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*WOMEN*  
IN FINANCE  
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# WELCOME



We are extremely excited to present to you our inaugural Power List- **India's Top 100 Women in Finance- 2019.**

When we conceptualized the "Women in Finance" Leadership Summit (WIF) in 2017, the objective was to set up an annual platform for knowledge-sharing among women professionals and to further drive sustainable change in the Indian Financial Services. WIF2017's success encouraged us to further build up on this concept. This year we are pushing this initiative a few notches higher through our inaugural campaign- India's Top 100 Women in Finance- 2019 to identify the best and the brightest women professionals in Finance.

Through this Power List we want to celebrate the doers and doing, acknowledge the excellent work being done and empower the Indian financial services as a whole. We are living in a country which changes every 200 miles in its language, culture, tastes and preferences. Thus the "Top 100 Women in Finance" List is an effort to promote multidimensional diversity and not just gender diversity. The list is divided in to 4 categories to identify the stand-out professionals across multiple generations, cultures, functions and employment models.

Coming to gender- diversity, we are witnessing a huge transition in the way Indian financial services sector is embracing it. This is clearly evident with more and women reaching the leadership roles than ever before. Although we have made great strides toward a gender-balanced workforce in the last decade or so, there is still a long way to go. At AIWMI, we want to play a significant role in supporting this transition by creating structured education and networking initiatives that bring together the voices and insights of a diverse range of female luminaries.

We hope you find this List insightful and inspiring.

Best Regards,

**Aditya Gadge**  
Founder & CEO - AIWMI



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# ABOUT



India's Top 100 "Women in Finance" is a campaign designed to identify the most successful and respected women professionals working in the areas of finance, financial services, financial education & financial journalism.

Although the Indian financial services sector has made great strides toward a gender-balanced workforce in the last decade or so, there is still a long way to go. This campaign aims to encourage outstanding women leadership in the industry and groom future leaders.

Women professionals who are featuring in this list are talented, resilient, ethical, strong, and have grit. They are the ones who are inspiring their professional network to learn and grow. They are the ones who have faced professional and personal challenges and have come out victorious with a stronger sense of purpose and drive. The relentless pursuit of excellence is a common trait amongst all of them.

The impressive credentials of the women on this list place them among some of the most influential executives and entrepreneurs in the country. Despite consistent barriers to entry, these women continue to use their leadership prowess to manage the bottom line and also to shape the direction of future generations of business leaders.



**A national, self-reliant education  
and carer mentoring network  
for the children of our martyrs.**

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Mentoring isn't a one-way process. It's a two-way street. It has the potential to radically transform not just one life, but two. It's fun, it's an adventure, you'll learn a lot about yourself, you'll have stories to last a lifetime.



### **Become a Volunteer**

You can be volunteer for a variety of reasons - a chance to give something back to the community or make a difference to the people around you. It will also provide an opportunity to develop new skills or build on existing experience and knowledge.



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Socio-National causes have become a more integral component of brand position for leading institutions. Incorporate advocacy & support for this national cause.



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### **1 IN 3 KIDS FROM MARTYR FAMILIES GROW UP WITHOUT A MENTOR**

Mentoring at Vismaya will guarantee the children of Indian martyrs that there is someone who cares about them, assures them they are not alone in dealing with day-to-day challenges, and makes them feel like they matter. Research confirms that quality mentoring relationships have powerful positive effects on young people in a variety of personal, academic, and professional situations. Ultimately, mentoring connects a young person to personal growth and development, and social and economic opportunity.

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# CATEGORIES

## **GUIDING**

Women professionals who are playing an active role on various Boards, Committees, Think-tanks & Policy Groups.

## **LEADING**

Women professionals working in finance/ financial institutions in a CXO role.

## **PROGRESSING**

Women professionals working in financial institutions who are above the age of 30 and not currently in the CXO role.

## **PROMISING**

Women professionals working in finance / financial institutions who are under the age of 30. & last but not the least



## Anjali Bansal

Non Executive Chairperson –  
Dena Bank,  
Founder - Avaana Capital

Anjali Bansal is the non-executive Chairperson of Dena Bank. She is also the founder of Avaana Capital. She was previously global Partner and Managing Director with TPG Growth PE, Spencer Stuart India CEO, and strategy consultant with McKinsey and Co in New York and India.

She serves as an independent non-executive director on the public boards of GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) Pharmaceuticals India, Bata India Limited, Tata Power, Voltas, and is on the Advisory Board of the Columbia University Global Centre's, South Asia. She heads NITI Aayog Women Entrepreneurship Platform Investment Council, serves on the managing committee of the Indian Venture Capital Association, and is a mentor to Facebook SheLeadsTech. She has a Bachelors in Computer Engineering from Gujarat University and a Masters in International Finance and Business from Columbia University.

Arundhati Bhattacharya was the first woman to chair SBI in its 210 years history. She has more than 40 years of rich and varied experience. Despite SBI being a PSU Bank, she transformed SBI to a tech savvy bank, ranked above private and foreign banks.

She has won many International Awards, recognitions in the past viz. inclusion in Forbes and Fortune Most Powerful Women's list and Most Powerful Women in Finance list, amongst World's Top 100 thinkers, ranking in Fortunes Greatest Leaders List. She is presently on boards of prominent Indian Companies viz. Reliance Industries, Piramal, Wipro and Crisil. She is on the Governing board of IIT Kharagpur and IIM Sambalpur. She is a post graduate in English, and an Associate Member of Indian Institute of Bankers.



## Arundhati Bhattacharya

Former Chairman  
State Bank of India



**Bindu Ananth**

Chairperson  
Dvara Trust

Bindu is the co-founder and chair of Dvara group of companies that includes Dvara KGFS, Dvara Solutions and Dvara Research. Prior to this Bindu worked at ICICI bank for 7 years as a Founding member of the microfinance practice.

She was a member of RBI Committee on comprehensive Financial Services for Low-Income Households and Small Businesses. Bindu is a member of the Taskforce of the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board of India. She also currently serves as a Nominee Director for National Stock Exchange on the Board of CAMS. She is a member of the Advisory Boards of Columbia University's India Initiative and Equal Community Foundation. She holds a Masters Degrees from the Institute of Rural Management (IRMA) and Harvard University's John. F. Kennedy School of Government.

Brinda Jagirdar is an independent consulting economist and an Independent Director on corporate boards. She is a member of the Research Advisory Committee of the Indian Institute of Banking and Finance, Mumbai and Visiting Faculty, National Institute of Bank Management, Pune. She is on the Advisory Board of Bodhi Tree Corporate Advisors, a boutique investment bank specialising in credit rating evaluation and advisory and management consulting. She retired as General Manager and Chief Economist, State Bank of India, based at its Corporate Office in Mumbai. Dr Brinda Jagirdar was associated with the Raghuram Rajan Committee on Financial Sector Reforms in India.

She has a Ph.D. in Economics, MS in Economics from the University of California and MA in Economics from Pune University.

**Brinda Jagirdar**

Independent Director &  
Business Economist



## Deena Mehta

Managing Director  
Asit C. Mehta  
Investment Intermediates

Deena Mehta is the Managing Director of Asit C Mehta Investment Intermediates. She is a chartered accountant, MBA and Lawyer by education, She was the first woman to enter the trading ring of Stock Exchange and also be the first lady to become President of the Exchange. An avid reader dedicated to social work and spirituality she is an Independent Director on Board of several companies.

Deena Mehta is associated with reforms in stock markets as member of several SEBI committees as well as member of various Bombay Stock exchange committees. Deena Mehta has also represented Forward Market Commission on Board of several commodity exchanges.

Deena Mehta is on Advisory Boards of many Management colleges.

M.Thenmozhi is the Director of the National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM), an educational initiative of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and is on deputation from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras. She obtained her Doctorate from University of Madras and is a researcher and teacher in the area of finance for more than 28 years. She has international teaching/research experience with UPM, Madrid, University of Passau, Germany, Lagos Business School, Nigeria, QUT, Brisbane and San Diego State University, US.

She is an Executive Endeavour fellow of the Australian Government and a recipient of Fulbright-Nehru Visiting Lecturer Fellowship and European Union Erasmus Mundus Scholarship. She is a National Award winner for developing the best manufacturing policy draft for India She is also a recipient of EXIM Bank Chair Professorship in finance.



## M Thenmozhi

Director  
National Institute of  
Securities Markets (NISM)

**Madhabi Puri Buch**

Whole Time Member  
Securities & Exchange  
Board of India

Madhabi Puri Buch is a Whole Time Member of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) from 2017 and currently oversees the departments of Information Technology, Economic Policy & Analysis, Integrated Surveillance, Investment Management & Collective Investment Schemes.

Prior to joining SEBI, Madhabi was the CEO of Agora Advisory and was an Executive Director on the boards of Innoven Capital, Zensar Technologies & Max Healthcare.

She also served as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer at ICICI Securities Limited and as the Executive Director, on the Board of ICICI bank. She started her career as a Social Worker in 1988 with Professional Assistance For Development Action (PRADAN).

Madhabi has done her PGDM from IIM Ahmedabad and her graduation from St. Stephen's, Delhi.

Menaka has been a broadcast journalist for almost 12 years, having begun her career with TV18 in 1996 as Features Reporter on India Business Report (BBC). Thereafter she moved to reporting business news for CNBC-TV18. She has played an integral role in news programming in the past 9 years and is now Corporate Editor. She has also anchored and produced Young Turks, a show that profiles young achievers and Realty Check, a show that captured all the real estate action in the country. Menaka was the first recipient of the Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Award 2005-06 in the category of Business & Economic Journalism (Broadcast).

