: Sidheshwar Bhalla, President, IIA India

SVP Address: Burzin Dubash, Sr. Vice President, IIA India

Keynote Address: Pravin Goel, MD & Country Head, Blackrock India

Guest of Honour : Charanjot Singh Nanda Vice President, ICAI

Theme Address: Santosh Shetty, Partner Deloitte India

Vote of Thanks: Yukti Arora, Treasurer, IIA India, Delhi Branch

11:15 AM - 11:45 AM

IIA India Golden Jubilee Celebration

11:45 AM - 12:30 PM

Transformative Impact Of AI, ML, and Advanced Analytics On Internal Audit

Puneet Gupta, Managing Director - Internal Audit, Protiviti India

Anuj Agarwal, GM (Internal Audit), Maruti Suzuki India Limited

Kaushal Dugar, Managing Director, Internal Audit, Protiviti India

12:30 PM - 01:00 PM

Implications Of Artificial Intelligence On Internal Audit

Rahul Singhal, Partner, KPMG

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM

Strategies For Integrating AI Into IA

Amit Gupta, Partner, Deloitte India

Niraj Kumar, Global Head of Audit & Forensic, OYO Group

Vijay Sachdeva, Group IA-Head, Indorama Corporation

Burzin Dubash, COO, Ankur Capital

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM

Lunch

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM

Responsible AI: Innovation With Guardrails

Deepak Gupta, Partner, KPMG

Mohit Kapur, VP & Head Technology Audit, EXL Service

Sandeep Dembla, Director - Legal and Compliance at Evalueserve

Dr. Shakti Goel, Chief Architect and Data Scientist - Yatra

Dhruv Dhanraj Bahl, Managing Partner, Eternal Capital, Ex-Chief Business Officer BharatPe

Nagesh Pinge, Independent Director

04:00 PM - 04:45 PM

Navigating ESG Risks: Crucial Role Of Internal Auditor

Nutan Zarapkar, Managing Director - ESG Solutions, Protiviti India

Dr. Ashok Haldia, Past Secretary - ICAI, Former MD and CEO, PTC India Financial Services

Amerendra Kumar Sinha, Chief Audit Executive, Adani Green Energy Limited

04:45 PM - 05:10 PM

Chapter Awards

IIA India Awards

05:10 PM - 05:15 PM

Vote Of Thanks

Mukesh Gupta, BOG, IIA India - Delhi Branch

05:15 PM Onwards

Networking Tea

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02
Second Day

08
June

Agenda

08:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Networking Tea

09:00 AM 09:05 AM

Welcome Address: Sanjeev Singhal, IIA Delhi
Past President

09:05 AM 09:30 AM

CEO's Address
Mukundan KV, CEO, IIA India

09:30 AM 10:30 AM

Ethical Use Of AI In Business
Amit Ray, Managing Director - Data & Digital Solutions, Protiviti Middle East
Harish Sharma, Group Head - Management Audit and Assurance Services, Adani Group, Adani Group
Sivaram Subramoniam, Chief Internal Auditor, Titan Company Limited

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Risk & Opportunities In Sustainability Reporting & Sustainable Supply Chain
Ravi Ruparel, Director, Ernst & Young

11:15 AM - 11:45 AM

Networking And Tea Break

11:45 AM - 12:45 AM

AI In Cyber: Offense And Defense Strategies
Atul Gupta, Partner, KPMG
Dr. Yusuf Hashmi - Group CISO
Jubilant Bhartia Group
Abhishek Bansal - Head Non-financial Risk & CISO - Max Life Insurance Company Limited
Jnana Ranjan Dash - Head - Information Security (CISO) - HPCL-Mittal Energy Limited
Dr Ritesh Malik, Founder & CEO, Innov8 Coworking
Akshay Chaturvedi, Founder & CEO, Leverage Edu & Fly Homes

12:45 PM - 01:45 PM

Striking The Right Balance Between Human Intelligence And Artificial Intelligence
Vineet Jajodia, Partner, Mahajan & Aibra
Lokesh Garg, Director Finance, OfBusiness
Rahul Bhatnagar, Independent Director
Sanjay Bahl, Co-Founder & CEO, Starleaf Talent Solutions, Ex-CFO, Raymonds
S. Bhaskar, CAE, Tata Capital

01:45 PM - 02:30 PM

Lunch

02:30 PM - 03:15 PM

Panel Discussion On Corporate Governance - CG In AI
Sumant Chadha, Managing Partner, TR Chadha
Monish Gaurav Chatrath, Managing Partner, MGC
Nikhel Kochhar, Sr.Partner, JHS & Associates
Surath Mukherjee, Director, Times Group (BCCI)
Kartik Radia, CEO CLA Indus Value Consulting Pvt. Ltd.

03:15 PM - 04:00 PM

Let's Talk About AI
Alok Govil, Principal Engineer, Amazon

04:00 PM - 04:50 PM

Managing Risks And Challenges With Digitalisation
Kushagra Dabur, Director, Deloitte India
Ankit Maheshwari, Head of Risk & Controls, G R Infraprojects Limited
NG Shankar, Independent Director

04:45 PM - 05:00 PM

Vote Of Thanks
Gaurav Bhatia, BOG, IIA India - Delhi Branch

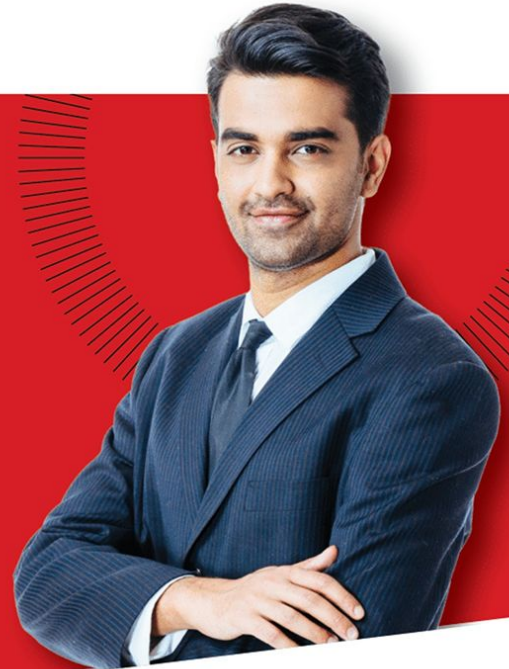
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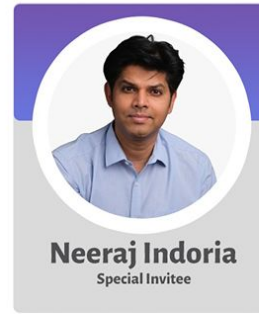
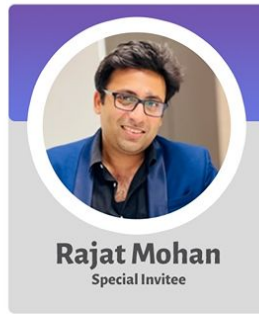
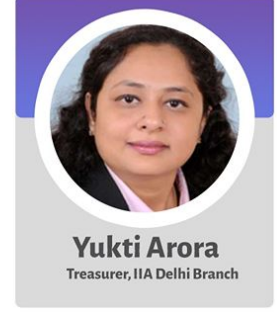
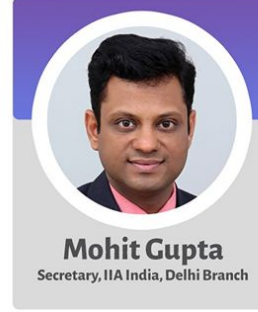
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Bharat Garg

President

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Bharat is currently working as Head of Audit, at Fidelity International, India. He is also associated with IIA, Delhi Chapter and IIA, India, as President and Board Member, respectively. He was also instrumental in publishing the monthly magazine "Internal Audit Today" for IIA India.

