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 18 JANUARY 2025 - FIRST GCC SEMINAR

19 JANUARY 2025 - INVESTMENT MEET

 SHERATON OMAN HOTEL, RUWI

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INVESTMENT MEET

We invite you for the Investment Meet on Sunday, January 19, 2025, which is joint initiative of ICAI - Oman Chapter and Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI). This event offers a unique platform to connect with key stakeholders, fostering collaborative opportunities between Oman and India's vibrant investor communities.

Don't miss out on this exceptional opportunity to expand your professional network, gain insights, and explore new avenues for growth.

SAVE THE DATE



19 JANUARY 2025



SHERATON OMAN HOTEL, RUWI

WHY OMAN

History	5000+ years history of trade with India and strong cultural relationship.
Economy	Growing economy under stable leadership. Blessed with natural beauty, Oil and natural resources.
Infrastructure & Logistics	4 Ports, 4 Airports, 3 Free Zones and 2 special economic Zones, 10 Industrial cities across Oman. Nationwide mobile connectivity and world class road network including express ways.
Corporate Structure	Offering flexible corporate entity structure including Single person company, Limited Liability Companies and joint stock companies
Ownership	100% Foreign ownership allowed in most of sectors, without any minimum capital requirement. Property ownership allowed in designated areas, comes with investor visa
Visa Rules	Allowing 5 year and 10 year visas for investors
Tax Regulations	Offering lowest VAT rate of 5%, Corporate income tax rate of 15%. 25 to 30 Years tax exemption in Freezones and special economic zones.
Exchange Rate	Rial Omani pegged against USD
Investor Friendly	Invest Oman offers complete set of online services with single point of contact.

Sectors & Opportunities

• Real Estate • Renewables • Tourism • Food Security

We look forward to your active participation and making these events a resounding success!

EVENT SUPPORT



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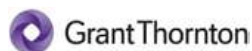
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CA ADITYA VIKRAM DHANUKA

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CA KAMLESH TIBREWAL

CHAIRPERSON
DOHA CHAPTER OF ICAI



CA RAJESH SOMANI

CHAIRPERSON
DUBAI CHAPTER OF ICAI

INVITATION

Greetings,

Institute of Chartered Accountants of India ('ICAI') is the largest accounting body in the world. Today, ICAI has over 400,000 members; expanded its wings to having 171 branches in India, 52 overseas chapters and 29 overseas representative offices along with an overseas office in Dubai. ICAI - Oman Chapter of ICAI was established in 2008 and has 350+ active members including CEOs, CFOs, Internal Auditors, Finance & Accounts Managers of various Private and Governmental organizations in Oman. The 1st GCC Seminar of Oman Chapter of ICAI (On the Edge) shall be conducted on 18th January 2025 followed by Investment Meet on 19th January 2025. The event shall be blessed by the presence of Ministers, Ambassador, ICAI leaders and other dignitaries.

Investment Meet is planned on 19th January 2025 in association with ICAI - Oman Chapter and Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry to encourage global investments.

We would like to invite you to register for the event. We also request the members, corporates and well-wishers to support us whole heartedly and make this event a big success.

Thanks and regards,



On the Edge of Transformation

Chartered accountants are navigating an era of extraordinary change, marked by innovation, disruption, and a rapidly evolving global landscape. This transformative moment demands not just adaptation but leadership. From harnessing advanced technologies to addressing ethical dilemmas, the profession is poised to lead in reshaping industries and economies amidst complexity and volatility.

Technology and Resilience

Artificial intelligence, automation, and data analytics are revolutionizing the field, enabling accountants to deliver strategic insights and real-time solutions. Yet, these advancements come with challenges, including ethical considerations and the need for continuous upskilling. Concurrently, global economic and geopolitical uncertainties—such as trade shifts, inflation, and resource volatility—underscore the importance of resilience. Accountants play a pivotal role in mitigating risks and driving strategic responses to safeguard financial stability.

Adapting to Volatility and Risk

Fluctuating markets, oil price instability, and inflation amplify the demand for agile financial strategies. Chartered accountants must guide businesses in navigating these shocks, from reassessing pricing models to optimizing resources. Additionally, the rise of data-driven decision-making brings both opportunities and risks, making cybersecurity and compliance vital components of trust and operational excellence in the digital age.

