



## David Agnew

### President, Seneca College

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With extensive experience in the public, private and non-profit sectors, David Agnew became the fifth president of Seneca in July 2009. Under his leadership, Seneca has experienced record growth in enrollment and expanded its offerings in both undergraduate and graduate programs. One of the largest enrollment and expanded its offerings in both undergraduate and graduate programs. One of the

largest colleges in Canada, Seneca is growing its applied research, broadening international and corporate partnerships, investing in capital expansion and adopting an innovative academic direction to increase experiential, cross-disciplinary and flexible learning opportunities. Mr. Agnew was Secretary to the Cabinet and head of the public service in the Government of Ontario, Canada from 1992 to 1995 after serving as Principal Secretary to the Premier. In 1995, he led the Public-Private Partnerships Project and was seconded to Massey College at the University of Toronto where he was a Senior Resident. He was the President and CEO of UNICEF Canada, the first head of the organization recruited from outside the international development sector. As Principal for the consulting firm Digital 4Sight, he led the firm's global research initiative on Governance in the Digital Economy, an exploration of the impact of technology on government and democracy. In the co-operative sector, he was the Executive Vice-President and Corporate Secretary for the Credit Union Central of Ontario. Mr. Agnew was the Ombudsman for Banking Services and Investments, the national dispute resolution service for consumers and small businesses. Mr. Agnew's working life started in high school as a newspaper reporter in Toronto and he continued his journalism career in St. John's, Ottawa and Edmonton. He was the gold medallist when he graduated from Memorial University of Newfoundland with a B.A. in political science. Following his studies, he was a Parliamentary Intern at the House of Commons of Canada. Mr. Agnew is on the Board of Directors for Polytechnics Canada and Colleges and Institutes Canada. He is the past chair of Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and Colleges Ontario. He also serves on numerous other boards and committees, including the Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council (TRIEC), the Council on Foreign Relations' Higher Education Working Group on Global Issues, Sichuan University's International Advisory Board, CivicAction Steering Committee, ventureLAB's Board of Directors and Canadian Ditchley Foundation Advisory Board. He is a former member of the federal government's Science, Technology and Innovation Council, a former director of the Empire Club of Canada and has served on the campaign cabinets of the United Way in Toronto and Peel. In 2012, Mr. Agnew received a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for his service to the community.



## Deepali Bagati

### Executive Director, US & Global Corporate Engagement, Catalyst

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Deepali Bagati, PhD, is the Executive Director for Catalyst's United States region, and the executive lead for driving global corporate engagement in Australia, India, and Japan markets. She is

responsible for leading and strengthening Catalyst's offerings and solutions for the U.S. supporter companies and their subsidiaries in global markets. Deepali is also on the Catalyst executive team, with collective responsibility for overall strategy and successful execution. Deepali continues to serve as a resource on diversity and inclusion, and frequently speaks on topics such as women in leadership, organizational change, inclusive leadership, and global diversity and inclusion. Previously, Deepali was a Vice President of the Catalyst Inclusive Leadership Initiative, and led curriculum development to transform diversity research, expertise, and advocacy into skill-building leadership programs for emerging leaders. She recently launched Catalyst's introductory course on Inclusive Leadership Training on the edX platform. Deepali also led the growth and expansion of Catalyst India, and managed the Catalyst India Advisory Board and developed knowledge products on women in business. Most recently, Deepali authored Leadership Gap in India Inc.: Myths and Realities and the 2010 India Benchmarking Report. In her prior role at Catalyst, as a Director of Research, Deepali led research on workplace challenges for women of color and developed solutions for building more effective and inclusive workplaces. Deepali co-led the Women of Color in Professional Services series, led the Women of Color Issue Specialty Team, and authored several reports. As a member of the Catalyst Award Evaluation Committee, Deepali was a strategic adviser for the evaluation of global initiatives, and as a member of Catalyst's Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Council, she was an internal advisor on diversity and inclusion for Catalyst staff. She received her PhD in Social Work and Social Research from Bryn Mawr College, with her dissertation focusing on the impact of microcredit loans on gender relations at the household level for low-income women in New Delhi. Deepali earned a MA in Social Work and a BA in Economics, with honors, from Delhi University, New Delhi, India.



