



SUDHIR MAHESHWARI

Founder & Managing Partner

Sudhir Maheshwari is the Founder and Managing Partner of Synergy Capital, a fund manager regulated by the Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA). Since 2016, he has led the successful raising of three funds totalling about US\$2 billion, with a focus on curated investments across the Global Industrial and Infrastructure sectors.

With a career spanning over 40 years, Sudhir brings extensive and diverse experience across multiple sectors, geographies, and disciplines. He has lived and worked globally, building a distinguished track record in leadership, investment, and strategic transformation.

Sudhir was a leading and integral part in the creation of ArcelorMittal, the world's largest steel company. He spent 27 years with ArcelorMittal as a member of the Group Management Board, Alternate Chairman of the Corporate Finance & Tax Committee and the Chairman of the Risk Management Committee. His responsibility included corporate finance, mergers, acquisitions and divestments; risk management; and India and China operations on the Group Management Board. He led most acquisitions, divestments and growth plans of the Group. Post the Global Economic Crisis of 2008, he was also responsible for numerous restructuring and special situations. Sudhir played a key role in all financing and tax structuring activities of the company. His experience extends to almost all types of financing, including debt, equity and equity-linked products. Many of the acquisitions and financings have won awards for being groundbreaking and innovative. The IPO in 1997, the 2006 financing to acquire Arcelor, the refinancing post the 2008 global economic crisis, including equity, raises in 2009 and 2013, are some key award-winning accomplishments.

Sudhir also managed Mittal Investments from 2008 until 2015. In this role, he structured equity investments of \$ 1.5bn in assets of \$ 8bn in natural resources, cement and infrastructure. His responsibilities included all aspects of the investment process, including deal sourcing, analysis, negotiation, execution, management, joint venture management and exits.

Sudhir believes that you need to have a passion for the work you do. He says, "If you know why you're passionate about your passions, you can figure out how to infuse that into your day-to-day activities." A family man and a proponent and practitioner of work-life balance, Maheshwari is diverse in his passions too. His love for sports, music, travelling and philanthropy is a testimony to this.

Sudhir, along with his wife, founded Maheshwari Foundation in 2010 in the UK and India. The Foundation aims at contributing meaningfully for the upliftment of the society, through initiatives that empower and improve the lives of the disadvantaged. The Foundation has gifted 25 oxygen concentrators in various parts of India in 2021. The Foundation has contributed toward distributing food packets during Covid in India in mid-2020. The Foundation set up a Blood Bank in India in 2020, a Thalassemia Unit and a Blood Donation and Transportation Bus in 2023. He raised money to build a hospital in the wake of a massive earthquake of 2002 in Bhuj, Gujarat. He raised money to build a housing colony near Pondicherry following the devastating Tsunami of 2004. He has served as a trustee of Leonard Cheshire Disability Trust in the UK during 2012-13. He raised considerable funds to help build a new campus at his alma mater, St. Xavier's College, in 2013. He has also served as a trustee of ArcelorMittal Foundation and the Mittal Foundation over a long period. He has served as a Board member of Business Council of International Understanding (USA). For more than a decade, he served as a trustee at Future Hope, UK, a Kolkata street children's charity, where he led efforts for the successful debut fundraising dinner in 2015. He is also associated with the Noble Laureate Kailash Satyarthi's Foundation (UK), who is tirelessly leading efforts towards eradicating child slavery and promoting global compassion.

Sudhir is a Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and The Institute of Company Secretaries of India, and an Honours Graduate in Accounting and Commerce from St. Xavier's College, Kolkata. Sudhir is a British citizen of Indian origin living in Dubai with his wife and two children and speaks English, Hindi, Bengali and basic German.

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