Ethics and Leadership

Amid technological and market transformations, integrity and ethical decision-making remain the cornerstones of the profession. As accountants navigate the complexities of AI, data privacy, and global uncertainties, their role extends beyond technical expertise to shaping a future grounded in transparency and trust. The time is now to redefine the profession and lead with purpose, ensuring resilience and growth in a world on the edge.



Chief Guest

HE SHEIKH ABDULLAH AL SALMI
Executive President
Financial Services Authority

Guests of Honour



**HE SHEIKH FAISAL BIN
ABDULLAH AL-RAWAS**
Chairman, OCCI



HE AMIT NARANG
Ambassador of India
to the Sultanate of Oman



CA. RANJEET KUMAR AGARWAL
President, ICAI



CA. CHARANJOT SINGH NANDA
Vice President, ICAI



DR ZAHARAN AL-SALTI
Dean - College of Banking
and Financial Studies

Guest of Honour and Key Note Speaker



CA MAHAVEER SINGHVI
Joint Secretary in Ministry of External Affairs of India

Star Speakers



CA SIDDHARTHA BHAIYA
Managing Director & CIO
Aequitas Investment Consultancy Pvt.



DAVID VARLEY
Chief Partnership Officer
Sun Life Financial



ANAND RAJAN
Principal Officer, GIFT CITY and IRDA
and Govt of India initiative of State
Insurance Plan (MP State).



SONAM WANGCHUK
Indian engineer
and innovator



DR. ANJU BOBBY GEORGE
Indian athlete and
Trailblazer in long jump

PANEL DISCUSSION ON
GLOBAL STARTUP ECOSYSTEM

Moderator



CA VINAY BANSAL

Co- Founder & CEO – Inflection Point Ventures, Partner - Physis Capital

Panelists



DR RIYADH AL-BALUSHI

CEO at Decree



AMITH AGARWAL

Director and CEO - StarAgri



GIRISH RAMKUMAR

Head of Fintech Investments - Bank Muscat



ANNA VANESSA HAOTANTO

CEO & Founder - Zora Health

MEET THE PAST PRESIDENTS OF ICAI



CA NP SARDA
Past President 1993-1994



CA RAMANATHAN BUPATHY
Past President 2003-2004



CA SUNIL TALATI
Past President 2007-2008

PROGRAM CHART

1ST GCC SEMINAR, OMAN

Date: 18th January 2025



TIME	TOPIC / SESSION	SPEAKER
8.30am - 9.00 am	Registration and networking with High Tea	
9.00 am - 10.30 am	Inauguration	
10.30 am - 11.00 am	Key Note Address: On the Edge: Navigating International Relations and Global Economic Dynamics from India perspective	CA Mahaveer Singhvi
11.00 am - 11.15 am	Tea break	
11.15 am - 11.45 am	Technical Session - FICCI Session Topic: India Growth Story	Mr. Venkat
11.45 am - 12.15 pm	Technical Session: Succession Planning and Tax Mitigation through Jumbo Policies and innovative new Global HNW insurance solutions	Mr. David Varley and Mr. Anand Rajan
12.15 pm - 1.00 pm	Global Startup Ecosystem	Moderator: CA Vinay Bansal Panelist: Amith Agarwal, (<i>StarAgri</i>) Riyadh Al Balushi, (<i>Decree</i>) Girish Ramkumar, (<i>Bank Muscat</i>) <i>Lens Crafter</i> , Anna Vanessa Haotanto (<i>Zoho Health</i>)
1.00 pm - 2.00 pm	Prayer and Lunch Break	
2.00 pm - 2.45 pm	Indian Equity Markets: Structurally strong, cyclically weak	CA Siddhartha Bhaiya
2.45 pm - 3.30 pm	Performance On The Edge	Dr. Anju Bobby George
3.30 pm - 3.45 pm	Tea break	
3.45 pm- 4.30 pm	Sustainability On The Edge	Mr. Sonam Wangchuk
4.30 pm- 5.30 pm	Panel Discussion: Topic: Profession on the Edge	Moderator: Ca Unmesh Bhome Panelist: CA NP Sarda CA R Bhupathy CA Sunil H. Talati
5.30 pm - 5.45 pm	Closing address	Vice-President CA Charanjot Singh Nanda
5.45 pm - 6.00 pm	Closing address	President CA Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal
6.00 pm - 6.10 pm	Grand raffle draw and Vote of Thanks	

