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THE DEFINITIVE LIST OF THE TOP 100 ASIANS IN UK TECH 2018





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Welcome to the fourth edition of the Top 100 Asian Stars in UK Tech list which showcases one hundred of the most inspirational Asian men and women working at the forefront of Britain's digital industries.

The 'FinTech' revolution, since this list was first published in 2015, has been transformational with many individuals at the forefront of innovative models of financial delivery; from financing for small businesses; peer-to-peer lending

Industry Sectors 2018

- 25% - Startup founders or co-founders
- 34% - Business
- 18% - Investors
- 16% - Creative Industries
- 7% - digital influencers and educational technology specialists

platforms and mobile cardless payment systems to alternative finance, blockchain applications and cryptocurrencies.

I am delighted that nearly 30% of the people featured are new to the list and at 28%, Asian women continue to be well represented across the digital and technology sectors. The geographic reach of the list extends to those who have a heritage from East Asia or South East Asia, in addition to those from South Asian countries. Although we have made some progress to achieving a broader regional representation on this list from all parts of the UK, there is still much to do.

The Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence, Augmented & Virtual Reality (AR/VR), 3D Visualisation, Gaming and Robotics have appeared numerous times in the profiles of individuals presented in this index as a result of including the Creative Industries as a new category in this year's list.

Britain loves its tech entrepreneurs; 25% of the list is made up of startup founders or co-founders and 34% are in the business category with more established enterprises; 18% are investors (including angel investors, accelerators, incubators and venture capitalists); and the Creative Industries stormed in at 16% of nominees with the remaining 7% made up of digital influencers and educational technology specialists.

The purpose of this list is to showcase the diversity and vibrancy of the tech sector and Asians who work within it. A job that could only be undertaken with the help of this year's stellar judges: **Professor Robin Bargar**, Director, Digital & Creative Industry Zone at the University of Salford; **Simon Calver**, Head of Investments, Ventures at BGF Ventures; **James Clark**, Head of Tech & Life Sciences, Primary Markets at the London Stock Exchange Group; **Jacqueline de Rojas CBE**, President of techUK and the chair of the Digital Leaders board; **Lord Jitesh Gadhia**, Chairman of CompareTheMarket.com; **Ling Ge**, Chief European Representative at Tencent; **Patrick Imbach**, Head of KPMG Enterprise's Innovative Startups team; **Dilip Joshi MBE**, Chair at Diversity UK [*Chair of the Judging Panel*]; **Mahesh Patel**, CFO at the Kamani Family Office; **Simone Roche**, Founder of Northern Power Women and **Helen Wang**, CEO of BGTA.

My thanks to all the sponsors of this list and to KPMG for sharing their knowledge of developments on the UK tech scene and suggesting many more nominees from all regions of the UK. A special thank you to Bina Mehta for her guidance and support.

Lopa Patel MBE
Founder & CEO - Diversity UK [List Curator]



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TOP 100 ASIAN STARS IN UK TECH 2018 JUDGING PANEL



Professor Robin Bargar, Director, Digital & Creative Industry Collaboration Zone - University of Salford

Robin Bargar has a creative and research background in computer music and sound synthesis, interactive media and virtual reality, including software development and systems integration for cross-media applications. In 2015 Robin joined University of Salford as founding Executive

Director of the Studio for International Media & Technology at MediaCityUK, with a joint appointment as Professor in the School of Arts & Media and the School of Computing Sciences & Engineering. He was recently named Director of the University's Digital and Creative Industry Collaboration Zone.

From 2011 to 2015 Robin was Dean of the School of Media Arts and Professor of Interactive Arts and Media at Columbia College Chicago. Prior to that, he was Dean of the School of Technology and Design and Professor of Entertainment Technology at City Tech, the College of Technology of the City University of New York from 2004 -2010. Trained as a composer and filmmaker, Robin was awarded a Doctor of Musical Arts from the School of Music, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, with related studies in computer graphics and computer science.



Simon Calver Head of Investments - Ventures, BGF Ventures

Simon Calver is the Head of Investments - Ventures at BGF Ventures, a £200m early stage venture company, investing in tech entrepreneurs across the UK. He grew up in the family business in Gloucester but followed a career in large blue chip companies such as Unilever, Pepsi and Dell. He returned to his roots leading early stage businesses as COO/President of Riverdeep

Plc and CEO of LOVEFiLM, the online DVD and Digital Entertainment Company, which he led for seven years up to its ultimate sale to Amazon Inc in 2011. He left to become Chief Executive Officer of Mothercare Plc, leading their transformation and digital turnaround plan. He is currently also Chairman of Moo.com and ChemistDirect.co.uk and advises and invests in technology and e-commerce businesses in the UK.



James Clark Head of Tech and Life Sciences, Primary Markets - London Stock Exchange Group

James Clark joined the London Stock Exchange Group in January 2016 in Business Development with a sector focus on the Technology and Life Sciences industries. James brings this sector focus to help startups and investors by demolishing the myths around public markets. James is based in

London but integrates with colleagues across Europe, Israel, Asia and the rest of the world.

Over nearly 20 years, James has developed a broad range of experience in marketing, policy and deep industry knowledge around venture funding and tech startups. In recent years, as a "one man think tank" at the British Venture Capital Association, James published policy research into the role of technology and innovation. His three major research papers Tech Country, The Missing Piece, and VC Evolved, looked at how early stage entrepreneurship interacts with sources of growth funding.

Alongside this work, James was a founding member of the Tech City UK Cluster Alliance as well as the founder of TLA Triage, a free advice service for startups under the auspices of Tech London Advocates. James has an MBA from Cass Business School in London and a BA in Political Science from Macquarie University in Sydney.



Jacqueline de Rojas CBE
President - techUK

Jacqueline de Rojas is the President of techUK and the chair of the Digital Leaders board. She sits as a Non-Executive Director on the board of UK technology business Rightmove plc; on the board of Costain plc, which is committed to solving the nation's Infrastructure problems; and was recently appointed to the board of the online retailer AO World plc. Jacqueline serves on the government's Digital Economy Council and is a supporter of the University Technical College in Newcastle.

In 2016 she entered the Computerweekly Hall of Fame after being voted Computer Weekly's Most Influential Woman in IT 2015; she was listed on Debretts 2016 500 People of Influence - Digital & Social and named in Europe's Inspiring Fifty most inspiring female role models for 2017. She was presented with the 2017 Catherine Variety award for Science and Technology and the 2018 Women in Tech Award for Advocate of the Year acknowledging her contribution to diversity. Jacqueline was awarded CBE for Services to International Trade in Technology in the Queen's New Year Honours list 2018.



Lord Jitesh Gadhia
Chairman - Compare The Market

Lord Jitesh Gadhia is Chairman of Compare The Market, the leading price comparison website for financial products and household services and Board Member of UK Government Investments, which is the centre of excellence for corporate finance and corporate governance for the UK Government, managing major assets including the Royal Bank of Scotland.

Jitesh was previously Senior Managing Director at Blackstone based in London and has over 25 years' investment banking experience, having also held senior positions at Barclays Capital, ABN AMRO and Baring Brothers. He has advised on a wide range of high profile M&A transactions across developed and emerging markets. Jitesh was appointed to the House of Lords in August 2016 and has previously served as a Trustee of Guy's & St Thomas' Charity and Nesta. He was selected as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum and was educated at Cambridge University and the London Business School.



Ling Ge
Chief European Representative - Tencent

Dr Ling Ge is Chief European Representative at Tencent. She leads the company's efforts in Europe, focusing on strategic investment and partnerships with technology startups, universities, government and industry around Europe. Ling received her doctorate in Quantum Computing at Oxford University, following which she became a Leverhulme Fellow and held various leadership roles at Imperial College London. She also serves as a board director / advisory board member for several venture capital and technology firms, providing expertise on areas such as AI, quantum computing and education.



Patrick Imbach **Head - KPMG Innovative Startups**

Patrick Imbach is Head of the KPMG Innovative Startups practice which is dedicated to helping early stage and high-growth technology companies succeed. They do this through providing specialist advice and introductions to contacts in the startup and technology ecosystem. Their remit includes advising companies on: successfully scaling their business; understanding which tax incentives might be available; corporate structuring; expanding internationally; accessing equity and M&A transactions. Furthermore they host a range of industry and networking events for the startup community and support a number of startup accelerator programmes through coaching or mentorship.

Patrick is a member of the KPMG Enterprise Global Innovative Startups Network. In this role, he is contributing to setting the strategy for KPMG's global initiatives as it relates to working with the innovation ecosystem, including entrepreneurs and fast growing venture backed companies. He is also member of KPMG's TMT leadership team in the UK. Patrick is a regular speaker at industry events and conferences as well as a regular commentator on the UK technology and venture capital ecosystem in the media. He holds an MBA and a doctorate in business administration from Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf, Germany.



Dilip Joshi MBE **Chairman - Diversity UK**

Dilip Joshi MBE is a seasoned professional with extensive senior level management experience who was awarded an MBE in June 2000 and the prestigious citation of 'Videsh Samman' for contributing to Indo– British understanding by the High Commissioner of India. He holds a Masters degree in Transport and Logistics Management and is a Fellow of Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport. Since 2012, he has been the Chairman of Diversity UK, a think tank on equality and inclusion.

Previously Dilip has coordinated the Hindu Council UK (HCUK) relationship with the Greater London Authority and Central Government and lead the HCUK drive in making private and public sector organisations more representative. Dilip is past chair of Asian Welfare and Cultural Association, Eastleigh and a special advisor to the chair of Ethnic Minority Business Group (EMBG). Prior to retirement he was an interim Strategic Adviser on Economic Development and UK-India International Trade relationships.



Lopa Patel MBE **Founder & CEO - Diversity UK**

Lopa Patel is a digital entrepreneur with significant experience of creating start-ups and transforming businesses through technology. The founder of two ventures in online media and a data-driven marketing consultancy, she is also skilled in working as a NED and as a Trustee of the Science Museum Group. She is the Founder & CEO of NewAsianPost.com, a news, business and entertainment website for the Asian Community which also publishes the annual Asian Power Couples list. Lopa is also the Founder & CEO of equality and inclusion think tank Diversity UK and curates the Top 100 Asian Stars in UK Tech list. She is an inspirational leader who has been recognised with accolades including an MBE for services to the creative industries in 2009 and the Queen's Award for Enterprise Promotion 2015. Lopa was listed in the Top 25 of the Smith & Williamson Power 100 2017 which shines a spotlight on those who actively support the entrepreneurial community in the UK. She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by The Open University in September 2017 for her efforts in promoting diversity and inclusion in science and technology, and her broader contribution to British industry, society and culture. She has recently been invited to become a judge for The Queen's Awards for Enterprise Innovation judging panel.



Mahesh Patel
CFO - Kamani Family Office

Mahesh Patel has been the Chief Financial Officer of The Kamani Family Office since March 2017. The Kamani Family are known for taking their “market stall” business in the 1970’s to becoming a leading fast fashion online retailer called Boohoo.com which is listed on the Alternative Investment Market on the London Stock Exchange. His current role involves managing the world wide private and business assets of the Kamani Family and conducting extensive commercial, legal and financial due diligence on proposed investments around global property, businesses and private wealth investments.

Mahesh qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1992 and joined a manufacturing ladies knitwear company in Moss Side. His career spanned nearly 25 years with this Group which ultimately became an online business known as Missguided.com. His roles within the extended b2b and b2c group were diverse including Group Financial Controller, General Manager, Finance Director and Managing Director. His primary role was to take the group global and he spent extensive time working in Amsterdam, New York, Dhaka, Hong Kong and Macau.



Simone Roche
CEO & Founder - Northern Power Women

Simone Roche is the CEO and Founder of Northern Power Women, a campaign to connect and engage with people about gender equality, and the Managing Director of events management company Events 1st. Simone started her career in the male-dominated military and then held roles at Aintree Racecourse, Blackpool Pleasure Beach, the Arena Convention Centre Liverpool and the Olympics. It was when she became the Director for a campaign supporting women in the hospitality, leisure, travel and tourism industry – and she was asked to be a champion for the Government Equalities Office – that gender equality grew to be her passion. When the International Festival for Business was held in Liverpool in 2014, Simone campaigned to include businesses’ role in promoting gender equality and developing talent, and held a sell-out event focused on the role women played in driving the economy. Since founding Northern Power Women in 2015, she has been harnessing ministerial support to promote positive change for women in business.



Helen Wang
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Helen Wang is the CEO of BGTA, a tech accelerator connecting the UK, US and China to promote open innovation through a global ecosystem. Helen previously had an investment banking career with a number of London based banks, including Deutsche Bank and JP Morgan. BGTA’s open innovation network includes world class investors, technology companies, academic organisations and government agencies to foster a full spectrum UK-China innovation ecosystem.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE TOP 100 ASIAN STARS IN UK TECH 2018

For inclusion in the Top 100 Asian Stars in UK Tech list, individuals must comply with the following eligibility criteria:

1. Individuals must be predominantly resident in the UK.

2. Individuals must be of East Asian, South Asian or Southeast Asian descent themselves or a descendent of any genealogical combination of these. The minimum requirement is 25% Asian heritage, i.e at least one grandparent must be/have been from East Asia, South Asia or Southeast Asia.

For the purposes of this list, the eligible countries comprise those of East Asia, South Asia and Southeast Asia and their dependent territories, including : Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, North Korea, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vietnam.

3. Individuals must be working in the digital and technology industries in the UK.

4. Each individual needs to be assignable to a primary category, e.g. investor.

The categories are

- Business (incl.B2B, B2C, edtech, fintech, healthtech, inventor, mentor, proptech, etc.)
- Creative Industries (incl. advertising, design, gaming, IoT, marketing, vod, streaming)
- Investor (incl. accelerator, incubator, angel investor, private equity, venture capital etc.)
- StartUps (any business that has started up in the past 5 years)
- Women

5. Each individual must be able to demonstrate:

- an executive level of seniority and reach within their organisation, e.g. CEO, CTO, CDO, CMO, COO or equivalent titles.
- impact – this can either be based on number of ventures started, awards won, books and papers published, investment raised, exits achieved, people helped etc.
- a significant level of innovation – this is strength of their business idea or scope of their strategy or plan.
- a substantial level of investment or growth in their business based on the funds raised beyond seed capital, loan or investment gained, and/or commercial partnerships formed.

