

**Gatekeepers of Governance – Corporate Governance Summit
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Summit Introduction:

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Chairperson, Excellence Enablers; Director on Boards

**Inaugural Session -
Growth with Governance – Can Ethics and Economics coexist?**

There are some who believe that if growth is to be achieved at a desired pace, governance must take a backseat. This is practised by avoiding the highway of values, and taking to the bylanes of expediency. Can ethics and economics coexist?

Panellists

Mr. Deepak S. Parekh

Chairman, HDFC

Mr. S.N. Subrahmanyam

Managing Director and CEO, Larsen & Toubro

Mr. Dinesh Kumar Khara

Chairman, State Bank of India

Financial Sector Regulation – Anticipating the Future

The financial sector is continuously reinventing itself. Newer products, more categories of market participants, and faster processes, aided by technology, pose phenomenal challenges. Can regulations and regulators anticipate the future?

Panellists

Mr G. Mahalingam

Former Whole Time Member, SEBI; Director on Boards

Mr. Ashish Kumar Chauhan

Managing Director & CEO, National Stock Exchange

Mr. Amitabh Chaudhry

Managing Director & CEO, Axis Bank

ESG – Towards a Better World

The stated objective of responsible corporate citizenship is to reward all categories of stakeholders and to work towards sustainability. ESG is the new kid on the block. Do the initiatives address Indian ground realities?

Panellists

Ms Vinita Bali

Former Managing Director & CEO, Britannia Industries; Director on Boards

Mr. Amish Mehta
Managing Director & CEO, CRISIL

Dr. Mukund Rajan
Chairman, ECube Investment Advisors; Former Chief Ethics Officer, Tata Group

Independent Directors – Expectations and Reality

There are no better examples of mismatch between expectations and reality, than with respect to Independent Directors. When things go wrong, the inevitable question is what were the Independent Directors doing. Is too much being expected of them?

Panellists

Mr. Nawshir Mirza
Former Senior Partner, S. R Batliboi & Co; Director on Boards

Mr. T.V. Mohandas Pai
Chairman, Aarin Capital & Manipal Global Education; Director on Boards

Mr. M. Damodaran
Chairperson, Excellence Enablers; Director on Boards

The Function of Audit – Challenges and Opportunities

They are tasked to ensure that companies and managements present a “true and fair” picture. Now Auditors and Audit Committees themselves are under the scanner, with various regulatory agencies looking at them with cynicism. How can the credibility of the audit process and the audit practitioners be restored?

Panellists

Mr. M.K. Sharma
Former Vice Chairman, HUL; Director on Boards

Mr. P.R. Ramesh
Former Chairman, Deloitte India; Director on Boards

Mr. Niranjana Kumar Gupta
Chief Financial Officer, Hero MotoCorp

Risk Management – The Elephant in the Room

Risk management has finally gained traction in the boardroom. Boards are expected to understand the diversity and complexity of the risks, as also their damage potential. Is enough being done to keep corporates reasonably safe?

Panellists

Ms Shikha Sharma
Former Managing Director & CEO, Axis Bank; Director on Boards

Mr. Sunil Alagh
Former Managing Director & CEO, Britannia Industries; Director on Boards

Mr. Subramanian Sarma
Whole-time Director, Larsen and Toubro

Plenary Session – Corporate Governance – Talking the Walk

The best learnings are often from shared experiences of leaders who have “been there, done that”.

Panellists

Mr. Harsh Mariwala
Founder & Chairman, Marico

Mr. M. Damodaran
Chairperson, Excellence Enablers; Director on Boards

Should Governance be Size Dependent?

Governance, through compliance with what is mandated, comes at a cost. Can smaller entities afford these financial commitments? At the same time, should they not be expected to put in place good governance practices, without leaving it too late?

Panellists

Mr. S. Ramann
CMD, SIDBI

Dr. Santrupt Misra
Group Director, Birla Carbon; Director, Chemicals, & Director Group HR, Aditya Birla Group

Mr. Alok Kumar Choudhary
Managing Director, State Bank of India

NRC – The Teams they Select

When Boards and committees underperform, the question that sometimes gets asked is “how did these people become Directors”? As selectors, that help to put together the team, how do the NRC members independently identify, and induct, the leaders of a future-ready Board?

Panellists

Mr. Arun Nanda
Chairman, Mahindra Holidays & Resorts; Director on Boards

Mr. Prasad Chandran
Former CMD, BASF India; Director on Boards

Mr. M. Damodaran
Chairperson, Excellence Enablers; Director on Boards