PROGRAM CHART

INVESTMENT MEET, OMAN

Date: 19th January 2025



TIME	SESSION
8:30 AM TO 2:30 PM	Registration & Networking
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First session: Understanding Oman's Investment Environment• Oman vision 2040• Invest in Oman• Public authority for special economic zones and free zones
	Second session: Panel Discussion - Investment Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tourism investment opportunities - Ministry of heritage and tourism• Green hydrogen investment opportunities- Ministry of energy and minerals• Food Security investment opportunities- Ministry of Agriculture, fisheries and water resources• Real estate investment opportunities- Ministry of housing and urban planning
	Third session: Panel Discussion - Turning opportunities into Success: Lessons from Industry Leaders <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WJ Towell• Green Hydrogen and chemicals• Leading company in tourism and real estate• Leading company in agriculture
	Growth of Instant payments in India and its impact on Financial Inclusion
	Vote of Thanks



HE SHEIKH ABDULLAH AL SALMI

EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

HE Sheikh Abdullah Al Salmi is the Executive President of the Financial Services Authority of the Sultanate of Oman since 2012. Previously, he was the Executive Vice President of the Capital Market Authority (then) since 1999. He was also the Chairman of the Economy and Development Pillar Committee and member of the Technical Committee of Oman Vision 2040.

In 2017, he became member of the Board of Governors of the Central Bank of Oman; he is also Vice Chairman of the Financial Stability Committee.

HE Sheikh Abdullah Al Salmi has been a board member of Oman Investment Authority since its establishment to December 2023. He also acted as Chairman of Oman Development Bank during the period 2015-2017, 2015 and Chairman of Muscat Securities Market during the period June 2002 - April 2008.

He is a founder and board member of the German University of Technology in Oman (GUtech).

HE Sheikh Abdullah Al Salmi has MBA from the University of Durham UK, Advanced Management Certificate from Harvard University USA, Bachelor's degree in Foreign Trade from Halwan University Egypt.





HE SHEIKH FAISAL BIN ABDULLAH AL-RAWAS

CHAIRMAN, OCCI

A young and very dynamic personality, Shaikh Faisal bin Abdullah al Rawas is elected chairman of the Board of Directors of the Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry for the term 2022-2026. He is the youngest president of the Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He is a member of the board of directors of Oman Packaging Co, a representative of Al Baraka Financial Services, and a member of the board of directors of Salah Mills, Al Rawas Holding LLC, Kunooz Oman Holding, and Al Baraka Investment Co.

Sheikh Faisal Abdullah Al Rawas is an active and dynamic executive who is well versed with various private and public business ventures. He began his career with Al Rawas Holding LLC; and he has contributed in many ways to the overall development and success of the company.

He is highly analytical and forward-thinking director with 20 years of progressive experience propelling the overall growth in addition he has extreme attention to detail has helped companies of all types to maximize investments, cut spending, and increase efficiency. He has strong knowledge of governing bylaws and how to implement company procedures. He is a successful motivator who brings a good attitude to every meeting.

He has a Business Decision Management degree from the Bedfordshire University in the United Kingdom.





HE AMBASSADOR AMIT NARANG

AMBASSADOR OF INDIA TO THE SULTANATE OF OMAN

HE Ambassador Amit Narang assumed charge as Ambassador of India to the Sultanate of Oman on October 24, 2021. A member of the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) since 2001, he previously headed the Indian Ocean Region Division of India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), managing relations with key maritime neighbors. Amb. Narang has also served as the Chief Vigilance Officer of the MEA and oversaw India's consular and visa policy, focusing on the welfare of the Indian diaspora.

HE Ambassador Amit Narang has extensive experience in multilateral diplomacy. He was India's lead negotiator for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and represented India in climate change negotiations, including the landmark Paris Agreement in 2015. As Counselor at India's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York (2013-2016), he contributed to the adoption of the International Yoga Day resolution. Earlier, he handled the United Nations portfolio in the MEA and participated in major climate summits globally.