## Dinesh Bhatia

### Consul General of India, Toronto

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Ambassador Dinesh Bhatia assumed the charge of Consul General of India, Toronto on 9 March 2016. He joined Indian Foreign Service in 1992. He speaks Hindi, English, Spanish, Punjabi and Multani. . Prior to joining in the current post, His Excellency Mr. Dinesh Bhatia was Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of India to Cote

d'Ivoire, Guinea and Liberia with residence in Abidjan. He was conferred Commander of the National Order of Republic of Cote d'Ivoire. During his diplomatic career, Amb Bhatia has served in various specialized jobs in the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi. He served as Head of Multilateral Economic Division; as Director in Latin America and Caribbean Division, External Publicity Division and Foreign Service Institute; and as Deputy Secretary dealing with Bhutan. Amb Bhatia has served in various Indian Missions abroad including Madrid, Spain; Kathmandu, Nepal; and Kuwait. He was seconded by the Government of India to Department of Atomic Energy, Mumbai and as Private Secretary to Tourism Minister of India. Amb Bhatia is an alumnus of National Defence College. He also participated in the 4th Joint Civil Military Course on National Security at LBSNAA, Mussoorie. As an IFS Probationer, he was trained at LBSNAA, Mussoorie and Foreign Service Institute, New Delhi. He also authored "Physics for Civil Services Preliminary Examination" published by MnM Series. Amb Bhatia obtained Bachelor of Engineering from Delhi College of Engineering with specialization in Electronics and Communication in 1989. Before joining the Indian Foreign Service, he worked in private sector – Tata Telecom and Unitel Communications. Amb Bhatia was born in September 1967 at New Delhi, India. He is married to Mrs. Seema Bhatia, Clinical Psychologist and Hypnotherapist, and blessed with a daughter (Barhayita) and a son (Deevyanshu).



## Hon. Michael Chan

### Ontario Minister of International Trade

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Michael Chan was first elected to the Ontario legislature as the Member of Provincial Parliament for Markham-Unionville in a by-election in 2007, and was re-elected in 2007, 2011, and 2014. Michael Chan serves as Ontario's Minister of International Trade. He previously served as Minister of Revenue; Minister of Citizenship and Immigration; Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport and Minister

Responsible for the 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games, and Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade. As the longest serving Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Sport and Minister Responsible for the 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games, he strengthened Ontario's reputation as a premier destination for investment in multiple sectors. In doing so, he oversaw key priorities of economic growth through close collaboration with Ontario's creative industries, the expansion of the Celebrate Ontario program, the creation of the Ontario Music Fund, the successful implementation of Regional Tourism Offices throughout the province, and the development of a sustainable long-term plans of several cultural and tourism agencies. In his capacity as Minister Responsible for the 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games, he ensured that the largest multi-sport event in Canadian history showcased Ontario's reputation as a world-class sport host and left a lasting legacy for generations to come. During his tenure as Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, he focused on enhancing Ontario's ability to attract jobs and skilled employees, and worked to expand the province's Bridge Training Programs to assist newcomers with economic integration. In 2015, he also oversaw the preparation and welcome of refugees from the Syrian conflict. As Minister of International Trade, Minister Chan is harnessing the province's creative and diverse potential to build opportunities for all Ontarian, by increasing trade beyond Ontario's traditional markets of the U.S. and Western Europe. He is also promoting export market diversification and investment by leveraging diversity as an economic driver to open fast-growing and emerging markets for Ontario's goods and services. Prior to embarking on his political career, Chan — who emigrated from Hong Kong more than 40 years ago and has lived in Markham since 1995 — founded and operated a successful insurance brokerage firm.



## **Akshay Chaturvedi**

### **Senior Vice President & Head – Corporate & Commercial Banking, ICICI Bank Canada**

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Akshay Chaturvedi is Senior Vice President & Head – Corporate & Commercial Banking at ICICI Bank Canada. In current role, Mr. Chaturvedi is responsible for new business generation and managing corporate client relationships for the Bank.

Mr. Chaturvedi has vast experience of 18 years in financial services industry, in the areas of. He joined ICICI Bank India in 2001 and worked in the areas of SME Business, Corporate Banking, Transaction Banking, Financial Institutions and Debt Capital Markets. Immediately before joining ICICI Bank Canada in 2014, Mr. Chaturvedi was heading SME & Corporate Agri Business for North Zone at ICICI Bank India. His prior exposure to businesses in India as a banker comes handy in engaging and enabling companies' present in India or interested in expanding their businesses to India. Mr. Chaturvedi is a Science graduate and holds Masters in Business Administration degree with specialization in Finance.





