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Dr. Gopal has over 35 years of experience in global supply chain & operations strategy, execution, and technology in a career that has encompassed industry executive management and consulting. His experience has focused on innovating, structuring, improving, and managing supply chain operations, business processes, services, and technology use for leading global companies.

For products companies, this has included developing innovative supply chain, customer life cycle experience and information strategies on a global basis, cost reduction, risk mitigation, stabilizing and improving operational efficiency, and executing for world-class results. In the services arena, Dr. Gopal has built and run world-class professional services and consulting practices for major companies, consulted in supply chain strategy, management and technology with leading global companies, and has developed technology solutions, innovative new services in accelerated strategy and process design, and executive education programs for both large global and small companies.

Dr. Gopal has held executive positions at several leading companies, including Partner & Director of Global Supply Chain & Operations Services at Ernst & Young Consulting, VP in World-Wide Operations at Dell Computer, as well as executive VP positions at leading companies such as Unisys, and SAIC. His consulting clients have included prominent global companies across a range of industries.

Dr. Gopal is a recognized thought leader in the field of global supply chain & operations. He is the co-author of three books and has served as an invited panelist at several major forums, including the Harvard Business Review, the Milken Institute Global Forum, the World IATA Conferences in Mexico City and Rome, the China and Trade Summit in Washington DC, the 2020 OECD-OMI Summit, the SecureAmerica 2021 Summit, and the USC Pandemic, Healthcare and Supply Chain Symposium in August 2021. Chris has been on the Supply Chain Digest “Supply Chain Gurus” panel from 2015-2020.

Dr. Gopal has served as a Member of the Defense Business Board (DBB). Chris also serves as a Supply Chain advisor to the Global Fund, a public-private organization based in Geneva, designed to accelerate the end of AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and COVID as epidemics. He has served as an advisor to technology and services companies and has assisted in several startups. Dr. Gopal served as an advisor to a prominent think tank project in Washington on Industrial Competitiveness, and recently served on a White House sub-committee on Manufacturing Technologies. He consults with senior executives and teaches at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) and the University of Southern California (USC), where he also serves on the Advisory Board of the Global Supply Chain Management Center and participates in the Marshall Volunteer Leadership Committee.

Dr. Gopal holds a Ph.D. in Business from the University of Southern California, an MBA from the Cranfield School of Management, UK, and a B.Sc. from Bangalore University, India.