With a keen interest in China, HE Ambassador Amit Narang holds an Advanced Diploma in Chinese and has served twice in Beijing, focusing on economic relations and as Deputy Head of Mission. His career began in the External Publicity Division of the MEA, engaging with Indian and foreign media. A Fellow of the Ananta Aspen Centre's Kamalnayan Bajaj Fellowship and member of the Aspen Institute's Global Leadership Network, he is committed to global collaboration and sustainable development.

Born on January 28, 1975, HE Ambassador Amit Narang has a passion for photography, bird watching, and cultural exploration. Married to Mrs. Divya Narang, they have two children. His career reflects a blend of diplomacy, strategic leadership, and a deep appreciation for history and culture.





CA RANJEET KUMAR AGARWAL

PRESIDENT, ICAI

CA. Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal is the 72nd President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) for the term 2024-25. His extensive association with ICAI includes three consecutive terms in the Central Council and prior service in the Regional Council. Known for his strong organizational skills and commitment to excellence, he has been instrumental in integrating modern technologies like Artificial Intelligence and Automation into the profession, emphasizing continuous training and upskilling. As Chairman of the Professional Development Committee, he played a pivotal role in implementing initiatives such as the Unique Document Identification Number (UDIN) and Bank Branch Audit Allocation Software, significantly contributing to the profession's advancement.

His tenure as Chairman of the Ethical Standards Board led to the formulation of a new Code of Ethics after a decade, underscoring his dedication to upholding ethical standards. Additionally, he initiated the 'CA Business Leaders 40 under 40' campaign to recognize and foster young talent within the industry.

As President, he chairs all Standing Committees of ICAI and represents the institute in various national and international forums, striving to position India as a global accounting hub. A graduate of Calcutta University, CA. Agarwal continues to lead ICAI with a vision to elevate India's stature in the global economy.





CA CHARANJOT SINGH NANDA

VICE PRESIDENT, ICAI

CA. Charanjot Singh Nanda, FCA, has been elected as Vice-President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) for 2024-25. With 33 years of professional experience, he graduated from M.L.N. College in 1987, consistently earning Merit List distinctions at Kurukshetra University. A Fellow Member of ICAI since 1991, he has served six terms on its Central Council and led the Northern India Regional Council as Chairman from 2002-2003. Known for his leadership, he has chaired numerous ICAI committees, introducing critical standards like the Forensic Accounting and Investigation Standards (FAIS), mandatory since July 2023.

During his tenure, CA. Nanda spearheaded initiatives fostering growth and innovation. As Chairman of the Internal Audit Standards Board, he championed efficient auditing tools, while under his leadership of the Women Members Empowerment Committee, he empowered female CAs to achieve professional excellence. He also contributed to AML compliance and influenced financial regulations as Chairman of the Committee on Financial Markets & Investors Protection. His work extended to enhancing ICAI's global presence through roles with the South Asian Federation of Accountants and other international organizations.

A strong advocate for holistic development, CA. Nanda has represented ICAI in various government and regulatory committees, including SEBI and the Ministry of Corporate Affairs. He recently became ICAI's ex-officio nominee on the Standing Committee on Accounting Issues of IRDAI. His leadership across ICAI and beyond reflects his commitment to advancing the profession and strengthening the nation's economy.





DR ZAHRAN AL-SALTI

DEAN, COLLEGE OF BANKING AND FINANCIAL STUDIES (CBFS)

Dr. Zahran Al-Salti started his professional career at the Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Innovation, where he held a number of technical and administrative positions. The last of which was Director of Postgraduate Studies at the General Directorate of Scholarships.

In 2004 he moved to academia at Sultan Qaboos University, where he worked as a faculty member at the College of Economics and Political Science and director of the Center for Community Service and Continuing Education. He was awarded the “Best Teacher Award” in 2016 at Sultan Qaboos University.

Dr Al-Salti holds a bachelor's degree from the United States of America and a master's and doctorate degrees from the United Kingdom.





CA MAHAVEER SINGHVI

JOINT SECRETARY IN MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF INDIA

Mahaveer Singhvi is a distinguished diplomat, legal expert, and financial strategist with a multifaceted background in law, finance, and international relations. Currently serving as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, India, he leads the New Emerging and Strategic Technologies Division, a role that underscores his commitment to innovation and diplomacy. His illustrious career spans decades, characterized by pivotal contributions to India's engagements with regions such as Europe, Africa, and Latin America, and his instrumental role in fostering multilateral economic relations through platforms like BRICS and IBSA.

