



Shantanu Chaturvedi is a seasoned innovator specializing in scaling early-stage ventures and developing market-ready technologies across diverse domains, including EVs, renewables, IoT, and agritech. With deep expertise in electronics, PCB design, and circuit innovation, Shantanu has successfully led technology projects from concept to execution. Currently serving as Vice President at Transition VC, he leverages his extensive experience to evaluate and scale transformative technologies, driving impactful growth in the startup ecosystem. A B.Tech. graduate from Delhi Technological University, Shantanu combines technical acumen with strategic foresight to enable innovation and market leadership.

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Babatunde, a Senior Investment Associate at Acumen West Africa, brings extensive experience in impact investing to the team. With degrees from Aston University and a proven track record at firms like Aruwa Capital Management and Platform Capital Investment Partners, he has a deep understanding of equity investments across diverse sectors like consumer goods, healthcare, and fintech. Passionate about ethical and impactful investing, Babatunde aims to leverage patient capital to unlock the vast potential of African entrepreneurs and drive positive change across the continent.

Mr Babatunde Usman

Senior Investment Associate | Acumen



Sanchayan Chakraborty is a Partner at Aavishkaar Capital and the CEO of Aavishkaar Carbon Platform. He leads the Carbon Platform which is the carbon asset development and management business of the Group. He is a member of Aavishkaar's Group Executive Committee, the Investment Committee at Aavishkaar Capital and a partner of Aavishkaar's Frontier Fund. He has over two and half decades of experience in investment banking and fund management across Asia and the Middle East. Prior to joining Aavishkaar in 2013, Sanchayan was MD for Leveraged and Acquisition Finance at Standard Chartered Bank (India). He has previously been part of M&A, Project Finance and Structured Finance franchises at Bank of America, ING Barings and ING Vysya Bank. He is a post-graduate in Management from IIM Bangalore (India) and a graduate in Electronics Engineering from IIT, Kharagpur (India).

Mr Sanchayan Chakrabort

Partner | Aavishkaar Capital



Thomas van Halen is currently the Head of Premium Products at VC4A, connecting African startups to opportunities. Thomas is also the Event Director at Africa Early Stage Investor Summit. In addition, Thomas is a Startup Mentor at Google, an Angel Investor at VHM, and the Founder of Van Halen Media specializing in video, Prezi, and website design. Thomas is also a Member of the Board at TWIGA Foundation, aiming to provide educational opportunities for Kenyan children. Thomas previously worked as a Venture Finance in Africa Research Lead at Mastercard Foundation and as a Social Media Strategist at Het NIC. Thomas holds a BSc and MSc in International Business from Maastricht University.

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Kushal Agrawal is a Partner and Chief Financial Officer at Lightrock, where he is instrumental in managing fund operations and governance. His expertise extends to serving on the boards of several companies, including Neogrowth, Arya, SV Agri, Be Well, and Allfresh, focusing on their strategic and financial planning. Previously, Agrawal held significant roles such as Financial Controller at Zovi.com, along with positions at ITC and PwC. He is a Chartered Accountant from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and a commerce graduate from St. Xavier's College, Kolkata. His passion for working closely with portfolio companies highlights his commitment to enhancing growth and efficiency through effective process implementation and risk management.

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Namita Vikas is the Founder and Managing Partner of AuctusESG, a global advisory firm focused on sustainable finance and Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles. With over 30 years of extensive experience in climate strategy and sustainability across various sectors including banking, technology, and fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG), she has established herself as a leading figure in green finance. She played a pivotal role in launching innovative green and sustainable financial products, significantly contributing to raising over USD 1 billion in capital for sustainable initiatives, including the issuance of India's first Green Bond in 2015. She has been recognized for her exceptional leadership, having received accolades such as "Sustainability Leader of the Year" from Ethical Corporation, UK, and has served on numerous high-profile advisory boards and councils within the sustainability sector.

Mr Sanchayan Chakrabort

Founder and Managing Partner | AuctusESG



Mona Kachhwaha has over 30 years of experience in banking and impact investing. She is a Partner at UC Impower, an early-growth stage equity fund, incubated by Unitus Capital (2020-Present). UC Impower invests in financial inclusion and climate solutions and has a gender-lens on investments. Previously, at Caspian Impact Investment Adviser (2007-2019), she managed the India Financial Inclusion Fund, a growth equity fund focused on inclusive finance; she was on the credit and investment committees of subsequent funds launched by Caspian. As the nominee on the board of early as well as growth stage companies, and subsequently as an independent director on some boards, she has played an active role in their governance and shaping their strategies.

Ms Mona Kachhwaha

Partner | UC Impower



As an Associate Partner at Dalberg based in Singapore, Sreya Bhattacharya specializes in scaling high-impact ventures and designing innovative funding strategies across Asia Pacific. She has advised clients on different types of funding strategies – private investing, grant funding models and impact investing. Sreya's most recent work at Dalberg has included spearheading the prototyping journey for a cohort of social enterprises with solutions in education across the globe, identifying and nurturing a cohort of startups with new and innovative solutions to the complex challenges within the Digital Health Financing landscape in Asia Pacific, and working with a cohort of product managers across big tech, startups and social enterprises to develop inclusive products and services for women and persons with disability. Prior to Dalberg, Sreya led Dasra's global collaborative of funders and non-profits leaders across India to achieve systemic change in adolescent health and education. She has also worked at KPMG providing financial due diligence to private equity clients and at the Rockefeller Foundation, where she supported the most recent presidential transition. She has an MBA from Columbia Business School, and BSc in Finance & Accounting from Indiana University, Bloomington.

Ms Mona Kachhwaha

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Peter served as CEO of PKA, a Danish pension fund, for 19 years. Currently, he chairs the boards of the Climate Investment Coalition and the Fonden World Climate Foundation. Engaging in executive roles, he's been a board member for The Danish Insurance Association and served in leadership capacities at Forca Ltd and DEAS. Additionally, Peter contributes to the financial sector as a board member of Axcel Ltd, a leading Danish private equity company. His commitment to sustainable development is evident in his roles on the advisory board of The Danish SDG Investment Fund and chairing the Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change since January 2017. Peter is also a distinguished member of the Global Commission on Adaptation, addressing crucial issues in reports and action tracks.

Mr Peter Damgaard Jensen

Co-Chair | Climate Investment Coalition; Chair, AIP Management



Jens Nielsen, founder and CEO of the World Climate Foundation, is a prominent leader in sustainability and climate action. With over 20 years of experience, he has worked across 20+ countries, performing strategy and transformation for some of the world's largest companies, including as an industry leader at PwC in the 1990s. Later, he played a pivotal role as a top executive in the global expansion of Cision PR Newswire. Under Jens' leadership, the World Climate Foundation has become a leading global platform promoting the green economy through cross-sector partnerships. He also co-founded the Climate Investment Coalition, facilitating multi-billion-dollar climate investments by 2030. Jens serves on the boards of the Climate Planet Foundation and Art2030, furthering his commitment to global sustainability.

Mr Jens Nielsen

CEO | World Climate Foundation