- a significant level of influence – this is a subjective criterion and would be determined by their public profile, social media followers, TED talks, podcasts, vodcasts, white papers, conference speeches, seminars hosted etc.

Judging Process

The list is partly compiled and partly nominated with a two month nominations period prior to judging.

Judges, who are leaders in their fields, were asked to make their selections independently of each other with a casting vote by the Chair of the Judging Panel if required.

6. Judges were also asked to vote for the Top 5 in five categories, as follows:

- Top 5 Business (incl.B2B, B2C, edtech, fintech, healthtech, inventor, mentor, proptech, etc.)
- Top 5 Creative Industries (incl. advertising, design, gaming, IoT, marketing, vod, streaming)
- Top 5 Investors (incl. accelerator, incubator, angel investor, private equity, venture capital etc.)
- Top 5 StartUps (any business that has started up in the past 5 years)
- Top 5 Women

7. Judges were asked to declare any conflicts of interest and are excluded for consideration on the list.

8. The Chairman's Award is at the behest of the Chairman and is not open to nominations.

Chairman's Award Winners



Chairman's Award Winner 2017

Professor Shafi Ahmed - Chief Medical Officer, Medical Realities

Professor Shafi Ahmed qualified from Kings College Hospital Medical School in 1993, trained in London and obtained his specialist registration in general and colorectal surgery. He was appointed as a Consultant General, Colorectal and Laparoscopic Surgeon at Barts and the London NHS trust in 2007. Shafi Ahmed is also an Honorary Senior Lecturer and is the Associate Dean at Barts and the London Medical School. Shafi has been working on new technologies enhancing surgical education globally and he is currently the Chief Medical Officer at Medical Realities, an award winning business offering medical training products, specialising in virtual reality and augmented reality. Shafi followed up on his groundbreaking live-streaming of an operation using Google Glass in 2014, with another streamed operation using Snapchat Spectacles.



Chairman's Award Winner 2016

Shankar Narayanan - Head UK & Ireland, Tata Consultancy Services

Shankar Narayanan is the Head for UK & Ireland at Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), a role he has held since 2011. TCS is in IT Services, one of the country's leading digital employers with offices in more than 30 UK locations. These sites help to deliver digital projects for more than 150 TCS customers in the UK, including Boots, BT, Diageo, National Grid, Nationwide, NEST, Marks & Spencer, Thames Water and Virgin Atlantic. Shankar joined TCS in 1993 and has been with company for over 25 years, working with several of the top global 500 firms in consulting, advisory and leadership roles handling operations and management portfolios working in India, US, UK, Sweden and the Netherlands. He graduated from Birla Institute of Technology & Science, India in 1993, with an integrated Bachelor's degree in Electrical & Electronics and Master's degree in Physics.



Chairman's Award Winner 2015

Dinesh Dhamija - Founder & Chairman, Copper Beech

Dinesh Dhamija is one of the original UK tech entrepreneurs having founded one of Europe's most successful internet travel agencies, ebookers. After listing the company on the Nasdaq, sales at ebookers went from \$23 million in 1999 to \$1 billion in 2004. He sold ebookers in 2005 for \$471m from an initial investment of \$5million in 1999. Dinesh is now the Founder & Chairman of the Copper Beech Group, a company managing investments in sustainable education, ecotourism and real estate. Born in Australia in 1950, the son of an Indian Diplomat, Dinesh completed an MA in law at Fitzwilliam College at the University of Cambridge in 1974 after which he worked for various companies including IBM.

Chairman's Award

"In a rush to adopt the latest in technology, whether that is artificial intelligence (AI), deep learning, blockchain or cryptocurrency, what is often forgotten is the people who will benefit from it - us, the consumer. Diversity UK is a think tank focused on equality and inclusion. Indeed, we started the Top 100 Asian Stars in UK Tech list to create a platform to celebrate companies and individuals who embody the spirit of our endeavours. Neyber, a multi-award-winning financial wellbeing provider, is about access to fair finance for millions of UK employees delivered in an ethical and sustainable way. This year's Chairman's Award winner, Monica Kalia, who Co-founded the company and serves as its Chief Strategy Officer, is recognised for her Outstanding Contribution to FinTech".

Dilip Joshi MBE
Chairman - Diversity UK

Chairman's Award Winner 2018



Monica Kalia Co-Founder & Chief Strategy Officer - Neyber

Monica Kalia is the Co-Founder and Chief Strategy Officer of Neyber, a multi-award-winning financial wellbeing provider that helps UK employees to be better with their money. It has lent in excess of £100 million and is now available to a million employees across the UK. Neyber has been awarded 'Ethical Financial Services Provider of the Year' accolade at the Money Age Awards and won 'Benefits Innovation of the Year' at the Workplace Savings and Benefits Awards in both 2016 and 2017. Neyber was also rated in 2017 as being one of the hundred leading global Fintech companies by KPMG, in its yearly global assessment of the sector.

Monica is an accomplished senior executive with over 20 years' experience within the financial services sector who formerly ran the European bank's equity research team at Goldman Sachs. She is listed amongst the most influential women in Fintech by Innovate Finance's 2017 Women in Fintech Power List. In addition to this Monica is a member of the Board of Trustees for the UK's leading debt charity (StepChange), sits on the Strategy Group for the UK Fintech Sector Trade Body (Innovate Finance), sits on the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) Financial Services Council and advises the Government on Fintech Policy through her membership of the Department for International Trade's Fintech Trade and Investment Steering Group. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Finance from LSE and a CPE in Law from the College of Law, Guildford.

100 ASIAN STARS IN UK TECH 2018 - A-Z LIST

- Adil Abrar, Founder, Mastered
- Tushar Agarwal, Co-Founder & CEO, Hubble
- Navid Akhtar, CEO & Founder, Alchemiya Media
- Ijaz Akram, CTO, Velocity Black
- Imran Akram, General Partner, AXA Strategic Ventures
- Abdul Alim, Co-founder, Bidooh Ltd
- Ruhul Amin, Co-Founder & CTO - Onfido
- Jason Arora, Director of Value-Based Health Care, Medtronic
- Vic Arulchandran, Co-Founder & COO, Nivaura
- Saritha Arunkumar, Senior Security Architect, IBM UK
- Moneeb Awan, Founder & CEO, RezAid UK
- Hasan Bakhshi MBE, Executive Director, Creative Economy & Data Analytics, Nesta
- Faisal Butt, Founder & CEO, Spire Ventures
- Jaya Chakrabarti MBE, CEO, Tiscreport
- Vivian Chan, CEO & Co-Founder, Sparrho
- Amee Chande, Managing Director, Global Strategy & Operations, Alibaba Group
- Suryansh Chandra, Co-Founder, Automata Technologies
- Suranga Chandratillake OBE, General Partner, Balderton Capital
- Chelsea Chen, Co-Founder, Emotech
- Wai-chuen Cheung, Co-Founder & CTO, Klydo AI
- Reece Chowdhry, Founder, RLC Ventures
- Ajay Chowdhury, Partner & Managing Director, BCG Digital Ventures
- Rishi Chowdhury, Founder, Incubus Ventures & Momentum London
- Joyeeta Das, CEO, Gyana
- Samir Desai CBE, Co-Founder & CEO, Funding Circle
- Rajeeb Dey MBE, Founder & CEO, Learnerbly
- Alpesh Doshi, Managing Partner & CEO, Fintricity
- Gi Fernando MBE, Founder, Freeformers
- Faisal Galaria, Chief Strategy & Investment Officer, GoCompare
- Dhruv Ghulati, Co-Founder & CEO, Factmata
- Suran Goonatillake OBE, CEO, Biometrics
- Priya Guha, Ecosystem General Manager, RocketSpace
- Vishal Gulati, Healthtech VC, Draper Esprit
- James Gupta, Co-Founder & CEO, Synap
- Kish Hirani, CTO, Terra Virtua
- Katy Howell, CEO, Immediate Future Ltd
- Shaolan Hsueh, Founder, Chineasy
- Sukhi Jutla, COO & Co-founder, Market Orders
- Janthana Kaenprakhamroy, Founder & CEO, Tapoly
- Adam Kamani, CEO, KM Capital Investment
- Hussein Kanji, Partner, Hoxton Ventures
- Bindi Karia, Innovation Expert + Advisor, Super Connector
- Aneeqa Khan, CEO, Eporta
- Usman Khan, Co-Founder & CTO, Algomi
- Ilyas Khan KSG, Co-Founder & CEO, Cambridge Quantum Computing
- Rishi Khosla, Co-Founder & CEO, OakNorth Bank
- Herb Kim, Founder, The Thinking Digital Conference
- Tanya Laird, Founder, Digital Jam
- Sai Lakshmi, Co-Founder & CEO, Echo
- Lu Li, Founder & CEO, Blooming Founders
- Priyanka Lilaramani, Founder & CEO, Plinth.Tech
- Lewis Liu, Co-Founder & CEO, Eigen Technologies
- Manish Madhvani, Managing Partner, GP Bullhound
- Ishaan Malhi, Founder & CEO, Trussle
- Gee Mann, CEO and Founder, ibookedin
- Mahiben (Ben) Maruthappu, Co-founder & President, Cera
- Avi Mehra, Co-Founder & Managing Director, Doctorpreneurs
- Dharmash Mistry, General Partner, Lakestar
- Ankur Modi, Co-Founder & CEO, Status Today
- Shahzad Mughal, Co-Founder, Bidooh Ltd
- Vin Murria OBE, Founder, Advanced Computer Software Group
- Govin Murugachandran, Founder, Flynotes

Pae Natwilai, Founder & CEO, Trik

Rajeev Nayyar, Managing Director, FixFlo

Daniel Ng, CEO, CyberOwl

Huy Nguyen Trieu, CEO, The Disruptive Group

Madhu Nori, CPO & International Commercial Director, Yoti

Stephen Ong, Co-Founder, HubX

Ali Parsa, Founder & CEO, Babylon

Naveed Parvez, CEO, Andiamo

Amit Pate, Founder & CEO, Snaptivity

Ishani Patel, Co-Founder, Lantum (NHS Innovation Accelerator)

Neeta Patel, CEO, New Entrepreneurs Foundation

Yoge Patel, CEO, Blue Bear Systems

Sarat Pediredla, CEO, Hedgehog Lab

Anil Pillai, Executive Director - Digital, Native

Ashish (Ash) Puri, Investment Partner, TempoCap

Debu Purkayastha, Managing Partner, 3rd Eye VC

Asif Qasim, Founder & CEO, MedShr

Avin Rabheru, Founder & CEO, Housekeep

J P Rangaswami, Chief Data Officer, Deutsche Bank

Nishma Robb, Marketing Director, Google UK

Nikhil Shah, Co-Founder, MixCloud

Sheeza Shah, Founder & CEO, UpEffect

Nakul Sharma, Founder & CEO, Hostmaker

Bhavneet Singh, Founder & CEO, Sandbox Partners

Mandeep Singh, Co-Founder & CEO, Trouva

Rav Singh Sandhu, Founder & CEO, The Market Mogul

Reshma Sohoni, Partner & Co-Founder, Seedcamp

Anil Stocker, Co-Founder & CEO, Market Invoice

Vasanth Subramanian, Co-Founder & CTO, Acasa

Hiro Tamura, Partner, Atomico

Wendy Tan White MBE, Technology Investor & Adviser, BGF

Hitesh Thakrar, Partner, Syncona

Devika Wood, Co-Founder, Vidacare

Shanshan Xu, Co-Founder & CFO, Mucho by The Cook-In Company Limited

Li Yao, Founder & MD, QBots Technology

Zia Yusuf, Co-Founder & CEO, Velocity

John Zai, Founder & CEO, Cocoon Networks

Hongbin Zhuang, CEO & Co-Founder, Emotech

CHAIRMAN'S AWARD WINNERS

2018

Monica Kalia,
Co-Founder & Chief
Strategy Officer,
Neyber

2017

Professor Shafi Ahmed,
Co-Founder, Virtual
Medics

2016

Shankar Narayanan,
Head UK & Ireland,
Tata Consultancy
Services

2015

Dinesh Dhamija,
Founder & Chairman,
Copper Beech



TOP 5 ASIAN STARS IN UK TECH 2018

Presented in alphabetical order by surname



TOP 5 IN BUSINESS

1. Ruhul Amin, Co-Founder & CTO - Onfido
2. Samir Desai CBE, Co-Founder & CEO, Funding Circle
3. Gi Fernando MBE, Founder, Freeformers
4. Aneeqa Khan, CEO, Eporta
5. Ali Parsa, Founder & CEO, Babylon



TOP 5 IN CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

1. Navid Akhtar, CEO & Founder, Alchemiya Media
2. Abdul Alim, Co-founder, Bidooh Ltd
3. Suryansh Chandra, Co-Founder, Automata Technologies
4. Chelsea Chen, Co-Founder, Emotech
5. Dhruv Ghulati, Co-Founder & CEO, Factmata



TOP 5 INVESTORS

1. Suranga Chandratillake OBE, General Partner, Balderton Capital
2. Reece Chowdhry, Founder, RLC Ventures
3. Hussein Kanji, Partner, Hoxton Ventures
4. Reshma Sohoni, Partner & Co-Founder, Seedcamp
5. Hiro Tamura, Partner, Atomico



TOP 5 STARTUPS

1. Lu Li, Founder & CEO, Blooming Founders
2. Mahiben (Ben) Maruthappu, Co-founder & President, Cera
3. Daniel Ng, CEO, CyberOwl
4. Li Yao, Founder & MD, QBots Technology
5. Zia Yusuf, Co-Founder & CEO, Velocity



TOP 5 WOMEN

1. Vivian Chan, CEO & Co-Founder, Sparrho
2. Priya Guha, Ecosystem General Manager, RocketSpace
3. Ishani Patel, Co-Founder, Lantum (NHS Innovation Accelerator)
4. Reshma Sohoni, Partner & Co-Founder, Seedcamp
5. Wendy Tan White, Technology Investor & Adviser, BGF



Adil Abrar
Founder - Mastered

Adil Abrar is the co-founder of Mastered.com, a talent accelerator for the fashion and beauty industry. Working with some of the biggest names in the industry, Mastered has supported over 4,400 professionals from 95 countries through one of its 10 month online programmes. Previously Adil founded Sidekick Studios in 2009, a product design incubator. He was the co-Founder of Buddy, an SMS and web app enabling people with anxiety and depression to take control of their own condition. He also co-founded The Amazings, a marketplace for retired people to sell their experiences, skills and passions direct to their local community. Adil began his career in advertising, before spending three years at Amnesty UK on the team behind the Protect The Human Campaign. Adil was selected by The Observer as one of '50 new radicals making Britain a better place'.

