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Vikram Mansharamani

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Vikram Mansharamani first gained widespread attention with his book *Boombustology: Spotting Financial Bubbles Before They Burst*. Since then he's gone on to show business leaders and investors how to look at the world differently in order to manage risk and navigate radical uncertainty. His strategies help them peer into the future on crucial areas like China, food, the global economy, Africa, housing, investing, financial cycles, energy, and much more. So valuable are his insights that LinkedIn named Vikram #1 on their 10 Top Voices for Money, Global Economics, and Finance for both 2015 and 2016. *Worth* magazine listed him on their "Power 100" list for 2017 - one of the 100 most powerful people in global finance.

Vikram believes that the future doesn't have to surprise us – and won't – if we regularly step away from our expertise and look at the world through multiple lenses. He calls this the generalist's mindset. When encountering information that seems irrelevant most people think, "So what?!" Generalists think instead, "Isn't that interesting," and look to connect disparate dots. When they do, the conclusions they draw and decisions they make may be very different from the more narrow-focused "experts." Vikram shows audiences practical ways to use this approach to spot opportunities and reduce risk.

From 2009 until 2017, Vikram was a Lecturer at Yale University where he taught three popular classes: "Financial Booms and Busts," "Economic Inequality," and "Adventures in Business Ethics." He is now a Lecturer at Harvard's John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences where he teaches a course called "Humanity and Its Challenges." His research is focused on navigating complex uncertainties and risk.

Vikram Mansharamani is a global equity investor with more than 20 years' experience investing in public and private markets. He served as Managing Director of SDK Capital (and its predecessors) and today manages the Kelan Global Opportunities Fund, a global thematic investment partnership founded by Vikram and some of his clients.

Vikram is currently a regular contributor to *Worth* magazine and a columnist for the *PBS NewsHour*. He has also contributed to Bloomberg, MarketWatch, CNBC, *Forbes*, *Fortune*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Atlantic*, *YaleGlobal*, *The South China Morning Post*, *The Korea Times*, *The Khaleej Times*, and *The Daily Beast*, among others. Vikram contributed the summary chapter for the book *A Force for Good* (2015) synthesizing lessons drawn from the collection of essays written by the world's most prominent thinkers on the role of finance and capitalism in today's increasingly interconnected and unequal world.



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He is a frequently sought-after speaker by a wide range of organizations. And while corporations from virtually every industry have sought his insights, he continues to have a very strong following in the investment community. He regularly speaks with those focused on allocating large pools of capital. Audiences of sovereign wealth funds, family offices, endowments, foundations, and registered investment advisors have found tremendous value in his unconventional thinking.

As a consultant Vikram helps clients analyze the business impact of global trends, with a particular emphasis on economic, political, and social risks that might generate instability. He conducts many executive education seminars for senior leadership teams on how to integrate disparate (and seemingly contradictory) information into actionable analysis to drive business decisions. His thematic analysis and risk management is always focused on identifying opportunities within the risks. He currently serves on the board of the Africa Opportunity Fund (LSE: AOF), is a strategic advisor to Peter Kiewit & Sons, and has helped numerous other Fortune 500 boards and leaders.

He earned a Ph.D. and MS from the Sloan School of Management at MIT, an MS in Political Science from MIT, and a BA from Yale University, where he was elected to *Phi Beta Kappa*.

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