He is a Chartered Accountant and Company Secretary with over two decades of experience in Internal audits, Process and Compliance reviews, Investigations, Operational Risk management, and Revenue Assurance. Bharat is also a CIA and currently pursuing CISA certification.

Bharat's exposure spans all three sectors - Consulting, Private and Public and he has worked in reputed organisations like Deloitte, PwC, Vodafone, RBS etc. Over the years, Bharat has got diverse exposure in multiple industries like BFSI, Telecom, Manufacturing and FMCG.



Sana Baqai

***Vice-President
IIA India-Delhi Branch***

Sana Baqai is a dynamic and accomplished professional with an impressive 18-year career as a Chartered Accountant. Her multidimensional expertise extends beyond audit, as she is a brilliant author, entrepreneur, and a leader par excellence. She is the Senior Partner at KYSB & Associates, Chartered Accountants. With her captivating delivery and profound knowledge, she has conducted over 300 sessions on various platforms, including the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), Tax Bar Associations, and the Institute of Internal Auditors, India (IIA).

Sana's academic credentials are equally remarkable. A commerce graduate from the prestigious Delhi University, she holds qualifications as a Chartered Accountant (CA), Company Secretary (CS), LL.B., and DISA (Diploma in Information Systems Audit). Additionally, she has completed Certificate courses in Concurrent Audit, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), and Forensic Audit and Fraud Detection (FAFD) from ICAI.

Sana's contributions to the profession are truly commendable. Currently, she serves as the Chairperson of the Student Development Committee at IIA India and is a Special Invitee to the Board of Internal Audit and Management Accounting of ICAI. Furthermore, she is the Special Invitee and Empanelled Faculty of the Ethical Standards Board of ICAI, and the Vice-President of The Institute of Internal Auditors India, Delhi Branch.

Sana also served as Chief Editor of IIA India for two years from 2020 to 2022 and launched The Internal Audit Today, monthly magazine of IIA India. Sana has also co-authored the book "Fraud Prevention and Detection through Internal Control," solidifying her expertise in risk management and internal controls.



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Sidheshwar Bhalla

*President
IIA India*



Sidheshwar Bhalla (Sid) is an Associate Partner at KPMG and serves as the President and a member of the India Board of The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA). With over 20 years of professional experience as a Chartered Accountant and Company Secretary, Sid has held key positions at GE, EY, Deloitte, BDO, and Mazars. His expertise spans Corporate Governance, Enterprise Risk Management, Internal Audits, Business Process Improvement, Re-engineering, and Transformation. He has designed frameworks for governance, risk, compliance, and control across various sectors including manufacturing, automotive, FMCG, retail, hospitality, healthcare, and energy and natural resources.

Sid's international experience includes working in the USA, UK, Canada, Russia, Latin America, Vietnam, Myanmar, Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, and India. He is a sought-after speaker on Corporate Governance, having addressed multiple forums such as the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Institute of Company Secretaries of India, Institute of Directors, Institute of Internal Auditors, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, PHD Chambers of Commerce, Institute of Management Accountants, Bhartiya Vitta Salahkar Samiti, and the Department of Public Enterprises. In addition to his professional achievements, Sid is a 'Specialist Editor' with Lexis Nexis, contributing to authoritative texts such as A. Ramaiya's 'Guide to Companies Act 2013' 19th edition and M C Bhandari's 'Company Law Procedures' 25th edition. To pursue his passion for astrology, Sid qualified as a Jyotish Acharya from Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan in 2003, ranking second in his class, and enjoys reading horoscopes in his leisure time.



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Burzin Dubash

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Burzin is a distinguished Chartered Accountant, Certified Internal Auditor, and Certified Fraud Examiner. He is a Fulbright Fellow, having completed the Fulbright-Nehru-CII Fellowship Program at the Tepper School of Business, Carnegie Mellon University. Burzin is deeply passionate about leveraging technology to improve human lives, demonstrated by his completion of the Digital Transformation program at ISB and his role as an angel investor in several deep tech start-ups.

Beyond his professional achievements, Burzin has a profound passion for cricket. He is a proud member of the 40+ team that has won the Mumbai Inter-club 40+ cricket tournament for three consecutive years. His love for the sport has taken him around the world, playing against international club sides in Australia, South Africa, UAE, Scotland, and Singapore.

Pravin Goel

*MD & Country Head
Blackrock India*



Pravin Goel is the Managing Director and Country Head for India, and he is an integral member of the India Executive Committee, APAC Executive Committee, and Global DEI Steering Committee. Pravin joined the firm in 2012 and has since played a pivotal role in its growth and success.

In his earlier career, Pravin was responsible for risk management and capital markets trading systems in the sell-side sector. He has gained extensive international experience, having worked in the UK, US, and India. Pravin began his career developing mobile apps and device drivers for the Windows CE platform and has been a key member of core engineering teams at several California start-ups. His expertise extends to technology consulting across various domains, including consumer finance, education, and healthcare.



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Charanjot Singh Nanda

Vice President
ICAI



CA. Charanjot Singh Nanda, FCA, has been elected as the Vice-President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) for the term 2024-25. With a career spanning over three decades, he has been a practicing Chartered Accountant since 1991. CA. Nanda attained his Bachelor of Commerce degree from M.L.N. College in 1987, consistently securing a position on the Merit List at Kurukshetra University, and ranked 35th in the CA Inter Examination. Elected to the Central Council of ICAI in 2004, he has served six terms and held numerous key positions, including Chairman of the Northern India Regional Council (NIRC) of ICAI for 2002-2003. Throughout his illustrious tenure, he has led several committees and spearheaded initiatives that have significantly contributed to the profession. As Chairman of the Internal Audit Standards Board, he played a crucial role in issuing new standards and technical guides, enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of internal audits. He has also been instrumental in promoting the exchange of ideas between the Institute and Chartered Accountants in the industry as Chairman of the Committee for Members in Industry.

CA. Nanda's leadership extended to various other committees, including the Women Members Empowerment Committee, where he inspired numerous women CAs to achieve their professional goals. As Chairman of the Digital Accounting and Assurance Board, he oversaw the implementation of mandatory Forensic Accounting and Investigation Standards (FAIS) since July 1st, 2023. His tenure as Chairman of the Committee on Financial Markets & Investors Protection saw valuable suggestions being provided to the Government and regulatory bodies on various financial market-related issues. He also chaired the Continuing Professional Education Committee and the Public Relations Committee, strengthening ICAI's reputation both nationally and internationally. Representing ICAI on the global stage, CA. Nanda has served on various prestigious platforms, including the South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA) and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE). Recently, he has been nominated as the ex-officio nominee of the ICAI on the Standing Committee on Accounting Issues (SCAI) of IRDAI and serves on numerous other national and international committees. His extensive experience and leadership have significantly elevated ICAI's stature, and he remains committed to fostering holistic growth and fortifying the nation's economy.

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Santosh Shetty

*Partner
Deloitte India*

Santosh Shetty is a Partner at Deloitte India and serves as the Internal Audit Leader for Deloitte South Asia. A Fellow member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Santosh brings nearly 30 years of extensive experience in risk-based Internal Audit, business processes, Internal Financial controls, SOX compliance, Risk Assessment, and Corporate Governance.

His expertise spans advising large Indian corporates, multinational corporations (MNCs), as well as emerging companies and startups across diverse sectors including Consumer & Industrial, Technology, and Automotive. Santosh's leadership and deep understanding of internal audit practices have been instrumental in guiding organizations towards enhanced risk management and governance frameworks, driving sustainable growth and resilience in today's dynamic business landscape.



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Yukti Arora

Treasurer

IIA India - Delhi Branch



Yukti Arora is a Founding Partner at Aumyaa Consulting Services LLP, established with a vision to empower professional women in emerging areas. With over two decades of experience in technology risk consulting with leading global firms, Yukti holds a diverse skill set as a lawyer, Chartered Accountant (CA), and Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA). In her current role, she leads consulting services for large listed companies in and outside India, focusing on business process automation, AI implementation, and comprehensive risk management, encompassing technology and sustainability-related risks. Yukti also provides advisory services to Silicon Valley startups in the areas of cybersecurity, privacy, and AI risk management, leveraging her expertise to drive innovation and mitigate emerging threats.