Tushar Agarwal
Co-Founder & CEO - Hubble

Tushar Agarwal is currently Co-founder & CEO at Hubble (formerly Spacious) - an online marketplace for renting office space. He is an EF (Entrepreneur First) 2014 Cohort, selected as part of a group of 35 to found and build a high-growth technology startup and was selected as one of the top 100 students in the UK from 8,000 initial nominations in the FreshMinds 'One to Watch' 2010. An Economics Graduate of the London School of Economics, he previously worked as an Investment Banking Analyst at Greenhill & Co. specialising in Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A) for two years. Previous internship experience is in investment banking at Barclays Capital, RBS Global Banking and Markets and Morgan Stanley.



Navid Akhtar
CEO & Founder - Alchemiya Media

Navid Akhtar is the Founder and CEO of Alchemiya, a global streaming and Video-On-Demand (VOD) platform that showcases the best films, documentaries and lifestyle content from across the Muslim world. Launched in 2015, he has contributed to its successful growth, with paying customers in over 40 countries, and recent inclusion as an 'add on' channel on Amazon Prime.

He is an award winning Producer and Broadcast journalist, with over 20 years of experience in mainstream UK television and radio. During his time at the BBC he worked in both the arts and history departments, and advised senior management on diversity issues. He has also worked on a number of key Channel 4 strands including Channel 4 News and Dispatches, and for Independent producers such as Shed Media, SMG, Tiger Aspect, Mentorn and Chameleon TV.



Ijaz Akram **CTO - Velocity Black**

Ijaz Akram is CTO at Velocity Black, a London-based startup that is building the world's first digital members club, where he is responsible for technology, product and user experience. Velocity has raised over \$39 million from investors including Starwood Capital and DIG and has offices NYC, Barcelona, LA and Miami. Prior to this, Ijaz was Chief Technology Officer at Conde Nast owned Style.com (luxury e-commerce powered by machine learning) which was successfully acquired by FarFetch. Ijaz is based in London, a global technology leader with a proven track record of success within entertainment, streaming video, gaming, fashion, publishing & live events. He also sits on the Imperial college computing science board. He was global engineering leader for Amazon video (living room devices) and a founding member of their London based team, and prior to Amazon was a Principal at Microsoft Xbox. He holds a Master's in Computer Science from Newcastle University, where he held an ESPRC scholarship.

Imran Akram **General Partner - AXA Strategic Ventures**

Imran Akram is General Partner at AXA Strategic Ventures, a global technology venture capital firm. Prior to AXA Strategic Ventures, Imran Akram was a London-based Partner at DN Capital leading investments including Auto1 (used car marketplace) and Quandoo (restaurant reservations). His current and prior portfolio includes GoodData (SaaS BI), Currencyfair.com (foreign exchange), Wahanda (wellness marketplace), Innogames (online gaming and mobile gaming) and GlobalCollect (online payments). Imran received a First class degree in Engineering, Economics and Management from Christ Church College, Oxford University. He started working in Citigroup's European Securitization team, structuring financing for KKR's buyout of Tenovis, then did strategy consulting including commercial due diligence with Bain & Company in the London and Johannesburg offices. His private equity investment career started with General Atlantic and then he was part of the team that launched mid-market growth equity firm Fidelity Growth Partners Europe before joining DN Capital for their third fund.



Abdul Alim **Co-founder of Bidooh**

Abdul started his first business, offering dial-up Internet access, at the age of 18, and by 22 he was employing almost 500 people across four countries, with more than 100,000 customers. He now has 15 years of technical expertise under his belt, having worked as part of the team that built the London congestion charge payments platform. He is a co-founder of multi award-winning digital billboard advertising platforms OfferMoments and Bidooh which is a decentralized digital billboard service on the blockchain. OfferMoments is billboard software, which combines a blend of IoT, computer vision, augmented reality, artificial intelligence, machine learning, sentiment analysis, LiDAR long range facial recognition and big data that makes billboards change as people walk towards them in shopping centres and airports.



Ruhul Amin
Co-Founder & CTO - Onfido Background Checks

Ruhul Amin is the Co-Founder & CTO of Onfido which delivers next-generation background checks, helping businesses across the world verify anyone, anywhere. Powered by machine-learning technology, Onfido is the solution of choice for businesses seeking to verify identities and carry out adverse history searches at scale. Onfido works with over 1,000 clients globally including companies such as HelloFresh, TaskRabbit, Crowdcube and JustGiving. Ruhul previously worked with Mitsubishi UFJ Securities and Fidessa as an IT Analyst. He earned an MEng degree in Engineering Science from Oxford University.

Jason Arora
Director of Value-Based Health Care - Medtronic

Dr Jason Arora is a recognised health care leader with a focus on medical technology and value-based health care (VBHC). A graduate of Oxford and Harvard, Jason was named on Forbes' 30 under 30 Healthcare and Science List 2017 of 'the world's brightest young entrepreneurs, breakout talents, inventors and game-changers'. He is currently a Director of Value-Based Health Care at Medtronic - the world's biggest medical technology company. Alongside this role, Jason serves as a Global Health Expert at the World Economic Forum and Young Global Leader at the Centre for Health Care Innovation (CHI). Previously, Jason practised as a medical doctor in the UK before winning Fulbright and British University of North America Trust Scholarships to study public health in the USA. Here, Jason joined the International Consortium for Health Outcomes Measurement (ICHOM), helping it grow between 2014 - 2017, into a true global leader in health systems innovation.



Victor (Vic) Arulchandran
Co-Founder & COO - Nivaura

Vic is the cofounder and COO of Nivaura, a FinTech company authorised and regulated in the UK with MiFID and CASS approvals by the Financial Conduct Authority. Nivaura is the only company who have been a part of the FCA's regulatory sandboxes 1-3, are in the J.P. Morgan In-Residence program, and are Entrepreneurs in Residence at magic circle law firm Allen & Overy's Fuse tech innovation space. As well as automating the issuance of traditional financial instruments, in 2017 Nivaura automated the end to end issuance and administration of the world's first automated legally compliant cryptocurrency denominated bond - including the automated creation of the legal documents - cleared and settled on a public blockchain. In 2018 Nivaura automated the issuance of the world's first legally compliant Structured Product on a public blockchain and another through the clearing systems. Vic was among one of the youngest co-founders of a regulated investment banking company in the world at 29 years old, and made the list of the Top 100 Asians Stars in UK Tech 2017. Prior to investment banking, Vic completed a PhD in Mathematics at Brunel University and now sits on their mathematics department's board of industry advisors.



Saritha Arunkumar **Senior Security Architect - IBM UK**

Dr Saritha Arunkumar has 18 years of experience in the cyber security space with deep technical expertise in security design, solutions, architecture and governance and has become an expert and advisor on emerging solutions for identity and access Management (IAM), IoT Security, Biometrics and BlockChain. Her current role as a Security Leader at IBM UK includes a first of its kind cloud & blockchain project within the financial sector (9 banks across Europe) to form a digital trade finance platform. Previously she acted as Security Specialist for ITA, a research alliance between UK MOD, the US Army Research Lab and industry partners. She is a key contributor of the Biometrics Standards body SC37 and is the Fellow of British Computer Society (BCS). Saritha has a PhD in Mobile Security and an MBA in Operations Management.

Moneeb Awan **Founder & CEO - Rezaid (UK)**

Dr Moneeb Awan is Founder & CEO of Rezaid (UK), a Microsoft technology stack, software house, supplying quality and cost effective, bespoke development services for fast growing UK SMEs from its offices in Manchester, UK and Lahore, Pakistan. Prior to this he was the Managing Director at WorkMobile®, an award winning mobile data capture service that allows field staff to capture data in real-time through mobile forms running on users' mobile devices. He holds a BSc degree in Pharmacology from the University of Sunderland and a PhD in Biochemistry from University College London. He was the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, the largest chamber in the UK's first President of Pakistani origin.



Hasan Bakhshi MBE **Executive Director, Creative Economy & Data Analytics - Nesta**

Hasan leads Nesta's creative and digital economy policy and research. His work includes co-authoring the Next Gen Skills Review (2011) of the video games and visual effects industries which led to wholesale reforms of the ICT and computing curriculum in England's schools and The Future of Skills (2017), which gives policymakers and educators quantitative guidance on skills needs of the future workforce. Hasan has a particular interest in data and experimental research methods: in 2011, he devised the Digital R&D Fund for the Arts which was rolled out in a three-year partnership with Arts Council England and the Arts and Humanities Research Council and adopted in Wales and Scotland.

Prior to Nesta, Hasan worked as Executive Director and Senior International Economist at Lehman Brothers, and as Deputy Chief Economist at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. He has eight years' experience as an economist at the Bank of England and has also consulted for a number of organisations, including the European Commission, Film London and the British Film Institute. Hasan has a BA in Economics from Cambridge and an MPhil in Economics from the University of Oxford. He was awarded an MBE for services to the creative industries in the New Year's Honours List for 2015.



Faisal Butt
Founder & CEO - Spire Ventures

Faisal Butt is an entrepreneur and investor based in Mayfair, UK. His investment focus has a recurring theme in property, property services, and property related technology. Faisal is the Founder & CEO of Spire Ventures, a property focused private equity boutique, and Founder/Chairman of Pi Labs, Europe's first PropTech focused venture capital fund. Faisal's investment portfolio includes 20+ companies, spanning a diverse range of ventures including 90 North, a real estate investment management business with over £1bn assets under management; The Accouter Group, a furniture supply business; emoov, one of the UK's leading online estate agents; Trussle, the UK's first digital mortgage advisor; Hubble, an office space marketplace and PropTech fund, Pi Labs.

Faisal is a recipient of several noteworthy industry and academic awards, including the Estates Gazette Power List, the 40 under 40 award by Property Week, and Young Entrepreneur of the Year by Shell Livewire. Faisal is also a recipient of the Skoll Scholarship for social entrepreneurship, awarded by the University of Oxford. Faisal completed his Bachelors degree at UCLA in 1999 in Business Economics and Computer Science and earned an MBA with Distinction from the University of Oxford in 2009.

Jaya Chakrabarti MBE
CEO - TIScreport

Jaya Chakrabarti is a passionate advocate for engaging business with community through technology to improve people's lives, and was honoured with an MBE from the Queen in 2014's honours list 'For services to the Creative Digital Industries and the community in Bristol'. Jaya co-founded digital agency Nameless in 1999, which became one of the leading creative digital agencies in Bristol. Following her MBE, Jaya set her sights on tackling modern slavery using open data, bootstrapping her social enterprise TIScreport.org (Transparency In Supply Chains Report) to Nameless. TIScreport launched in 2016 and is now the world's largest anti-slavery register. Outside work Jaya has led projects on democratic engagement, net neutrality, education, privacy, protecting children, women's rights and human rights. As a member of Ofcom's Communications Consumer Panel, and as a DCMS Digital Economy Advisory Group member her reach extends nationwide. Jaya is also a Business Fellow at the University of the West of England.



Vivian Chan
CEO & Co-Founder - Sparrho

Dr Vivian Chan is a Co-Founder of Sparrho, a search and personalised recommendation engine for scientific documents, and serves as its Chief Executive Officer. Vivian drives the strategy, growth, and Sparrho's mission as it provides more personalised and effortless scientific discoveries. She served as the President & Chairman of CUTEC. Before venturing into the startup world, she completed her PhD at University of Cambridge and also worked in a venture fund in Australia. She was part of the inaugural Entrepreneur First cohort in 2012 and is also the Founding Partner of Silicon Fen Concepts, a consulting company, consisting of a globally distributed network of PhDs, MBAs, postdoctoral researchers from the University of Cambridge. Vivian was recognised in the MIT Tech Review 35 Under 35 2017.



Ameer Chande
UK Managing Director, Global Strategy & Operations - Alibaba

Ameer Chande was born in London, UK, but grew up in Vancouver, Canada, where she studied business and psychology at Simon Fraser University. She went on to do a Masters at the London School of Economics and did an MBA at Harvard Business School. Ms Chande's experience is wide ranging, including stints at Tesco, Walmart and McKinsey. Passionate about driving innovation and digital transformation within thriving organisations, she started working in London for Alibaba in 2015 and was appointed to the role of Managing Director responsible for Global Strategy & Operations in November 2016. Ameer is also a board member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts and a member of the Young Presidents' Organization.

Suryansh Chandra
Co-Founder - Automata Technologies

Suryansh Chandra co-founded Automata in 2015 after becoming frustrated at the expense and complexity of industrial robots while working at the research division at Zaha Hadid Architects. Automata's mission is to make robotic automation simple and affordable. Automata's first product is a plastic six-axis robotic arm called Eva, which weighs 2.3 kilograms and costs £5,000. Eva will also open up robotics for designers and small start-ups like themselves. Suryansh holds a Master's in Architecture and urbanism from the AA School of Architecture. He started his career as an Architect at the firm founded by the Pritzker prize-winning architect, the late Zaha Hadid.



Suranga Chandratillake OBE
General Partner at Balderton Capital

Suranga Chandratillake was CEO of blinkx, the San Francisco-based video search and advertising company which later became RhythmOne. In 2014, Suranga joined Balderton Capital, one of Europe's leading early stage technology venture capital firms with over \$2.5 billion under management, as General Partner. Prior to founding blinkx, Chandratillake held a variety of roles in technology, sales and marketing at Morgan Stanley, Netdecisions and Anondesign. He was also the US Chief Technology Officer of Autonomy Corporation, responsible for growing Autonomy's research and development division in the United States.

