

Padmanabh Sinha

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Padmanabh (Paddy) Sinha works as Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer – Growth Equity and joined NIIFL in 2021. He manages the private equity business and the Strategic Opportunities Fund, presently the largest India-focused growth oriented private equity fund.

He is a veteran of the Indian investing ecosystem with a proven track record of building out leading institutions and businesses in India. He has over 27 years of work experience, primarily in private equity investments since 2002, and as an early tech entrepreneur in India. His investment experience spans across several sectors, including industrial, technology, consumer, business services, infrastructure, and financial services.

Prior to joining NIIFL, he was with Tata Group's flagship private equity fund, the Tata Opportunities Fund, as its Managing Partner and co-founder. He was instrumental in raising the then largest India focussed private equity fund in 2013 with investments from leading global investors. The first exit from the fund through an IPO returned half the fund by itself. Padmanabh was previously the Managing Director – India for Temasek where he co-founded and co-led the India office during

its successful build-out phase in India. In his stint with Temasek from 2004 onwards Paddy consummated several investments in India and successfully exited many of these with attractive aggregate returns for the exits completed while he was there. He additionally led large international projects, including Temasek's entry into life insurance investments globally.

Padmanabh was an early tech entrepreneur in India and was one of the founding members of eGurucool.com, an Ed-tech business focused on online and hybrid Test prep for Grade 9-12. Paddy started his professional career journey with a JP Morgan-ICICI investment banking joint venture in 1995.

Padmanabh holds a Bachelor in Engineering degree in Computer Science from BITS, Pilani, and is an MBA from IIM, Calcutta. He completed an Executive Development Course in Late-Stage Private Equity from Harvard Business School in 2003.