Beyond her professional endeavors, Yukti is an active member of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Delhi chapter, contributing to the advancement of internal audit practices. She serves as a faculty member for the Digital Accounting and Assurance Board and the Internal Audit Standards Board of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), demonstrating her commitment to knowledge sharing and professional development in the field. Yukti's leadership and expertise play a crucial role in shaping the future of technology risk management and fostering sustainable growth in the digital era.





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Puneet Gupta

*Managing Director
Internal Audit, Protiviti India*

Puneet Gupta is a Managing Director at Protiviti, where he leads the Internal Audit and Financial Advisory (IAFA) practice for the member firm in India. With over 25 years of global experience, Puneet is a seasoned professional in Risk Consulting, Corporate Governance, Internal Audit, and Finance Transformation. His extensive expertise and leadership have been instrumental in driving strategic initiatives and enhancing the governance frameworks of numerous organizations. Puneet's comprehensive understanding of risk management and financial advisory continues to contribute significantly to the success and resilience of businesses in a dynamic global environment.

Kaushal Dugar

*Managing Director
Internal Audit, Protiviti India*



Kaushal Dugar is a Managing Director at Protiviti, specializing in the Internal Audit and Financial Advisory practice. He has extensive experience in integrating cutting-edge technology and data analytics into Internal Audit and Risk Management processes. Kaushal has led numerous programs in the risk analytics space, utilizing innovative AI/ML-based tools and solutions to enhance organizational efficiency and effectiveness. His expertise in leveraging advanced technologies has been pivotal in transforming risk management practices, driving significant improvements in audit quality and risk mitigation for various organizations.

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Rahul Singhal

Partner
KPMG

Rahul is a seasoned IT advisory professional with over 24 years of experience, based in KPMG's Gurgaon office. He co-leads KPMG's Cyber Assurance practice and has been with the firm since 2002. Rahul specializes in Technology Risk and Controls, SOx, Information Systems auditing, IT internal and external audits, and ISAE 3402/3000 examinations. His expertise extends to managing large technology programs and conducting business systems controls reviews.

Rahul is a key contributor to KPMG's global technology risk initiative on Responsible AI, leading this effort nationally in India. His extensive experience includes serving national and multinational clients in India, the UK, and Bangladesh across various market segments, such as financial services, consumer and industrial sectors, and information, communication, and entertainment. He is adept at conducting business system controls reviews and segregation of duties design and review across multiple ERP systems, including SAP, Oracle, JD Edwards, Navision, and bespoke application systems.

Rahul also led KPMG's Lighthouse team in the North, where he helped clients adopt next-generation technologies to derive insights from data and solve business problems. His Lighthouse experience spans several industries, including industrial manufacturing, telecom, IT BPO, consumer markets, and Global Capability Centers.



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Amit Gupta

*Partner
Deloitte India*



Amit is a Chartered Accountant with nearly 25 years of professional services experience, specializing in financial, process, and business risk consulting, internal control review, and Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX) engagements. He possesses over two decades of core internal audit experience and is a Certified Green Belt from Genpact.

Currently, Amit is a Partner at Deloitte India, where he leads the delivery of risk advisory solutions in North India. He serves clients across diverse sectors including oil and gas, metals and mining, manufacturing and engineering, agribusiness, healthcare, and infrastructure/real estate. Amit leverages his expertise in internal audit, enterprise risk management, quality assessment, SOPs and policies development, and corporate governance to help clients identify, mitigate, and manage risks, improve business performance, and comply with regulatory requirements.

In addition to his professional responsibilities, Amit is an active member of the academic community. He serves on the Board of Studies of the School of Management and the Academic Committee at the University School of Fire & Industrial Safety at Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, sharing his insights on risk and corporate governance. Amit has also been a special invitee to the Board of Internal Audit and Management Accounting (formerly IASB) in 2024 and in various years from 2010-2020. He has been a member of the Corporate Law and Corporate Governance Committee of ICAI during 2012-2014. Furthermore, Amit has authored technical guides published by ICAI, including "Planning Risk-Based Internal Audit Plan" and "Internal Audit of Sugar Industry," demonstrating his commitment to advancing the field of internal audit and risk management.



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Niraj Kumar

*Global Head of Audit & Forensic
OYO Group*

Niraj Kumar is a Chartered Accountant (CA), Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), and Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) with over 23 years of experience in risk management, internal auditing and assurance, business process design, internal controls, governance, and SOX compliance. He currently serves as the Global Head of Internal Audit, Fraud, and Risk Management for OYO Hotels and Homes, one of the world's largest technology-based hospitality companies, operating in over 30 countries.

Niraj's career encompasses a perfect blend of corporate, consulting, and startup environments, enabling him to make significant contributions to good governance. Before joining OYO six years ago, he worked with prestigious organizations such as KPMG India, Carrefour India, Walmart India, Reliance Retail, and Max India Ltd. He is highly regarded as an influential audit leader in India and a leading expert in the governance space for startups, e-commerce, and retail sectors.

Committed to knowledge sharing, Niraj regularly speaks at professional forums and management schools across India. His contributions to the field have been recognized with numerous prestigious awards, including the "Indian Achievers Award 2021," "Global Excellence and Leadership in Audit," "Best Team Productivity Award" by the IIA, "Chief Internal Auditor of the Year" by the Transformance Forum, and "Asia's 100 Power Leaders in Finance" by White Page International, among others.





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Vijay Sachdeva

*Group IA-Head
Indorama Corporation*



Vijay Sachdeva serves as the Group Head of Internal Audit at Indorama Corporation, a global conglomerate. Previously, he was a Partner and North Head at a global Big 10 accounting firm. With over 24 years of experience, Vijay is a distinguished leader in Risk Management, specializing in Governance Risks & Compliances (GRC), Enterprise Risk Management (ERM), Internal Audits, Cost Optimization, IT risks & controls, and security and forensics. He holds credentials as a CISA, Chartered Accountant (CA), and LLB.

Vijay is actively involved in various professional and industry bodies. He is the Co-Chairman of ASSOCHAM's Company Law & Corporate Governance National Council and a member of ASSOCHAM's Internal Audit & Risk Management National Council. He has also served on the ICAI's Audit & Assurance Standards Board (AASB) and contributed to the ICAI Technical Guide on Internal Financial Controls (IFC). Additionally, Vijay is a member of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Technical Committee. As a speaker, he has shared his insights and expertise at over 100 national and international events and seminars, demonstrating his commitment to advancing the fields of risk management and internal auditing.



Deepak Gupta

*Partner
KPMG*

Deepak Gupta is a Partner and National Head for IT Internal Audit at KPMG Assurance and Consulting Services LLP in India. With over 20 years of extensive consulting and industry experience, Deepak has served clients across the globe, including in India, the US, Canada, Germany, the UK, Australia, Japan, South Africa, and the Middle East. He has led numerous large IT transformation projects, focusing on benefits realization, controls transformation, and data management. Additionally, Deepak has been instrumental in supporting clients with compliance transformation and automation, SAP controls uplift, and agile internal audit.

Beyond his professional achievements, Deepak is a fitness enthusiast who has participated in multiple half and full marathons.



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Mohit Kapur

*VP & Head Technology Audit
EXL Service*

Mohit Kapur is currently the Vice President & Head of Technology Audit at EXL, where he is responsible for audit coverage and thought leadership across CIOs. He also manages a portfolio of SOC reports, IT SOX, and an automation program that includes the development of Gen AI capabilities in audit.

With 20 years of robust experience in risk and internal audit, Mohit has held significant roles at Bank of America, where he covered APAC and global capability centers, as well as at Royal Bank of Scotland (now NatWest Bank) and Fidelity Investments. His expertise spans both the first and third lines of defense, including the definition of frameworks and the development of control systems. Mohit has extensive experience with multiple regulators in Asia and the US, working on numerous laws and regulations related to data privacy, payment systems, and information and cyber security.