Named a Young Global Leader Honoree in 2009 by the World Economic Forum, Suranga has also been recognized as a leader in Science and Innovation by The Observer's Future 500 list. Suranga holds an MA in Computer Science, specializing in distributed processing architectures, from the University of Cambridge. He holds patents in the area of video discovery and online video advertising and was a 2012 recipient of the Royal Academy of Engineering's Silver Medal. In the 2018 New Year Honours list, Suranga was awarded an OBE for services to engineering and technology.



Chelsea Chen
Co-Founder - Emotech

Chelsea Chen is the Co-Founder of Emotech, an award-winning artificial intelligence startup based in London. Its mission is to redefine the relationship between humans and technology. Using innovative brain-inspired AI, Emotech is revolutionizing the way people interact with technology, introducing a new era of emotional intelligence. Emotech raised \$10 million in funding from Lighting Capital in 2016. Its flagship product Olly is the world's first robot with personality. In 2017 it became the first startup product to win CES innovation awards in 4 categories. Dedicated to altering human-technology interaction, Emotech believes robots should be proactive, clever and empathetic assistants who improve our individual lifestyles through efficient interaction. In 2017, Chelsea was invited to speak at Cannes and featured in the BBC documentary 'Invented in London'. Chelsea holds a Master's degree in Creative & Cultural Entrepreneurship from Goldsmiths, University of London.

Wai-chuen Cheung
Co-Founder & CTO - Klydo AI

Wai-chuen Cheung is the Co-founder and CTO of Klydo (formerly Metadrift) which applies next-generation machine learning to deliver moments of insight in our complex and changing world. A creative coder with 10 years programming experience, Wai-Chuen holds a Masters in Engineering from the University of Cambridge, an MA in Innovation Design Engineering from The Royal College of Art and an MSc in Innovation Design Engineering from Imperial College, London.



Reece Chowdhry
Founder - RLC Ventures

Reece Chowdhry worked as a Management Consultant at Ernst & Young and chartered as a Management Accountant before becoming a full-time entrepreneur and investor. Reece launched RLC Ventures which has transformed from an informal angel syndicate to a full-scale venture capital fund in just under three years. The company invests in seed-stage businesses within technology, proptech, fintech and technology for social advancement. Reece has invested in 14 start-ups, become a board member of five companies, and all the companies in which he has invested now have a combined value of £60m. RLC Ventures' portfolio has an average 8x on its last funding rounds of respective portfolio companies. Reece became the youngest ever investor to be profiled in The Sunday Times and is a mentor to the Mayor of London's Business Start-up Entrepreneurs Programme London and Partners





Ajay Chowdhury Partner and Managing Director at BCG Digital Ventures

Ajay Chowdhury is a global, experienced CEO with over twenty five years experience in mobile, e-commerce, digital media, digital retail and Government and strong functional expertise in sales, strategy development, product development and fundraising. He has significant board experience as Chairman and Non-Executive Director having served on the boards of Shazam, Seatwave, ComQi, Lionhead, Department of Culture Media and Sport, Arts Council London, Virtual Internet (LSE) and FairFX (LSE-AIM) amongst others. He has raised funding successfully for several companies and participated in selling various companies including Seatwave (to Ticketmaster), Lionhead (to Microsoft), Shazam (part sold to BMI) and Virtual Internet plc (to Register.com). Ajay is currently the Partner and Managing Director at BCG Digital Ventures which is an innovation, product development, venture and commercialization firm, set up by the Boston Consulting Group. A Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com.) graduate from Bombay University, Ajay completed his MBA in Finance from University of Pennsylvania - The Wharton School before joining management consultants Bain & Co.

Rishi Chowdhury Co-Founder - IncuBus Ventures & Momentum London

Rishi Chowdhury is the co-founder of Momentum London, which accelerates innovation between B2B startups and large enterprises. He is also the co founder of IncuBus Ventures which ran incubators and accelerators originally hosted on an iconic double decker London bus at the heart of the 'Silicon Roundabout'. IncuBus London sees the bus hired out by startups and corporates around the UK and Europe to make an impact via pop ups and events. Incube another IncuBus Ventures brand, is Space as a Service, marrying design and technology to support corporates and government organisations build the workplaces of the future, now. Previously Rishi founded YHP (Your Hidden Potential), which interviewed over 1,500 entrepreneurs in the UK including the founders of Transferwise, SBTV and Mind Candy in their early days. Prior to that Rishi was also part of the Huddle team that saw the company named as one of the fastest growing startups in Europe.



Joyeeta Das Founder & CEO - Gyana AI

Joyeeta Das is the Founder & CEO of UK-based AI startup Gyana, which is a big data based platform that provides insights on locations and people. This "game changing" technology was developed while Joyeeta was doing a Masters at Oxford University and leverages advanced AI algorithms working on 65 global data providers. It is being used by EY, Vodafone, Knight Frank, UK Ministry of Defence amongst many others.

Joyeeta has worked at Cisco, in Silicon Valley and has created 2 tech startups before. She holds a degree in Electronic Engineering as well as a degree in Physics from India and an MBA from Oxford University where she was awarded the Said Scholarship and also received a Fellowship from the Entrepreneurship Centre. Joyeeta is also an ambassador for Innovate UK's 'Women In Innovation,' initiative and represented UK in AI and Space tech diplomatic delegations in Canada, USA, Brazil.



Samir Desai CBE
Co-founder & CEO - Funding Circle

Samir Desai co-founded and is CEO of Funding Circle which launched in 2010. Funding Circle is a global lending platform where investors lend directly to small businesses in the UK, US, Germany and the Netherlands. Funding Circle has originated £3 billion + of loans to 40,000+ businesses creating an estimated 100,000 jobs. Investors on the platform include 72,000 individuals, institutional investors, local councils, universities, and government organisations including the British Business Bank, KfW (German state development bank) and the European Investment Bank. Samir is responsible for driving the company’s strategy, and overseeing Funding Circle operations globally. Funding Circle is one of the best capitalised platforms globally, having raised ~ £250 million from some of the worlds largest investors. Samir was previously a consultant at BCG and an investment executive at Olivant focused on financial services businesses. In 2015, Samir was awarded a CBE for services to financial services.

Rajeeb Dey MBE
Founder & CEO - Learnerbly

Rajeeb Dey is Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Learnerbly, a workplace learning platform powered by experts. Prior to this he founded Enternships, a portal which has connected students and graduates to internships and graduate jobs in over 7000 startups and fast growing businesses for which he was named the “O2 X Young Entrepreneur of the Year” and the youngest recipient of the Queen’s Award for Enterprise Promotion in 2013.



Rajeeb is also a Trustee of UnLtd, the Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs, and was recognised as one of the 1,000 Most Influential People in London by The Evening Standard. He graduated with First Class Honours in Economics and Management from the University of Oxford in 2008 and was appointed as the world’s youngest Young Global Leader (at 26) by the World Economic Forum in 2012. He was appointed Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE) in the Queen’s 90th Birthday Honours List in June 2016 for services to Entrepreneurship.



Alpesh Doshi
Managing Partner & CEO - Fintricity

Alpesh Doshi is an entrepreneur focused on delivering innovation and ventures in blockchain, AI and digital transformation. His company Fintricity provides innovative thinking, programme/project management, architecture, software development and implementation to help enterprises build and deliver new business models and revenue streams or transform their business. A MEng (Hons), Computer Systems and Software Engineering graduate from the University of York he started his career as an analyst developer and has worked at Barclays, Commerzbank, Rabobank, and UBS before co-founding Fintricity in 2001. In 2008, he also co-founded Redcliffe Capital, a boutique consulting and investment firm.



Gi Fernando MBE **Founder - Freeformers**

Gi Fernando is an engineer, social impact entrepreneur and investor, who founded Freeformers in 2012 having previously built successful technology businesses, including Techlightenment (sold to Experian Plc). The father-of-three received an MBE in the New Year Honours 2017 for services to the Digital Economy. A thought-leader on the Future of Work, Behavioural Change and the impact of Automation and AI on employment and society, Gi holds positions on various boards including Apps for Good, Duke of York IDEA and Craft.co. He also invests in innovative startups such as Technology Will Save Us, BookingBug, Citymapper and Playmob. In September 2017, Gi was named Entrepreneur of the Year at the Asian Achievers Awards.

Faisal Galaria **Chief Strategy & Investment Officer - GoCompare.com**

Faisal Galaria is a business leader with over 20 years of experience of leading and growing some of the world's most loved consumer technology companies including Spotify, Kayak and Skype. He has been successful in driving growth, leading transformational change, building game changing partnerships and delivering rapid international expansion. Faisal is currently the Chief Strategy and Investment Officer at Gocompare, having joined to help lead the demerger of Gocompare from esure and subsequent flotation in November 2016. He was previously a Venture Partner and Entrepreneur-in-Residence at Octopus Ventures. He led the digital transformation of private equity backed corporates including Travelocity, HMV, Lastminute.com, OLX and ProSiebenSat1, in his capacity as a Managing Director at Alvarez & Marsal. Faisal started his career in wireless and Internet consulting at Arthur Andersen and was a member of Cluster Consulting, which was acquired by Diamond Technology Partners for \$930 million in 2000. He graduated from the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology with a Bachelor's degree in Management Sciences. He also holds an MBA from IESE in Spain.



Dhruv Ghulati **Co-Founder & CEO - Factmata**

Dhruv Ghulati is co-Founder of Factmata, an artificial intelligence startup solving the problem of factual misinformation on the internet. In February 2018, Factmata closed a \$1 million seed funding round to help build its platform to fix the problem across various aggregating platforms. He started his career in financial structuring. Dhruv launched a data product business at import.io, and was an early co-founder at London based artificial intelligence startup Weave.ai. Dhruv and his co-Founder went through Techstars, the global technology accelerator, and Entrepreneur First, Europe's top deep technology accelerator programme. Dhruv has a Masters in Computer Science from UCL, with a focus on machine learning, full stack development and data science and he also won the UCL Computer Science App Award for Excellence and Dean's List Award. Dhruv was named in the Forbes 30 Under 30 in Technology 2018.



Suran Goonatilake OBE
Co-Founder & CEO - Bodymetrics

Suran Goonatilake OBE is a Sri Lankan born British entrepreneur. He is the CEO and co-founder of Bodymetrics, a company that grew out of body-scanning research at University College London. As a PhD student at UCL, Suran co-founded a Big-Data company called Searchspace (renamed Fortent and then acquired by Actimize) whose software is used by global banks and the London Stock Exchange. In May 2005 Searchspace was acquired by Warburg Pincus, a buyout fund. Suran also co-founded the Centre for Fashion Enterprise, a non-profit initiative that finances and nurtures high-growth fashion designers in London. He was educated at Royal College Colombo and the University of Sussex. He completed his higher studies at the University College London gaining his PhD. In 2005, Suran was made an officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the Queen's birthday honours list for his services to Entrepreneurship.

Priya Guha
Ecosystem General Manager UK - RocketSpace

Priya Guha is Ecosystem General Manager for RocketSpace, a San Francisco HQ-ed company that helps tech entrepreneurs, high-growth startups and corporate innovators bring the future to market. RocketSpace's UK campus opened June 2017. Priya was a career diplomat who was most recently posted as British Consul General to San Francisco where she focussed on transatlantic tech and entrepreneurship. As the first female British Consul General, Priya used her platform to support women in business, including initiating annual delegations of UK female tech entrepreneurs to Silicon Valley. Priya is also an Advisor to Merian Ventures, a VC firm that invests in women-led innovation, a Member of UKRI's Innovate Council and is on the Advisory Board of Tech London Advocates. Priya studied at Christ's College, Cambridge, and joined the Foreign Office in 1996.



Vishal Gulati
HealthTech VC - Draper Esprit

Dr. Vishal Gulati is a leading VC in healthtech, omics and synthetic biology. His investments include Clue, PushDr, Lifesum, Ieso Digital Health, Fluidic Analytics, Horizon Discovery, Evonetix, Kheiron Medical, Repositive, Mimi Hearing Technologies, Quit Genius, MyRecovery and Project Sapien. In addition to his role at Draper Esprit, he is chairman of Digital Health Forum and serves on Innovate UK's Major Award Committee. Vishal also mentors first time founders who are leaving academic careers to start technology businesses. Prior to this Vishal worked at Atlas Ventures, The Wellcome Trust and Radiant Capital. Vishal received his postgraduate medical training at NDM, Oxford and St. Mary's Hospital in London as a Rhodes Scholar.



James Gupta Co-Founder & CEO - Synap

Synap is a mobile and web app, founded by medical students James Gupta and Omair Vaiyani, that allows students and professionals to prepare for exams by taking quizzes that are developed by other members of the Synap community. The app, already used by medical students at Oxford and business students at the London School of Economics, uses AI algorithms to tailor lessons and revision schedules for individual students. It has been listed as one of the 10 British AI startups to look out for in 2016 by Business Insider magazine. After closing a £200,000 seed round in October 2015, the duo launched in September 2016 and are looking for premium content partners to work with. James holds an MSc in Health Informatics and qualified as a doctor from the University of Leeds in 2017. He is also a Director of Doctorpreneurs, the global community for medical entrepreneurs.

Kish Hirani CTO - Terra Virtua

Kish Hirani is the CTO of Terra Virtua, an entertainment-focussed VR world combining Netflix-style subscriptions for VR games with all assets and transactions secured on the blockchain. He started in the video games industry in 1996 as a programmer after graduating with a Masters in Computer Science from Edinburgh University, moving to technical leadership roles at notable development studios and publisher houses (Acclaim, BBC, THQ) for the first half in the industry. He then moved over to platform-holders starting with Microsoft and soon after to Sony as the Head of Developer Services, running the PlayStation developer technology services division. He left Sony in 2015 after achieving his personal goal of making the technology and platform more accessible and approachable to developers and middleware partners and is now the CTO at Terra Virtua. He has also been the Chair of BAME in Games and a Board member of Women in Games, two advocacy groups that exists to encourage more diverse talent working in the games and the wider entertainment industry.



