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Saf is a global leader with three decades of accomplishment and leadership in the High Tech and Telecom industry. He is a Senior Vice President and the Chief Strategy Officer at Intel Corporation where he is responsible for driving Intel’s Corporate Strategy, Corporate Ventures, Business Incubation, Business Development and Strategic Investments functions. He sets and directs the growth strategy and corporate plan for Intel, and invests ~\$1B annually into new ventures, incubation and strategic opportunities, and oversees a team of ~2000 professionals spread across US, Europe, and Asia. In his role, Saf combines deep domain knowledge in Semiconductor design and manufacturing, Compute Architecture, AI, Networking/5G and software with his 27 years of strategic and investment experience to help Intel navigate the future.

Before he joined Intel, Saf was a Senior Partner in McKinsey and Company’s Global Tech Practice where he led the Global Transformation Practice, and the Knowledge and Capabilities Committees for the Practice. Over his time at McKinsey, Saf led many of the largest strategic and operational transformation programs for McKinsey’s largest Tech, Media and Telecom clients across the globe. He was the lead Senior Partner that led McKinsey’s multi-year support for three of the most successful turnarounds (based on significant cost, revenue, operational and cultural improvements) in the tech industry over the last 10 years.

Over his 26-year tenure at McKinsey, Saf held many leadership roles and led several important initiatives for McKinsey and Company. As a new partner, Saf led McKinsey’s Telecom Media and Tech practice in the Mid-Atlantic region of the USA, which represented McKinsey’s largest Tech client base at the time. He drove McKinsey’s knowledge and relevance in the emerging technology topics (Optical networking, Telecom regulation, eCommerce, Pricing) that were the basis of the practice’s success. For 4 years, Saf was the Managing Partner for McKinsey’s South Africa practice where he was responsible for ~500 professionals and the P/L of the office. Administratively, Saf was a longtime co-chair of McKinsey’s Partner Evaluation Committee where all partners were evaluated annually. He was also a longtime co-leader of McKinsey Black Network (MBN), the primary global affinity group for people of African descent. In his leadership capacity at McKinsey, Saf also led multiple pro-bono initiatives in Education (supporting the DC public Schools transformation), Healthcare (supporting the transformation of the 4 main hospitals in Johannesburg) and Disaster Relief (leading McKinsey’s response to the Haitian earthquake). He is also a former board member of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF).

Saf earned his Bachelor’s of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS), from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 1993. He also earned a Master’s of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS), at MIT in 1994 with a thesis on control systems for semiconductor manufacturing.