Sandeep Dembla

*Director
Legal and Compliance, Evalueserve*

Sandeep Dembla is an esteemed industry leader boasting nearly two decades of global expertise in legal and compliance functions within the professional services and technology sectors. Acknowledged by the Forbes Legal Powerlist as one of the preeminent General Counsels in India for consecutive years, Sandeep's dedication to excellence and innovation in the legal realm is widely recognized. He possesses exceptional proficiency in navigating intricate legal landscapes across diverse jurisdictions, offering invaluable insights into regulatory compliance, risk management, and corporate governance. Sandeep demonstrates a remarkable ability to cultivate collaborative relationships and advance business objectives in intricate environments. He is deeply passionate about enhancing legal efficiency, quality, and compliance through the utilization of automation and innovation, particularly in the realm of Artificial Intelligence (AI).



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Dr. Shakti Goel *Chief Architect and Data Scientist* Yatra



Dr. Shakti Goel, PhD, is a seasoned Chief Architect and Data Scientist with over 22 years of experience at Yatra Online. Renowned for his expertise in AI/ML, data, and analytics, Dr. Goel has held leadership roles at major Fortune 500 companies across the US, Europe, and India, including Oracle, State Street Corporation, and Fidelity Investments. His pioneering work in developing large-scale analytical solutions, including Data Warehouses and Real-Time analytics, has earned him recognition from Analytical India Magazine and the Economic Times, among others.

Dr. Goel holds a PhD from MIT, where his research focused on optimizing atmospheric conditions to minimize ozone and smog formation. He also has a specialization in finance from the Sloan School of Management and holds a BTech from the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, graduating at the top of his class. Additionally, Dr. Goel has conducted research at the prestigious University of Cambridge, further enriching his expertise in data science and analytics.

With a track record of driving innovation and delivering tangible results, Dr. Goel continues to lead transformative initiatives at Yatra Online. Recognized for his contributions to the field, he remains at the forefront of data science, shaping the future of the travel industry and beyond with his visionary leadership and commitment to excellence.



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Dhruv Dhanraj Bahl

*Managing Partner
Eternal Capital, Ex-Chief Business Officer
BharatPe*

Dhruv Dhanraj Bahl is the Founder & Managing Partner of Eternal Capital - a INR 240 Cr sector-heterogeneous venture fund investing in proven operators at the Seed/Pre-Series A stage. Passionate about building and scaling businesses, Dhruv is a thought leader in the finance, consumer-tech, and healthcare space, and has been instrumental in accelerating growth for companies such as BharatPe, RoadZen, Airtel Payment Bank, Paytm, and Fortis Healthcare.

With his latest stint being the COO at BharatPe, Dhruv's business-building trajectory began from his early tenure as one of the early members of the core team at Fortis Healthcare followed by a 3-year stint with Bain & Company. For the last 10 years, Dhruv has not only been in key leadership roles in fintech and consumer-tech organizations but has also invested in 50+ start-ups as an active angel investor. His latest foray, Eternal Capital aims to establish early-stage investing in start-ups as an investor-friendly asset class by removing the entry barriers prevalent in the existing VC landscape



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Nagesh Pinge *Independent Director*



Nagesh Pinge is a distinguished expert in Ethics, Corporate Governance, Risk Management, and Internal Audit, boasting a illustrious career spanning 40 years. Holding credentials as a Chartered Accountant and Law Graduate from India, he further honed his expertise through an Executive Education Program at The Stephen M Ross School of Business of the University of Michigan, USA.

Throughout his career, Pinge has made significant contributions to various renowned organizations. He retired from Tata Motors in November 2016, having served as the Chief-Internal Audit, Risk Management & Ethics. Prior to this, he held key positions including Chief Internal Audit of Reliance Retail & JSW Steel, and Chief Risk Officer at ICICI Bank & its Group Companies. His extensive experience encompasses areas such as Regulatory Compliance, Risk Management, and Internal Audit.

In addition to his corporate roles, Pinge serves as an Independent Director on several esteemed Boards including Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance, Aditya Birla Finance, Hero Housing Finance, Arvind Fashions & Utkarsh Small Finance Bank. He is also a distinguished figure in the professional community, having served as the Past President of the Institute of Internal Auditors, India. Pinge has been recognized for his outstanding contributions, receiving accolades such as the "ACIIA" Award from the Asian Confederation of Institutes of Internal Audit and the "ICAI" Award from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. He is a regular faculty at the "Masterclass for Directors" conducted by the Institute of Directors in India and has authored technical guidance notes on "Risk-based Audit for Banks" published by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Pinge's expertise is further demonstrated through his role as a guest speaker at numerous conferences on Internal Audit and Risk Management, both in India and overseas, where he imparts insightful perspectives drawn from his rich experience.



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Nutan Zarapkar

*Managing Director - ESG Solutions
Protiviti India*

Nutan Zarapkar is a seasoned Managing Director at Protiviti, spearheading the Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) vertical, with a primary focus on the India and Middle East markets. With over three decades of extensive experience in the ESG and sustainability space, Nutan has played a pivotal role in leading diverse projects across various sectors, including government, donor organizations, international financial institutions, and industries. Notably, she has served as the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) international expert on ESG and climate finance, and has provided invaluable support to State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) in Uzbekistan on matters pertaining to ESG and climate finance.

Throughout her illustrious career, Nutan has demonstrated a deep commitment to driving sustainable practices and fostering responsible corporate citizenship. Her expertise encompasses a wide range of areas within the ESG domain, including sustainability strategy development, risk assessment and management, regulatory compliance, and stakeholder engagement. With her extensive knowledge and strategic insights, Nutan continues to make significant contributions to advancing ESG initiatives and promoting sustainable development across diverse sectors and geographies.



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Dr. Ashok Haldia

*Past Secretary
ICAI & Former MD and CEO
PTC India Financial Services*



Dr. Ashok Haldia is a distinguished Chartered Accountant, Management Accountant, Company Secretary, and Ph.D. holder with a comprehensive career spanning industrial finance and policy, enterprise and NBFC management, public sector and power sector policy, reforms and restructuring, infrastructure financing, accounting standard setting, company law and corporate governance, risk management, resource mobilization, and stressed asset resolution. He served as the Managing Director of PTC India Financial Services (PFS) from July 2015 to September 2018, transforming it from a nascent entity into a leading financial institution in the power/renewable energy and select infrastructure sectors. As Secretary of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), he played a pivotal role in the transformation of one of the largest professional bodies globally, overseeing accounting and auditing standard-setting and the development of the accountancy profession for over a decade. Dr. Haldia also contributed significantly as a member of the Appellate Tribunal for ICAI, ICSI, ICWAI, and the National Advisory Committee on Accounting Standards, influencing the framework for accounting standards applicable to listed and other public interest entities.