Katy Howell CEO - Immediate Future

Named the 4th most influential social media marketing expert by The Drum, Katy Howell is CEO at social media agency Immediate Future. With over 20 years' industry experience, Katy Howell is renowned for her insight and knowledge of online PR and social media. She regularly appears on BBC news and programs on TV and radio and is billed as an authority on social marketing having co-authored 3 books on social. Now in its 14th year, her agency Immediate Future works with brands including; Fujitsu, Thomson Reuters, the Post Office, IBM, Selfridges, Staples Europe, Google, Diageo, JD Williams and Sony Music, among others and ensures companies harness the value of social media. A BSc Genetics and Plant Sciences graduate from the University of Leeds, she was Head of Marketing BMP DDB before founding Immediate Future in 2004. She guest lectures at Kingston University and UCL, and mentors young women at the Southbank Centre's Women of the World week.



Shaolan Hsueh
Founder - Chineasy

ShaoLan Hsueh is the founder and creator of Chineasy which she launched after a well-received TED Talk in Long Beach, California in 2013. In just over five years, Chineasy has become the leading brand in Chinese learning. It is loved by millions of followers worldwide and growing strongly. Her first book Chineasy, The New Way to Read Chinese was launched in March 2014 and is translated into 19 languages. The second book, Chineasy Everyday, was launched in spring 2016. The latest book is Chineasy for Children, a lively illustrated book introducing children to their first 100 Chinese words. Chineasy has become a showcase by many on how to use design and technology to solve large-scale problems.

ShaoLan is a tech entrepreneur with extensive business experience in Asia and Europe. She co-founded pAsia Inc, one of the major players on the Internet in Asia in 1990's. After a second Master's degree from the University of Cambridge, she began Caravel Capital in 2005 to advise young tech companies. Her aim with Chineasy is to help people understand China, Chinese culture, its language and to bridge the gap between East and West.

Sukhi Jutla
Co-Founder & COO - Market Orders

Sukhi Jutla left a decade of corporate life to become a serial entrepreneur and author. She is now the Founder & COO of Market Orders, the online global marketplace for the gold jewellery trade industry. Sukhi is the author of 3 books: Escape The Cubicle: Quit The Job You Hate, The FinTech Book & Blockchain For Books. As a Female Techpreneur Ambassador, Sukhi is a regular speaker at conferences, passionate about supporting female entrepreneurship, a mentor and judge at various accelerator and startup programs and an IBM Blockchain Foundation Developer. She is particularly passionate about technology, entrepreneurship, increasing the number of women represented in both, from entry-level to board-level and has spoken at numerous conferences on technology, blockchain, entrepreneurship, raising start-up finance, investing, being a female founder and women in technology. Sukhi was a finalist in the Asian Women of Achievement Awards (2018), a celebration of leading British Asian women who are helping to shape a better Britain with their ideas, example and talent and made global headlines when she became the World's First #1 Bestselling 'Blockchain' Author.



Janthana Kaenprakhamroy
Founder & CEO - Tapoly

Janthana Kaenprakhamroy is one of the Top 10 Insurtech Female Influencers as ranked by The Insurance Institute. She is the Founder & CEO of Tapoly, the first on-demand insurance platform for the gig economy in Europe, as seen in the Top 100 European Fintech Awards 2017. A Chartered Accountant (FCCA) and former investment banking professional, she worked for ECM Asset Management Limited, BNP Paribas, Deutsche Bank and UBS before setting up Tapoly in 2016. Janthana is also the co-author of the InsurTECH Book.



Adam Kamani CEO - KM Capital Investment

Adam Kamani is CEO at KM Capital Investment and launched the KM Capital fund in 2017, investing in young, dynamic companies, mainly focusing on tech startups. Adam is also co-founder of fast growing online fashion brand, prettylittlething.com. KM Capital backs exceptional teams with the ambition to grow big businesses that can transform or dominate an industry. It has currently invested in companies including a Babysitting App, a Virtual Click & Collect Solution and a Spotify Model for Sheet Music with Investments leveraged against existing inhouse brands like Boohoo, Prettylittlething, Nasty Gal, Boohooman and The Lad Bible which enables the fund to add value and fast track growth.

Hussein Kanji Partner - Hoxton Ventures

Hussein is a founding partner of Hoxton Ventures, a European venture capital firm based in London. The firm was founded in November 2013 with a \$40 million fund, and has made 19 investments to date, which now have a collective market capitalization of \$3.7 billion. Hussein currently represents Hoxton on the boards of Babylon Health, bd4travel, Behavox, Darktrace, TourRadar and Yieldify, and previously served as a board observer of Deliveroo.

Hussein is also an angel investor in Bea's of Bloomsbury, GoCardless, Halo Neuroscience, Popxo, Signpost and Yieldify. He also helped Eros International (NYSE:EROS) build its digital strategy and launch Eros Now, its online video platform. Formerly, Hussein was an associate at Accel Partners, where he focused on consumer internet, financial technology and software investments. He helped invest in OpenGamma, Playfish (acquired by EA) and Dapper (acquired by Yahoo). Hussein joined Accel from Microsoft Corporation where he was a platform planner, product manager and senior manager. Hussein holds an MBA from London Business School, and did his undergraduate studies in Symbolic Systems at Stanford University.



Bindi Karia Innovation Expert + Advisor, Super Connector

Bindi is incredibly passionate about all things startup in Europe and as a result, has worked in and around technology startups for most of her career. As a Consultant (PwC Consulting), as a Corporate (Microsoft BizSpark /Ventures), as a Startup employee (Trayport), as an Advisor (Startup Europe, Startup Weekend Europe, Tech London Advocates), as a Connector (GQ UK, the IoD and Evening Standard have all recognised this) and until recently, as their Banker (Silicon Valley Bank). She joined Silicon Valley Bank as European Vice President II from 2013 - 2015, where she focused on building out SVB's early stage banking efforts in Europe. From 2008-2012, she lead BizSpark in the UK (now Microsoft Ventures). She's an active mentor at top London Incubators including Seedcamp, TechStars, Startupbootcamp, WAYRA, JLab, Microsoft Ventures & Level39. She currently sits on the Advisory Boards of five startups and one Venture Debt fund, as well as Digital Advisory Board of ShopDirect plc (£1.9bn t/o business), the Advisory Boards of European Innovation Council, Startup Europe (EU), Tech London Advocates. She is an ambassador for Innovate Finance and just finished a term as trustee for TechStars Startup Weekend Europe.



Aneeqa Khan
CEO - Eporta

Aneeqa Khan is CEO at Eporta, a B2B marketplace for furniture and home furnishings listing over 700 brands. Eporta was founded in September 2014 and was backed by investors including Robin Klein (Index Ventures), Ed Wray (Betfair Founder), Simon Kain (Zoopla Founder), Guy Hands (Terra Firma Founder) and Rohan Backer (sofa.com Founder), amongst others. In April 2018, Eporta raised \$8 million in Series A funding from five investors including Canvas Ventures, Oxford Capital Partners, LocalGlobe, Samos Investments and Talis Capital. Aneeqa began her career in private equity with Epic, Terra Firma Capital Partners and CVC Capital Partners, before becoming head of strategy at Zoopla, where she successfully oversaw the company's IPO to achieve a roughly £1bn exit. She holds a Master's degree in Politics, Philosophy & Economics from The University of Oxford and was named in the Management Today '35 Women Under 35' list in 2016.

Usman Khan
Co-Founder & CTO - Algomi

Usman Khan is Co-Founder & CTO at Algomi, a bond information network that enables all market participants to securely and intelligently harness data to make valuable financial trading connections. Algomi, won the prestigious Financial News Award for Most Innovative Trading Technology 2014. It was named as one of 25 hot companies to follow in Europe and won a place on Tech City's Future Fifty Programme. Usman was named one of the 40 under 40 rising stars of trading and technology by the Wall Street Journal eFinancial news in 2014 and 2015. Before co-founding Algomi, Usman's background spans managing various e-business solutions at UBS for a number of years, where Usman spotted a niche in the FinTech space and invested resources to create a client-to-client dark pool trading platform for fixed income, which was successfully rolled out globally in partnership with a large investment bank. Usman sits on the board of a number of technology startups, including Cognism and Avisua, where he offers management and strategic technology advice. Usman holds a BSc in Computer Science and Mathematics from Queen Mary University of London.



Ilyas Khan KSG
Co-Founder & CEO - Cambridge Quantum Computing

Ilyas Khan is the CEO and Co-Founder of Cambridge Quantum Computing (CQC) headquartered in Cambridge and with a presence in London, in Europe, the USA and Hong Kong. CQC is the world's leading independent quantum algorithm and software developer and also has a strong focus on cryptography and AI. Prior to establishing CQC, Ilyas was the founding partner of Accelerate Cambridge, the University of Cambridge Judge Business School's highly successful accelerator programme where he is also the Leader in Residence. Ilyas is also the Chairman of The Stephen Hawking Foundation. He is a regular and extensive writer, commentator and speaker on topics relating to quantum computing and free will in the context of quantum information, and has a long-standing interest in the foundations of mathematics and category theory. He is a Life Member of the American Mathematical Society.



Rishi Khosla **Co-Founder & CEO - Oak North Bank**

Rishi Khosla is a British-Indian serial entrepreneur, the Co-Founder and CEO of OakNorth Bank, a digitally-led bank focused on lending to growth businesses and entrepreneurs. OakNorth has become the first of the UK's challenger banks to report an annual profit, recording a pre-tax gain of £10.6m after its second full year of operations, it was announced in March 2018. OakNorth tripled the size of its loan book over the period, to £851.5m, while customer deposits more than doubled to £491m. Rishi is also the co-founder of Acorn Machine, a fintech platform that is unlocking the underserved and underestimated complex SME lending market globally, by leveraging AI and machine learning to make a previously unprofitable market segment, highly attractive.

Rishi is also an active venture investor and has provided early stage funding to two multi-billion dollar companies – Indiabulls and PayPal. His entrepreneurial success and commercial acumen won Rishi the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 2011. Prior to founding OakNorth Bank, Rishi's most recent venture was Copal Amba (co-founded in 2002 with Joel Perlman), an outsource research business for investment banks, which was fully acquired by Moody's Corporation in 2014, after growing to nearly 3,000 employees. Rishi has a Bachelor's degree in Economics from University College London and a Masters in Accounting & Finance from the London School of Economics.

Herb Kim **Founder - The Thinking Digital Conference & TEDx Manchester**

Originally from Brooklyn, NY, Herb is best known as Founder of the long-running Thinking Digital Conference. Thinking Digital celebrated its 10th Anniversary in 2017 where it has run every May since 2008 in the Sage Gateshead. In addition to Thinking Digital, Herb is the founder of the TEDx conferences in Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield and Newcastle. Herb's TEDx events are amongst the highest-rated TEDx events across the world. Overall, Herb has curated and produced over 40 conferences with audience as large as 60,000. In addition, Herb was formerly a Board Director for Tech City UK and was the Founding Chairman for Tech North. He is a Board Trustee for the Sage Gateshead and a Governor for the Liverpool Life Sciences UTC. Herb earned his MBA from the Wharton School of Business and his undergraduate degree from Princeton University. He moved to the UK in 1997 and currently resides on the Wirral and his company is based in Gateshead.



Tanya Laird **Founder - Digital Jam**

Tanya Laird is the Founder of Digital Jam and the host of the Digital Jam Sessions, which have been on the leading and creative edge spanning games, film, TV, comics, music, immersive theatre, theme parks and Transmedia. As the creator of the the VR Writers Room and the co-organiser for the world's largest VR & AR meetup group "Augmenting Reality", Tanya brings together thought leaders and experts to share key findings with the wider VR community, develop methodologies and establish unified terminologies across industries. Digital Jam reaches 17.5 million international businesses, innovators, creators and new startups across the entertainment, technology and startup industries. Tanya is Vice Chair of the BAME in Games networking group; a board member of the British Games Institute and Co-Chair of the Immerse UL content group and immersive technology ambassador for ESL UK.



Sai Lakshmi
Co-Founder & CEO - Echo

Dr Sai Lakshmi is the Co-Founder & CEO of healthcare startup Echo. The startup, which has been backed with £9.2 million by White Star Capital, MMC Ventures LocalGlobe and Global Founders Capital, has built an app that aims to help patients on long-term medication to manage their prescriptions. Echo is a mobile app that helps users order their prescription medicines via their GP and have them delivered to their door. Sai worked as a business development manager at Apple for three years, and has also worked at Arma Partners and Bain & Company. He has a DPhil in Engineering Science from the University of Oxford, as well as a Masters in Engineering from Imperial College, London.

Lu Li
Founder & CEO - Blooming Founders

Lu Li is the Founder of Blooming Founders, a London-based company that supports female founders with a holistic approach. Blooming Founders provides flexible and affordable access to workspace, educational experiences and introduces new opportunities to female founders through events, content and a global professional network with over 3000 members. Lu is the UK ambassador of Women's Entrepreneurship Day, a judge at the MassChallenge accelerator, a mentor at the Google Launchpad accelerator and part of the Techstars community leadership team. She has also published the book 'Dear Female Founder', now globally available on Amazon and Kindle. In her previous corporate career, Lu has launched FMCG products for Procter & Gamble across Western Europe and has worked on several consulting projects for McKinsey, BMW and T-Mobile. She holds an MBA from the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Bavaria.



Priyanka Lilaramani
Founder & CEO - Plinth

A pioneer in digital finance, listed in UK Women in FinTech Powerlist 2017, Priyanka Lilaramani has been a driving force and a change agent at the confluence of technology and finance much before the era of FinTech caught on. Previously an Executive Director at Goldman Sachs and with extensive international experience, Priyanka made the switch to the startup world in 2017 with her venture Plinth.Tech. At Plinth, Priyanka and her team are working to build more efficient private capital markets. Leveraging the power of blockchain, smart contracts and open banking, the Plinth platform is poised to be a truly innovative and revolutionary product. She holds a Master's degree in Information Systems and Management from Carnegie Mellon University, USA, and an MBA in Finance and General Management from the New York University Leonard N. Stern School of Business.



Lewis Z Liu **Co-Founder & CEO - Eigen Technologies**

Dr Lewis Liu co-founded Eigen Technologies in late 2014. Having started his career as a consultant at McKinsey & Company in London, he then founded and led the Quantitative Finance & Strategies Division for Aleron Partners LLP, a boutique private equity advisory firm. He is also a former Senior Advisor to Linklaters LLP. Lewis holds a Doctorate in Atomic & Laser Physics from the University of Oxford. During his studies at Oxford, Lewis invented a new class of X-ray laser, and the mathematics behind this invention was later abstracted into Eigen's core technology. Lewis received Harvard's first Joint Bachelors in Fine Arts and Physics, as well as a Masters in Theoretical Physics, during which he conducted antihydrogen research at CERN.

