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Philanthropist • Entrepreneur • Investor

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An alumnus of Durham Business School, UK, and a graduate of the accelerated development programs from Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, India, and Wharton Business School, USA, Rahul is a prolific entrepreneur, investor, philanthropist, and corporate professional. In a career spanning nearly two decades, Rahul has led several business turnarounds and growth through sustainable models, innovation, and leadership. Rahul worked in various strategic and managerial positions across Fortune 500 companies like Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc, USA, and Deloitte & Touche, USA, where he led various global initiatives like setting up of special

committee teams for Forensic and Dispute Consulting practice. Over the last decade Rahul has been leading the education and skills verticals of Globsyn Group, where he is giving wings to his passion of working in the education sector in India, transforming the lives of the youth through technology, and creating value by making youngsters employable.

Revolutionizing Education

Rahul has played an instrumental role in helping Globsyn Business School (GBS) become Eastern India's No. 1 Business School with 4000+ alumni globally. Under Rahul's leadership, the B-School has forayed into many global partnerships, integrating various academic practices and high-end technologies into its delivery through these collaborations. GBS has stayed relevant as a specialized postgraduate education system, remaining ahead of the growth curve in terms of learning and development for the youngsters, with appropriate use of technology, pertinent to the needs of the time. This can be credited to Rahul's business acumen and leadership skills – he helped the B-School become profitable through his disruptive strategies and sustainable models that impacted the people, the process, and the profit formula.

Technology Innovation

Rahul is the chief architect behind the digitalization of Globsyn's academic initiatives – from a 'Brick Model' to a 'Click Model' – across all organizational verticals. Under Rahul's stimulating leadership, GBS has launched GBS Online – a global platform of digital learning, to create a community of like-minded learners around the world who are able to gain access to online learning resources and complete coursework at their own time, while completing assignments of international standards. GBS Online has already enabled nearly 40,000 minds globally in a short span of time, where students across the world can pursue courses of their choice at an affordable cost. Rahul's team plans to digitize the entire curriculum of GBS by integrating AR and 3D videos with traditional techniques to make the B-School's Hybrid Delivery Model more immersive and self-paced. Rahul also led the B-School's transition from issuing physical diplomas to one which is digitized. He has also been instrumental in motivating the faculty to adopt technology as the new medium of imparting knowledge and launched an eLibrary as a part of the B-School's LMS platform – eGlobsyn. All these transitions were initiated much ahead of the pandemic, which helped GBS adapt to the 'New Normal' much faster than many of its contemporaries nationally and globally.

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Impacting the Youth</p>	<p>Rahul spearheaded Globsyn's vocational training initiatives, in partnership with the National Skills Development Council, and was instrumental in setting up Globsyn's Skills Development ecosystem with 500 centers across 21 states in the country within a span of 2 years, after starting with only a handful of centers in West Bengal. During his tenure Globsyn Skills had the highest pass percentage nationally across all sectors, compared to other competitors. Globsyn impacted and trained nearly 1,00,000 youth across 11 high-growth sectors. As an avid technophile, Rahul also drives the operations of Globsyn Finishing School (GFS), which has trained over 2,50,000 engineering students through the years in various emerging technology tracks like Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Big Data, Internet of Things, Blockchain, Robotic Process Automation, Cloud Computing, Cyber Security, Augmented Reality among others. GFS annually trains nearly 5,000 engineering graduates from 350+ colleges across India to equip them with the necessary skills to join the Indian IT industry.</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Investments and Mentoring</p>	<p>Rahul has been a seed investor and mentor to several startups. Rahul's investment portfolio includes Inbloom, Atelier M, Vistas Media Capital, and Swan AI Studios. While Inbloom is a vegan supplement company, founded by Kate Hudson in New York, where Rahul is a seed investor; he is one of the larger shareholders in Atelier M, a premium F&B fine dining experience in Dubai. Vistas Media Capital is a Singapore-based entertainment and media company, producing regional content for the Indian market, and Swan AI Studios is an innovative group that discovers, builds, and scales AI-enabled startups. Rahul has been a part of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) nationally and regionally, and has set up ALFA Network along with his friends – the largest network of second and third-generation family business owners in India. Rahul is also a member of the Indian Angel Network (IAN) through which he builds his start-up investment portfolio in the Indian market with companies like Ingenium Education, Papa Pawsome, Samosa Party, STEMROBO Technologies, AIUni, amongst others.</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Philanthropy</p>	<p>Over the years, Rahul has received the opportunity to work closely with social initiatives across India and South Africa, which has been both a privilege and a blessing. Efforts span healthcare, education, and wildlife, focusing on marginalized groups such as para-athletes, underprivileged children, the LGBTQ+ community, and specially-abled individuals, often in collaboration with non-profit partners. Initiatives include facilitating vaccinations, promoting education, raising menstrual hygiene awareness across villages, and enabling access through sanitary pad vending machines. The work also extends to caring for vulnerable wildlife, including the welfare and well-being of 20 Siberian Huskies and two adopted Rhinos and Elephants in South Africa. At its core, this journey a continued vision to expand impact and touch thousands more lives with dignity and support.</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Recognitions</p>	<p>Rahul is the recipient of 'Young Entrepreneur Award' in the field of education by the 'Indian Achievers Foundation' at the National Seminar on best CSR Practices held in New Delhi. Apart from this he has been conferred with several other accolades like the 'ET New Age Leader in Education' award by the Times of India; 'Best Education Entrepreneur of the Year 2020' award by the 'Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India' (ASSOCHAM); 'Times Men of the Year Award' by The Times of India for his exemplifying work in areas of entrepreneurship and philanthropy, and also felicitated with the 'Young Entrepreneur in the field of Education' award at the ET Industry Leaders 2022, organized by The Economic Times. Under his leadership, Globsyn Business School has been recognised as the 'Institute of the Year - East' at the 16th International Education Leadership & Skill Development Summit 2023, organised by ASSOCHAM, India. Recently, Rahul has been recognized as an 'Impactful Leader in Enhancing Excellence in Management Education in India' at the 'Exemplary Awards 2024 in Academia', by Federation for World Academics (FWA).</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Memberships</p>	<p>As a member of the Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO), a global network of leading entrepreneurs, Rahul actively contributes to fostering entrepreneurial excellence and innovation, further reinforcing his commitment to building sustainable business ecosystems. Through his association with the Rotary Club of Dubai, Rahul exemplifies the spirit of service and community engagement, aligning with his philanthropic pursuits to create meaningful change in society.</p>
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