Mahaveer's academic journey is as impressive as his professional trajectory. A graduate of the University of Oxford, where he earned a master's degree in diplomatic studies, he combines deep expertise in diplomacy, international law, and global policy-making. His qualifications include degrees in law from Delhi University, and professional certifications as a Chartered Accountant, Company Secretary, and Cost and Management Accountant. These credentials underpin his ability to navigate the complex intersection of economics, law, and international relations with exceptional acumen.

Beyond his professional roles, Mahaveer Singhvi is recognized for his leadership, negotiation skills, and dedication to advancing India's global stature. Honored as a CA Business Leader in Government, his accolades reflect his unparalleled commitment to excellence and innovation. Fluent in English, Hindi, and Rajasthani, Mahaveer is not only a diplomat but also a bridge-builder, shaping impactful policies and fostering meaningful international partnerships.





CA SIDDHARTHA BHAIYA

MANAGING DIRECTOR & CIO
AEQUITAS INVESTMENT CONSULTANCY PVT.

Meet Siddhartha Bhaiya, the dynamic force behind Aequitas Investments. As the Managing Director and CIO at Aequitas Investment Consulting Pvt. Ltd., he's reshaping the world of finance with his sharp insights and contrarian stock-picking approach.

With over 24 years of experience in Equity research and fund management, Siddhartha has propelled Aequitas to deliver jaw-dropping 34% CAR returns over more than 11 years. With a deep focus on valuations, his latest venture focuses on the East Asian Markets.





DAVID VARLEY

CHIEF PARTNERSHIP OFFICER
SUN LIFE FINANCIAL

David Varley is Chief Partnership Officer at Sun Life Financial in Hong Kong.

He specializes in HNW and Ultra HNW Planning and Insurance Structuring solutions for clients and families in Asia. He has a Bachelor of Commerce Degree, with an Honors in Management, and a thesis in Innovation – from Melbourne University. Previously he was Head of HNW for Asia for AXA, and Head of International Business for Aviva.





ANAND RAJAN

**PRINCIPAL OFFICER, GIFT CITY AND IRDA AND
GOVT OF INDIA INITIATIVE OF STATE INSURANCE PLAN (MP STATE)**

A seasoned life insurance professional with over 22 years experience in the Life Insurance industry having leadership roles in both Sales and Operations. Led the central Operations team as Head of Persistency, Branch Operations, Claims and Financial Operations as well as spearheaded Bancassurance Sales, Sales and Distribution Strategic functions.

Currently leading two key initiatives as the Principal Officer, GIFT CITY and IRDA and Govt of India initiative of State Insurance Plan (MP State).

Experience

- SBI Life Insurance Co Ltd, 9 yrs
- IndiaFirst Life Insurance Co Ltd, 13 yrs





SONAM WANGCHUK

INDIAN ENGINEER AND INNOVATOR

Sonam Wangchuk was born in the trans-Himalayan region of Ladakh in J&K, India. Though a Mechanical Engineer by education, he has been mostly working in the field of education reform for more than 30 years. In 1988, just after he finished his engineering studies he founded SECMOL (Students' Educational and Cultural Movement of Ladakh) www.secmol.org, with the aim of supporting Ladakhi children and youth in educationally challenging and culturally confusing times. In 1994 he was instrumental in the launch of Operation New Hope, a triangular collaboration of the government, village communities and the civil society to bring reforms in the government schools system. The programme involved formation of Village Education Committees to take ownership of state schools, training of teachers in child friendly ways and re-writing and publishing localised text books for Ladakh. As a result the pass percentage at 10th grade (matriculation) rose from the dismal 5% to 55% in seven years and 75% these days.

For students who still failed in their state exams he founded the SECMOL Alternative School Campus near Leh, a special school where the admission criteria is failure in exams and not high grades. However with the supportive and creative environment at the school, the so called failures have excelled in their chosen fields and risen to international acclaim as entrepreneurs, film makers, politicians, teachers and so on. This experiment in school education has now been extended to an Alternative University called Himalayan Institute of Alternatives, Ladakh (HIAL www.hial.edu.in) which seeks to engage youth in solving problems in their climate context while engaging in higher education.