Dr. Haldia's earlier roles include significant positions at Power Finance Corporation, where he managed internal and external reforms for state power utilities with World Bank and ADB credit lines, and at RFC Jaipur and the Government of Rajasthan, focusing on project financing and public enterprise policy and reforms. He has been an active member of more than 20 committees and bodies appointed by the Government of India, State Governments, ICAI, ICSI, ICWAI, FICCI, CII, ASSOCHAM, and international organizations such as IFAC, CAPA, SAFA, and UNCTAD. Currently, Dr. Haldia is the Chairman of the Governing Board of the ICAI Insolvency Professional Agency of India and a member of the ICAI Board. He has previously served as an independent director on a Registered Valuation Organisation and as an Adjunct Professor at IMT Ghaziabad. He continues to contribute to various CII and ASSOCHAM committees on financial reporting, legal and regulatory affairs, and capital markets. Dr. Haldia has addressed numerous national and international conferences and regularly contributes articles to leading journals and economic newspapers such as the Economic Times, Mint, and Business Standard. He provides advisory services on financial matters, power sector issues, and stressed asset resolution, and serves on the boards of various NPOs

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Amerendra Kumar Sinha

*Chief Audit Executive
Adani Green Energy Limited*

Amarendra Kumar Sinha currently serves as the Chief Audit Executive at Adani Green Energy Limited, where he brings over 24 years of comprehensive experience in finance and audit, including a distinguished tenure of 17+ years within the renowned Tata Group. Holding esteemed qualifications such as ACMA from ICMAI and a PGDBM specializing in Finance & IT from XIMB, where he secured the 1st rank in Finance & IT, Mr. Sinha is a seasoned professional with a proven track record of excellence. His extensive expertise is further underscored by prestigious certifications including the Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), Certified Information System Auditor (CISA), and Certified Information Security Manager (CISM), among others. Throughout his career, Mr. Sinha has held pivotal roles such as Financial Controller and Head of F&A at Tata Steel Limited, and Head of Internal Audit at Tata Motors Limited, where he demonstrated exceptional leadership and contributed to key projects in collaboration with McKinsey. His current role at Adani Green Energy Limited reflects his continued commitment to driving impactful audit functions and ensuring compliance with regulatory standards, further cementing his reputation as a trusted leader in the field.



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Mukesh Gupta

BOG

IIA India - Delhi Branch



CA Mukesh Gupta brings over 23 years of professional expertise to his role as Partner in Risk Advisory Services at BDO India LLP. A seasoned Chartered Accountant, Mukesh has cultivated a diverse skill set spanning Internal Audit, Risk Management, Internal Financial Controls, SOX Compliance, Investment Advisory, and Process Reengineering. His vast experience extends across a spectrum of industries including Consumer, Retail, Banking & Financial Services, Energy & Resources, Automotive, Hospitality, Education, NGOs, and Industry Associations.

Mukesh's proficiency is evidenced by his extensive audit portfolio, encompassing concurrent audits, revenue audits, stock audits, and statutory audits for large public sector and foreign banks. Additionally, he has spearheaded corporate credit monitoring initiatives for a prominent private sector bank. Notably, Mukesh has conducted global onsite engagements focusing on control assessment, benchmarking, gap analysis, and designing future state controls, emphasizing standardization, optimization, and leveraging technology.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Mukesh is actively engaged with esteemed professional bodies, serving on the Board of Governors for the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), Delhi Branch. He also shares his wealth of knowledge as a visiting faculty member at institutions like the National Forensics Sciences University and Quality Council of India. A prolific writer, Mukesh has authored numerous articles on governance and internal controls for publications such as IIA, ICAI, and IOD. His qualifications include being a Chartered Accountant from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), Certified Information System Auditor from ISACA, USA, Certified Internal Auditor from IIA, USA, and Certified Fraud Examiner from ACFE, USA.



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Mukundan KV

CEO
IIA India

Mr. Mukundan K V is a distinguished Chartered Accountant, ranking holder, and an accomplished professional with nearly four decades of experience in Internal Audit, Risk Management, and related domains. Holding notable certifications including Certified Public Accountant (USA), Certified Information System Auditor (CISA), and Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), Mr. Mukundan assumed the pivotal role of Chief Executive Officer at the Institute of Internal Auditors India on July 23. Prior to this esteemed appointment, he served as the Global Chief Assurance and Risk Executive of Allcargo Group, a multinational conglomerate with operations spanning 180 countries and 300 offices, for a remarkable tenure of 13 years.

Throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Mukundan has held key positions of responsibility at renowned organizations such as Wind World India Ltd, Bombay Dyeing, AFL Pvt Ltd, and Deloitte (US Operations), where he made significant contributions to enhancing internal audit functions and fostering robust risk management frameworks. His exceptional insights and expertise have been acknowledged through various accolades, including the prestigious Chief Minister's Fellowship in January 2002, in recognition of his invaluable suggestions for governance enhancement.

Under Mr. Mukundan's astute leadership, Allcargo Group garnered several awards in risk management from ICICI Lombard - CNBCTV18, affirming his strategic acumen and commitment to excellence. Additionally, he is a distinguished contributor to the professional literature, having been featured as one of the 14 Chief Internal Auditors in the book "Best Practices by Leading Chief Audit Executives - Making a Difference," published by Wolters Kluwer India Pvt. Ltd. Actively engaged in the industry's professional community, Mr. Mukundan holds key positions in various committees and governing councils, including the Committee for Members in Industry & Business of WIRC of ICAI and the Governing Council of RMNext. His multifaceted contributions to professional bodies such as IIA Mumbai, Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, and ISACA underscore his commitment to advancing industry standards and fostering professional development. As the CEO of IIA India, Mr. Mukundan continues to drive impactful initiatives and shape the landscape of internal audit practices in India.



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Amit Ray
*Managing Director
Data & Digital Solutions
Protiviti Middle East*



Amit Ray serves as Managing Director at Protiviti, where he leads the firm's initiatives in Data, Digital, and Innovation across the Middle East and India regions, driving forward-thinking solutions to meet the evolving needs of clients. His extensive expertise is evidenced by his successful leadership in implementing intricate data strategy, data management, and governance programs across diverse sectors, including both public and private domains. With a profound understanding of the evolving landscape of data and digital technologies, Amit is dedicated to driving innovation and delivering value to clients through strategic insights and transformative solutions. Under his guidance, Protiviti continues to be at the forefront of leveraging data-driven approaches to address complex business challenges and unlock new opportunities for growth and efficiency.



Sivaram Subramoniam
*Chief Internal Auditor
Titan Company Limited*

Sivaram Subramoniam, the Chief Internal Auditor at Titan Company Limited, boasts over 30 years of comprehensive experience, including more than two decades in senior and leadership roles. His career encompasses both consulting and industry, having worked with a diverse range of organizations, including American, Asian, and European multinationals, Indian conglomerates, listed companies, and promoter-driven enterprises. Sivaram's industry expertise spans a wide array of sectors such as infrastructure, manufacturing, aviation, telecom, ITES, consumer durables, FMCG, retail, hospitality, and media.

He has spearheaded numerous corporate governance initiatives and has been instrumental in several large-scale transformation and strategic projects. Under his leadership, his team has garnered multiple awards at National and International levels for their innovative application of Technology and analytics in Internal Audit. Sivaram's dedication to advancing corporate governance and his strategic approach to Internal Auditing have established him as a respected leader in his field.



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Ravi Ruparel

*Director
Ernst & Young*

Ravi Ruparel is a Director in the EY Consulting Practice with 16 years of experience and serves as a core member of the ESG Centre of Excellence team in EY India. He specializes in guiding companies through their ESG journeys, focusing on diverse projects across multiple sectors to accelerate sustainability initiatives.

Ravi supports organizations by decoding the global ESG landscape and trends, developing and implementing sector-specific sustainability strategies and roadmaps, and establishing robust ESG governance structures. His expertise extends to sustainability data and digital transformation, sustainable supply chain transformation, and ESG reporting and communication.

With an extensive background in risk management, Ravi is adept at navigating various layers of governance structures, business processes, and systems to embed strategic initiatives within operating models. He has a particular interest in corporate governance and the role digital technology can play in accelerating sustainability transformation programs. Ravi's comprehensive approach and deep understanding of ESG principles make him a valuable asset to any organization seeking to enhance its sustainability efforts.





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Atul Gupta

Partner
KPMG



Atul Gupta is a Partner and the Head of Digital Trust and Cyber at KPMG in India. With over 25 years of experience in technology consulting, Atul specializes in cyber and information security, covering strategy, governance, technical security, resilience, large-scale transformation, and program management. He also serves as the global lead for cyber in the Telecommunications, Media, and Technology (TMT) sector, collaborating with KPMG's global network to enhance business growth in this industry.

