

Panellists



Padma Chandrasekaran
Angel Investor

Padma Chandrasekaran is an angel investor actively seeking opportunities to invest in promising young startups. She has worked in senior and executive level positions for 18 years in the for-profit and 8 years in the non-profit and research sectors in India and abroad.

Padma's private sector experience (1984-2003) followed a standard gradient of developer, manager, executive officer and entrepreneur in the IT sector in India, US and the UK. She was a founding member of Sify Ltd and part of the team that took it public on NASDAQ in 1999. She subsequently founded, ran and then successfully sold a web services software technology company.

Between 2003 and 2011, she worked for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, where she held responsibilities for strategy development, program management and impact evaluation in various areas of health technologies and services (e.g., vaccine development and delivery) and human development (e.g., water and sanitation, agriculture). She continues to consult for the foundation and other international health tech and research organizations.

Since mid-2012, Padma has pursued opportunities in angel investing. She is a member of The Chennai Angels. Her current angel investment interests include biotech, health and clean energy. She is on the advisory board of a mobile technology company enabling logistics and supply chain management for essential drugs, vaccines and devices.

Padma holds a Bachelor's degree in Statistics from Presidency College, Calcutta; an MBA (PGP 1984) from IIM Ahmedabad and a Master's degree in Telecommunications from the University of San Francisco, California. She has authored several highly cited peer reviewed publications in premier, high impact journals such as The Lancet and the BMJ



Sameer Mehta

Angel Investor & Director, Dr. Mehta's Hospitals

Mr Mehta is the Director of Dr Mehta's Hospitals (India's Oldest Private Hospital) and Director of the Atlas Family Office. Passionate around innovation and investing, Sam is the co-founder of India Home Health Care, Health Sensei, Atlas Advisory (enterprise accelerator), Everonn Medical Education (Health Education JV), and participates on various national healthcare and education committees. He serves on the boards of Proklean Technologies (chemicals), India Home Health Care (healthcare) and Dr. Mehta's Hospitals (healthcare and real estate). He is on the Executive Committee of the Chennai Angels.

Mr Mehta brings over 2 decades of enterprise leadership, multi-national operating, project management, strategic consulting, investment management and entrepreneurial experience within leading organizations like McKinsey & Company, Shell and Fortune 10 and Family Business companies across multiple sectors (healthcare, energy, education, chemicals, technology and retail) across Asia, Europe, Latin and North America. He was a former venture advisor with TVS Capital and election observer with the OSCE/UN. Mr Mehta is a regular speaker at international conferences and symposiums including IFC, Super Returns, the Family Office Forum, GSF, VC Circle, Legal Era, EMPEA on healthcare, education, energy, wealth management and investment management across multiple continents. Mr Mehta is the co-creator of the Values Game and the Energy Game.

Mr Mehta has an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management, a Masters in Manufacturing Engineering Management and Masters in Chemical Engineering. Mr Mehta is a Chartered Chemical Engineer (CEng) with the Institute of Chemical Engineers, a Professional European Engineer (EUR ING) with FEANI, a Chartered Scientist (CSci) with the Science Council, a Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv) with the Society for the Environment and a Sainsbury Management Fellow (SMF) with the Royal Academy of Engineering, UK.



Bharat Joshi

British Deputy High Commissioner Chennai

Bharat was born in the UK and joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) in 1995. He has had diplomatic postings to the Gambia, Dhaka and Qatar. In 2009, he became the British Government's very first Ambassador of Indian origin as High Commissioner to Cameroon, and non-Resident Ambassador to four neighbouring African States. Bharat always wanted to work in India and being posted as Head of the UK's second largest Mission in India after Delhi is a dream come true. Before that he worked as a Private Secretary to two British Ministers for Africa, as well as in various Departments of the FCO including the European Union Department and Press Office.

Bharat also has experience of crisis management and has been deployed to the scenes of major incidents involving British nationals, including the bombing of the British Consulate-General in Istanbul in 2003. A major part of his portfolio in Chennai is focused on supporting mutual prosperity between the UK on the one hand and Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Pondicherry on the other.

Bharat has been married to Bhakti for nearly 20 years and they have two daughters. His interests are cricket, badminton, history, reading and travelling. Bharat speaks English, French, Gujarati and Hindi and Spanish, and wants to speak Tamil.



Alpesh Patel

UK Government Deal Maker, Top Professional Trader and Financial Analyst

Alpesh Patel is a top professional trader and financial analyst in the UK. He is the founder of a FCA regulated asset management firm managing millions of dollars in investments. He has achieved a total return of 351% over 10 years compared to 56.5% for the FTSE All-Share.

Alpesh's investment performance has beaten the returns of Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway which only rose 89% in that time. He has consistently outperformed all the top performing managers in the UK All Companies sector over that 10 year period.

Each fortnight he appears on the BBC to provide his much sought-after analysis of global events – reaching 280 million viewers worldwide. He is invited regularly on Bloomberg, CNBC, CNN, Al Jazeera and other major networks and has given investment speeches in US, China, India, Guatemala, Thailand among many others.

He is the author of 18 books on trading published which have been translated into German, French, Mandarin, Russian, Polish, Korean, Thai. His book Trading Online hit number 2 on the Amazon bestseller list, just behind "Harry Potter".



M V Subramanian

Angel Investor, Mentor & Managing Director of Future Focus Infotech Private Limited

A Mechanical Engineering graduate, MVS started his entrepreneurial journey in 1995 and since then there has been no looking back. As a co-founder of Future Focus Infotech Private Limited, he has overseen various functions and under his leadership the company achieved a turnover of \$25 Million dollars in FY 2016.

MVS is also a Governing Council Member of TiE Chennai Chapter.

MVS supports budding Entrepreneurs through mentoring that transforms their Business Ideas into Marketable proposition.

Being driven by the passion for start-ups, MVS is an Angel Investor who has invested in more than a dozen companies across various domains that are headquartered in US and India.