**Menaka Doshi**

Managing Editor  
BloombergQuint





**Monika Halan**

Consulting Editor  
Mint

Monika is Consulting Editor with Mint, A Certified Financial Planner, a Masters in Economics from the Delhi School of Economics and a second Masters in Journalism Studies from College of Cardiff, University of Wales, UK. She has worked earlier across media organizations in India including Editing Outlook Money.

Monika has run four successful TV series around personal finance advice. She was advisor to the Swarup Committee in 2009. She has served as a member on the Ministry of Finance Committee on Incentives & has been a member on the SEBI Mutual Fund Committee. She is a member on the Proxy Advisor Working Group constituted by SEBI in November 2018. She is an author of "Let's talk Money" and "Seven Steps to Financial Freedom". She was chosen as a Yale World Fellow in 2011.

Naina Lal Kidwai is Chairman Altico Capital India Ltd and Chairman Advent Private Equity India Advisory board; a non-executive director on the boards of Max Financial Services, Larsen and Toubro, CIPLA Ltd, Nayara Energy Ltd; Trustee of Asia House in the UK; and has been Past President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). She retired on December 2015 as Executive Director on the board of HSBC Asia Pacific and Chairman HSBC India, and in April 2018 as a Non-Executive director on the global board of Nestle.

An MBA from Harvard Business School and a recipient of many awards and honors in India, she was awarded the Padma Shri for her contribution to Trade and Industry. She has authored 3 books and currently in on multiple Government Committees.



**Naina Lal Kidwai**

Chairman  
Altico Capital India



**Ranjana Kumar**

Advisory Board Member  
India Alternatives  
Investment Advisors

Ranjana Kumar, a prominent Indian Banker with over 4 decades of experience was the first woman to become the head of a public sector bank in India as well as the first woman Vigilance Commissioner, Central Vigilance Commission.

Ranjana was the Chairperson and Managing Director of Indian Bank, Chairperson of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Executive Director holding concurrent charge as Chairman and Managing Director of Canara Bank, and CEO of the US operations of Bank of India based in New York. She is an Independent Director of several public limited companies.

Ranjana has authored a book- 'A New Beginning – The Turnaround Story of Indian Bank'. She is on the Investment Committee of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam. Ranjana holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and is a Gold Medalist.

Renuka is a pioneer in the Indian Private Equity space. She has seen the lifecycle of PE in India since late 1990s and thereafter from 2001 as MD & CEO of ICICI Venture and now as the Founder, MD and CEO of Multiples in 2009 – her vision is to channelize money into alternate investments through Indian VCs and PEs.. She is also passionate about creating domestic pools of capital for the industry's growth.

Renuka enjoys singing Indian classical music and is a connoisseur of paintings and likes to spend time at her farm watching a fresh harvest. Renuka holds a Bachelor of Engineering from VJTI, University of Mumbai and an MBA from the University of Mumbai. She has also completed the AMP from the Harvard Business School.

**Renuka Ramnath**

Founder  
Multiples Private  
Equity



**Roopa Kudva**

Managing Director  
Omidyar Network India  
Advisors

Roopa is partner at Omidyar Network and Managing Director of Omidyar Network India Advisors, where she leads overall investment strategy, operations and portfolio development.

Prior to joining Omidyar Network, Roopa spent 23 years with CRISIL, and was its managing director and chief executive officer from 2007. She led CRISIL's transformation from being India's premier ratings agency into a diversified global analytical company. Roopa also worked for Standard & Poor's, Paris, as director, financial institutions ratings. Roopa is an independent director on the board of Infosys and Tata AIA Life Insurance Company, and a member of the Banks Board Bureau. Roopa holds a postgraduate diploma in management from Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIM-A) and is a Distinguished Alumnus of the institute.

Shereen took over as managing editor of CNBC-TV18 from 1 September 2013. Shereen Bhan has an experience of 15 years, 14 of which were spent in tracking corporate, policy news and events that defined the business landscape in India. She began her career working as a news-researcher. Later she joined UTV's News and Current Affairs division.

She joined CNBC-TV18 in December 2000. She has been responsible for breaking a range of news stories that have redefined the Indian economic landscape in recent times and has also interviewed some of the biggest names in business and politics, both domestic and global. Shereen is also the Anchor & Editor of Young Turks, one of India's longest running shows on entrepreneurs.



**Sherene Bhan**

Managing Editor  
CNBC-Network18

**Shikha Sharma**

Former Managing  
Director & CEO  
Axis Bank

Shikha Sharma was the managing director and CEO of Axis Bank, the third largest private sector bank in India, from 2009 to 2018. Sharma joined Axis Bank in 2009 and focused on strengthening its retail lending franchise, enlarging its investment banking and advisory capabilities and developing a comprehensive portfolio of products. She has more than three decades of experience in the financial sector having begun her career with ICICI Bank in 1980. In her 29-year tenure with the ICICI group, she was instrumental in setting up ICICI, besides setting up various group businesses for ICICI, including investment banking and retail finance. In her last assignment at ICICI, she was the Managing Director & CEO of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company. She is an alumnus of Lady Shri Ram College for Women & IIM Ahmedabad.

Shyamala Gopinath has over four decades of experience in financial sector policy formulation in different capacities at RBI. As Deputy Governor of the RBI for seven years and member of RBI's board of directors, she handled some of the critical portfolios in the Reserve Bank, such as, financial markets, including regulation and management of government debt and exchange rate, management of foreign exchange reserves, and banking regulation and supervision.

Between 2001 and 2003, she was deputed to International Monetary Fund (IMF). She served as Chairperson of the Advisory Board on Bank, Commercial and Financial Frauds from 2012 to 2014. Presently, she is a director on the board of several companies, including non-profit entities. Shyamala holds a Master's degree in Commerce and is a Certificated Associate of the Indian Institute of Bankers.

**Shyamala Gopinath**

Chairperson  
HDFC Bank





## Suneeta Reddy

Managing Director  
Apollo Hospitals

Suneeta Reddy is the Managing Director of Apollo Hospitals. In addition to her responsibilities at AHIL, she is a Director on the Board of Apollo Munich-Re Health Insurance Company Ltd. She also serves on the Board of several Apollo Hospitals' Group companies. A key influencer in the Indian healthcare industry. She is a member of the Harvard Business School India Advisory Board (IAB) and the Harvard Medical School Advisory Board.

Suneeta Reddy received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Relations, Economics and Marketing from Stella Maris College in Chennai. She holds a Diploma in Financial Management from the Institute of Financial Management and Research, Chennai and has completed the Owner / President Management Program at Harvard Business School (HBS), Boston, USA.

Usha Sangwan, was the first ever woman Managing Director of LIC. Usha is a PG in Economics, PG Diploma holder in Human Resource Management and Licentiate from Insurance Institute of India. She joined LIC as Direct Recruit Officer in 1981. She at present is the Board Member of Axis Bank, Grasim Industries Ltd., and Bombay Stock Exchange Ltd.

She had started Direct Marketing Channel in LIC alongwith online sale of policies. She also brought LIC into Social Media. She institutionalized many Corporate Communication activities like LIC Student of the Year, Mobile Van, College Campus and Rozgar Melas. Usha has received innumerable awards and recognition including Forbes List of 50 most powerful Business Women in Asia; "Most Powerful Women in Indian Business" by Business Today and "Most Influential Women" in Businessworld.



## Usha Sangwan

MD(Retd) - LIC of India,  
Board member - Axis Bank,  
BSE & Grasim Industries



**Usha Thorat**

Ex Deputy Governor  
Reserve Bank of India

Usha Thorat is the former Deputy Governor of RBI. She is a BA (Honours) in Economics from Delhi University's Lady Shri Ram College (LSR) and MA from Delhi School of Economics in 1971. She joined LSR as a lecturer and then left to join RBI in 1972 as a probationary officer. As Executive Director she represented India on the Committee for Global Financial Stability set up by Bank for International Settlements.

During 2008-2010 she represented RBI on the Basle Committee for Banking Supervision and the Board of the Securities Exchange Board of India. After stepping down from RBI, she became the first Director of the Centre for Advanced Financial Research (CAFRAL), Post her retirement from RBI, Usha has served on several important RBI appointed committees.

Vidya Shah is the CEO of EdelGive Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Edelweiss Group. She spent the first 11 years of her career in investment banking with companies like ICICI, Peregrine and NM Rothschild in Mumbai, where she advised corporations on Capital Raising and M&A transactions.

Vidya is a board member of Edelweiss. She joined Edelweiss in 2000 as the Chief Financial Officer of the Company and oversaw various important functions such as Finance, Human Resources and Administration.

Vidya set up EdelGive Foundation, to build a bridge between the users and providers of philanthropic capital by exporting the skills and strategies of the for-profit world to the social sector.

Vidya graduated from the Bombay University, and holds an MBA from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.

**Vidya Shah**

Chief Executive Officer  
EdelGive Foundation



## Alice Vaidyan

Chairman-cum  
-Managing Director  
General Insurance  
Corporation of India

Alice holds post graduate degree in English literature and has trained at Harvard Business School, Boston, USA. She is a Fellow of the Insurance Institute of India. She is the first lady officer to assume the post of Chairman-cum-Managing Director of General Insurance Corporation.

She has over 30 years of experience in the Indian insurance and reinsurance industry. .