Atul's extensive international experience includes leading and working with organizations across the US, UK, Western and Northern Europe, the Middle East, East Africa, India, Hong Kong, and Singapore. His industry expertise spans telecom, financial services, technology, energy, and industrial markets. Notably, Atul has been on short-term secondment to KPMG in the US (Silicon Valley), where he worked with large-scale technology companies.

Passionate about advancing the cyber security profession, Atul is actively involved in various industry forums. His recent focus has been on innovation in cyber solutions to help industries manage increased cyber risk exposure. This includes automation at scale, self-healing solutions, large-scale Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC) initiatives, championing Trusted AI, and conducting cyber simulations.

Atul continues to contribute to the professional community by leveraging his strong blend of business and technical skills. He has published multiple thought leadership pieces and points of view, demonstrating his commitment to the growth and development of the cyber security field.



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Dr. Yusuf Hashmi

*Group CISO
Jubilant Bhartia Group*

Yusuf Hashmi is the Group Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) at Jubilant Bhartia Group, bringing 26 years of extensive experience in IT and cybersecurity. His expertise spans across information security, cybersecurity, IT infrastructure, operational technology (OT), risk and compliance management, IT governance, service request management, and IT support. Yusuf has a proven track record of developing and implementing robust security strategies, frameworks, and controls to safeguard organizational assets against evolving cyber threats, ensuring compliance with industry regulations and standards.

Yusuf is skilled in leading high-performing teams, fostering collaboration, and driving strategic initiatives that align with business objectives. He excels in managing complex projects, delivering innovative solutions, and achieving measurable results in enhancing security posture, operational efficiency, and customer satisfaction. As a strong communicator and trusted advisor, Yusuf effectively engages with stakeholders at all levels to drive organizational success through technology excellence and risk mitigation.

Throughout his career, Yusuf has demonstrated his ability to develop and execute comprehensive security programs that protect critical assets and support business goals. His leadership and strategic vision have been instrumental in transforming IT and security operations, ensuring resilience and robustness in the face of modern cyber challenges. Yusuf's dedication to continuous improvement and his ability to navigate the complex landscape of IT and cybersecurity make him a valuable asset to Jubilant Bhartia Group.



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Abhishek Bansal

*Head Non-financial Risk & CISO
Max Life Insurance Company Limited*



Abhishek Bansal, serving as the Senior Vice President of Enterprise Risk Management at MaxLife Insurance, brings over two decades of expertise in Regulatory and Compliance Management, Policy Advocacy, and Strategic Planning to his leadership role. With a strong foundation in finance and enterprise risk management, Abhishek is renowned for his adeptness in driving transformative change and fostering innovative solutions.

Renowned for his execution excellence, Abhishek has spearheaded the successful implementation of strategic initiatives across diverse, multi-geographical environments, ensuring compliance and fortifying organizational resilience. His areas of expertise encompass investment risk, operational risk, data privacy, cyber security, business resilience, and emerging technology innovations. A passionate advocate for safeguarding digital environments and advancing technological progress, Abhishek is committed to cultivating safer, more resilient, and forward-thinking communities.





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Dr. Ritesh Malik

*Founder & CEO
Innov8 Coworking*

Dr. Ritesh Malik is a doctor-turned-entrepreneur, investor, speaker, and philanthropist, known for his transformative contributions to the Indian startup ecosystem. As the Founder of Innov8 Coworking, Ritesh built one of India's largest coworking spaces, which was sold to Softbank-backed OYO, solidifying its position as a major player in the industry. He is also the Founder and Trustee of Plaksha University, a not-for-profit technology university in Mohali, and a Board Member of Netaji Subhas University of Technology, nominated by the Government of Delhi. Additionally, he founded the Alliance for Digital India Foundation (ADIF), a not-for-profit policy think tank aimed at regulating the internet in India. With over 100 startup investments to his name, including notable companies like Ather Energy, Nothing Phone, and Sheroes, Ritesh has been a significant influence in sectors ranging from healthcare to consumer tech and fintech. His career accolades include being named in Forbes 30 under 30 Asia (2016), Fortune 40 under 40 India (2018), and receiving the Star of Delhi award by Hurun Report.

Ritesh's extensive involvement in the startup community is complemented by his dedication to philanthropy and public speaking. He actively contributes to policy discussions and entrepreneurial development through various forums and has been invited to speak at prestigious institutions like Harvard University, IIM-Ahmedabad, and TiECon Silicon Valley. Post the sale of Innov8, he has focused on philanthropic efforts, founding a section 8 not-for-profit company, ADIF Foundation, to support education, cybersecurity, and village empowerment. He is also a founding member and seed donor at Plaksha University and presides over AAH, India's largest helpline for cybercrime, and Muskaan Dreams, which empowers government schools with technology. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Ritesh and his family-run hospital, Radix, were at the forefront of providing essential medical services and support to patients. His passion for leveraging technology to solve global challenges and improve lives continues to drive his entrepreneurial and philanthropic endeavors.





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Vineet Jajodia

*Partner
Mahajan & Aibara*



Vineet Jajodia is a Partner at Mahajan & Aibara with over 19 years of post-qualification experience in risk consulting, internal audits, due diligence, and forensic engagements for several large Indian conglomerates and multinational corporations. Before joining Mahajan & Aibara, Vineet worked with two of India's largest conglomerates, Reliance Industries Limited and Godrej & Boyce Mfg Co. Ltd. He currently leads a team of over 80 professionals, servicing more than 60 clients across various industry verticals, including real estate, infrastructure, pharmaceuticals, oil and gas, FMCG, BFSI, and manufacturing. His expertise spans risk consulting, designing SOPs, cost optimization studies, forensics, and designing IFC frameworks, with a notable track record of handling over a hundred investigations in areas such as purchase, sales, finance, logistics, and distribution. Vineet is known for his keen eye for detail and extensive use of sophisticated data analytics techniques and tools to execute assignments.

Vineet is actively involved in the Audit and Accounts Committee of The Chamber of Tax Consultants and the Accounting and Auditing Standard Committee of WIRC. Previously, he served as an active member and convenor of the Vikhroli CPE Study Circle. As a regular speaker at numerous conferences and seminars, Vineet shares his vast knowledge and insights on various topics related to his field. His commitment to excellence and his leadership in risk consulting and internal audit have made him a trusted advisor to leading companies across multiple sectors.



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Lokesh Garg

*Director Finance
OfBusiness*

Lokesh Garg is a Chartered Accountant and a Commerce Graduate from Delhi University, bringing a wealth of expertise to his current role at OfBusiness, a rapidly expanding and profitable B2B startup. As one of the founding team members, Lokesh plays a pivotal role in spearheading various aspects of the company's operations, including Business Finance, Reporting, Corporate Governance, Legal, Taxation, Acquisitions, and Mergers. Prior to joining OfBusiness, Lokesh gained valuable experience at reputable firms such as Deloitte and PayTM, where he honed his skills across different levels and domains, establishing himself as a versatile professional with a strong foundation in finance and business management.

In addition to his corporate endeavors, Lokesh has actively contributed to the professional community as a Co-Opted member of the ICAI Committee on MSME and Startups. His dedication to excellence and proven track record of success make him a valuable asset to OfBusiness, where he continues to drive innovation and strategic growth initiatives. With a keen understanding of financial intricacies and a commitment to advancing the startup ecosystem, Lokesh exemplifies leadership and expertise in navigating the dynamic landscape of business and finance.



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Rahul Bhatnagar *Independent Director*



Rahul Bhatnagar, a Chartered Accountant and MBA graduate from Wharton, boasts a distinguished career in Finance and Strategy spanning reputable organizations such as Nestle, Pepsi, and the Bharti Group. With his extensive experience, Mr. Bhatnagar most recently held the position of Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer at Bharti Enterprises Limited, showcasing his proficiency in executive leadership and financial management.