## Yu-Ling Cheng

### Director, Centre for Global Engineering, Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering, University of Toronto

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Professor Yu-Ling Cheng was born in Taiwan, and attended junior high and high school in Colorado after her family immigrated to the U.S. She began her academic career as an undergraduate at MIT, where she was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical

Engineering and a Master of Science degree in Chemical Engineering Practice. She then moved to Stanford University to pursue PhD studies in Chemical Engineering. After earning her PhD, she worked at ALZA Corporation in Palo Alto, California where she conducted research and product development on transdermal drug delivery systems and bioerodible polymers for drug delivery before joining the Department of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry at the University of Toronto in 1989. Professor Cheng's research interests have remained centered around drug delivery, with a continuing thread in the development of novel materials for drug delivery and other biomedical applications, and the understanding of diffusion and mass transfer in polymeric systems. Professor Cheng has contributed to the education mission of the university in many ways. She taught courses in physical chemistry, thermodynamics, fluid mechanics, heat and mass transfer, bio-transport, vector calculus, polymer chemistry, and mass transfer in polymers. Her Engineering Thermodynamics course was described by one former student as "the stuff of legend." She played a key role in the design of the Biomedical Option in Engineering Science in 1995, and later served as Option Chair. In her role as Chair of the Division of Engineering Science (2000-2005), her dedication to her students was described as inspiring "loyalty and respect" as well as "affection and admiration". She also successfully oversaw significant enrollment expansion, led the development of an ambitious academic plan, and spearheaded a renewal of the curriculum. Professor Cheng has received numerous teaching awards including the Chem Club students' Professor of the Year Award three times, the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering's Faculty Teaching Award in 1995, the Ontario Colleges and Universities Faculty Association Teaching Award for 1994-95, and the Ontario Ministry of Education's inaugural Leadership in Faculty Teaching (LIFT) Award in 2007. Her broader contributions were recognized by the UofT Chapter of Women in Science and Engineering's Breaking the Glass Ceiling Award in 2005, and by the University of Toronto Alumni Association's Awards of Excellence Faculty Award in 2007.



## Gary Comerford

### Vice-Chair, Canada-India Business Council

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For almost 40 years Gary Comerford has been actively involved in dealing with the enormous changes that have taken place in the financial services industry and has worked extensively in both the Individual and Group insurance market. Gary first entered the financial services business in 1977 as a Branch Manager for Canada Permanent Trust

Company (TD Canada Trust) and rose to become its Vice-President of Marketing. In 1986, he joined Sun Life of Canada as Vice President of Marketing, and worked in a number of roles including General Manager for India, retiring as Senior Vice-President, International. In 2009, he joined Reinsurance Group of America as Executive Vice President and was later appointed Executive Vice-President and Chief Marketing Officer. In 2014 Gary incorporated CMC Global, a consulting company specializing in International Expansion. Throughout his career Gary has written for a variety of industry publications, and has spoken extensively at industry seminars about the future of the financial services industry. In 2013 Gary became Chairman and CEO of the Pacific Insurance Conference Limited. Gary is a Past Director of Aditya Birla Minacs, Birla Sun Life Insurance, Birla Sun Life Asset Management and Birla Sun Life Distribution in India' and is past President and CEO of The Canada India Business Council. In 2008, Gary received the Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce (ICCC)'s President's Award for his role in strengthening the trade relationship between Canada and India. In addition, he is a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow, and in 2001 received the Alumni Award of Distinction from King's University College at the University of Western Ontario. In 2016 Gary was award the IIS Kenneth Black, Jr. Distinguished Service Award from the International Insurance Society. Gary is also an active member of his community. He is a past President of the Catholic Children's Aid Society Foundation of Toronto, and Past President of the Rotary Club of Oakville. He was also Co-Chair for The Learning Partnership's 2007 and 2008 Tribute Dinner. In 2012, he received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for significant achievement and remarkable service. In 2013 he also was appointed as Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Pacific Insurance Conference. Gary is a Past Member of the Board of Directors of TV Ontario, Ontario's public educational media organization, and is immediate past Chair of The Shaw Festival Board. In 2014 Gary was appointed as a member of Brock University's Board of Trustees and in 2017 was elected Chair of the Board of Trustees. Gary received his Bachelor of Arts, History (Honours) degree in 1973 and his Master of Business Administration in 1975 from the University of Western Ontario. In November 2006, he received the Institute of Corporate Directors' ICD.D. certification through the Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto



