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**Executive Chairman of Hitachi America, Ltd. &
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With over three decades of experience in the technology sector, spanning across more than twenty countries, and having founded two multi-billion-dollar global digital technology services firms, Shashank Samant now dedicates himself to guiding fellow CEOs towards success and fostering positive societal impact.

Shashank's fervor lies in leveraging technology to shape a world aligned with its highest potential—by crafting exceptional products, delivering intuitive and immersive experiences, and seamlessly bridging the realms of physical and virtual to engage millions.

Presently serving among the top-10 Executive Officers of Hitachi Ltd. He is also strategic advisor, investor, and holding various public and private board positions, Shashank previously held the position of CEO and President at GlobalLogic for fourteen years. During his tenure, he facilitated numerous Fortune 1000 companies in realizing their digital aspirations, catalyzing innovation, and driving excellence in digital transformation. Notably, GlobalLogic's acquisition by Hitachi Ltd. in 2021 marked one of the largest service company acquisitions in history. Three years subsequent to this landmark achievement, Shashank transitioned from his GlobalLogic operational leadership role to Hitachi Chairman role to focus on advisory and board engagements.

Shashank holds a multitude of strategic leadership roles at Hitachi, he is currently Executive Chairman for Hitachi Americas, Executive Chairman of Hitachi Digital, Board member for Hitachi Energy, and serves as strategic advisor for Hitachi Ltd. Digital Solutions and Services Group. Shashank is also SVP and Executive Officer of Hitachi Ltd. Working very closely with the Hitachi Ltd. Group CEO.

Shashank's board memberships include prominent public and private companies such as Office Depot Corporation, Rackspace Technology, Eureka Forbes, and Cyderes, a privately-held cybersecurity company. Shashank is also advisor to marquee Private Equity firms Apollo and Permira. Additionally, he serves on the software advisory council of Mercedes-Benz and holds a position on the board of governors for UC Irvine's Center for Digital Transformation.

Before his tenure at GlobalLogic, Shashank served as President of Ness Technologies, where he

spearheaded the establishment and growth of their product engineering services division, culminating in a successful IPO on the NASDAQ exchange in 2004. Prior to that, he held the role of General Manager for Hewlett-Packard's Verifone division, a global leader in Point of Sale (POS) and payment technologies.

Shashank's career journey commenced at Citicorp, where he played a pivotal role in developing the FlexCube banking technology—a transformative innovation in retail banking. He further contributed to the establishment of IBM's inaugural India-based software engineering lab, playing a key role in globalizing IBM's R&D and software engineering endeavors.