Manish Madhvani **Managing Partner - GP Bullhound**

Manish Madhvani is a Co-Founder and Managing Partner of GP Bullhound, an international technology investment banking group with offices in London, San Francisco, Stockholm, Berlin and Manchester. Since 1997 he has executed M&A and capital raising transactions involving some of the best known global internet, software and media companies including: Spotify, King.com, The Telegraph, WPP, Concentrix, Fjord, eCommera, Handbag, Hearst Corporation, Accenture, News Corp and Experian. Manish who was selected as one of the top 40 dealmakers globally by M&A Advisor, started his career with Barclays Capital Private Equity team. He has advised the Treasury on Entrepreneurship and, graduated from Southampton University with an LLB in Law and an MA in Marketing. Manish is currently currently an ambassador for London Tech Week & the International Festival of Business, Chairman of the Investor Allstars and Media Momentum judging panels and is a regular speaker at conferences including Digital Hollywood, The Global E-commerce Summit, TiE, Internet World, Red Herring, BVCA and EVCA.



Ishaan Malhi **Founder & CEO - Trussle**

Ishaan Malhi is Founder & CEO of Trussle, the UK's first online mortgage adviser. Launched in 2015, Trussle aims to disrupt the mortgage market by comparing and tracking thousands of mortgage products from over 90 lenders to find the most suitable one for its customers. In 2018, Trussle closed a £13.6m funding round led by Goldman Sachs PSI and Propel Venture Partners, with participation from Finch Capital and Seedcamp. Ishaan holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Bristol University and was previously an Entrepreneur In Residence at Playfair Capital, working with, for, and investing in early-stage tech companies. Before that he spent 2 years at Merrill Lynch working on over 15 private and public Mortgage and Real Estate transactions across Europe.



Gee Mann
CEO & Founder - iBookedin

Gee Mann is the Founder & CEO of iBookedin, the first global distribution system for meetings and events space that allows customers to search, compare and book. Founded in 2015 in London, the British B2B SaaS startup has partnered with Oracle Hospitality and IATA in order to work directly with hotel and venue chains and now has over 20000 spaces catering for functions from meetings, weddings to conferences. It aims to bring small meetings online. A piping designer by profession, Gee holds an HNC in Process Plant Engineering.

Mahiben (Ben) Maruthappu
Co-Founder & President - Cera

Mahiben (Ben) Maruthappu is a London-based doctor and Co-founder of Cera, a multi-award winning technology startup transforming social care. He advised the CEO of NHS England on £100 billion of health spending, and co-founded the NHS Innovation Accelerator (NIA), which spreads proven technologies across the health service, benefitting 3 million people in its first six months. He has a strong interest in research with over 100 peer-reviewed publications and 50 academic awards. Mahiben has advised a range of organisations, from startups to multilaterals, including the Swiss government, the Experiment Fund and the WHO. He is Chairman of the UK Medical Students' Association (UKMSA), and has authored three medical books. Mahiben was educated at Oxford (BM BCh, Clinical Medicine), Cambridge (MA, Medicine) and Harvard University (Kennedy Scholar on Health Policy). He was the first person from British healthcare to be included in Forbes' 30 under 30' 2017; was listed in WIRED's Top 10 Innovators in Healthcare, and recently ranked amongst the 100 most influential leaders in health technology, globally.



Avi Mehra
Co-Founder & Managing Director - Doctorpreneurs

Dr Avi Mehra, a graduate of Imperial College School of Medicine, is the Co-Founder & Managing Director of Doctorpreneurs, a global not-for-profit community for doctors, medical students and individuals interested in healthcare innovation and entrepreneurship. With a clinical background in general medicine, Avi previously worked as trainee in the NHS and in private practice for the Centre for Health and Human Performance, at 76 Harley Street. He is also a graduate of Imperial College Business School (BSc Management) and has experience working across international markets for Bupa and IBM with a focus in digital health innovation, technology implementation, healthcare service redesign and new product/service development. In 2016, Avi joined IBM Watson Health as a Clinical Implementation Specialist, where he is responsible for driving the implementation, adoption and evolution of IBM Watson Health cognitive solutions across healthcare systems, globally.



Dharmash Mistry **General Partner - Lakestar**

Dharmash Mistry is a VC, entrepreneur and experienced NED. He is currently a General Partner at Lakestar, one of the leading VC firms in Europe, investors in Spotify, Facebook, Airbnb, amongst others: early & growth stage in Europe & USA, with over \$550m capital under management. Dharmash's investments include: Revolut (fintech); FiveAI (autonomous cars); blockchain.com; Entrepreneur First, Amuse (reinventing the record label), Lovefilm, KupuVIP. He is founder and Chairman of beauty on demand business blow LTD, backed by Unilever Ventures. Prior to this he was a Partner at Balderton Capital (formerly Benchmark Europe). He spent 8 years as Group Managing Director of Emap Consumer Media, building the consumer group (magazines, radio, digital & TV) & co-leading the delisting from the FTSE (sale to H Bauer for £1.1bn in 2008). He started his career as a Brand Manager at Procter & Gamble, followed by a period at the Boston Consulting Group (London). He holds a MEng in Engineering, Economics & Management from Oxford University.

Ankur Modi **Co-Founder & CEO - StatusToday**

Ankur Modi is the Co-Founder & CEO of StatusToday which was founded in May 2015. StatusToday is an employee insights platform that helps companies boost employee wellness and transform workplace productivity. With one-click, the platform provides unparalleled data-driven insights and customized reports. Its patent-pending system uses artificial Intelligence to map out key behavior patterns - eliminating the need of endless surveys and expensive consultancies. In May 2017, StatusToday won the 'Best AI StartUp' accolade at the AIConics awards at the AI Summit London. In February 2018, StatusToday raised \$3.91 million to help companies understand their employees better. The seed round was led by LocalGlobe, Notion Capital and Firstminute capital.

Ankur holds a degree in Computer Science and Smart Systems from Jacobs University in Germany, as well as a Certificate in the field of Human Psychology from University of Oxford. Prior to StatusToday, he worked as a Data Scientist and Software Engineer at Microsoft, leading international data efforts behind several product launches. In 2017, he was listed as Forbes' 30 under 30 in technology and became an Expert Adviser on AI to the Westminster Parliament.



Shahzad Mughal **Co-Founder OfferMoments & Bidooh**

Shahzad Mughal is co-founder of multi award-winning digital billboard advertising platforms OfferMoments and Bidooh which is a decentralized digital billboard service on the blockchain. OfferMoments is billboard software, which combines a blend of IoT, computer vision, augmented reality, artificial intelligence, machine learning, sentiment analysis, LiDAR long range facial recognition and big data that makes billboards change as people walk towards them in shopping centres and airports. He holds BSc in Computer Science from the University of Bradford and worked as a healthcare technology consultant for the Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust before jumping into retail consultancy. He built the OfferMoments platform, which won the Venturefest Manchester Innovation Business of the Year 2014 award.



Vin Murria OBE
Founder - Advanced Computer Software plc

Vin Murria's career has included a combination of venture capital, private equity and CEO/operational experience, centered around twenty years of M&A activity in the software sector. Vin spent seven years as Chief Executive Officer of Advanced Computer Software plc, which she founded in 2008. Advanced is a consolidator in the healthcare and business solutions sector which, in March 2015 was acquired by Vista Private Equity. For the five years prior to this, Vin was CEO of Computer Software Group plc. Vin is on the boards of three FTSE 250 companies: Zoopla Plc, Sophos Plc and Softcat Plc. She is a Senior advisor at NM Rothschild and her previous roles include COO at Kewill Systems plc and NED roles at Chime Plc, Greenko Plc, Concateno Plc (acquired by Providence), GIC Private equity and Inverness Medical. Vin has a BSc Hons (First) in Computer Science, and an MBA. She was awarded an honoree doctorate from Edinburgh Napier for her services to business. Vin was made an OBE in 2018 for services to the UK digital economy.

Govin Murugachandran
Founder - Flynotes

Dr Govin Murugachandran founded Acea Health with the intention of developing software tools to improve patient safety and the delivery of care. The company developed Flynotes, an application that analyses a number of factors, including the patient's background, to deliver personalised risks and benefits and enable informed consent. Funded by the GM&C Life Sciences Fund, managed by Catapult Ventures, and existing investors Public, Flynotes hopes to make the multi-billion pound, global healthcare problem of paper consent forms for medical procedures a thing of the past. In the UK alone more than 100 million medical and dentistry procedures require patient consent each year. However, a number of studies have shown that paper consent forms frequently contain errors, making them potentially invalid, and ultimately give rise to litigation, poor care and even patient safety issues. Govin has a background as a maxillofacial surgeon, with training in both medicine and dentistry, with over nine years of clinical experience in the NHS



Pae (Utoomprurkporn) Natwilai
Founder & CEO - GetTriK

Pae Natwilai is the Founder and CEO of GetTriK. One of its most well-known software is TriK, a drone mapping and 3D reporting software for structural inspection. TriK turns photos into a 3D model and maps photos, drawings and other asset information onto the 3D model. It enables engineers to use the 3D model as a file directory to search for data, make annotation and compare changes through time in 3D. TRIK changes the way large insurance, engineering and construction enterprises manage their inspection data and enables a more accurate and cost efficient way to monitor asset.

Pae is well recognised for her innovation in the industry and was entrusted by the UK government to implement her technology for the UK infrastructure inspection. Pae holds a double Master's degree in Global Innovation Design from the Royal College of Art and Imperial College, London, and she used to work as a Project Manager and Inspection & Maintenance Engineer at Thailand's National oil and gas company prior to arriving in London.



Rajeev Nayyar **Managing Director - FixFlo**

Rajeev Nayyar is Managing Director of Fixflo, property management software that streamlines the repairs process. Fixflo has led a quiet revolution in the way landlords and tenants arrange and manage property repairs with over 4,000 letting agency offices in the UK using the service, pushing through over 60,000 repairs a month through the service. A former property lawyer in England and New Zealand, Fixflo sparked in Rajeev's mind in 2012 when he suffered the pain of property repair management as a tenant in New Zealand while managing properties in London. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Law from the University of Oxford and trained as a solicitor at Hogan Lovells before stints at Travers Smith and Russell Mcveagh.

Daniel Ng **CEO - CyberOwl**

Daniel NG is CEO at CyberOwl, which has developed an innovative early warning system for attacks through real-time monitoring of high value targets for malicious behaviour. The technology, based on research shortlisted for the Lloyd's Science of Risk Prize 2015, is aimed at addressing the challenges of increasingly anonymous and persistent threats to rapidly-expanding global networks, particularly in the wake of Smart Cities and the Internet of Things. CyberOwl was selected as part of the first cohort of the GCHQ Cyber Accelerator Programme, was a finalist of the Cyber Security Awards and DCMS' Most Innovative Small Cyber Security Company of the Year. A graduate of The University of Manchester, Daniel worked at KPMG, most recently as Associate Director of the Strategy Group, prior to setting up CyberOwl. He is also Chair of the Working Group at the IoT Security Foundation.



Huy Nguyen Trieu **CEO - The Disruptive Group**

Huy Nguyen Trieu is CEO of The Disruptive Group and Co-founder of CFTE, the Centre for Finance, Technology and Entrepreneurship. He is an Associate Fellow at Oxford Said Business School, an Industry Fellow at Imperial College and Member of the Consultative Working Group of the European Securities and Markets Authority. Prior to that he was a Managing Director at Citi and before banking, was CEO of Ukibi, a VC-funded startup in NY. He writes the Disruptive Finance blog, and likes to mentor entrepreneurs who are inventing Finance 2.0. He is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (US) and Ecole Polytechnique (France).



Madhu Nori
CPO & International Commercial Director - Yoti

Madhu Nori is CPO & International Commercial Director at Yoti, a digital identity service where the users own and are in control of their data. An engineering graduate of the Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, India, he was a Management Consultant in the US Telecoms industry for over 6 years before returning to India to work for Bharti Airtel in their Applications Technology Group. He left in 2011 to become CEO of Ignite World, a joint venture with Yahoo! Japan and BSB which was set up to help enterprises build digital businesses leveraging internet products and big data platforms. BSB is itself a joint venture between Bharti Enterprises, India, and SoftBank Corp, Japan. During his time at Ignite World, Madhu helped create consumer products such as Wynk Music, Airtel Money and My Airtel and made strategic investments in ScoopWhoop, India's No.1 entertainment and news media and Internshala, India's No.1 internships and campus jobs marketplace. He also helped incubate Deber.Co, a collaborative recruitment platform, before arriving in London to join Yoti.

Stephen Ong
Co-Founder - HubX

In early 2015, Stephen Ong co-founded HubX, a fintech company headquartered in London. HubX is used by leading financial organisations and professional investors to execute private placement transactions in a secure, regulated environment. In 2017, HubX partnered with the London Stock Exchange Group to power their private placement platform, ELITE Club Deal, which has closed over £180 million to date through the platform. Stephen spent his early career working in financial markets within trading, balance sheet management and Treasury. After working as a financing trader at Nomura for 7 years, Stephen became Head of Trading at Singer & Friedlander, setting up and managing the Treasury Trading team and establishing the operational framework and trading procedures. In 2006, Stephen pursued an entrepreneurial career and set up his first technology business. Stephen is an alumnus of King's College London, Imperial College London and London Business School.



Ali Parsa
Founder & CEO - Babylon

Ali Parsa is an engineer and a healthcare entrepreneur. He founded Babylon in 2013 with the goal of creating an integrated digital healthcare system combining the latest advances in technology with modern medicine; it aims to eventually provide a virtual healthcare service to anyone, anywhere, through any mobile device. Prior to Babylon, Ali founded Circle and built it within a few years to become Europe's largest partnership of clinicians, with some £200m of revenue, near 3,000 employees and a successful IPO. In the mid 1990s, Ali worked in banking for Credit Suisse, Merrill Lynch and Goldman Sachs. He was named by The Times among the '100 Global People To Watch' in 2012, won the 2016 CEO Award by Finance Monthly and ACQ5's UK Gamechanger of the year 2016. Ali is the UK Cabinet Office Ambassador for Mutuals and has a PhD in Engineering Physics from University College London.





