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Special events feature

Annual Leadership Gala- a grand success!

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Dear alumni,

Amongst the several smaller events that we conducted through last year, the highlight during the last month was the HBS Annual Leadership Gala. For those of you who were there, you know what a wonderful event it turned out to be. For those who were not there - you should absolutely be there for the next one in January of 2015 (watch out for the announcement of the dates).

Dean Nitin Nohria showed us all why he is such a fantastic teacher - he held court for an hour and taught us what makes great companies succeed over the long term. The panel consisting of Adi Godrej, Naina Lal Kidwai and Ajay Piramal was terrific; Manish Kejriwal and Ganesh Natrajan did a wonderful job of moderating the panel. The highlight, of course, was a grand performance by Ratan Tata, who gave us an hour of his wisdom, and was gracious, profound, witty, humorous and warm at the same time. The cocktail session and dinner afterwards provided the platform for animated discussions among the 250+ alumni and spouses, including discussions on the industry vertical initiatives that the Club has started.

"It was a signature event" was the common theme heard around the room. Dean Nohria said, "The event last Friday was a clear sign of the amazing new energy you have brought to our alumni in India. I was so happy to be a part of it." We hope to use this energy and the momentum we have generated to make a difference in many verticals over the next year. These verticals have been created for the sole purpose of making an impact on our society, our industries, our companies and our selves. We hope you will take an active part in giving these verticals a direction and aid the vertical leads in delivering the goals that they set out to deliver. There is more on these verticals on Page 3 of this newsletter- do take a look!

I would like to end the note thanking all those alumni who have signed up as members of the HBS Club. Your contributions made the Annual Leadership Gala a successful event, one that we would like to replicate every year from now on. I urge all those alumni who are not yet members of the Club to sign up- the fact that we went from 29 to 230 members in the span of one year shows the enthusiasm of your fellow alumni for making the HBS community in India stronger than ever!

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Snapshots from the Gala



For more Gala
photos, please visit:
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New Initiative: Verticals

Bringing the alumni closer, one vertical at a time!

In the last month or so, we have initiated nine verticals within the HBS Club of India led either by MBA or Executive Education alumni for more specific networking, events opportunities and at the same time, keeping a broad vision of impact in mind. Any activity or undertaking within these verticals is aimed at having an impact, either on the individual participating in the activities, or on the industry, or on society at large. We encourage you to join in and explore how you can participate in these verticals and make a difference. Want to lead a vertical? Write to us at indiahbs@gmail.com!

Social Enterprise led by Bindi Dharia. Bindi (MBA 2013) is the Program Director for the Piramal Foundation for Education Leadership



Retail and Real Estate led by Ankit Samdariya. Ankit (MBA 2013) is a Management Associate at Virtuous Retail



Clean Tech led by Rajat Gupta. Rajat (MBA 2010) is Co-founder and CEO of Thermal Energy Service Solutions (TESSOL)



Manufacturing and Operations led by Vikram Sharma. Vikram (MBA 2006) is an entrepreneur in residence at Arpwood Capital



Technology led by Vikas Choudhary. Vikas (GMP 9) is COO & CFO (India) of Aimia Inc.

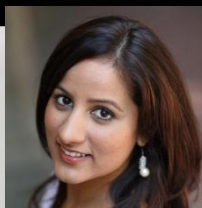


Food and Beverage led by Priyanka Mittal.

IT and Telecom led by Rajendra Singh. Rajendra (AMP 181) is currently setting up a mobile technology based company



Entrepreneurship led by Naiyya Saggi. Naiyya (MBA 2012) is the Co-founder of BabyChakra and Director of InfoMoko Technologies



Investments and PEVC led by Hitesh Zaveri. Hitesh (AMP 184) is a Senior Fund Manager with Birla Sun Life Asset Management





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Upcoming events

Gear up for exciting times ahead with these upcoming events!

Aspire. Focus. Achieve

15 February, 2014, 3:00 to 8:00 pm

Mumbai (venue TBD)

For the first time, the Harvard Alumni Clubs are partnering with NES Foundation and Enactus to have a half-day event on managing aspirations of young students. This is a modest attempt to engage the Harvard University alumni and other prominent personalities with current students to provide them insights into trends in the industry, help them tackle challenges of today's competitive work environment, boost their confidence in chasing their dreams and help to find the right balance between personal and professional aspirations.



Leadership Immersion with Korn Ferry

20 February, 2014, 4:30 to 6:30 pm

RPG House, Worli, Mumbai

The session is set in the context of the most contemporary Korn Ferry research on SMART GROWTH- the ability to grow the top and bottom line of a business in an extremely challenging business environment where demand conditions are weak and disruptive change is high. The interaction will address questions such as: What are the defining characteristics of Smart Growth leaders? What can you do to enhance leaders with Smart Growth capability? What insights can we provide you as a preview of your own Smart Growth capability?



The Founder's Dilemmas with Prof. Noam Wasserman

25 February, 2014, 6:00 to 8:45 pm

HBS Classroom, Taj Lands End, Mumbai

Noam Wasserman is a professor at HBS. In 2011, the course 'Founders' Dilemmas' was named one of the top entrepreneurship courses in the country by Inc. magazine. Join in and hear Professor Noam Wasserman speak about the topic: The Founder's Dilemmas-Anticipating and Avoiding the Pitfalls That Can Sink a Startup.