**Dharna Dhamija**

**General Manager, Communications and  
Business Development, Tata Sons - North  
America**

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Dharna Dhamija joined the Tata group in 2008 through the leadership development program of the group, Tata Administrative

Service (TAS). She has had cross-functional, cross-industry exposure across varied businesses of the Tata group and has worked across different functions like brand, marketing, sales and business development. At Tata Sons, North America, Dharna's responsibility involve working on business development projects in Canada and Latin America, and enhancing group's efforts on brand and communication. Dharna holds a Bachelor of Science from St Stephen's College, Delhi. She completed her management studies from Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow.





## Marvin Hough

### President, Marvin Hough International Research and Analysis (MIRA) Limited

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Marvin Hough draws on 30 years of experience with Export Development Canada (EDC), Canada's official export credit agency. Mr. Hough held many positions with the Corporation and gained broad exposure through supporting a wide array of Canadian exporters and investors as they pursued international markets. He also traveled extensively to international markets and held overseas assignments in China, India and Mexico. Mr. Hough's final assignment before retiring from EDC was Regional Vice-President, Asia from April 2005 to December 2007. He joined the Telfer School of Management in June 2008 and teaches in the EMBA program and supports the Telfer Executive Leadership program through initiatives related to doing business in international markets. Mr. Hough's tenure with EDC included positions in both EDC financing and insurance operations. On the Asian front, he managed EDC's financing operations in both the South Asia and Pacific North Asia regions. His experience also includes a four-year interchange assignment with the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade where he served as a Senior Trade Commissioner in New Delhi, India. Mr. Hough has also considerable experience in the China market and helped EDC establish its first overseas representation in Beijing. Mr. Hough has also served as EDC's Regional Director for Mexico and Central America, based in Mexico City, where he played a key role in helping EDC establish its presence in Mexico and grow its business in the region. In addition to his roles in Asia and Latin America, Mr. Hough also had significant experience with EDC in business development within Canada, having served in senior roles in Vancouver, Toronto and Ottawa. Mr. Hough serves on the Board of the Canada-India Business Council and is President of the Hong Kong Canada Business Association (Ottawa Chapter). He has also taught international business at Seneca College and Algonquin College. MIRA provides international research and analysis services to Canadian and other companies focused on key strategic markets including India, China and Mexico. The thrust of MIRA's services is to provide expert research, business planning and executive insight on key international trade and investment issues. A native of Edmonton, Alberta, Mr. Hough received a Bachelor of Commerce degree (with Distinction) and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Alberta.



## Edgar Legzdins

### Senior Vice-President & Managing Director, International, BMO Financial Group

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Ed Legzdins is Senior Vice-President and Managing Director, International with BMO Financial Group. Ed's responsibilities include leading BMO's non-North American business strategy and overseeing

BMO's businesses outside North America, including Global Trade and Banking and its banking subsidiary in China for which he serves as Supervisor of the Board of Directors.

He also led initiatives to acquire an equity position in one of China's premier fund management companies, Fullgoal Fund Management Company, located in Shanghai, and sits on its Board of Directors, as well as an equity position in COFCO Trust, a Chinese wealth management company on whose board he sits. He is also Chairman of BMO Asset Management (Asia) Limited in Hong Kong, and a director of BMO Trust Company in Canada. Ed is also Vice-Chair and Director of the Canada China Business Council and a Director of the Canada-India Business Council. Ed holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from University of Toronto and is a Chartered Professional Accountant. From 2005 to 2012, Ed served as a director (and subsequently Vice-Chair) of the Mutual Fund Dealers Association of Canada (the self-regulatory organization) and of the Ombudsman for Banking Services and Investments. From 1999 to 2011, Ed was CEO of BMO Investments Inc., the mutual fund manufacturer and dealer subsidiary of BMO Financial Group. Ed also oversaw the delivery of financial planning capabilities through BMO's branch network, as well as its deposit-gathering business. Ed has since 2006 been a member of BMO's Performance Committee--the group of BMO's top business leaders.