She has won several national and international awards. She is on the Boards of Life Insurance Corporation of India, ECGC Limited, Kenindia Assurance Co. Ltd., Indian Register of Shipping, GIC Housing Finance Ltd., and others. She is also a member of the Council of Asian Reinsurance Corporation, Bangkok and International Insurance Society, USA.

Anuradha Rao is the Deputy Managing Director of State Bank of India- country's largest public sector bank. She has a total experience of 36 years. In her last role she was the Managing Director & CEO of SBI Mutual Fund. Before being promoted as Deputy Managing Director, she assumed various positions including Chief General Manager, Personal Banking in SBI, Mumbai, General Manager (Network I & II), LHO, Kolkata Circle; General Manager (Marketing & Cross Selling), National Banking Group (NBG), Mumbai (Sep 2011 to Aug 2012); Deputy General Manager (Home Loans), Real Estate H&HD, NBG, Mumbai (June 2008 – Sep 2011); and as VP (Credit) Chicago. Anuradha Rao had joined the bank as Probationary Officer in 1982. She holds a post-graduation in Physics and is also a Certified Associate of Indian Institute of Bankers (CAIIB).



## Anuradha Rao

Deputy Managing  
Director  
SBI

**Arpita Vinay**

Executive Director  
Centrum Wealth  
Management

Arpita Vinay has been part of the core team that set up Centrum Wealth Management. A Whole Time Director on the company's board, Arpita also heads Centrum's Family Office practice. She also looks after the offshore wealth product proposition along where she is leading the firm's initiative to set up business in Singapore and Dubai.

Prior to Centrum, she was the Head of Premier Banking at HSBC and was responsible for managing one of the largest affluent banking propositions in the country. An Electrical Engineer and MBA, Finance, from Faculty of Management Studies (FMS), Delhi, she also holds STEP Professional Postgraduate Diploma in Private Wealth Advising. She takes active interest in estate and succession planning and is a member of the Indian chapter of STEP.

Ashu Suyash is Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of CRISIL. She has spent 29+ years in the financial services sector. Prior to joining CRISIL, she served as the Chief Executive Officer of L&T Investment Management Limited and L&T Capital Markets Limited.

Ashu has been named amongst the Top 50 Women in Business in India and in Asia several times. She is on the Advisory board of Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment and on a number of committees set up by Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). She has a keen interest in the education sector and is associated with the Board of Studies at NMIMS and with N.M College. She is also on the Advisory Board of Aseema Charitable Trust. She is a commerce graduate from Mumbai University (N.M. College) and a Chartered Accountant.

**Ashu Suyash**

CEO  
CRISIL





**Bahroze Kamdin**

Partner  
Deloitte Haskins & Sells

Bahroze Kamdin, is a global business tax partner for Deloitte India based in Mumbai. Bahroze leads Deloitte India FATCA/ CRS tax advisory services. She provides taxation and regulatory services to companies in financial services sector. Bahroze has more than 24 years of diverse work experience. Bahroze took a sabbatical of 6 years and returned to profession to manage /lead a team of more than 25 excellent professionals over time. Bahroze likes to work on new areas of practice – FPI, FATCA/ CRS, AIF, Securitization, Insurance, Bank WOS, closure in FSI, Fin-tech. Bahroze has raised FSI specific tax and regulatory issues and works with FSI Industry bodies. She is a regular presenter on taxation matters and writes articles on topics of interest to FSI.

Chandini Sehgal has a rich experience of 17 years, across the Financial Sector & FMCG. She has been working with HDFC Credila since 2010, scriptwriting the story of HDFC Credila as India's 1st dedicated education loan specialist and creating the brand 'HDFC Credila' as we know it today. Her creative streak & passion for innovative marketing has led to HDFC Credila pioneering innovative & trend setting marketing initiatives & channel development tools.

Prior to this, she has worked with MNCs like ABN Amro Bank & Glaxo SmithKline Consumer Healthcare, where she held multiple positions across Marketing, Sales & Business Development. Chandini holds a MBA degree from Symbiosis Institute of Business Management (SIBM), Pune. She is an athlete, a marathon runner & a sharp shooter. She loves travelling & adventure sports.



**Chandini Sehgal**

Head - Marketing  
& Channels  
HDFC Credila  
Financial Services





### Faye Dsouza

Executive Editor  
Mirror NOW -  
Times Network

Faye is the Executive Editor of Mirror NOW Times Network. Faye is the editorial lead and anchor of retail investing shows 'Investor's Guide', 'All About Stocks' and 'The Property Guide' on ET NOW. Investor's Guide is India's longest running personal finance show. Over the last 5 years the show has helped thousands of Indian investors with advice and guidance in the area of personal finance. She is also a features writer for The Economic Times, Times of India, FEMNIA and [indiatimes.com](http://indiatimes.com)

She began her career with CNBC TV18 as a features producer in Mumbai working on Personal Finance shows. Over the years, she grew to cover corporate crime, policy, infrastructure, real estate – across Hyderabad, Bangalore, Delhi and Mumbai. Faye is a BA in Journalism from Mount Carmel College.

Geeta manages the strategy and implementation of the foundation's work in India in areas of Education and Family Economic Stability. Geeta has represented the foundation on several Boards of its investee companies, including Ujjivan, Janalakshmi, Swadhaar, Arohan, and Micro Housing Finance Corporation. She is also on the Investment Committee of India Educational Investment Fund and Education Catalyst Fund. Geeta chairs the Impact Investors Council in India.

In 2017, she was nominated as India's 30 Most Powerful Women in Impact by Business Today. Before foundation, Geeta spent more than 12 years with the corporate finance group of PricewaterhouseCoopers in India, advising large Indian and multinational clients on joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, business plans, and valuations. She is an alumni of the Indian Institute of Management (Ahmedabad) and Lady Shri Ram College (Delhi).



### Geeta Goel

Country Director  
Michael & Susan  
Dell Foundation



## Kalpana Morparia

CEO India  
J.P. Morgan & Co

Kalpana Morparia is Chief Executive Officer of the Indian extension of a 2.1 trillion dollar American company J P Morgan and handles portfolios like Investment Banking, Asset Management, Treasury Services and Principal Investment Management. At the age of 16 she completed her schooling and did her BSc in Chemistry from Sophia College for Women. She took up teaching after completing graduation but had to take a break for 11-12 months as she developed speech complications. She completed her Law degree in 1974 and joined a Law Firm. Today, besides being the CEO of J P Morgan, she is the independent Director of Dr. Reddy's Lab, Bennet & Colman, CMC Limited of Tata Consultancy. She also looks after the philanthropic work of Bharati Foundation run by Sunil Mittal of Airtel.

Lakshmi heads fixed income and products team at KMAMC. She has been with the organization since 1999. Lakshmi joined KMAMC as a fund manager, and was responsible for credit research as well as deal execution, managing fund performance across all debt funds and assisting sales in client interaction. She has also been a portfolio specialist, and managed product related initiatives, product pricing and coordination with the funds management and sales team in that role.

Prior to Kotak, Lakshmi worked with Credence Analytics, as a research analyst where she was tracking corporate bond markets in India and generating research reports. She was also instrumental for conceiving various financial software tools in collaboration with software and technical teams.



## Lakshmi Iyer

Chief Investment Officer  
Kotak Mahindra AMC

**Lizzie Chapman**

CEO & Co-Founder  
ZestMoney

Lizzie's passion, deep understanding of the market, belief in technology as the enabler, along with her years of industry experience prompted her to start ZestMoney along with her co-founders in 2015. Before co-founding ZestMoney, Lizzie worked with Goldman Sachs in London, and then became an Investment Manager with the Wellcome Trust where she invested in Indian financial services companies. In 2011, she moved from the United Kingdom to India in order to set-up and spearhead the India operations for Wonga. In 2013, she joined Development Bank of Singapore and lead the launch of 'Digibank', which at that time was India's first mobile-app only bank.

She is a founding member and serves on the Executive Committee of the Digital Lending Association of India. Lizzie was honored with the 'Female Fintech Leader' award in 2017.

Manisha is Chief Executive Officer of Moelis India. She has more than 25 years of investment banking experience, with extensive cross-border M&A expertise across a broad range of industries. Prior to joining Moelis & Company, she was CEO and Country Head of UBS in India managing its investment bank, commercial bank, markets, equity research and wealth management divisions. Manisha began her investment banking career at ANZ Grindlays in London. She has appeared in Business Today's "25 Most Powerful Women in Business in India" for the past six years as well as Fortune India's "50 Most Powerful Women in Business" in 2014 and 2015.

Manisha holds a degree from St. Stephen's College and received a gold medal for her Master's Degree from the Delhi School of Economics. She currently serves on the boards of Ashok Leyland, Mindtree and Jio Payments Bank.

**Manisha Girotra**

CEO  
Moelis and Company





## Manjeet Dhillon

Sr Vice President &  
Head -HR and Admin  
Kotak Securities

Manjeet has close to 2 decades of experience in Human Resources. She joined Kotak Group in 2002 and has spent a major part of her career with the bank. In her earlier stint with Kotak she managed HR for Car Finance, Housing loans, Personal loans and Credit card businesses.

In 2012 she moved out to join a startup firm, Liberty General Insurance Company and was responsible for spear heading HR-BP, HR Ops and C&B role. After her successful stint with Liberty, she rejoined Kotak securities in Jan 2017 as Head HR. Manjeet is currently the Head – HR & Admin for Kotak Securities.

