

VINEY SAWHNEY, PROFESSOR AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

As a key member of the Finance Team at Harvard University for 13 years, Professor Sawhney is a consummate financial veteran and teaches Private Equity, Venture Capital, Investment Banking and Project Finance at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

Professor Sawhney has over 25 years of solid investment and commercial banking expertise via his association with Citicorp and other international banks around the world where he held senior level executive positions.

As a serial entrepreneur, Professor Sawhney launched his first independent venture involving floatation of a publicly quoted financial services company made up of 10,000 shareholders in Mumbai in 1986 and successfully exited the firm with significant capital gains. His second venture was the launch of a development bank in the State of Bahrain in the year 1992 dedicated to small and medium sized businesses and it continues to flourish as a viable financial institution to-date. The third start up was a Project Development firm based in Boston, Massachusetts in mid-nineties dedicated to establishing large scale energy related projects in emerging market countries assembling a record workload of over \$2.2 Billion in just 2 years.

Educated at MIT, Professor Sawhney is a frequent speaker at international forums and travels frequently to Asia, Europe and Latin America focusing on, "Technology and Innovation".

Professor Sawhney has spent over four decades in the corporate and start up world in multiple capacities as CEO, Chairman of board and advisory board member. He is uniquely positioned to evaluate the present-day challenges posed by financial markets due to inflation, supply chain bottlenecks and the prevailing uncertain political climate in Europe triggered by Russia/Ukraine conflict. He is a mentor to multiple startups in the US, helping founders to scale the businesses, craft optimal financing structures and forge deep relationships with industry leaders via Harvard networks.