Beyond his executive roles, Mr. Bhatnagar actively contributes to the governance and strategic direction of various companies, serving on the Boards of several organizations. Notably, he chairs the Audit and Risk Management Committees of Sanofi India Limited, Whirlpool India Limited, Akzo Nobel India Limited, and TBO Tek Limited. His past directorship includes roles at Comviva Technologies Limited, Bharti AXA Life, and General Insurance Company Limited, illustrating his broad-ranging expertise and leadership across diverse sectors. With his blend of financial acumen and strategic insight, Mr. Bhatnagar continues to drive excellence and governance in corporate governance and strategic planning initiatives.





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Sanjay Bahl

Ex-CFO

Raymond and Landmark Group

Sanjay Bahl, a distinguished Chartered Accountant and finance leader with over 35 years of rich experience, has made significant contributions across diverse industries including FMCG, Hospitality, Retail, and Construction products. Embarking on his entrepreneurial journey in 2021, Sanjay brings a wealth of corporate expertise gained from his illustrious career spanning over three decades, notably with renowned companies such as Hindustan Unilever, Saint-Gobain, Landmark Retail Group, and the Raymond Group.

Currently serving as the Co-Founder and CEO of StarLeaf Talent Solutions, Sanjay spearheads this unique Executive Search firm alongside other seasoned ex-CFOs. Specializing in Finance Talent Placement, StarLeaf aims to revolutionize the finance talent acquisition process while aspiring to evolve into a comprehensive solution provider catering to the diverse needs of CFOs and finance teams. Sanjay's extensive background encompasses pivotal roles such as Commercial Manager at HindLever Chemicals Ltd., Finance Director at Saint-Gobain Gyproc, and Group CFO at Raymond, where he played a pivotal role in aligning core and non-core businesses to drive shareholder value.

Outside the boardroom, Sanjay is an avid sports enthusiast enjoying tennis and swimming, alongside indulging in reading and spending time with his dog. A staunch advocate for diversity and inclusivity, he endeavors to promote these values both in business and society, embodying a holistic approach to professional and personal endeavors.



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S. Bhaskar

CAE

Tata Capital

Mr. S. Bhaskar brings a wealth of experience and expertise to his role as Chief Internal Auditor of Tata Capital, where he has provided leadership to the Internal Audit function since 2008 across Tata Capital Ltd and its subsidiaries/managed entities. With over 36 years of distinguished experience in leadership and management positions, Mr. Bhaskar has made significant contributions in the fields of Internal Audit, Governance, Risk Management, Supply Chain, Finance and Accounts, Business Excellence, and Quality.

As a seasoned professional, Mr. Bhaskar has held esteemed positions within various organizations and professional bodies. He has served as the National President of IIA- India (2018-19), contributing to the advancement of internal auditing practices in the country. Furthermore, his commitment to professional development extends to his role as a member of the Board of Trustees in the Global Internal Audit Foundation of the IIA Inc., where he volunteers his expertise to support the global internal audit community. Additionally, Mr. Bhaskar's involvement in global committees and advisory roles for prestigious organizations such as the United Nations Office for Project Services reflects his dedication to promoting excellence in governance and risk management practices worldwide. With a strong academic background including a Chartered Accountant qualification from ICAI, an AMP Graduate from the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, and certification as an Independent Director from the IICA, Mr. Bhaskar exemplifies professionalism and commitment



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Sumant Chadha

Managing Partner
TR Chadha & Co LLP



Sumant Chadha is a senior partner at T R Chadha & Co LLP, a prominent chartered accountancy firm with a rich legacy spanning 77 years. Joining the firm in 1984, Sumant has amassed extensive experience across diverse industries and service lines, establishing himself as a distinguished figure in the realm of finance and advisory services. A graduate of the esteemed Shri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi University, Sumant holds a Law degree and has been recognized for his exceptional academic achievements, including securing the first rank in CA Final in north India and the second rank nationwide, earning him the Raunaq Education Foundation Gold Medal.

Throughout his illustrious career, Sumant has held significant leadership roles in professional organizations. He has served as the Past President of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) India, affiliated with IIA Inc., USA, and is an active member of their Advocacy team in India. Additionally, Sumant has contributed his expertise to various committees and boards, including the National Advisory Committee on Accounting Standards (NACAS), Internal Audit Standards Board (IASB), Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (AASB), and the Committee for Members in Practice (CMP) of ICAI.

Beyond his professional commitments, Sumant has made notable contributions as an author and speaker. He is the co-author of two authoritative books on Corporate Laws and is regularly invited to speak at seminars organized by professional organizations, showcasing his dedication to knowledge sharing and industry advancement. Moreover, Sumant has served on the Corporate Affairs Committee of the PHD Chambers of Commerce and has provided strategic guidance to numerous companies as an independent director. With his wealth of experience, leadership acumen, and commitment to excellence, Sumant Chadha continues to be a respected figure in the finance and advisory community.

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Monish Gaurav Chatrath

Managing Partner

MGC Global Risk Advisory LLP

Monish Gaurav Chatrath is a seasoned professional with over 33 years of international experience in both corporate and consulting spheres. His illustrious career spans roles at renowned firms including Arthur Andersen, KPMG, Grant Thornton, and Mazars, where he honed expertise in finance, governance, and risk advisory services. Notably, Monish has been nominated for the prestigious CFO of the Year Award and has made significant contributions to Mazars, playing a pivotal role in establishing and expanding their consulting practice in India. As the Managing Partner of MGC Global Risk Advisory LLP, a member firm of Allinial Global, he spearheads the delivery of governance and risk advisory services, leveraging his extensive technical knowledge to oversee management assurance reviews, governance framework assessments, risk evaluations, and fraud investigations.

Beyond his corporate endeavors, Monish is actively involved in professional bodies such as the Institute of Internal Auditors of India and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, where he has served in governance capacities. His commitment to community engagement is evident through leadership roles in Rotary Clubs and CSR initiatives. Currently serving as the Chairman of the Corporate Governance Council of the CMAI and playing a significant role on the EMEIA Membership Committee of Allinial Global, Monish stands as a distinguished figure in the professional community, embodying excellence in governance, risk management, and corporate leadership.



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Nikhel Kochhar

*Sr. Partner
JHS & Associates*



Nikhel Kochhar serves as the Managing Partner at JHS & Associates LLP, where he continues to leverage his extensive experience and expertise in corporate governance, risk management, and internal controls to deliver strategic advisory services to clients. In this role, Nikhel oversees the firm's operations and leads a team of professionals in providing tailored solutions to address clients' complex business challenges.

With a career spanning over three decades, Nikhel has amassed a wealth of experience and knowledge in various facets of the professional landscape. His areas of expertise include corporate governance and strategy formulation, Risk Management, internal controls, and risk-based Internal Audit. Nikhel has demonstrated proficiency across diverse industries including advertising, automotive, BFSI, education, healthcare, IT, media, and pharmaceuticals. He has a proven track record of delivering value-added insights and solutions to organizations, enabling them to enhance their governance frameworks and mitigate risks effectively.

Outside of his professional endeavors, Nikhel is deeply committed to giving back to the community through volunteer work. He has served as President of IIA Delhi and Chair of Advocacy at IIA India from 2014 to 2018, actively advocating for the advancement of internal audit practices and standards. Additionally, Nikhel has contributed his time and expertise to organizations such as the Indian Public Schools Society and FORE Society, where he has played a role in selecting board members and shaping the future direction of these institutions.

Furthermore, Nikhel has been actively involved in executive committees, including The Doon School Old Boys' Society, where he chaired the Finance Subcommittee. His dedication to philanthropy and community engagement is reflected in his volunteer roles, where he has made significant contributions to various causes and initiatives. In his leisure time, Nikhel enjoys pursuing interests such as traveling, golfing, swimming, and networking, which further enrich his personal and professional experiences.