Naveed Parvez **CEO - Andiamo**

Naveed R. Parvez is CEO of Andiamo, a health tech startup reimagining how healthcare services are delivered. Their first focus is the orthotics industry that creates custom medical devices called orthoses for conditions such as cerebral palsy, diabetes, and stroke. Andiamo primarily works with disabled children and was founded after husband and wife Naveed and Samiya had their son Diamo in 2003. He had a difficult birth due to medical negligence leading to Cerebral Palsy and sadly passed away in March 2012. Diamo needed extensive treatment to help him with the most basic functions and this included having a multitude of orthotic braces and gators. With a mission to solve these challenges globally, Andiamo is launching the first version of their technology platform for clinics in 2018. Previously Naveed worked for the NHS delivering the then world first Choose and Book service. He has also worked in several senior roles such as Head of Operations at Slivers of Time and Project & Programme Manager at Headshift.

Amit Pate **Founder & CEO - Snaptivity**

Amit Pate is a Founder & CEO of Snaptivity, smart stadium technology that drives fan engagement and increases sponsorship revenue at live sporting events by capturing candid emotions and reactions of fans. Snaptivity uses robotic cameras that are triggered automatically by AI and IoT sensors when fans bounce and cheer or sigh in disappointment. It is a content-generating engine; by capturing momentum, it allows brands & teams to conceive meaning to the sponsorship & reach people at scale in a targeted, emotional and personalised way. The innovative technology of Snaptivity is backed by DIT, UK and Creative England. In terms of achievement, Snaptivity was named as a Top 5 SportsTech start-up company by Sportel Monaco. In addition, it has signed a multi year partnership with Edgbaston Cricket Ground, Wembley Stadium, the home of English football, a few leading Premier League clubs and are pre-approved at 8 stadiums for the World Cup 2018.



Ishani Patel **Co-Founder - Lantum**

Dr Ishani Patel is a GP and Co-founder of Lantum, which provides software to help NHS practices and surgeries find locum doctors as needed. Lantum started life as Network Locum in 2012 having raised £3.2 million from investors, including Piton Capital, a marketplace specialist investor. It closed a £5.3 million (\$7M) Series B funding round, led by U.K. fund BGF Ventures, in 2016. Ishani is also a GP executive partner in NW London and advises cancer vanguards on how to improve early diagnosis outcomes within primary care. Ishani was the RCGP e-learning fellow and more recently the quality improvement in cancer lead. Currently she is attends the RCGP GP at scale programme sharing her experiences on how NHS primary care can operate at scale with respect to technology as a vehicle for collaboration. She qualified with an MBBS from King's College, London, in 2015 and is an alumnus member at the Harvard Macy Institute for leadership and innovation in medicine and medical education which she attended in 2017.



Neeta Patel
CEO - New Entrepreneurs Foundation

Neeta Patel is the Founding CEO of the New Entrepreneurs Foundation (NEF), home of The Centre for Entrepreneurs. NEF is the UK's leading entrepreneur development programme and since its launch in 2011, nearly 200 young entrepreneurs have gone through its programme: they have launched 92 new businesses, raised £27m in funding, and created over 1,000 new jobs. Neeta is an experienced executive with over 20 years of strategy and operational leadership experience that spans financial services, media & publishing, education, arts and the creative industries. Prior to joining the New Entrepreneurs Foundation, Neeta worked in Private Equity matching technology entrepreneurs with investors. Neeta has held senior positions at Thomson Financial (Reuters), Legal & General PLC, Financial Times Group and at the British Council. She is an early internet pioneer having launched the first personal finance web site in Europe for L&G in 1996.

Neeta holds an MA in Chemistry from Oxford University, an MBA (Marketing) from Cass Business School, and a Sloan Fellowship in Strategy and Leadership from London Business School, where she was the winner of the PWC prize in 2009 for a consultancy assignment in China. Neeta is passionate about the importance of storytelling in business and has published a book about it, "Creative Business – the making of addictive stories", FT/Prentice Hall 2002.

Yoge Patel
CEO - Blue Bear Systems

Dr Yoge Patel is CEO of Blue Bear Systems, that delivers technical solutions and consultancy on Unmanned Air Systems specialising in rapid prototyping, design, build and flight test of UAVs. Yoge is an authoritative and respected figure in the Aerospace industry and has over 25+ years' experience. She is also a technical specialist in flight clearance, departure prediction, system modelling and simulation. From 1995 - 2006, at QinetiQ she led pan-site (Bedford, Boscombe, Farnborough and Malvern) Fast Jet and UAS programmes. In 2006, Yoge left as a QinetiQ Fellow in Flight Control and Technical Manager to lead Blue Bear, in Bedfordshire. In August 2016, she became the CEO of Cassima, which has a team dedicated to live, virtual and constructive (LVC) modelling and simulation, creating and delivering innovations in the Aerospace Sector.



Sarat Pediredla
CEO - Hedgehog Lab

Sarat Pediredla is the CEO of global digital product consultancy Hedgehog Lab which designs, develops, and markets apps & digital solutions for phones, tablets, TV, kiosks & and other connected post-PC devices. In 2016, Sarat Pediredla shifted his focus from day-to-day work to high-level strategy, recognising that Hedgehog Lab was at a pivotal stage in its development. The approach helped the app developer grow its revenues by 160%, boosted by its first-ever seven figure contract. Headcount likewise rose from 46 to nearly 100, including key appointments senior leadership roles - a move Sarat is certain will reinforce corporate governance as the business expands. Meanwhile, Hedgehog Lab was named Newcastle's best employer by review site Glassdoor and received £1 million in Private Equity backing in 2017 from UK's most active PE house Maven Capital Partners. Sarat holds a Bachelor's degree in Software Engineering from Southampton Solent University.



Anil Pillai **Executive Director - Digital, Native**

Anil Pillai is the Executive Director of digital agency Native. Previously he was the CEO UK, Middle East and Africa at Digitas (rebranded from LBi), a global marketing and technology agency that transforms businesses for the digital age. During his time at the helm of the UK business, Anil was responsible for growing the agency's annual revenue to more than £100m. He also expanded the Digitas family of brands to include Lost Boys, Kitcatt Nohr and DigitasLBi Commerce and added to the client list which includes Virgin Atlantic, Lloyds, BT, Peroni, Coca Cola, Honda and E-ON. A Cambridge University graduate, Anil started his career at Oyster Partners before joining LBi in 2006. Since then he has held the roles of Client Partner, Managing Director and latterly as CEO of LBi UK before taking up his new remit. For more than 3 years he also served as Co-Chair of the IPA's Digital Business Group.

Ashish (Ash) Puri **Investment Partner - TempoCap**

Ash Puri is an entrepreneur turned growth-equity technology investor and is currently an Investment Partner at TempoCap, a leading pan-European technology investment firm in the field of secondary direct venture. Previously he was part of the founding team at Episode 1 Ventures, a venture capital firm based in London that invests in software-driven businesses. Ash has been closely associated with the European Tech scene since 2007 and has previously worked in Venture Capital with Partech Ventures and Sofinnova Partners in Paris. Before joining Episode1, Ash was helping ASOS with its international expansion in Asia based on his experience founding and running a premium fashion ecommerce business in India. He has invested in companies such as Onfido, Depop, eMoov, Oxatis (ALOX), Launchmetrics, etc. He is a mentor at Seedcamp and PiLabs. Ash started his career as a Consultant at Computer Associates and holds a double-masters degree with an MS in Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology, USA, and a Diplome d'Ingenieur from Ecole Superieure d'Electricite (Supelec), France.



Debu Purkayastha **Managing Partner- 3rd Eye VC**

Debu Purkayastha is an investor and founder of three venture capital companies including 3rd Eye VC Ltd. He was previously Entrepreneur-in-Residence at Octopus Investments, a premier European investment firm with \$8bn-plus under management. He has significant operating and investment/M&A experience - in the US, Europe, Asia and Africa. Until 2014, he spent almost six years at Google. He was Principal - New Business Development at Google and instrumental in launching several of Google's iconic products globally spanning multiple key strategic focus areas. Debu is also a founding member of Google "Campus," a seven-storey co-working space for start-ups in London's Tech City. Prior to Google, Debu headed Sabre's Corporate Development/ M&A team in EMEA & in a past life was a telecoms/media/technology M&A Banker with Salomon Smith Barney and Citigroup in Wall Street, Silicon Valley and London.

Debu sits on the boards of Cambridge University/Cambridge Enterprise and MercyCorps (global NGO), as well as on the advisory boards of Sadara Ventures (VC Fund), Veon, London Business School and Tech London Advocates. He has an MBA from London Business School and is a qualified chartered accountant.



Asif Qasim
Founder - MedShr

Dr Asif Qasim is an interventional cardiologist based in London, and the Founder of MedShr Launched in October 2015 from the Founders Factory Accelerator. MedShr enables medical professionals to use their own smartphone to share and discuss clinical cases. The network is growing rapidly with over 500,000 members in 180 countries. MedShr won the Facebook Start Social Good App of the Year 2016 and the World Summit Award for Digital Health 2017. Asif studied medicine at Cambridge University and returned there for a PhD in stem cell biology. He has held NHS Clinical Director roles and remains in clinical practice as a cardiologist. MedShr continues to develop and has had a positive impact on the care of millions of patients around the world.

Avin Rabheru
Founder & CEO - Housekeep

Avin Rabheru is an entrepreneur, early-stage investor and non-executive director. He is Founder and CEO of Housekeep.com, which became the UK market leader in the £10 billion house and office cleaner market just 3 years after launch. The business has raised two VC/angel investment rounds, winning Deal of the Year in 2014, and has since raised cleaner earnings 2x and received 100,000 5* customer reviews. Housekeep has won multiple awards including Service Business of the Year and Avin was named a StartUps Young Gun in 2016. Prior to launching Housekeep, Avin was a venture capital investor and remains an active angel investor, with 40+ investments in consumer technology businesses. Prior to this, Avin worked in strategy consulting, investment banking and read PPE at Oxford University, where he won the Harold Wilson prize.



J P Rangaswami
Chief Data Officer - Deutsche Bank

J P Rangaswami is a renowned speaker, economist, financial journalist, technology innovator and blogger, currently holding the post of Chief Data Officer at Deutsche Bank where he plays a key role in supporting its digital strategy. Originally an economist and financial journalist, J P Rangaswami has spent most of his career working in FinTech. He joined Deutsche Bank from Salesforce.com, the world's largest provider of customer relationship-management software, where he was Chief Scientist since 2010. He also writes the confusedofcalcutta.com blog about information.

J P Rangaswami was born in Calcutta and lived there before emigrating to the United Kingdom in 1980. He studied at St. Xavier's College, University of Calcutta, where he earned an Honours Degree in Economics and Statistics. He began his career at BT Group in a variety of technology roles including Chief Scientist, and prior to that was Global Chief Information Officer at Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein. He made the Wired 100 in 2010 ranked 18th in the list. More recently, he was ranked 4th in Computer Weekly's 2013 list of the most influential people in IT.



Nishma Robb **Marketing Director - Google UK**

Nishma is Marketing Director for Google and YouTube's advertising products in the UK and the ex-Chair of Women@Google. She is a spirited marketing leader, a champion for diversity in business, and a regular keynote speaker. Nishma is also a Non-Exec Board Director and Fellow of The Marketing Society. Prior to Google, Nishma was at Dentsu UK working across brands such as British Airways and Sky. She was recently listed as Ad Age's 'Woman to Watch in Europe' 2018, is in the Campaign 2018 A-List and was recognised as a 'Trailblazer' in the Campaign 2016 Annual. Also in 2016, she was recognised as one of the most influential and innovative people in the UK's creative industry in The Hospital Club's prestigious h100 awards, is listed as one of the top 7 BAME execs in marketing and one of the top 10 women in B2B marketing. Nishma holds a Bachelor's degree in Politics from Queen Mary's, University of London.

Nikhil Shah **Co-founder - Mixcloud**

Nikhil Shah is Co-founder at Mixcloud, the global market leader in on-demand radio and mix hosting reaching over 10 million listeners a month. Nikhil heads up commercial strategy and business development. In April 2018, Mixcloud closed its Series A funding round with an \$11.5 million investment led by WndrCo, the media and technology holding company based in Los Angeles and San Francisco. The injection of capital will be used to scale the service globally and to diversify the product offering. Nikhil is a Cambridge University Mathematics graduate and a former Brand Consultant working with brands such as Sky, Sony and Unilever on insight, positioning, portfolio management and brand strategy. He is a trustee of arts charity East London Dance and also runs a passion project called Dance Club, a not-for-profit experience that sits at the intersection between a dance class and a club night. Nikhil also runs an electronic music focused record label and club night called ManMakeMusic, and continues to DJ under the guise Sketchy.



Sheeza Shah **Founder & CEO - UpEffect**

Sheeza Shah is using technology to launch and fund companies creating transformative social and environmental change. As Founder and CEO of UpEffect, Sheeza combines her background in Computer Science with her passion for social entrepreneurship to work with revolutionary founders on UpEffect, a crowdfunding and support platform launching companies doing good in the world. Sheeza has driven UpEffect's 100% success rate at securing funding for their campaigns, launching thousands of ethical products and impacting lives across ten countries. Sheeza was named to Computer Weekly's 'Most Influential Women in Tech' and CauseArtist's '37 Social Entrepreneurs to Watch in 2017'. She's also an Asian Women of Achievement Awards Nominee. Her work has been featured in BuzzFeed, BBC, The Guardian, Huffington Post, The Telegraph, Virgin and more. She holds an MSc in Computer Science and entrepreneurship from the University of Nottingham and is a lecturer, speaker and panellist on social innovation, ethical finance and crowdfunding.