As an engineer Sonam Wangchuk has been teaching innovation at the SECMOL Alternative School and HIAL, where together with the students he designs and builds solar heated buildings that are low cost, made of earth/mud but maintain +18 C even in -18 C in Ladakhi winters.

In order to solve the water crisis facing mountain regions due to climate change and fast melting glaciers he invented the Ice Stupa artificial glacier which stores the unused stream waters in winter in the form of giant ice cones or stupas and releases the water in late spring as they melt... just when farmers need water.





DR. ANJU BOBBY GEORGE

INDIAN ATHLETE AND TRAILBLAZER IN LONG JUMP

Dr. Anju Bobby George is a legendary Indian athlete and a trailblazer in long jump. She made history as the first Indian to win a medal at the World Athletics Championships, securing bronze in 2003. In 2005, she clinched gold at the World Athletics Final and was named the Best Athlete in Asia.

A two-time Olympian, she holds the national record for long jump (6.83m), achieved at the 2004 Athens Olympics. Anju won bronze at the 2002 Commonwealth Games and gold at the Asian Games, marking her consistency on the global stage. She has been honored with the Arjuna Award (2002), Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna (2003), and Padma Shri.

As Senior Vice President of the Athletics Federation of India, she actively promotes sports. Through her Anju Bobby Sports Foundation, she mentors young talent and produces world-class athletes. Her achievements and contributions make her a true icon of Indian athletics.





CA VINAY BANSAL

CO- FOUNDER & CEO – INFLECTION POINT VENTURES
PARTNER, PHYSIS CAPITAL

Vinay Bansal is a seasoned business leader with over 24 years of global experience spanning Fortune 50 companies, startups, and investment ventures. Renowned as a turnaround specialist, he has driven substantial value creation for TPG portfolio companies. Vinay's hands-on experience includes roles as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Chief Investment Officer (CIO), showcasing his entrepreneurial expertise and leadership in high-stakes environments. He has held global positions across the US, UK, Singapore, Thailand, and China, with his last corporate role being CFO for Supply Chain (South Asia), overseeing operations worth \$1.3 billion.

Vinay's career highlights include multiple leadership roles in manufacturing finance, supply chain management, and sourcing. A certified professional in ICWA, ICAI, ICSI, and Six Sigma, he brings a blend of technical expertise and strategic insight to every endeavor. As the Co-Founder and CEO of Inflection Point Ventures and a Partner at Physis Capital, Vinay has invested in over 100 startups and celebrated more than 25 successful exits, underlining his prowess in nurturing innovation and fostering entrepreneurial success.





DR RIYADH AL-BALUSHI

CEO AT DECREE

Dr Riyadh Al-Balushi is the CEO of Decree, a legal tech startup on a mission to empower society with legal knowledge using state-of-the-art technology.

Prior to founding Decree, he worked as a legal advisor for the government of the Sultanate of Oman in the Ministry of Legal Affairs and later its successor the Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs for more than 16 years.

Riyadh has extensive experience in public international law, intellectual property, and information technology law. He holds an LLB from Cardiff University, an LLM in Information Technology Law from the University of Southampton, and a PhD in Intellectual Property Law and Human Rights from SOAS, University of London.





AMITH AGARWAL

DIRECTOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - STAR AGRI

Amith Agarwal is a seasoned business leader with over 17 years in the agricultural industry, serving as the Whole-Time Director and Chief Executive Officer of our Company. A graduate of commerce from Raj Rishi College, Alwar, University of Rajasthan. Amith is known for his strategic acumen in transforming agribusiness through technology and innovation.

His expertise in corporate partnerships, brand and market strategy, and financial oversight extends to Agriwise Finserv Limited, where he has been instrumental since 2016. A pioneer in the field, Amith has spearheaded the development of Agribazaar, India's largest agri-tech platform, streamlining agricultural markets and supporting millions of farmers across the country.

He has been an active participant of Harvard Business School's Executive Educational Program. Amith is a member of YPO Mumbai and Board Member at Global Pulses Confederation (GPC), actively engaging with global leaders in the sector. He is a frequent speaker at premier industry platforms such as CII, FICCI, and SEA, where he addresses emerging trends and challenges in agribusiness. His thought leadership is regularly featured in top industry publications, both nationally and internationally, further solidifying his reputation as an innovative thinker and visionary in the agriculture space.