## Le Luong

### Managing Director, Goals Business Solutions

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Le Luong is the Managing Director at Goals Business Solutions (GBS), a boutique management consulting firm that specializes in SME strategic growth, marketing and sales strategy, and event management. GBS clients include QUEST Canada, CND, Nurture

Growth Bio Fertilizer, Urbantech Consulting and the Consulate of the Netherlands. With more than 20 years of business experience, Le has joined the Nurture Growth Bio Fertilizer Team as their Operations Manager. In addition to managing the operations of the company, she is also involved with the international expansion plans in India, Mexico and Europe.

During her spare time, Le enjoys philanthropy work with various non-profit organizations.

Since 2011, she has been more involved with the Vietnamese by coordinating the 7th International Convention of Vietnamese Physicians, Dentists and Pharmacists of the Free World, the Vietnamese Lunar New Year Festival and joined board the Vietnamese Association, Toronto, the Vietnamese Canadian Professional Association and the Vietnamese Canadian Civic and Voting Association. In 2015, Le was appointed as the Vice-President of Vietnamese Association, Toronto and Vice-President of External Relations for the Canadian Multicultural Council of Asians in Ontario, where she actively promotes Vietnamese culture amongst other Asians and the mainstream communities. She presently serves on the board of Mississauga Arts Council.



## Christine Nakamura

### Executive Director, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, Toronto Office

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Christine Nakamura is Executive Director at the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada's Toronto office. From 1976 to 2011, she was employed in various capacities by the government of Canada in a number of departments including Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Department of Justice and most recently, Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development. She has served overseas in Japan and Korea and holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Toronto, where she majored in East Asian Studies. Ms. Nakamura is a board member of the Japanese Canadian Culture Centre Foundation in Toronto and a member of the Advisory Council (Canada) for the Prince Takamado Japan Canada Memorial Fund.



**Brian Parrott**

## **Minister (Commercial), High Commission of Canada to India**

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Brian has extensive experience in international commerce, policy analysis related to economic development, trade promotion and investment attraction activities. He is currently Minister (Commercial) at the High Commission of Canada to India in New Delhi. In this current

role, Brian is responsible for advancing Canada's commercial relationship with India, Nepal and Bhutan; and for providing leadership and guidance to the 13 trade and investment offices Canada has located across South Asia. Prior to his most recent United Kingdom assignment as Minister-Counsellor (Commercial) and Senior Trade Commissioner (2010-2014), he was based in Ottawa as Director Investment Services (2006-2010). He also served as Canada's Senior Trade Commissioner in Seattle, Washington (2002-2006) and as Trade Program Manager, in the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo, Japan (1997-2002). He has developed and implemented CIDA programs for collaboration on environmental and regulatory reform in South America, and has undertaken international development work in Asia and South America. Brian began his career in the British Columbia provincial government, and served as Assistant Deputy Minister of Energy and Mines. He has worked in the private sector as a lobbyist and environmental project manager for the mining and resource sector. Born in Victoria, B.C., Brian attended the University of B.C. and the University of Victoria, where he obtained a Masters Degree in Public Administration. He now lives in New Delhi with his wife Kelly. Together they have 3 children.





## Pierre Pyun Vice President, Government Affairs, Bombardier Inc.

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Pierre Pyun was appointed Vice President, Government Affairs in October 2011. As such, he leads government relations activities in Canada for Bombardier Inc. A lawyer by training, Pierre has significant background in international trade, having served with the Canadian federal government from 1998 to 2011. Prior to joining Bombardier, Mr. Pyun managed sector practices and developed and implemented global commercial strategies for the Canadian government in Ottawa. Furthermore, he worked at Canadian diplomatic posts in China from 2001-2009, including as a Senior Trade Commissioner at the Canadian Embassy in Beijing. Mr. Pyun holds degrees in Common Law and Civil Law from McGill University and completed a Certificate in International Commerce at the University of Montreal. He is fluent in English, French, Mandarin and Korean.