Meghana Baji has a rich experience of over 20 years in various roles in the areas of portfolio and risk management within ICICI Group, Meghana has been the architect in ICICI Prudential Pension Fund's growth over the last decade. Her presence and "leading from the front" has resulted in securing various accolades for the organization including Corporate Debt Pension Fund of the Year 2017 & 2018 and Government Bonds Pension Fund of the Year 2017. Meghana is recognized for her role in developing, shaping and promoting NPS sector since its inception in the country and has served on various PFRDA committees.

Meghana holds Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) from IIM Bangalore. She is also a Chartered Accountant and Financial Risk Manager certified by Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP).



## Meghana Baji

CEO  
ICICI Prudential  
Pension Funds



## Namita Vikas

Group President & Global  
Head, Climate Strategy  
& Responsible Banking,  
YES BANK

Namita is a senior business leader with 28 years of diverse global experience in Banking, Technology & FMCG, with particular focus on Design Thinking, Sustainable Finance, Climate Action, ESG Risk Management, Public Policy & Corporate Citizenship. Namita was ranked one of the "Leading Women in Business Sustainability" by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) and was globally recognized as the "Sustainability Leader of the Year" by Ethical Corporation, UK in 2017. In 2018, she was named one of "Asia's Top Sustainability Superwomen" by CSRWorks International.

Namita has been elected as the Chairperson of UN Natural Capital Finance Alliance and Member, UNEP FI Global Steering Committee (GSC). She also serves on the boards of YES FOUNDATION. Namita is an alumna of Columbia Business School, Svenska Institutet, Sweden, and Mumbai University.

Navita is responsible for developing and executing Vistra's Capital Markets strategy globally including organic growth, expansion into new markets, development of new products and operational capabilities in international markets. In India, she drives Debt capital markets, Funds, Private clients and International Expansion businesses for Vistra. Navita also carries valuable hands-on experience in M&A and integration across businesses in Asia and Europe.

Navita entered into Infrastructure Finance in 2011 to head the Corporate Trust/ Structured Finance business (ITCL) in Debt Capital Markets. Navita is the Chairperson of 'ASSOCHAM - National Council for Bond Markets in India and President and founder of Trustees Association of India (TAI).

Navita is a distinguished alumnus of IIM Calcutta with specialization in International Business and a graduate from University of Delhi with specialization in Financial Management.



## Navita Yadav

Country MD - India & Global  
Head of Capital Markets  
Vistra Group



## Nupur Garg

Regional Lead - South Asia,  
Private Equity Funds  
International Finance  
Corporation

Nupur has extensive experience spanning private equity investing, operations and finance roles with respected organizations like IFC (a part of the World Bank Group), Discovery Networks and PwC. She has deep experience in structuring and implementing complex business transactions and partnerships.

Her areas of expertise include private equity, strategy, investments and finance, governance and operations. She serves as an independent director on the board of SIDBI, co-chairs the sub-committee for the SIDBI Fund of Funds vertical and serves as an external expert on the investment committee for the Fund of Fund for Start-ups managed by SIDBI. Nupur holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from the MIT Sloan School of Management and has executive education from Harvard Business School and is a Chartered Accountant.

Padmaja is a Co-founder & President of Indian Angel Network (IAN). She has been awarded as one of the 'Top 50 Most Powerful Women in Business' by Fortune India for 2017 & 2018, listed in Forbes India's W- Power Trailblazers and "30 Most Powerful Women in India" by Business Today.

Padmaja has been nominated as Co-Chair of Global Business Angel Network (GBAN). She is a member of the National Expert Advisory Committee on Innovation, Incubation and Technology Entrepreneurship.

She also established a unique model of an incubator, in partnership with the Indian Government. She is a member of the Governing Council of EM3 Services. A graduate with English Honours, Padmaja has completed her MBA as well as Chartered Accountancy (Intermediate) with her internship with S.R. Batliboi (an E&Y group company).



## Padmaja Ruparel

Co- Founder  
Indian Angel Network





### Poonam Vijay Thakkar

Head Analytics & Digital  
 Communications (L&D)  
 Aditya Birla Capital

With close to two decades of rich experience Poonam is an award winning, 360 degree marketing, customer and digital leadership champion. Her experience spans across numerous functions including product & market development, business brand equity development, strategic planning and end-to-end marketing operations. As the Customer Media Custodian, she spearheaded many winning campaigns & launched successful products in various different categories of businesses. Prior to joining Birla Group she played significant role in various organizations in the likes of Sanlam Investments-South Africa, Vodafone India, Indian Express, Man Industries & Angel Broking. Poonam is an alumnus of IIM Ahmedabad, a Google-certified ad word specialist and a certified six sigma professional. Poonam has won numerous internal and external awards and accolades.

RM Vishakha, recognized for her result-oriented leadership approach towards challenging assignments including start-ups, restructuring and reorganization, was previously associated with IndiaFirst Life as the Chief Business Officer. Vishakha has had a diverse career spanning over two decades with special focus on Bancassurance. Prior to IndiaFirst Life, she was with Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance Company Limited as the Director of Sales and Marketing.

Vishakha has received innumerable awards and recognition including the Individual Achievement Award from ASSOCHAM CA Business Leader – Woman Award from ICAI. She was also on the prestigious Forbes India W-Power Trailblazer list 2018. Vishakha is a commerce graduate and a Chartered Accountant. She is a Fellow of the Insurance Institute of India and holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Systems.



### R M Vishakha

MD & CEO  
 IndiaFirst Life Insurance



**Radhika Gupta**

CEO

Edelweiss Asset  
Management

Radhika is a graduate of Management and Technology Program from the University of Pennsylvania (USA); with joint degrees in Economics from the Wharton School & Computer Science Engineering from the Moore School. Radhika started her career with McKinsey & Company, and then progressed to become a hedge fund manager with AQR Capital – One of the world's largest Systematic Asset Managers. She then moved to India to start her own venture named – Forefront Capital Management, an alternative asset management firm, which was acquired by Edelweiss in 2014.

She is the founding President of the University of Pennsylvania Alumni Club, a member of the Global Leadership Council of the Management and Technology Program and a Board Member of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI).

Rashmi's current role includes Finance and Legal functions such as internal Controls, fund administration, fund reporting, transaction structuring, legal diligence and compliance, legal aspects relating to portfolio investments, M&A and divestment. Rashmi is excited about working in the PE/VC industry as it gives her the opportunity of working with fresh aspiring entrepreneurs and the chance to witness the zeal with which companies are built. Rashmi comes from a family which has been in to defense forces for 2 generations and has grown up in airforce bases across the country. Rashmi loves reading, travelling, trekking forts in and around the sahyadris, growing organic plants, playing the guitar and trying to keep up with her two curious boys always looking for answers.



**Rashmi Limaye Gupta**

Chief Financial Officer  
Lightbox Ventures

**Renu Sud Karnad**

Managing Director  
HDFC

A Post Graduate in Economics from the University of Delhi and a degree holder of Law from the University of Mumbai, Renu brings with her rich experience and enormous knowledge in the mortgage sector, having been part of the nascent real estate & mortgage sectors in India. She is also a Parvin Fellow – Woodrow Wilson School of International Affairs, Princeton University, U.S.A.

Renu is leading the lending operations of the company and is responsible for spearheading HDFC's expansion. Apart from being HDFC's brand custodian, she is the guiding force behind formulation of the Organization's communication strategy and public image. Besides being on the Board of several HDFC Group Companies, she is also on the Indian boards of ABB, Indraprastha Medical Corporation, Maruti Suzuki, Bangalore International Airport Limited and international board of WNS.

Revati has a total work experience of 21 years, of which she has been associated with CARE for over 18 years. She is a part of the core management team and is a member/chairperson of the Rating Committees of CARE. She presently handles the Large Corporate Ratings portfolio for CARE Ratings on a nationwide basis. Prior to this she was head of the research and grading division. Her intrinsic strengths of project conceptualization and execution helped CARE in setting up the entire back-office ratings database for CARE known as Care Knowledge Centre at Ahmedabad.

Revati is an all India merit rank holder Chartered Accountant and Cost Accountant and has been honored with Professional Achiever- Woman award by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India in December 2011.

**Revati Kasture**

Senior Director  
CARE Ratings





**Sapna Narang**

Managing Partner  
Capital League

Sapna is the Managing Partner. She left a senior position at HSBC's Private Clients Division in 2003 to start a 'boutique' wealth management firm. With a vision to provide exemplary wealth management services to a handful of informed and discerning clientele.

Sapna is an Electronics & Telecom engineer (rank holder) by education. After acquiring a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from FMS, Delhi ('93) she joined BNP Paribas. She has over 20 years of experience in the financial services industry including over 10 years of banking experience with exposure to trade finance, forex, corporate banking and Private banking.

Sapna is a 'Certified Financial Planner' (CFP). She is a member of MDRT, US for the last seven years with Six 'Top of the Table' honors.

Shanti heads the Consumer Banking business at Kotak Mahindra Bank since April 2014 and is part of the Bank's Executive Board that drives and oversees the Kotak Mahindra Group's growth charter. Under Shanti's leadership, the consumer banking business continues to record the fastest pace of customer acquisition and savings account growth in the Indian banking industry. Shanti oversaw the integration of ING Vysya Bank's retail bank with Kotak's consumer banking operations.

Shanti is on the board of Indian Institute of Management – Bangalore (IIM-B) and has several awards and accolades to her credit. Shanti graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Sydenham College, University of Mumbai and has completed her Chartered Accountancy and Cost and Works Accountancy.