GIRISH RAMKUMAR

HEAD OF FINTECH INVESTMENTS - BANK MUSCAT

Girish Ramkumar is the Head of Fintech Investments at Bank Muscat. Girish has worked across public equities, private equity and venture capital during his career as an investment professional.

In his current role, Girish leads Bank Muscat's investments in regional and global fintech companies. Prior to Bank Muscat, Girish worked at Goldman Sachs and Infosys. He is an alumnus of Indian Institute of Science (Bangalore) and Osmania University (Hyderabad).





ANNA VANESSA HAOTANTO

CEO & FOUNDER, ZORA HEALTH

Anna Haotanto is an award-winning entrepreneur, investor, and thought leader in entrepreneurship, technology, and leadership. With over 17 years of experience, she has built and scaled technology companies, executed M&A deals, and founded The New Savvy, Asia's leading financial literacy platform for women, reaching 80,000 subscribers across five countries. Anna is a skilled communicator with a diverse portfolio of speaking engagements, including fundraising pitches, conferences, and hosting TV documentaries and podcasts. She has a robust professional network spanning technology, startups, finance, and female communities across ASEAN, with experience in technology, banking, finance, and retail industries.

As the CEO & Founder of Zora Health, Asia's leading fertility and family health platform, Anna provides comprehensive reproductive and lifestyle care services. Zora Health partners with employers to deliver personalized reproductive care across all life stages, offering virtual and physical consultations, self-guided programs, and access to 128+ partner clinics across 16 countries. Previously, Anna served as Managing Director at ABZD Capital and Gourmet Food Holdings, driving growth in technology, digital innovation, and branding for 30+ global F&B outlets.

Anna's leadership extends beyond business. She has hosted several Channel NewsAsia documentaries, including The Millennial Investor and Challenge Tomorrow, and runs The Lessons We Learnt, a podcast on Asian business leaders. She is a founding executive committee member of the Singapore FinTech Association, serves on boards like TiE Singapore and United Women Singapore, and is President of the SMU Women Alumni. Her accolades include the ASEAN Rice Bowl Startup Awards' Founder of the Year and LinkedIn Power Profiles recognition in 2017 and 2018.





CA VIVEK GUPTA

CHAIRPERSON - BAHRAIN CHAPTER OF ICAI

CA Vivek Gupta is an active member of CA fraternity since the year 2012 and has a record of meritorious performance with achievement of All India Rank in Chartered Accountancy curriculum examinations. He qualified as a Chartered Accountant in the year 2016 and is a member of Bahrain Chapter of ICAI since 2017. Besides being a Chartered Accountant, he holds a Bachelor's degree in the field of Commerce and is a CFA (USA). He's also a Board Member with CFA Society Bahrain and has held the office of District Audit Chair of District 20 of Toastmasters International in the recent past.

With an overall work experience of over 12 years, he has extensive experience in Risk Management and Financial Planning & Analysis with leading banks of India and Middle East (ICICI Bank Ltd., India, Kuwait Finance House B.S.C (c), Bahrain, Khaleeji Bank B.S.C, Bahrain). As part of professional competence, Vivek has managed to learn and implement skills in the fields of Financial Modelling, IFRS Compliance, Risk / Quantitative Analysis, Enhancement of Executive Management Reporting Processes, Capital Planning and Trend Forecasting.

He is presently the Chairperson for the term 2024-25. Being passionate about helping people change their lives in the simplest and realistic way possible, he is also inclined towards promoting physical & mental fitness.





CA KRISHNAN NARAYANAN

CHAIRPERSON - ABU DHABI CHAPTER OF ICAI

CA Krishnan Narayanan Venkat, the current Chairman of the ICAI Abu Dhabi Chapter, brings a wealth of experience to his role with over 25 years in the UAE's financial sector. As both a Chartered Accountant and Cost Accountant, he has risen to become a Partner at Andersen in UAE, Abu Dhabi, showcasing his professional prowess.

Upon assuming the chairmanship, Krishnan introduced a new agenda for the chapter: "Connect to Grow." This vision emphasizes unity, collaboration, and seizing opportunities collectively to achieve shared goals and elevate the chapter's standing. His leadership philosophy, centered on the belief that "Opportunities are created, underscores the importance of professional networking in fostering knowledge exchange and career advancement within the finance community.