Nakul Sharma
Founder & CEO - Hostmaker

Nakul Sharma is Founder & CEO of Hostmaker, a technology-driven home rentals management company that takes the hassle out of managing short-term and mid-term rentals for homeowners. Launched in July 2014, Hostmaker is currently operational across major European cities including London, Paris, Rome and Barcelona and manages thousands of properties for owners seeking superior earnings and better service than their existing options. To date, Hostmaker has raised \$24.3 million in four funding rounds, including the latest \$15 million round in November 2017, making this the most-funded company in this segment across Europe or Asia. Nakul holds a degree in marketing from the National University of Ireland, Galway and an MBA from Insead. He started his career in the hospitality industry with Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc, moving onto the InterContinental Hotels Group before setting up Hostmaker. In 2016, Hostmaker was named among the Top 100 UK startups and also one of Forbes' 5 fastest-growing British businesses to watch.

Bhavneet (Bhav) Singh
Founder & CEO - Sandbox & Co

Bhav Singh is the Founder & CEO of Sandbox & Co (SBX), a group of industry leaders helping to drive the education 2.0 revolution, through an ecosystem that unites millennial parents, kids and teachers. He sits on the boards of Hopster, SuperAwesome Tiny Bop, ForthnetNova and Antenna Group. Bhav was nominated to become a Young Global Leader for the World Economic Forum in 2009. Bhav has an MBA degree from Manchester University, UK.

Previously, as CEO of Pearson English, Bhav transformed the business into a coherent integrated portfolio of successful companies through organic growth and strategic acquisition, resulting in a new umbrella brand 'Pearson English'. Prior to this he spent eight years at Viacom International as Managing Director of Emerging Markets, rapidly scaling Viacom brands from entry level into strong market leading positions in key growth territories including building Viacom 18 (Viacom's market leading presence in India).



Mandeep Singh
Co-Founder & CEO - Trouva

Mandeep Singh is the Co-founder & CEO of Trouva, one of the UK's 5 fastest growing tech businesses (TNW UK Tech5). Trouva is the destination for the world's best independent shops, enabling customers to shop unique homeware and accessories from over 400 shops in over 100 towns and cities and discover the best products available locally so that they can either collect them immediately or get them delivered the same day - referred to as a click and collect marketplace. Trouva was Hottest E-Commerce Startup at the 2017 Europas, Venture Funded Business of the Year at the 2017 Startup Awards and is a member of the prestigious UK Future Fifty. It has raised over \$14m from investors including Index Ventures, BGF Ventures, Octopus Investments, LocalGlobe and angel investors. Mandeep was previously an investor at BC Partners, one of Europe's largest Private Equity funds with advised funds of \$16.4bn, which owned businesses such as Foxtons (where he was on the board), Petsmart/ Chewy.com, Cote and Fitness First, and a strategy consultant at OC&C. He has an MA (Hons) from the University of Cambridge and is originally from Lancashire.



Rav Singh Sandhu **Founder & CEO - The Market Mogul & Mogul News**

Rav Singh Sandhu is the Founder & CEO of Mogul News which is building the largest decentralised newsroom on the planet to help you find out what's actually going on in the world in one place. He also founded The Market Mogul, which provides thought-provoking perspectives from all sides of the story on global affairs, finance, business and politics. Started in a University bedroom and following stints at Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan and Bain & Co, The Market Mogul has raised over £1.1m to date and has published over 8,000 articles from people in 25+ countries. Its articles have been featured in mainstream publications ranging from NY Times to WSJ, Vox, World Economic Forum and Bloomberg View. Today, The Market Mogul works to encourage and empower opinionated experts from all over the world to write about important finance and business issues, enabling readers to make informed decisions in the world around them.

Reshma Sohoni **Partner & Co-Founder - Seedcamp**

Reshma Sohoni is Partner and Co-Founder at Seedcamp, an accelerator helping startups from prototype to IPO with \$25K-\$250K in initial funding. In October 2017, Seedcamp announced that it had sold Seedcamp Funds I & II to venture capital firm Draper Esprit, delivering a 4x return to its investors. Early on in her career during the height of the dot com boom, Reshma worked in M&A and venture capital across B2B Software and Internet services businesses in the US and India. She had a small helping hand in building MakeMyTrip (NASDAQ) in its formative days. Following on from this, Reshma went to INSEAD and earned her MBA, fell in love with Europe and stayed on to work in Commercial and Marketing Strategy at Vodafone.



Reshma has always combined technology and business from university to today. Getting degrees in both Engineering and Business (UPenn M&T) meant that from an early age she was cultivating a path that would always bring business and technology together. Starting Seedcamp in 2007 was a once in a lifetime opportunity and one that she jumped into with a strong desire to help the European founder realize global success. Seedcamp has invested in 200 companies since 2007 including Transferwise, Property Partner, Ubervu, Rentmineonline, and many more.



Anil Stocker **Co-Founder & CEO - MarketInvoice**

Anil Stocker is the co-founder and CEO of MarketInvoice. He co-founded the business in 2011 and has led the growth of the company since launch. His ambition is to use technology and data to completely reinvent how businesses go about financing their growth, and breathe fresh life into outdated financial products. MarketInvoice has provided over £2.4 billion to companies across the UK with businesses able to choose from a range of working capital solutions. In 2013, the UK government via the British Business Bank, began lending to businesses through MarketInvoice. This partnership has now seen more than £100m provided to businesses in the UK. Anil is on the UK government-backed UK FinTech Delivery Panel to drive policy recommendations for the industry. He is a keen commentator on fintech, banking, business finance, and entrepreneurship. Anil read Economics at Cambridge University in 2006.



Vasanth Subramanian
Co-Founder & CTO - Acasa

Vasanth Subramanian is the Co-Founder & CTO of Acasa, a home management platform designed to streamline the process of moving in, managing and moving on for residents, utility companies and landlords/managers. The platform allows users to set up, switch and purchase utilities, order on-demand services, pay rent and track household spending. Founded in the Open Data Institute in 2014, Acasa (originally Splittable) is backed by some of the leading technology investors in Europe including Seedcamp and Playfair Capital. Holding a Master's in Physics from the University of Cambridge, Vasanth has previous experience in the software industry, working with web technologies, engaging with customers to improve UX and leading a team of engineers to deliver entire software solutions. He has previously worked as a Signal Processing Scientist at QinetiQ Malvern and as a Technical Consultant for Autonomy before founding Locatable in October 2012. Locatable was the precursor to Splittable which was founded in October 2014 and supported by eight Angel investors, later renamed to Acasa.

Hiro Tamura
Partner - Atomico

Hiro Tamura is a Partner at Atomico, one of Europe's largest venture capital firms. Having joined the firm in 2008, Hiro works closely with Atomico founding Partner Niklas Zennström on carefully guiding Atomico's growth and strategy. That leadership and strategy resulted in Atomico closing the largest ever independent VC fund in Europe last year at \$765m. Hiro focuses on fintech, insurance, media and real estate, and works with several Atomico portfolio companies including Telegram, MessageBird, Clutter, Compass, Knewton, Zocdoc, SmartNews, Gengo, and Quipper (sold to Recruit).



Having previously worked on the global expansion of Skype, Hiro has over 15 years experience in helping fast growth technology companies expand internationally as both an investor and an operator. Before he joined Atomico, Hiro co-founded a investment firm based in Tokyo, deploying over \$300 million into Asia-based investments. Hiro is a Japanese national with a BA in Economic and International Studies from Northwestern University and is now based in London.



Wendy Tan White MBE
Technology Investor and Adviser - BGF

Wendy is a Technology Investor and Adviser to BGF, a £2.5bn growth capital fund with the mission to support UK businesses with patient capital. Previously she was a General Partner at Entrepreneur First (EF), the world's leading company builder. She joined EF in 2015 to support the growth of EF companies with a £40m Next Stage Fund and programme. Since 2011, EF has created over 100 startups worth over \$400m including Magic Pony Technology, Tractable, StackHut, Pi-Top, OpenCosmos, Status Today and Cloud NC. Before that Wendy was co-founder and CEO of Moonfruit, the world's first SAAS website builder. Moonfruit was acquired in 2012 by Hibu plc (formerly Yell Group) to support its transformation to a global digital services provider.

She is a board trustee for The Alan Turing Institute, member of Government Digital Advisory Board, Board of Tech Nation; Imperial College Industrial Liaison Board and on the Board of the Dyson School of Design Engineering. Wendy has a BEng, Computer Science from Imperial College, London and an MA, Smart Textile Design from Central St Martins. She was awarded an MBE for services to technology and business in 2016.



Hitesh Thakrar **Partner - Syncona**

Hitesh Thakrar is a Partner of Syncona Investment Management, a leading FTSE 250 company focused on investing in and building global leaders in life science. He is an experienced investor in the sector, having spent over 20 years investing in public global equities in the life sciences, technology and the innovation sectors. He has worked at various institutions in equity research and Fund Management from ADIA, the sovereign wealth Fund of Abu Dhabi, JP Morgan, Aviva Group, Dresdner Bank and New Star Asset Management. Hitesh is on the Board of Desktop Genetics, a CRISPR IP library company, backed by Illumina and is an angel investor in early stage Innovation companies. He is also on the Investment Committee of the LBA Scale Up Innovation Fund; a Non-Executive Director of Tropic Biosciences and a Member of the Advisory Board of The Alan Turing Institute. Hitesh holds a degree in Chemistry from King's College, London, an MBA from Cranfield University and is a CFA of the American Association of Investment Analysts.

Devika Wood **Co-Founder and CMO - Vida Care**

Devika Wood is the Co-founder and Chief Medical Officer of Vida, a home care provider that leverages smart technology to deliver outstanding client-centred care and has secured approval from the Care Quality Commission. At the age of ten, Devika cared for her grandmother who lived with dementia and epilepsy and who, over twelve years, received over 150 different carers, sent to her home by social services. Having experienced poor care first hand, Devika has made it her personal mission to improve the care industry by adopting a clinical approach to care and empowering carers and clients. After leaving school at 18 to work for Google and then moving on to study human biology at King's College London, Devika gained a post as a breast cancer research scientist at Imperial College London while completing a Master's degree in Public Health. Stints at health businesses Babylon and Healthcare Australia followed, paving the way for Vida Care which was launched in 2016 and has raised £2.5 million in backing, led by boutique investment firm Hambro Perks.



Shanshan Xu **Co-Founder & CFO - Mucho by The Cook-In Company Limited**

Shanshan Xu is the Co-Founder & CFO at Mucho, described as a 'personal stylist for your tastebuds', it is an app that curates food shopping experiences. The Mucho platform brings together brands, retailers and content providers that share a passion so consumers enjoy a seamless shopping experience – exploring, buying and cooking food. Shanshan holds a BSc degree in Sociology from the University of Bath; an MSc in Accounting and Finance from Reading University and a CIMA qualification in Accounting from BPP University and previously worked at IBM as a China Program Specialist, an academic initiative.





Li Yao
Founder & Managing Director - QBots AI

Dr. Li Yao is Founder & Managing Director of Qbots.AI, a leading AI-based control optimisation tech Startup in the energy sector. Li is a highly skilled professional in technology industry. He was born in China and educated in the UK after high school. He received his PhD in computer science in University of Manchester and since then he worked across academia, banking industry and settled in technology industry. His main focus is on innovations in Smart Cities and IoT (Internet of Things) technologies and solutions. He successfully co-founded and led a tech company, Sparta Digital, which had only 2 employees when he joined in 2013 and now employs 15 and is part of a flagship IoT demonstrator project in Manchester called CityVerve. In 2017, Li founded an energy tech Startup Qbots.AI with full commitment and the vision to become a leading AI-based control automation and optimisation tech company in the energy sector. He firmly believes that with the amount of data becoming available and increasing smart devices in the energy sector, artificial intelligence and control automation optimisation, combined with innovative new business models will reshape this industry.

Zia Yusuf
Co-Founder & CEO - Velocity

Zia Yusuf is the Co-Founder & CEO of Velocity, an app that links with restaurant till systems to let diners pay for their meals within the app, without having to request the bill. The London-headquartered startup has signed up over 1000 restaurants in New York, London, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Miami, Toronto and more, including Hix, Burger & Lobster, Sketch, and the Cuckoo Club in the UK. Velocity raised \$12 million (£7.81 million) in Series A funding and is one of the fastest growing technology companies in the world, featuring in Forbes, GQ, Wired, CNBC. Zia, a London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) graduate with a BSc in International Relations, previously worked for Merrill Lynch and Goldman Sachs before setting up Velocity.



John Zai
Founder & CEO - Cocoon Networks

John Zai is the Founder and CEO of Cocoon Networks, Europe's first Chinese capital-backed, international business platform strengthening China-UK trade. He is further the Founder and Chairman of Tech Shanghai Advocates, Global Tech Advocates first landing point in China, as well as an Ambassador for London Tech Week and a mentor on the Mayor's International Business Programme. In 2015, John was awarded as one of the UK's top 5 Asian Investors by the UK Business Angels Association. In 2018, John Zai and Cocoon Networks are launching London Tech Week in China as well as hosting the 3rd China-UK Hi! Technology Festival during London Tech Week in June. John holds a Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com.) degree from Shanghai University; a Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) from Birmingham University and a Master's degree from the University of Southampton.



Hongbin Zhuang CEO & Co-Founder - Emotech

Hongbin Zhuang is CEO & Co-Founder of Emotech, an award-winning artificial intelligence startup based in London. Its mission is to redefine the relationship between humans and technology. Using innovative brain-inspired AI, Emotech is revolutionizing the way people interact with technology, introducing a new era of emotional intelligence. Emotech raised \$10 million in funding from Lighting Capital in 2016. Its flagship product Olly is the world's first robot with personality. In 2017 it became the first startup product to win CES innovation awards in 4 categories.

As a product designer, Hongbin devoted 9 years into the field of social networking service (SNS). He was the product director of renren.com and assisted it to become one of the largest SNS in China with over 35 million monthly login users, which facilitated its NYSE IPO in 2011. He led a team of 50 and built the system for assessing and training over 200 product managers and UX researchers in Renren. He was Elected Chairman of the Renren Product Committee before arriving in London on Tier 1 Graduate Entrepreneur Visa endorsed by UCL Advances. Hongbin holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration & Management from the Beijing University of Post and Telecommunications and a Master's degree in Human Computer Interaction & Ergonomics from UCL. He strongly believes that the revolution of human-computer interaction will be the very fundamental for the next big technology trend.





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