**Shanti Ekambaram**

President –  
Consumer Banking  
Kotak Mahindra Bank

**Sharda Balaji**

Founder  
NovoJuris Legal

Sharda founded NovoJuris in 2008 with a primary focus of making legal easy for entrepreneurs from starting up to scaling up and beyond. Previously, Sharda has worked with large Indian conglomerates and MNCs as their in-house attorney on various projects including – IPO, cross border transactions, acquisitions, takeovers, mergers, collaborations and intellectual property for nearly 12 years.

Sharda has earlier worked with Intel in India and Manipal Group. Sharda has special interests in women businesses and in the past has chaired TIE's Special Interest Group for Women Entrepreneurs. Sharda is a Lawyer and a Company Secretary, along with a degree from Institute of Chartered Secretaries, UK. She has a Diploma in Intellectual Property Rights from National Law School of India, Bangalore and an advanced certificate course in Copyrights from World Intellectual Property Organization.

Shivani is the Founder and CEO of India Alternatives and is a first generation entrepreneur. Prior to founding India Alternatives, Shivani was a key member of senior management at IDFC Private Equity where she was responsible for deal sourcing, execution and monitoring companies across various sectors including domestic consumption, healthcare and hospitality.

Shivani has previously worked with Lightyear Capital, a private equity fund based in NewYork, the private equity arm of General Electric and the investment banking division of Credit Suisse First Boston.

Shivani is also an Independent Director on Emaar India, one of the largest real estate developers in India

Shivani received an MBA from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, and a BA in Economics from Mount Holyoke College (Phi-Beta-Kappa, Magna Cum Laude, Sarah Williston Scholar).

**Shivani Bhasin Sachdeva**

Founder & CEO  
India Alternatives  
Investment Advisors



**Smita Aggarwal**

Director  
Omidyar Network

In her role as Investments Director at Omidyar Network India, Smita leads strategy and investments in innovative fintech start-ups that can cause disruptive increase in uptake and usage of formal financial services by all. She is listed in 2019 Top Fintech Influencers in India. She has deep operating experience in areas of digital banking, retail banking, treasury, financial inclusion, corporate finance and insurance. She has held leadership positions in large financial services organisations with a successful track record of introducing new products, setting new business and driving growth through continuous innovation. She is a rank holder Chartered Accountant and has previously worked with ICICI Bank, Fullerton India Credit Company and Reserve Bank of India.

Sonia is a seasoned investment banker with more than two decades of experience. She has lead teams that have closed some of the most marquee M&A deals and capital market transactions in India. She has many firsts to her credit in the Indian capital markets – first Life Insurance IPO, first AMC IPO, first General Insurance IPO, largest bank IPO and the largest Life Insurance IPO. She has worked on marquee PE deals and has also been leading the liabilities team for raising liabilities for JM Financial Group. She is a proven leader with an eye for detail. The integrity, teamwork and passion for excellence is what she thrives at JM financial group who she joined straight after graduating from IIM Ahmedabad.



**Sonia Dasgupta**

Managing Director  
JM Financial



**Soumya Rajan**

Founder & CEO  
Waterfield Advisors

Soumya Rajan founded Waterfield Advisors in 2011 and serves as its Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director. Soumya brings over 23 years of experience in Consumer Banking, Private Banking and Risk, having worked with ANZ Grindlays and Standard Chartered Bank prior to founding Waterfield. Her banking experience ranges from Consumer Banking, Risk Management and SME Banking to Private Banking. Prior to her assignment with the Private Bank, she was the Risk Head for SME Banking.

Soumya has advised several business leaders on issues related to the success and continuity of their family enterprise including managing family wealth, succession transitions corporate and family governance, conflict resolution, business strategy and philanthropy. Soumya is a post graduate in Mathematics from Balliol College, Oxford University, UK. She completed her bachelors degree in Mathematics from St. Stephens College, Delhi.

The first woman in India to lead a payments start up, Upasana has played an instrumental role in building Mobikwik as one of India's largest digital financial services platform. She has made an indelible mark on the startup ecosystem in India and has demonstrated what it takes to live one's dream.

Upasana is widely recognised amongst the top women achievers in India, for her unfaltering contribution as the chief anchor, innovator and leader at MobiKwik. In recognition of her achievements in the tech startup ecosystem in India, Taku has received many awards and accolades from various institutions and media houses. Upasana is a Bachelor in Engineering (B.E.) from NIT Jalandhar and holds a Masters in Management Science from Stanford University

**Upasana Taku**

Co Founder & Director  
Mobikwik



**Vani Kola**

Co-Founder & MD  
Kalaari Capital

Vani Kola co-founded IUVP, now Kalaari Advisors in 2006 to create an early-stage venture eco system in India. Vani is an idea lover and a trend spotter. After being a successful serial entrepreneur in the Silicon Valley, she moved back to India to get involved in the start-up ecosystem. A visionary thought leader in an evolving technology landscape Vani is widely sought out to mentor and nurture entrepreneurs outside her investment portfolio.

Vani is also on the Board of several companies and has nurtured successful startups like Dream11, Snapdeal and Urban Ladder. Vani received the 2015 Economic Times Midas Touch award for her record in spotting entrepreneurs and disruptive ideas that scale to become large and successful businesses. She holds Master's and Bachelor's degrees in Electrical Engineering.

Veda Iyer is responsible for accelerating and supporting the momentum of the robust pipeline of Mphasis' Direct Core business. Veda brings 18 years of experience across marketing and sales functions. In her role, she leads corporate and account-based marketing and owns the strategic relationship with third-party advisors and the analyst community to power joint go-to-market. She also heads bid management, research and inside sales functions, and focuses on improving market share and raising customer satisfaction and net promoter scores.

In July 2018, Veda received CMO Asia's "Women Leadership in Industry" award for her achievements in strategic marketing, innovation, and corporate social responsibility.

Veda holds a graduate degree from SVKM's Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, and a degree in software from NIIT, Mumbai.



**Veda Iyer**

CMO & Head Sales APAC  
Mphasis

**Vishakha Mulye**

Executive Director  
ICICI Bank

Vishakha is an Executive Director on the Board of ICICI Bank since January 2016. She heads the Wholesale Banking Group at the Bank. Vishakha is a Chartered Accountant and has been with the ICICI Group since 1993. In her career, she has handled several responsibilities in the areas of strategy, treasury & markets, proprietary equity investing, structured finance, management of special assets and corporate & project finance. In 2005, she took over as the Group Chief Financial Officer. In 2007 she was elevated to the Board of ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company and in 2009, she assumed leadership of ICICI Venture Funds Management Company as its MD & CEO.

Vishakha is a member of Aspen Institute's 'India Leadership Initiative'. She was also selected as 'Young Global Leader' in 2007 by the World Economic Forum.

Zarin has been the CEO of Standard Chartered Bank, India since 2016. In a career spanning over 28 years she has worked across all areas of banking ranging from wholesale banking, agri-finance, corporate finance, corporate planning, investment banking and credit. She was selected as one of the Top 30 most powerful women in Indian business by Business Today seven times and has now entered the coveted "BT Hall of Fame" for being a consistent performer. She was also named the 6th most powerful woman in business by Fortune India in 2018, making her the highest-ranking banker in the overall listing. A rank holder in Chartered Accountancy, Zarin has also won the President's gold medal, topping the all India Company Secretary exams.

**Zarin Daruwala**

CEO  
Standard Chartered Bank



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**Aditi Gupta**

Principal  
Asha Impact

Aditi leads investments for Asha Impact and brings with her over 9 years of experience across early stage investing and development finance. Her prior experience includes Co-Founding Contrarian Capital, a venture capital fund focused on technology led businesses built for the mass markets. At Contrarian, she led investments in consumer and enterprise technology businesses across finance, healthcare, education, and enterprise SaaS, working closely with portfolio companies on strategy, hiring and fundraising. She has also worked with Motilal Oswal Private Equity, Yes Bank, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Fino PayTech in the past. Aditi holds an MBA in Finance from FMS, Delhi and Bachelors in Technology from Indraprastha University. She loves reading, hiking and martial arts, and is a Practitioner Level 4 in Krav Maga.

Alpa has 25+ years of experience in various corporate including TATA and SBI group. To empower every individual she has started her own venture Empower Education a company which empower and educates all walks of people on financial literacy. She heads the Educational initiative - Financial Awareness Training.

Alpa has authored a book, "Every Woman should Invest" published by CNBC TV18. Alpa is a managing trustee at Freedom Foundation, which works for the upliftment of Low Income Group (LIG) society. Alpa is currently the Vice Chairperson - Women Entrepreneurs Development Council initiated by SME CHAMBER OF INDIA. Alpa is also a Founder Director at IWOOMONEY, A company which educates Women on achieving true Financial Freedom.



**Alpa Shah**

Author, Social Entrepreneur,  
Finance Professional,  
TEDx Speaker



## Ami Sampat

Associate Vice President  
Debt Capital Market  
Derivium Tradition Securities  
(India)

Ami Sampat heads the alternative debt markets team at Derivium Tradition that focuses on advising and arranging debt capital to emerging NBFCs pursuing Micro, Vehicle, Small Business, Housing, Agri and Consumer Finance. She joined Derivium as a junior dealer in 2012 and has progressively ascended to her current Vice President position in a short span of 5 years abetted by her proactive approach and efficient execution capabilities. Among her clients, she is known to be an enthusiastic and meticulous professional with dexterity in deal structuring. Ami holds a PGDBM degree in finance and is also a commerce graduate from Mumbai University. Ami enjoys swimming in her free time and has successfully represented her state in the National Aquatic Championships. She is passionate about several social causes and specifically focuses on welfare of stray animals.

