

### **Amit Kansal**

Amit Kansal is a seasoned finance professional with over 22 years of experience in leading financial roles at top organizations, including Aditya Birla Capital, ICICI Bank, and Ernst & Young. At Aditya Birla Capital, he successfully conceptualized and led the Special Situations/Stressed Asset Platform, which included a notable joint venture with US-based Värde Partners. Additionally, he managed the Project & Structured Finance vertical for the North and East regions at Aditya Birla Finance, overseeing a range of high-profile projects. Amit possesses deep expertise across the credit spectrum, with a track record of managing investments from single-digit yield deals to high-IRR trades in asset reconstruction. A Rank Holder Chartered Accountant, he holds a degree from Shri Ram College of Commerce, further enhancing his industry credentials.

### **Vignesh Shankar**

Vignesh Shankar is a seasoned business leader with a proven track record in driving growth across multiple industries. Currently, as Executive Partner at Artha99 Investment Partners since 2021, he leads investment screening, deal structuring, and portfolio expansion. Previously, as Managing Director at Stanley Engineered Fastening India, he significantly boosted revenue from \$12M to \$50M and enhanced operating margins. At SBD Asia, he played a pivotal role in increasing revenue from \$140M to \$190M while spearheading the company's expansion into Electric Mobility and Medical Technologies. Vignesh is a Chartered Accountant and holds a Master's in Commerce from the University of Madras. He also serves as a Corporate Finance and Strategy lecturer at Amity Business School and is an experienced speaker on Mergers & Acquisitions.

### **Viral Berawala**

Viral Berawala is a seasoned investment expert with over 20 years of experience in the financial industry. He currently serves as Director at Buoyant Capital, bringing extensive expertise from his previous roles as Chief Investment Officer at Essel Mutual Fund and Reliance Nippon Life Insurance. Viral has also held key positions at Nippon India Mutual Fund and Tata Consultancy Services. With a background in diverse sectors including IT, Real Estate, FMCG, Oil & Gas, and Insurance, his investment acumen spans a wide array of industries. Viral holds a B.Com, is a Chartered Accountant, and has a postgraduate degree from IIM Ahmedabad. He is an active thought leader, regularly sharing his insights through investor memos, factsheets, and media interviews.

### **Dr. Bhasker Dasgupta**

Dr. Bhaskar Dasgupta is a seasoned board member, advisor, and investor with expertise in banking, markets, crypto, asset management, and technology. He advises regulated firms across the Middle East, India, and Europe and runs an Abu Dhabi-based foundation investing in funds, real estate, and startups. Previously, he played a key role in expanding Abu Dhabi Global Market, tripling AUM and making it the largest regulated crypto jurisdiction. He was also COO of UK Export Finance and held leadership roles at HSBC, ABN AMRO, and Citigroup. Dr. Dasgupta holds a BSc in Mathematics, an MBA in Finance, and three PhDs in Financial Modelling & AI, Terrorism and Politics, and Spice Food History.

## Susmit Patodia

Susmit Patodia is an Associate Partner at Antler India and a key member of the Global Capital team, leading investments in Fintech, Mobility, and Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI). A strong advocate for DPI in India, he actively authors articles, appears on podcasts, and fosters a thriving community through [buildonondc.com](https://buildonondc.com). Susmit began his career at Accenture Management Consulting before spending a decade at Motilal Oswal, where he held leadership roles in institutional equities and portfolio management. An alumnus of IIM Bangalore, he firmly believes in India's long-term economic growth and champions themes like "Antifragile investing," "Don't bet against India," and "Return to not normal but better." His insights on investing, particularly his 2020 article on Indian equities, have been widely recognized.