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SATYA NADELLA

THE ARCHITECT OF MICROSOFT'S AI ERA

Satya Nadella transformed Microsoft into one of the world's most valuable companies after becoming CEO in 2014 and chairman in 2021. Under his leadership, the company built Azure into a cloud powerhouse, acquired LinkedIn and Activision Blizzard, and emerged as a global AI leader through its multibillion-dollar investment in OpenAI. Born in Hyderabad, Nadella studied at Manipal Institute of Technology, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and the University of Chicago. With an estimated net worth of \$1.3 billion, he is among the world's most influential technology leaders.



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LEENA NAIR

FROM INDIA'S FACTORY FLOOR TO CHANEL'S CORNER OFFICE

Leena Nair rose from a management trainee at Hindustan Unilever in India to become the global CEO of Chanel in 2022, leading one of the world's most iconic luxury brands. Born in Kolhapur, Maharashtra, she is an engineer and a gold medal-winning postgraduate with a diploma from XLRI Jamshedpur. A trailblazer, she was Unilever's first woman, first Asian, and youngest global CHRO. With an estimated net worth of \$40 million, Nair has redefined global leadership by bringing Indian talent to the pinnacle of the luxury industry.



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LAXMAN NARASIMHAN

INDIAN EXECUTIVE LED GLOBAL CONSUMER GIANTS

Laxman Narasimhan built a distinguished career leading some of the world's biggest consumer brands, serving in senior leadership roles at PepsiCo, as CEO of Reckitt, and later as CEO of Starbucks in 2023. An engineering graduate of the College of Engineering Pune (COEP), he also earned a master's from the University of Pennsylvania's Lauder Institute and an MBA from Wharton. Born and educated in India, Narasimhan has often credited his mother for instilling the resilience and adaptability that shaped his global success.



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VASANT NARASIMHAN

PHYSICIAN LEADING A \$295 BILLION PHARMA GIANT

Physician-scientist Vasant Narasimhan has served as CEO of Novartis since 2018, leading one of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies with a market value of \$295.78 billion (as of July 27, 2026). Born in the United States to parents from Tamil Nadu, he earned degrees from the University of Chicago, Harvard Medical School, and Harvard Kennedy School. After receiving his M.D., he worked with the World Health Organization on global public health, followed by McKinsey & Company, before joining Novartis, where he rose to the top through scientific expertise and strategic leadership.



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SHANTANU NARAYEN

THE CEO BEHIND ADOBE'S BILLION-DOLLAR RISE

Shantanu Narayen transformed Adobe from a maker of boxed software into a global cloud and AI powerhouse during his nearly two decades as CEO. Born in Hyderabad, he earned a bachelor's degree in electronics engineering from Osmania University, a master's in computer science from Bowling Green State University, and an MBA from UC Berkeley. Under his leadership, Adobe's annual revenue grew from about \$3 billion in 2007 to more than \$21 billion by 2024, driven by Creative Cloud, Document Cloud, and AI-powered innovations.



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VIKRAM PANDIT

STEERING CITIGROUP THROUGH CRISIS

Vikram Pandit rose from Nagpur to lead Citigroup through the 2008 global financial crisis, famously accepting a \$1 annual salary until the bank returned to profitability. A Columbia University graduate, he previously led Morgan Stanley's investment banking division, co-founded Old Lane Partners, and now serves as Chairman and CEO of The Orogen Group. With an estimated net worth of \$120 million, he has also strengthened India-U.S. ties through leadership roles at the Indian School of Business and the American India Foundation.



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SUNDAR PICHAI

THE QUIET FORCE BEHIND GOOGLE'S GLOBAL DOMINANCE

Long before he led one of the world's most influential technology companies, Sundar Pichai grew up in Chennai with limited access to technology-a contrast that fueled his belief in its power to transform lives. Joining Google in 2004-the day Gmail launched-he became CEO of Google in 2015 and Alphabet in 2019, succeeding Larry Page. An alumnus of IIT Kharagpur, Stanford University, and the Wharton School, he has driven Google's growth in search, Android, cloud computing, and AI. His estimated net worth is \$1.6 billion.



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DEV PRAGAD

GAVE NEWSWEEK A DIGITAL SECOND LIFE

When legacy media struggled to survive the digital revolution, Dr. Dev Pragad rewrote the playbook. As president, CEO, and co-owner of Newsweek, he transformed the iconic publication into a global digital powerhouse, expanding its monthly audience from about 7 million to over 100 million. A King's College London Ph.D. with executive education from Harvard Business School, Pragad owns a 50% stake in Newsweek Publishing LLC and has emerged as one of the most influential Indian-origin leaders in global media.