Anjana is a Vice President- Change Management with IndiaFirst Life Insurance. Prior to this, she has also worked on insurance transformation at EY and as an Insurance Sales Architect (Pre-Sales) at Oracle. In a career spanning close to two decades, Anjana has had a fulfilling journey with core foundations laid in the IT domain, as an IT evangelist advocating adoption of IT Solutions, a project manager leading large scale integration projects, setting up IT operations for insurance start up, leading large transformation projects for various insurance organizations as a part of a prominent consulting firm. These varied experiences have enabled her to acquire multiple core competencies which makes her stand out and unique amongst her peers and is valued by the industry. Anjana is a MBA in Marketing & HR.



## Anjana Rao

Vice President -  
Change Management  
IndiaFirst Life Insurance





## Anu Aggarwal

Co-head, Conglomerates  
and Corporate Groups  
Kotak Mahindra Bank

From the studious bespectacled girl in Chandigarh who was always a front bencher, Anu Aggarwal today Co-heads the Corporate and Investment Banking division catering to Conglomerates and Large corporate groups at Kotak Mahindra. A member of the Kotak leadership team, she has played an instrumental role in building the Corporate Banking franchise of the Bank. The first thing that you will notice about her is the positive energy that she emanates. She has never shied away from any challenges in her life. She has been named as one of Corporate India's Fastest Rising Stars by The Economic Times in 2016.

*Two roads diverged in a wood,  
and I -- I took the one less traveled by,  
and that has made all the difference.*

**– Robert Frost**



## Aparna Shanker

Head & Fund Manager,  
Equity PMS  
SBI Mutual Fund

Aparna Shanker started her career with Unit Trust of India in 1989. She has extensively worked in the areas of equity research and funds management. Her current stint with SBI Mutual Fund has been 11 years long. She joined SBI MF in 2007 as Equity Research Analyst and has been responsible for managing equity investments since 2012. She was co-managing International Institutional PMS till March 2018. She is heading and managing Equity PMS from its launch in July 2016. Aparna holds Bachelors' Degree in Science and General Law, MBA Finance and PG Diploma in Forex and Treasury Management. She has completed Management Development Program and is an Alumni of IIM Ahmedabad. She started participating in marathons at the age of 45 and has completed 6 of them till now.

Avanti has been associated with PwC for 12+ years. She is the Financial Services Leader (current team size 800+) in PwC SDC Kolkata Assurance practice. Her experience includes setting up and leading audit service delivery teams for US, Australia, Canada from their commencement in the offshore environment in India. She played a fundamental role in setting up the test bed environment for PwC when the territories started their offshore operations in India in the year 2006.

Her client base comprises of Asset & Wealth Management, Banking, Real Estate and Insurance for the various territories in the PwC network. She is a member of the PwC Global Learning & Education team and a member of Global Process Standardization Team. She has completed her PGDBM (Finance) and M.Com



## Avanti Bose

Director  
PricewaterhouseCoopers  
Service Delivery Center  
(Kolkata)



## Ayoshmita Biswas

Head - Marketing &  
Corp Comm  
Piramal Capital  
& Housing Finance

In her current role, Ayoshmita has worked closely in implementing a robust Marketing strategy to build brand presence and recall for the company. She has also planned and implemented various digital initiatives and on ground activations to increase lead generation efficacy, and enhance customer experience and onboarding journey.

Prior to joining Piramal Group, Ayoshmita was VP & Head of Marketing, Corporate Communications and CSR at Fullerton India. She has multiple accolades to her credit; the most recent being the 'Young Achiever of the Year' by CMO Asia in 2016.

Ayoshmita holds a Post Graduate Certificate in Brand and Marketing Management from MICA, India, a Post Graduate Diploma in Marketing from Chartered Institute of Marketing, UK as well as a BA (Hons) in Business Management and Marketing from University of Derby, Derby, UK.

Chandni Gupta is a Fund Manager and a Fixed Income Dealer at ICICI Prudential AMC. She co-manages two funds - ICICI Prudential Corporate Bond Fund and ICICI Prudential Banking & PSU Debt Fund, having a collective AUM of nearly Rs. 10,000 crores, along with several other close ended debt funds. She joined ICICI Prudential AMC in 2013. Prior to this, she was associated with Morgan Stanley Investment Management and Standard Chartered Asset Management Company. By qualification, she is an Engineer (Information Technology) and a Chartered Financial Analyst.



## Chandni Gupta

Fund Manager  
ICICI Prudential Asset  
Management Company





**Chandni Shah**

Senior Manager  
Unifi Capital

Chandni has 8+ years of experience in managing client advisory and Relationship across various HNI & IFA base. She is a CFP by qualification. She was one among the three core members who has set up Unifi's Mumbai office. Over the next few years she was successful in positioning Unifi's capabilities and fund management proposition across almost the entire universe of the IFA spectrum in Maharashtra and Gujarat.

As the head of client relationships and operations she has successfully positioned a hitherto unknown brand in to one of the most prominent players in the AIF space.

Her continuous focus remains on improvising processes and leading the team with zero down time in end to end client servicing, with absolute client satisfaction.

Deepika Gupta Padhi is currently Head - Investor Relations (IR) for PNB Housing Finance. In last 2.5 years, she has not only set up the IR function but also ensured that the Company is well recognized in the financial market.

Deepika started her professional journey 16 years back with a broking firm- SPA Capital. Within 2 years she shifted to Radico Khaitan in the treasury department. Extending this knowledge she joined Cairn India where she was instrumental in setting up the Investors relations department and later on the treasury functions for the largest asset of the Company. From Oil & Gas sector, Deepika shifted her base to Hyderabad where she joined Aurobindo Phrama. Deepika holds an MBA degree in Finance. She has also done Masters in Economics.



**Deepika Gupta Padhi**

Head -Investor  
Relations  
PNB Housing Finance



**Deepti George**

Head of Policy  
Dvara Research  
Foundation

Deepti has built more than a decade of expertise in institutional design aspects of financial inclusion. Her focus has been to contribute to high quality knowledge creation and discourse on fundamental questions of financial system design and delivery for India, with outcomes of interest on both prudential and business conduct aspects. She was part of the core technical secretariat to the RBI's Mor Committee. She has also had opportunities to contribute to the RBI Committee on Medium Term Path to Financial Inclusion, the Expert Committee on MSMEs, and to undertake research for PFRDA and MUDRA on their products for the informal sector. She holds a post-graduate diploma in management from IFMR specializing in Finance and is mother to a two-year old boy.

Farzana has over 10 years of experience in financial services, private equity and investment banking. Farzana rose to the ranks of Senior Principal & Investment Team member at Gaja Capital, within a span of 6 years (having started as an analyst). She has led investments in mid-market unlisted companies of over INR 5bn (investment amount) with responsibilities of investing, portfolio management, board governance and exits. She was the first & only woman in the core investment team at Gaja Capital.

In 2018, Farzana joined the senior leadership team at India Alternatives as Director. Farzana is a rank holder Chartered Accountant and a gold medalist Commerce graduate from Mumbai University. She is a mentor at Katalyst, a not-for-profit organization which endeavors to achieve economic emancipation for talented girls from marginalized communities.



**Farzana Wadia**

Director  
India Alternatives  
Investment Advisors



## Gesu Kaushal

Executive Director  
Kotak Investment  
Banking (KMCC)

Gesu has been an Investment Banker since 1995 and is also the Chairperson AIBI. Coming to Mumbai to join the MBA program at JBIMS to an ED at Kotak Investment Bank, it has been an inspiring journey for this girl from Dhampur, in the hinterlands of UP.

Gesu is involved with many capital market innovations, speaks regularly at various industry forums and is a member of SEBI's Primary Markets Advisory Committee. Gesu is also one of the founding members of the Women's Investment Network in India. Being a boarder throughout her academic life has helped her foster an environment of team work and trust within her eco-system. She is an avid reader and also a yoga practitioner.

Her career has spanned leadership roles in Financial Services with ANZ Grindlays, Citibank and George Soros' Fund and in consulting with PwC. She is passionate about using creative means to address problems. She was instrumental in introducing the first securitization product in the country in the nineties, while working at ANZ Grindlays Bank. Another new area which she initiated and has been spearheading is the 'Inclusive Markets and Impact Investment' work in PwC India.

She has dedicated a year working with the National ID program, 'Aadhaar', to support integration with the country's financial system. She loves books and has set up mobile libraries for children in two villages. She has travelled extensively and has lived in Singapore, Uganda, USA and India.



## Jamuna Verghese

Senior Adviser -  
Inclusive Markets  
PricewaterhouseCoopers





**Jyoti Rai**

Head of Channel  
Partners & Alliances  
Edelweiss Asset Services

Daughter of a (late) distinguished soldier, Jyoti started her career as a sales executive selling CASA for Citibank in Pune and since then in last 21 plus years she has earned experience in Sales and Strategies across segments in Indian Financial Markets. Jyoti today is India's Youngest Independent Director on the board of a listed company. She is currently working for Edelweiss Asset Services and in her current role she heads "Channel Partners & Alliance. She has held several leadership position in the past and worked with some of the leading companies like Reliance Nippon AMC, Thomson Reuters, AIG Asset Management, MCX, SBI-Soc Gen Custodial Services

Jyoti has been a part of the working group for "Committee on Rationalization of Investment Routes and Monitoring for Foreign Portfolio Investments" of SEBI.

