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BAIJU BHATT

DEMOCRATIZING FINANCE, REACHING FOR SPACE

Baiju Bhatt is an entrepreneur who co-founded trading platform Robinhood in 2013, revolutionizing investing by making commission-free trading accessible to millions. He helped lead the company to its 2021 Nasdaq debut with a $32 billion valuation before launching Aetherflux, a pioneering startup developing space-based solar power technology. Born to Gujarati immigrant parents, Bhatt is among America's youngest billionaires and continues to push the boundaries of innovation, from financial technology to the future of clean energy.

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GURBAKSH CHAHAL

TEEN WHO WROTE A TECH SUCCESS STORY

Gurbaksh Chahal is an entrepreneur who turned teenage ambition into a remarkable Silicon Valley success. After dropping out of high school at 16, he founded ClickAgents before selling his digital advertising company, BlueLithium, to Yahoo for $300 million in 2007. Born in India and raised in California, Chahal overcame poverty and racial bullying to build multiple technology ventures. Through the Chahal Foundation, he now champions causes including anti-discrimination, child protection, and human trafficking prevention.

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SANT SINGH CHATWAL

FROM BOMBAY PALACE TO NEW YORK'S HOSPITALITY KING

Sant Singh Chatwal turned a single Indian restaurant into one of the most recognizable hospitality empires in the United States. A former Indian Navy pilot, he founded the globally acclaimed Bombay Palace restaurant chain before building Hampshire Hotels & Resorts and the Dream Hotel Group, managing more than 3,000 hotel rooms in New York City. With an estimated net worth of $200 million, Chatwal is also known for strengthening U.S.-India relations, earning India's Padma Bhushan in 2010 for his contributions to the landmark Indo-U.S. civil nuclear agreement.

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JAY CHAUDHRY

A VILLAGER FROM HIMACHAL TURNED A CYBERSECURITY TYCOON

Jay Chaudhry's journey from Panoh, a remote village in Himachal Pradesh without electricity, to the pinnacle of Silicon Valley epitomizes the power of perseverance. Founder and CEO of Zscaler, he built the company into a $17.9 billion cybersecurity leader after previously founding four successful startups. Ranked #25 on Forbes' 2026 America's Richest Immigrants list, Chaudhry has a real-time net worth of $8.4 billion (July 27, 2026). Today, he stands among the world's most influential technology entrepreneurs and self-made billionaires.

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BHARAT DESAI

IITIAN'S LEAP OF FAITH CREATED SUCCESS STORY

Entrepreneur Bharat Desai co-founded Syntel with his wife, Neerja Sethi, from their Michigan apartment in 1980 with just $2,000. Under his leadership, the IT consulting firm grew from $30,000 in first-year revenue to more than $900 million annually before its $3.4 billion acquisition by Atos in 2018. An IIT Bombay graduate with an MBA from the University of Michigan, Desai has a real-time net worth of $1.6 billion and remains a leading philanthropist and technology pioneer.

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GURURAJ DESHPANDE

ENTREPRENEUR WHO POWERED THE INTERNET AGE

Gururaj "Desh" Deshpande transformed bold ideas into billion-dollar enterprises, emerging as one of Silicon Valley's most successful Indian-American entrepreneurs. After graduating from IIT Madras and earning advanced degrees in Canada, he founded Cascade Communications, which was acquired for $3.7 billion, and later Sycamore Networks, valued at $18 billion at its IPO. A former co-chair of President Obama's National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Deshpande now leads Sparta Group and the Deshpande Foundation, advancing technology, entrepreneurship, and social innovation across the U.S. and India.

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VINOD DHAM

FATHER OF THE PENTIUM CHIP

Vinod Dham, celebrated worldwide as the "Father of the Pentium Chip," revolutionized personal computing by leading Intel's iconic Pentium processor to global success. During a 16-year career at Intel, he also advanced the 386 and 486 processor families and co-invented flash memory technology. Later, he helped build NexGen and Silicon Spice, acquired for $800 million and $1.2 billion, respectively. A Padma Bhushan awardee, Dham now mentors startups, advises India's Semiconductor Mission, and champions deep-tech innovation through venture investing.

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SRINIVAS (SRINI) GOPALAN

INDIAN EXECUTIVE STEERING T-MOBILE'S NEXT

Srini Gopalan, an IIM Ahmedabad alumnus, became president and CEO of T-Mobile in November 2025, joining the ranks of Indian-origin leaders at the helm of corporate America. With leadership roles spanning Unilever, Accenture, Capital One, Bharti Airtel, Vodafone, and Deutsche Telekom, he has built a global reputation for driving telecom innovation and business transformation. His appointment underscores the growing influence of Indian talent in shaping the future of America's technology and telecommunications industry.