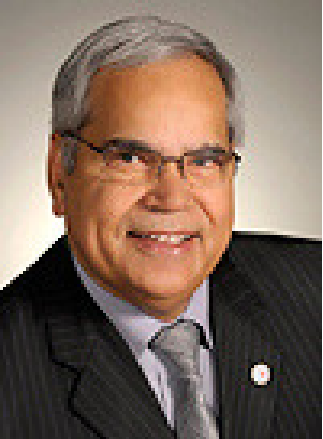
## M.R. Rangaswami

### Founder, Indiaspora

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M.R. Rangaswami is a software executive, investor, entrepreneur, corporate eco-strategy expert, community builder and philanthropist. Recognized as a software

business expert, he participated in the rapid expansion of the Silicon Valley software industry during his tenure as an executive at both large and small software companies. In 1997, he co-founded Sand Hill Group one of the earliest “angel” investment firms and was featured on the front page of the Wall Street Journal. He produced the prestigious Enterprise and Software conferences that were held in Silicon Valley. He was also listed on the Forbes "Midas" list of investors. M.R. is the publisher of SandHill.com a leading website for entrepreneurs, VCs and CIOs. In 2007, M.R. embarked on a new venture as the founder of the Corporate Eco Forum, an invitation-only membership organization for Global 500 companies that demonstrate a serious commitment to environment as a business strategy issue. In 2012 M.R. founded Indiaspora (a non-profit) in 2012 to unite Indian Americans and to transform their success into meaningful impact in India and on the global stage.



**Kam Rathee**

**Special Adviser - India | Toronto, Blakes LLP and  
Vice-Chair, Canada-India Business Council**

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Kam is a leading authority on Canada-India business relations. He held the position of president and executive director at the Canada-India Business Council from 2004 to 2009 and currently serves as its Vice-Chairman. From 2001

to 2004, he headed a Toronto-based international consulting firm, assisting Canadian companies in India and Indian companies in Canada. As a top legal executive of Canada Life from 1988 to 2001, Kam was senior counsel for the company's international operations in India, Brazil, China, Hong Kong, Macau and the Caribbean. From 1983 to 1988, he conducted a very successful international practice of law in New Delhi. This, together with his leadership role for Canada Life in India (1995 to 2001), gave him unmatched experience and widespread contacts in India. He was also a senior in-house counsel for Crown Life in Toronto from 1970 to 1983. As a result of his accomplishments in both Canada and India, Kam has acquired a unique international persona that enables him to assist clients with their business needs on a global scale.



## Sanjoy Roy

### Managing Director, Teamwork Arts

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Sanjoy Roy, an entrepreneur of the arts, is the Managing Director of Teamwork Arts with offices in Boulder, Cairo, Chicago, Hong Kong, Johannesburg, London, New Delhi, Singapore and Sydney. Sanjoy has directed and produced over 1000 hours of a wide range

of films and television shows, including drama series, game shows, newsmagazines, and lifestyle programmes. Sanjoy went to school in London, Mumbai and Delhi. He attended Cathedral and John Connon School in Mumbai and the Delhi Public School, Mathura Road. He majored in Philosophy from St Stephen's College at Delhi University. Soon after, he joined Barry John's Theatre Action Group (TAG) as an actor, went on to become its manager and later, Executive Director. Sanjoy established Teamwork Films and Teamwork Arts in 1989 along with business partner Mohit Satyanand, as a highly versatile production house with wide ranging interests in the performing and visual arts, social sector and films and television. Teamwork Arts produces over 25 highly acclaimed performing arts, visual arts and literary festivals across 40 cities in countries such as Australia, Canada, Egypt, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Israel, Korea, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, UK and USA, and includes the world's largest literary gathering — the annual Jaipur Literature Festival. Sanjoy has received the National Award for Excellence and Best Director, for the film Shahjahanabad: the Twilight Years. He was invited to direct and design the 'Closing' of the Commonwealth Games Arts Festival 2006 – Melbourne; The ASEAN Heads of State Summit in 2013 & the Africa Summit in 2011 & 15. He was also an advisor to The Kennedy Centre's Maximum India Festival. He is the Co-Chair of the Creative Industries segment at the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and has been unanimously nominated and elected as the new President of the Event and Entertainment Management Association (EEMA), an autonomous and non-profit umbrella organization of Industries' stakeholders. He is an advisor for the arts and diversity for numerous government and non- governmental organizations across the world. Sanjoy has contributed to articles and chapters in many mainstream publications and books, amongst these are Reimagine: India-UK Cultural Relations in the 21st Century (ed. Shrabani Basu; pub. Bloomsbury), Staged! (pub. Om Books). Sanjoy is a founder trustee of Salaam Baalak Trust (SBT) working to provide support services for street and working children in the inner city of Delhi where over 55,000 children have benefitted from education, training and residential services. In 2011, SBT was presented the US President's Committee of Arts and Humanities Award for an International Organization by The White House.