Koel Ghosh is the Head South Asia at S&P Dow Jones Indices. In her current role she has been responsible for the exponential growth of the business in her region. An expert in her field, she is aiding the growth of passive investing in India and revolutionizing investment practices. Responsible for business development, sales and ongoing client relationship management across South Asia, she explores new markets and works with market participants to offer suitable solutions. She is responsible for the growth of the index business with BSE in her additional role as Business Head India for the joint venture.

Her extensive experience in the financial sector with a focus in the asset management space includes her roles in leading financial firms like Thompson Reuters, UTI Asset Management and IL&FS Asset Management



**Koel Ghosh**

Head, South Asia,  
S&P Dow Jones Indices



## Lavanya Ashok

Managing Director  
Goldman Sachs  
Private Equity

Lavanya Ashok joined Goldman, Sachs as an analyst in 2004 in New York and re-joined the firm in Mumbai in 2010. She also serves on Goldman Sachs's India Diversity Committee. Lavanya currently focuses on investments across sectors including financial services, consumer, healthcare, agri, logistics, and infrastructure. Lavanya sits on the Boards of Cytecure, Piramal Realty, Nova Medical Centers, Azure Hospitality, Pepperfry and Global Consumer Products. Prior to re-joining Goldman Sachs, Lavanya worked as an investment professional at SPO Partners, a \$10bn California-based hedge fund focused on value-oriented investing.

Lavanya earned a BS in Economics and Finance summa cum laude from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in 2004 and an MBA in 2010 from Stanford University where she was a Barrett Fellow and President of the South Asia Students' Association.

Malavika leads the team for the Future of Finance Initiative (FFI) which is housed within Dvara Research, in partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The FFI aims to promote policy and regulatory strategies that protect individuals accessing finance given the sweeping changes that are reshaping retail financial services in India – including those driven by Indiastack, Payments Banks, mobile usage and the growing P2P market. In her previous job, Malavika has been a part of the strategy team at National Citizen Service Trust (UK). Malavika has done her MPhil in Public Policy from the University of Cambridge and her LLB from National Academy of Legal Studies & Research University.



## Malavika Raghavan

Project Head - Future  
of Finance Initiative  
Dvara Research  
Foundation



**Neha Grover**

Investment Officer  
International Finance  
Corporation

Neha Grover has over 13 years of private equity experience focused on the private equity space. Currently, she serves as an Investment Officer with IFC in their South Asia Private Equity Funds group where she is responsible for evaluating and closing investments in Indian Funds. Prior to joining IFC, Neha was Principal and India CFO at Baring Private Equity Partners India where she covered various sectors for evaluating investments, finance, fundraising and structuring. She has served on the board of directors of companies like BPEP India and Sphaera Pharma India.

She is an all-India rank-holding Chartered Accountant, a Company Secretary, and holds a Bachelor's degree in Commerce and an MBA from the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Lucknow.

Pallabi is a partner with AZB & Partners, one of India's leading law firms. She specializes in investment funds and asset management, financial regulatory and general corporate advisory. She has assisted industry associations in drafting key policies and regulations that impact the alternative investments and asset management industry and has authored several articles for leading publications in this space. Pallabi was recognized as one of the 'Top 40 under 40' alternative investment professionals in India by the Association of International Wealth Management of India and the Indian Association of Alternative Investment Funds in 2018 and was also recognized as 'Notable Practitioner' for private equity funds and private equity by IFLR1000, 2019.



**Pallabi Ghosal**

Partner  
AZB & Partners





**Plabita Priyadarshi**

Life Advisor  
Kotak Life Insurance

Plabita joined Kotak Mahindra Old Mutual Life Insurance (now Kotak Life Insurance) as an Insurance Advisor in 2004. She acquired membership of the prestigious MDRT, USA in 2005. She was declared "topmost" Advisor of the company pan India for the year 2005 and she has maintained this position till date. Plabita is providing investment consultancy and post retirement solution to over 1200 high net worth individuals. She was felicitated by Old Mutual plc. South Africa in 2007 and 2008 and awarded the title of "Senior President" of 51 Club, Old Mutual. In the capacity of the Company Chair of Kotak Life Insurance in the MCC, MDRT, Plabita is now mentoring aspirants and new entrants in the field to improve their skill and production levels.

Poonam has 24 years of experience in the financial services. She has wide-ranging experience in the core finance sector including project appraisal, structuring of bonds, treasury management, trading in fixed income securities and fund management. She also has international experience of the sterling fixed income markets during her stint with a UK-based pension fund. Currently, she is the Head of Fixed Income at IndiaFirst Life Insurance.

Poonam has completed her PhD in Financial Management. Poonam has been an active part of the academia as a guest lecturer in various institutions of repute in the field of financial markets. She has authored two papers in the area of financial markets published in international peer-reviewed journals. She has a passion for financial markets, reading, travelling, homeopathy and meditation.



**Poonam Tandon**

Head- Fixed Income  
IndiaFirst Life Insurance



**Priyanka Srivastava**

Vice President  
Investments  
Quess Corp

Priyanka is an experienced Investment professional I am enthusiastic and passionate in assisting clients achieve their long term financial goals. She has spent 12+ years in Private Banking, Portfolio Management, Asset Management, Wealth Management and Family Office. She believes- "If you know one Family Office, you know one Family Office". Each family business/family office is different to the other and there is so specific template to serve them.

Priyanka has worked closely with influential families and entrepreneurs. She is a big subscriber to the concept of continuing education and believes in sharing best practices and encouraging people to go beyond simple functional or technical skills.

Rasleen leads the corporate strategy & investor relations division at Etechaces group companies, namely, Policybazaar, Paisabazaar and Docprime. Rasleen has maneuvered diverse roles in capital raising, strategy, customer experience, and data science at Policybazaar and has been credited with leading numerous new initiatives, including setting up the claims division for the company and establishing the analytics & data science lab.

A post-graduate in Business Administration from Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai and a computer science engineer, Rasleen brings with her a decade of professional experience. Before starting her intrapreneurial journey with PolicyBazaar, she worked with Microsoft, Cummins and National Informatics Center, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology. She has several accolades to her credit and was recognized as one of the most promising corporate leaders by Economic Times of India in 2016.



**Rasleen Kaur**

Head, Corporate Strategy  
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Policybazaar | Etechaces  
Marketing & Consulting



**Rochelle D'Souza**

Principal  
Lighthouse Advisors

Rochelle is a Principal at Lighthouse and leads investments for the fund in consumer-focused sectors like Food, Agri, Retail and Pharma. She is currently serving the boards of Wow Momo. Prior to Lighthouse, she was an Investment Banker at SBI Capital Markets where she focused on equity capital market transactions. Rochelle earned a Bachelor of Engineering in Electronics & Communication from Rastriya Vidyalyaya College of Engineering (RVCE), Bangalore and an MBA from S.P. Jain Institute of Management & Research.

She is passionate about music and plays the guitar. She loves trivia, travel and reading. Rochelle is part of a few initiatives where she mentors students and young adults on entrepreneurship and career.

Sandhya is the Global Head of Finance for Consumer Business Unit, responsible for Finance Business Partnering for Wipro's industry verticals including Retail, CPG, Media, Entertainment, Travel, Transportation, New Age companies, Public Sector & Education. Prior to joining Wipro, Sandhya worked for more than a decade with Unilever in various roles including Business Partnering, Controllershship, Shared Services, IT, Project Management, Supply Chain Finance etc.

She has been awarded the CA CFO – Services Sector in Feb'15, CA CFO – Woman in Jan'14 and CA Professional Achiever – Woman in Mar'13 by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). Sandhya was placed in the Top 50 Young Leaders in India (Out of 27000 + Participants) by Economic Times in 2011.



**Sandhya Sriram**

Vice President  
Finance  
Wipro





## Shagun Thukral

Director - Investment  
Advisory Services  
Shah Khandelwal  
Jain & Associates

Shagun is a CA and CFA with over 14 years of experience in the investment industry. She started her career as part of the investment team at a leading insurance company, where she undertook multiple roles in the fixed income team including working as a credit analyst and fund manager. She moved on to academics teaching MBA-Finance specifically subjects like Financial Markets and Fixed Income Markets. Over the last couple of years, she has turned entrepreneurial and ventured into an investment advisory/wealth management role advising both small and HNI clients. She is also pursuing her Ph.D in the area of Corporate Bond Markets in India and has several research publications in both International and National journals to her credit.

Sharatee Ghosh handles the Quality and Process function in Kotak Mahindra Bank as a designated Executive Vice President and Principal Nodal Officer. She is currently driving NPS as an initiative in the bank to make it more customer focused. Prior to this, Sharatee was in a business role as Western Zone Sales head Mortgages where she was responsible for the P&L of the region. Sharatee is associated with the bank for 11 years. An alumnus of Symbiosis, Pune, she started her career with GE Money as a management trainee and was with the loans and subsequently card business at GE handling a mix of Sales and Support functions. Sharatee will complete 2 decades of corporate life in India in 2019.