Krishnan's decade-long involvement with the ICAI Abu Dhabi Chapter, serving in various capacities, demonstrates his unwavering commitment and enthusiasm for the organization. His extensive expertise spans multiple areas of finance and taxation, including UAE Corporate Tax, VAT, Anti-Money Laundering, Country-by-Country Reporting, Economic Substance Regulations, and Transfer Pricing.

As a seasoned professional, Krishnan offers strategic guidance on complex financial matters to his clients. His skill set encompasses tax planning, financial reporting standards, risk management, process optimization, IFRS implementation, internal auditing, and treasury operations. This comprehensive knowledge base not only benefits his clients but also enriches the ICAI Abu Dhabi Chapter's professional development initiatives.





CA ADITYA VIKRAM DHANUKA

CHAIRPERSON - KUWAIT CHAPTER OF ICAI

With over 16 years of experience in finance and accounts across the Middle East and India, this seasoned professional has excelled in diverse roles, including auditing, regulatory compliance, and financial management. Currently serving as the Group CFO for ASB Holding in Kuwait, they lead the finance function for a prominent family group. Past roles include Partner at PAFS Consulting in India, AVP at KAMCO Investment, and Auditor at EY Kuwait, showcasing a robust track record in financial services, mergers, and audits.

A Chartered Accountant since 2012 and CFA Level 2 candidate, they bring strong academic credentials and professional expertise. As Chairperson for the ICAI Kuwait Chapter, they have demonstrated leadership in fostering the professional development of peers. Their experience includes leading diverse teams across accounting and finance functions in Kuwait and India, managing over 30+ SME clients, and ensuring compliance with stringent regulatory requirements such as CBK and CMA.

Renowned for problem-solving, innovative thinking, and exceptional interpersonal skills, they specialize in team building, business development, and delivering timely audits and financial reports. A pivotal contributor to the KAMCO-Global Investment House merger, they bring deep insights into financial services best practices. Their ability to manage cross-border projects and foster high-performing teams reflects their commitment to excellence in financial leadership.





CA KAMLESH TIBREWAL

CHAIRPERSON - DOHA CHAPTER OF ICAI

CA Kamlesh Tibrewal is a Fellow Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, having secured an All India 21st rank in his Final Exams. He is also a Certified Project Management Professional with over 25 years of experience in the Oil & Gas and FMCG sectors, specializing in Accounting, Auditing, and automating Business Processes through Digital Solutions on the SAP platform.

Since 2008, Kamlesh has been contributing to QatarEnergy and has previously worked with large corporates like ONGC and ITC.

Since 2019, Kamlesh has been an active member of the ICAI Doha Chapter executive committee, leading key initiatives to elevate the Chapter's professionalism and efficiency.

A competent leader and communicator, Kamlesh is a past President of the CA Toastmasters Club in Doha, recognized by Toastmasters International. Beyond his professional pursuits, he co-founded the cricket team "Phoenix" and plays in the QCA League.

Kamlesh trusts his instincts in challenging times and follows the philosophy, "Whatever happens, happens for good".





CA RAJESH SOMANI

CHAIRPERSON - DUBAI CHAPTER OF ICAI

Rajesh Somani is an accomplished finance and trading professional with over three decades of experience across multinational corporations and industry-leading organizations. Currently serving as Managing Director & CEO of Global Smart Comtrade Pte. Ltd. in Singapore, he specializes in international commodities trading. His leadership tenure includes pivotal roles such as Advisor – Commodities for Aditya Birla Group and Managing Director & CEO of Swiss Singapore Overseas Pte. Ltd., where he drove multi-billion-dollar revenues and strategic global expansion.

A Chartered Accountant (ICAI) since 1985, Rajesh also holds the prestigious Company Secretary qualification (ICSI), an Advanced Management Program (Harvard Business School), and expertise in Big Data Analytics and Machine Learning (National University of Singapore). His rich academic and professional journey underpins his innovative approach to financial management, commodities trading, and corporate governance.

Rajesh has been recognized for his exceptional leadership with accolades such as the Chairman's Individual Award in Aditya Birla Group and the Asia Pacific Entrepreneurship Award. As Chairman of ICAI Dubai Chapter and an active member of various professional and community organizations, he continues to inspire and contribute significantly to the global financial and business ecosystem.



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