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Surath Mukherjee

*Director
Times Group (BCCI)*

Surath is a highly qualified professional holding certifications as a Chartered Accountant (CA), Certified Management Accountant (CMA), Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), and Certified Risk and Internal Control Professional (CRICP). Currently serving as the Head of Management Assurance at Times Group, Surath leads the charge in ensuring robust internal controls and risk management practices within the organization. Prior to this role, he held the position of Internal Audit and Investigations Head at ACC Ltd., where he played a crucial role in safeguarding the company's assets and enhancing its internal audit capabilities.

With a rich and diverse professional background, Surath brings over two decades of experience in finance, risk management, and internal audit across leading organizations. During his tenure at Dalmia Bharat Group for 13 years, he was pivotal in establishing and expanding the group's risk management function to align with its rapid expansion. Previously, Surath held significant roles at Sony India Ltd. for a decade and Philips India for five years, where he gained invaluable insights and expertise in finance and risk assurance.

Throughout his career, Surath has been recognized for his leadership and expertise, contributing sustainable results to various multinational and Indian organizations. He is an active contributor and speaker at industry forums such as ICAI, IIA, ICMA, and Assocham, advocating for best practices in accounting, finance, and risk management. With a strong belief in interactive learning and knowledge sharing, Surath continues to make significant contributions to the professional community, driving excellence and innovation in his field.



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Kartik Radia

CEO

CLA Indus Value Consulting Private Limited



Kartik Radia, CEO and Managing Partner at Baker Tilly India Advisory and Consulting Services, boasts over 25 years of extensive professional experience, with nearly a decade spent as a Partner and four years as a CEO. His expertise spans diverse domains including Risk Advisory, forensic and dispute advisory, digital transformation, cyber security, and corporate finance. Kartik has been instrumental in developing key service lines such as Digital, Analytics, Technology, ERP (DATE), Transformation Automation and Outsourcing (TAO), and Government and Public Sector Advisory, establishing robust and scalable practices in each area. His career trajectory includes significant tenures at prestigious firms such as PwC, EY, BDO India, and WPP Group, where he honed his leadership skills and spearheaded large-scale projects.

In addition to his leadership roles, Kartik boasts a diverse educational background, being a Fellow Chartered Accountant, Associate Company Secretary, Associate Chartered Management Accountant, Certified Public Accountant (USA), Certified Information Systems Auditor (USA), and Certified Internal Auditor (USA). His industry expertise encompasses sectors such as power, infrastructure, telecom, mining, real estate, and manufacturing, with a vast global experience spanning countries in North and South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.

Kartik has cultivated strong client relationships with prominent organizations including Vedanta Group, Lupin Pharma, HDFC Bank, IDFC Bank, State Bank of India, and BharatPe, among others. He maintains active memberships with professional associations such as the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Information Systems Audit and Control Association (USA), Institute of Cost and Works Accountants of India, and the Institute of Internal Auditors. A seasoned presenter and speaker, Kartik has contributed his insights at various forums and seminars organized by esteemed institutions such as ICAI, ISACA, and the Institute of Company Secretaries of India. With his wealth of experience, diverse expertise, and commitment to excellence, Kartik Radia exemplifies leadership in the field of advisory and consulting services.

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Alok Govil

*Principal Engineer
Amazon*

Alok Govil, Principal Engineer at Amazon, is renowned for his expertise in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and his ability to simplify complex concepts, earning him the informal title of "Walkipedia". With extensive knowledge spanning various fields, Alok is widely praised for his innovative approach, prolific inventions, and mentorship capabilities. Holding 45 approved US patents with an additional 81 pending patent applications, he has made significant contributions to the field of AI and beyond.

Alok's notable achievements include authoring a celebrated open-source project where he implemented Computer Vision algorithms entirely within Microsoft Excel using simple formulas, demonstrating his ingenuity and creativity. He has also delivered over 20+ lectures and short courses on technical topics, innovation, effective influencing, and product-market fits, showcasing his passion for sharing knowledge and fostering growth in others.

A lifelong learner, Alok began exploring electronics in 2nd grade and computer programming in 6th grade back in 1987. With a long-term goal of unraveling the mysteries of the human brain, he remains committed to pushing the boundaries of knowledge and innovation. Alok Govil exemplifies excellence in AI, innovation, and education, making him a sought-after speaker and mentor in the tech community.



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Kushagra Dabur

*Director
Deloitte India*



Kushagra Dabur is a Director at Deloitte India, boasting over 16 years of distinguished experience in the field. Throughout his career, he has spearheaded strategic planning and Audit functions for industry leaders across various sectors including Infrastructure, FMCG, Technology, Production & Manufacturing Businesses, Real Estate, E-Commerce & Hospitality. With a focus on operational excellence, performance enhancement, thorough Internal Audits, Fraud Investigations, and Enterprise Risk Management, Kushagra is recognized for his innovative approach and ability to deliver impactful solutions.

Specializing in driving major organizational transformations, Kushagra has a proven track record of boosting efficiency and productivity through tailored strategies. His leadership and keen insights have played a pivotal role in overcoming complex challenges and fostering sustainable growth for numerous organizations. Kushagra's expertise in operational excellence, coupled with his commitment to delivering results, makes him a trusted advisor and valued asset to his clients and colleagues alike.



Ankit Maheshwari

*Head of Risk & Controls
G R Infraprojects Limited*

With over two decades of experience as a Chartered Accountant, Ankit Maheshwari currently holds the position of Head of Risk & Controls at G R Infraprojects Limited. His expertise encompasses Enterprise Risk Management, Internal Audits, Forensic Accounting, Process Transformation, Financial Controllershship, and Data Analytics. Ankit has gained valuable insights from working in diverse locations such as the United States of America, Europe, Australia, and the United Arab Emirates



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NG Shankar

Independent Director

N G Shankar is a distinguished thought leader with over 40 years of extensive experience across diverse industry sectors and professional disciplines. Currently serving as an Independent Director in a leading microfinance company, he chairs the Audit Committee and Information Technology Strategy Committee while contributing as a member on other pivotal Board Committees. Specializing in organizational governance, Risk Management, Internal Audit, and finance, Shankar provides strategic guidance to clients and conducts bespoke training programs for directors and Internal Auditors.

His illustrious career trajectory includes foundational roles in accounting, treasury, and corporate finance, followed by a specialized tenure as Head of Internal Audit at ABB Limited, New Delhi. Notably, Shankar retired as Group Executive President - Corporate Audit at the esteemed Aditya Birla Group (ABG), where he oversaw internal audit operations for a majority of ABG's diversified businesses, including metals, carbon black, cement, retail, and telecommunications. With a wealth of industry exposure spanning chemicals, oils, pharmaceuticals, electrical engineering, retail, mining, and BPO, Shankar's expertise is complemented by extensive global engagements, having traveled to over 25 countries across West and South Asia, Europe, the Americas, Africa, and Australia.





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CA Gaurav Bhatia, serving as the Executive Partner of Risk Advisory at ASA & Associates LLP (a Network firm of Baker Tilly International), leads the Risk Advisory function in the Delhi-NCR region. With over 17 years of seasoned expertise, he specializes in providing insights and guidance to companies in business process transformation, performance management, corporate governance, and business and financial controls.

Gaurav is recognized as an expert in Internal Audits, Enterprise Risk Management, SOX, Business Process Re-engineering, Corporate Investigations, and ESG Advisory engagements. He holds Certifications in Forensic Accounting & Fraud Detection and Business Responsibility & Sustainability Reporting (BRSR) from ICAI. Gaurav's contributions extend beyond his professional role; he has been a special invitee to the Board of Governors of IIA Delhi branch and is an active member of various trade chambers. He frequently shares his expertise as a speaker at diverse forums, focusing on Risk, Internal Audits, and ESG topics. Passionate about sustainability, Gaurav advises corporates on ESG strategy development, compliance, and reporting. With a strong commitment to excellence, he collaborates with multi-functional teams to evaluate processes, identify risks, and unearth opportunities for reducing operational costs. Outside of his professional pursuits, Gaurav is an avid traveler, a fitness enthusiast, and a motivational speaker.