## Sharatee Ghosh

Executive Vice President  
& Principal Nodal Officer  
Kotak Mahindra Bank



## Shashi Singh

Senior Partner  
IIFL Asset  
Management

Hailing from a traditional Marwari family Shashi has been a go getter and has always dreamt high. Very early on overcame the challenges of a male dominated community and crossed the barrier by studying and working in a male dominated industry only because she refused to believe that she is any less. With her dedication, hard work and passion to perform she rose the ranks quickly. She has had an impressive career run in the last 25 years starting her career with the NBFC of the Aditya Birla group and moving into the nascent Mutual fund industry. With maturing MF industry she moved on to the emerging Alternate investments and is currently heading sales at the largest Alternate investment manager – IIFL Asset Management.

Shilpa has over a decade's experience in the financial services sector and more specifically Venture Capital. She currently leads the finance function at Matrix Partners India, a leading venture capital firm with close to \$1 billion under management and has spent close to 12 years at Matrix Partners India. She strongly believes in following one's ethics and core value systems at all points of time. Her intellectual honesty is one of her strengths, which has helped her grow and evolve over the years.



## Shilpa Maheshwari

Director Finance  
Matrix Partners India



**Shrija Agrawal**

Associate Editor  
HT Mint

Shrija Agrawal is the Associate Editor and part of the leadership team at Mint. As part of her role, she conceived and runs the Deals vertical which also includes being the editorial lead for key properties such as Annual Mint Private Equity Conclave, Annual Mint Stressed Assets investment Summit, Annual Mint Dealmakers Forum and so on. Prior to this, she was the first editorial employee of vccircle and rose to becoming its managing editor. At VCCircle, she set up the editorial operations of the company, launched Techcircle-the sister website covering technology and startups and VCCTV- the web videos network for the group. She also conceived vccircle events. She is a post graduate in broadcast journalism from Asian college of journalism, Chennai.

A leader, executor, innovation evangelist and now a change agent- Suniti is currently acting as the change agent for Fintech sector in India. She is working towards a firm vision to "Make Mumbai one of the Global Fintech Hubs". In the current role she focuses on operationalizing the Fintech Policy launched by Government of Maharashtra. She liaises with the vibrant fintech ecosystem in India and fostering accelerated co-creation/ experimentation to drive innovation in solving large problems and create impact at large.

A strong believer of Financial Inclusion, Suniti is associated with Rang De as a Social investor and works as a catalyst for change. Before joining Government of Maharashtra, Suniti was working with Barclays India as Director – Innovation.



**Suniti Rani Nanda**

Fintech Officer  
Govt. of Maharashtra





### Apurva Damani

Managing Director  
Artha India Ventures

Apurva is the Director of Artha India Ventures. She is done her major in International Politics & Economics from Middlebury College. As a part of a larger initiative, Apurva is an active member of the Young Funders Group started by Artha Group of Companies to provide a platform to investors for an open conversation.

At Artha Group of Companies, Apurva is leading a strong team of professionals for Artha India Ventures' early stage investments. She is responsible for managing a portfolio of 57 companies spread over India & US, as well as deploying capital into 12-15 new ventures per year. Her first professional stint was for a start-up called Talerang. She has trained over 5,500 participants across India including students, entry level hires to senior level managers for large organizations.

Dhvani Kamdar is a real estate investment banker and she has carved a niche for herself in the industry in a short span of three and a half years. Dhvani completed her post graduate diploma in Economics & Finance from Meghnad Desai Academy of Economics post which she began her career in the Real Estate sector with Colliers International in the Capital Markets division where she led and closed the largest ever fund raise for a client and the platform. Under her astute leadership, Dhvani has led client engagement across debt and equity structuring, joint ventures, sales and capital advisory mandates for several developer clients across India's three largest markets – Mumbai, Pune and Ahmedabad.



### Dhvani Kamdar

AVP - Capital Markets  
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## Khyati Mehta

Senior Manager  
- Investments  
Tata AIG General  
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Khyati is Senior Manager - Investments at Tata AIG General Insurance Company Limited. She is an ambitious and self-driven professional with proven capabilities in a multitude of roles of Financial Planning, Analysis and Fixed Income Investments.

Khyati completed her CA & CFA at first attempt and is an active volunteer with CFA Society India, and ardently participate in organizing various activities and events.

Krutika Vakharia is currently the CFO of Oakcapita Advisory LLP, a boutique investment banking advisory firm based in India. She has a Bachelors degree in Commerce with distinction from Symbiosis International University and holds Post Graduation Diploma Management in accounting law and Taxation law from Symbiosis Law School.

She has played a major role in expansion of Oakcapita Advisory LLP. Having an eye for details and fiercely visionary, she has been credited in setting up new segments and diversified investment areas which resulted to growth in net income of the company. She also had an important role in the firm being awarded the 10 Highly Trusted M&A consulting firms for 2018 recently. She is also director of Arkstons Trading Ltd, Oakcapita's subsidiary based in London.



## Krutika Vakharia

VP & CFO  
Oakcapita Advisory



### **Namitha Janardhan**

Associate Vice President  
Northern Arc Investments

Namitha has close to 7 years of well-rounded experience in the financial services sector. With a penchant for impact investing and creating a difference through her work, she found her true calling when she joined Northern Arc Investments (formerly IFMR Investments) in early 2014. Today, her role encompasses setting up of AIF structures, fund raising, investor relations and product design with a focus on enabling financial inclusion for the underbanked.

Prior to Northern Arc Investments, her expertise covered Financial Research & Analysis; Demand Assessments and Business Consulting. Namitha has been regularly participating in knowledge sharing sessions, has been contributing articles and studies and has most recently authored a report on women empowerment and gender equality through innovative financing. Namitha holds a PGDM in Development and Sustainable Finance from IFMR Business School.

Priyanka is a part of the investment team at Chiratae Ventures India, where she leads domestic fundraising in addition to evaluating investments in Consumer Internet, Health-Tech, Fin-Tech and Enterprise SaaS.

Prior to joining Chiratae, she worked across banking and with a fin-tech startup –Royal Bank of Scotland and FreeCharge (part of the Snapdeal group). At FreeCharge she supported the Chief Business Officer in defining overall strategy, and handled key partnerships and associated marketing campaigns. In banking, has experience working on a markets trading floor, managing large multinationals – working closely with their CFO offices – as part of the Corporate Sales team at the Royal Bank of Scotland. She holds an MBA from IIM Ahmedabad and a degree in Information Science from Bangalore University.



### **Priyanka Mohanty**

Manager  
Chiratae Ventures





**Serena Paes**

Manager – Marketing  
IndiaFirst Life Insurance

A marketer with over 9 years of experience working with some of the top brands in the country namely; IndiaFirst Life Insurance, Star Movies & Star Movies Select HD, The Economist, Daman & Diu Tourism, Rajasthan Tourism, Vespa, Bisleri, Louis Philippe & NIVEA India. Serena believes in creating meaningful and impactful conversations with brands and their audiences that not only impact business but build brand relevance in the minds of the consumers.

In her current role at IndiaFirst Life Insurance, she is striving to contribute towards changing perspectives in the insurance industry in a more positive and engaging manner.

Simerna is a Vice President and founding member of the Alternative Asset Advisory practice within Duff & Phelps India. She co-manages a dedicated team with a unique role of advising private equity, venture capital, credit, hedge fund, real estate and infrastructure investors on a range of valuation related topics, and secondary exits.

She is a trusted advisor to alternative asset managers across the private capital markets, helping them manage relations with investors and raise their governance to attract further capital. She has authored articles for various industry journals. Simerna also chairs the NOW (Network of Women) committee for Duff & Phelps in India where she manages the firm's internal global initiative focused on attracting, retaining and developing women at all levels of the firm.



**Simerna Singh**

Vice President,  
Alternative Asset Advisory  
Duff & Phelps



**Surabhi Chauhan**

Fund Manager  
Wonderstocks

With over 10 years of work experience in the equity markets, Surabhi Chauhan started her journey in the field of investing at the age of 17. She is the founder of WonderStocks, an investment advisory firm that help investors to create wealth through equity market. She is a Certified Investment Advisor.

Before starting WonderStocks in 2016, she has worked with JPMorgan Chase & Co, Kotak Securities and Alchemy Capital. She is actively involved with some financial start-ups to create financial literacy among females.

Taarini Kaur Dang is a 14-year old girl (ninth-grade student) in Silicon Valley and a Forbes Author. She is a Venture Fellow at SoGal Ventures which is world's first female millennial-led cross-border VC firm (NY, Singapore) investing in diverse startups. Taarini has created a Venture Capital firm called Dang Capital that invests in youth (below age 22) and female (any age) startups. She is also the Founder and CEO of Million Champs. She has created a chat show called 'Valley Teen Chat Show' to bring Entrepreneurship and Leadership lessons from stellar CEOs and VCs.

Taarini is the youngest person to win the Young American-Indian Award for her work in entrepreneurship. She has written a book (The Young Aspiring Entrepreneur).



**Taarini Kaur Dang**

CEO  
Dang Capital



## Tina Suzanne George

Associate Vice  
President - Finance  
Muthoot Capital  
Services

Tina is the eldest daughter of Promoter-Director of Muthoot Pappachan Group, Thomas George Muthoot. As an AVP with the Group's only listed entity, Muthoot Capital Services Ltd. (MCSL) she is already in the thick of things, leading MCSL's Corporate Lending as well as CSR Functions, for about a year now.

Before taking a lead role in Group's star performer, with MCSL being one of the fastest growing NBFC in the country, she has gone through a challenging stint of over 5 years, with various Indian & Global Financial Services & Consulting majors, viz., Deloitte, Haskins & Sells; S R Batliboi & Co. (part of E&Y) and B S R & Co. Tina is a qualified Chartered Accountant and has completed CFA Level 1.





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