## Soumen Roy

### Country Head - Canada, Tata Consultancy Services

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As Country Head, Soumen is responsible for TCS Canada's strategic direction, with overall responsibility for leading all facets of TCS' business across Canada. Prior to this current role, Soumen

led the spirited growth of TCS Japan. With 25+ year's experience, Soumen's accomplishments also span across Australia, USA and India. During his 20 year tenure with TCS, Soumen has led the development of significant new business, as well as managed many successful and lasting client relationships. Outside of the workplace, Soumen enjoys hiking and has a passion for sketching and landscape photography.





**James Shapiro**

**Resident Director, Tata Sons - USA**

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Jim joined Tata Sons as its Resident Director in North America in August 2014. He manages the North American office responsible for representing the Tata Group's interests and assisting group

companies in the region in the areas of government affairs, media relations, academic partnerships, sustainability and business development. Prior to joining the Tata group, Mr. Shapiro worked in a senior leadership position at the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), as an investment banker, and in senior management positions at the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). Mr. Shapiro earned an MA and M.Phil in Economics from Yale University and a BA from Harvard University.



## His Excellency, Vikas Swarup High Commissioner of India to Canada

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Mr. Vikas Swarup was born in Allahabad and graduated from the University of Allahabad. He joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1986. In his career spanning more than 30 years, he has served in diplomatic assignments in Ankara, Washington DC, Addis Ababa, London, Pretoria and Osaka-Kobe. At Headquarters, Mr. Swarup has served as the Desk

Officer for Southern Africa, US & Canada, Director (Pakistan), Director (Nepal and Bhutan) and Director in charge of the Office of the Minister of External Affairs. After serving as Joint Secretary United Nations (Political), he was appointed the official spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs in April 2015 in which capacity he was serving till being appointed as the High Commissioner of India to Canada. In helming the External Publicity and Public Diplomacy Division of the Ministry, he significantly upscaled the MEA's social media outreach. Mr. Swarup is also the author of three novels, Q&A, which was adapted as the multiple Oscar-winning film Slumdog Millionaire, Six Suspects, and The Accidental Apprentice. His books have been translated into more than forty international languages. Mr. Swarup is the recipient of a Degree of Doctorate of Literature and Philosophy (Honoris Causa) by the University of South Africa. He has participated in literary festivals around the world and has written for several prestigious publications including TIME, Newsweek, The Guardian, The Telegraph (UK), The Financial Times (UK), DNA (India), Outlook (India) and Liberation (France).



## Parwaz Virk

### Director, Paytm

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Parwaz is a Director with Paytm and looks after Business partnerships and International tie-ups for Paytm's mobile payments business in North America. Last year Paytm launched its app in Canada and it is now one of the fastest growing consumer app in Canada. Parwaz has previously worked with AT&T in Silicon Valley as a Market Planner for California and Paytm's parent company One97

Communications in India. Parwaz has an MBA from Purdue University.



## David Waugh

### Senior Director, International Affairs and Facilitation, Air Canada

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David Waugh has been involved in International Regulatory Affairs for Air Canada since 2004, and was named to the position of Director, International Regulatory Affairs and Facilitation in February 2009 and subsequently Senior Director, International Affairs and Facilitation in 2017. In this role he is very responsible for Air Canada's International

Affairs and with his team he leads Air Canada's activities with various Canadian Government Departments as well as Foreign Governments, on International Regulatory, Bilateral Air Agreement and Facilitation issues (Visa, entry/exit requirements etc.). Prior to his current role, beginning in 1998, David worked on Air Canada's alliances and partnerships with a number of international carriers. David began his career in the airline industry in Toronto 1987, where he worked in a number of areas within the airport operation.