Connected Leaders' Dialog on Innovation

13 March 2014, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Save the date for the next version of Connected Leaders' Dialog. This time, the discussions will be centered on innovation and we have HBS Clubs of Pakistan, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka, Gulf etc. participating in this first ever international session of this sort. Also expect HBS Dean Nitin Nohria and other professors from HBS giving their take on innovation.

HBS New Venture Competition

First deadline: 28 February, 2014

This competition is open to all HBS alumni, including Executive Education and all other alumni status granting programs. Both, for-profit and not-for-profit companies are eligible. With over half of HBS alumni classifying themselves as entrepreneurs at some point in their lives, this contest is designed to shine a spotlight on alumni ventures, support new ventures, and awards up to \$75,000 in cash prizes (three \$25,000 awards).



For further details on any event, please visit:

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From the Vice-President

Looking back, looking forward!

The first year of the new Club board and leadership must surely rank as the most exciting phase of growth any association or club has seen in India and possibly worldwide. Membership up over ten-fold, two mega events- the Connected Leaders' Dialog and the Annual Leadership Gala- executed to perfection and great fellowship in Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru and Hyderabad with Indians even in New York and Hong Kong reaching out and wanting to participate. Thank you all for your collaboration and participation. A special thanks too to eminent alumni like Ratan Tata, Ajay Piramal, Naina Lal Kidwai and many others who have given their time freely to us and of course, the HBS Dean Nitin Nohria for his support and the amazing class he conducted for us at the Gala.

As we enter a new year, we have been encouraged to become even more ambitious in our plans to expand the width and depth of our engagement with the HBS alumni. The next edition of the Connected Leaders' Dialog is scheduled for 13 March 2014 and we expect HBS Clubs in Pakistan, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka and a few others to join us that evening. Our thrust on better leadership to make India return to the growth path will see us explore innovation and human resource management and development through these and other faculty interventions during the year culminating again in our leadership summit of 2015.

We have also lined up two special programs that will enable HBS Club members as well as Harvard and HBS alumni to participate in the development of the social sector and the academic community in the country. On the afternoon of 15 February 2014, leaders from consulting, manufacturing, financial services and skills development organizations will interact with faculty and students in Mumbai. We will initiate a formal mentoring process for students in Mumbai in alliance with the Harvard Club of Mumbai that can later be extended to other cities across India as well. All are welcome to participate in the program and sign on as mentors. Mentorship will be largely facilitated through technology, giving you adequate flexibility in your response requirements to young students who would seek your advice.

The other significant event planned under the leadership of our energetic Social Enterprise vertical is the Inclusive India Forum- a partnership with IIM Udaipur on 26 July 2014 where we expect to bring the club leadership and significant members of the alumni focused on the social sector- Ashish Dhawan, Ravi Venkatesan etc., to discuss the important issue of developing an Inclusive India agenda. You will also be able to meet and interact with NGOs and NGO enablers like NASSCOM Foundation, Pratham and others to develop a collaborative agenda and take your CSR initiatives to new heights. We would invite all of you to put a this weekend weekend in Udaipur in your plans for the year!

A number of fun and fellowship events are also planned and we hope to touch the lives of each one of you during the year. We look forward to your support in our initiatives and beyond.

Have a great new year and make it great for the HBS Club too!

Ganesh Natarajan
Vice President, HBS Club of India
CEO, Zensar Technologies





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Club information

Become a member today!

Avail of these unparalleled benefits by enrolling as a member of the HBS Club of India:

- Participate and contribute in a new leadership movement that will span business, government and society
- Have special access to 'members only' events and interact with Indian thought leaders and other distinguished speakers
- Interact with HBS faculty and HBS Club members from all over the world
- Access to research produced by the HBS India Research Center for a variety of industries
- Help in fulfilling HBS' mission to create world class leaders while at the same time, contributing to national development
- Experience the joy of giving back to your school
- Special discounts on Harvard Business Review subscription

To become a member, simply follow the instructions given on <http://bit.ly/16oTHqG>

Suggest an event! Have an idea about an event in your city? Get in touch! The HBS Club will help you get connected with the Region Leads as well as assist in circulating invitations throughout the HBS community!

Know your Club better!

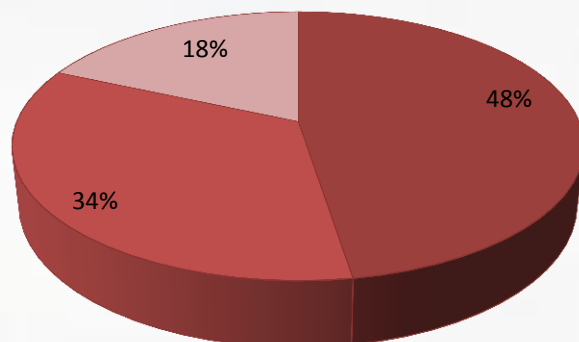
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The Club website has a host of information about the Club and its activities. Make sure you check the website for details on upcoming events, sponsorship opportunities, managing committee etc.

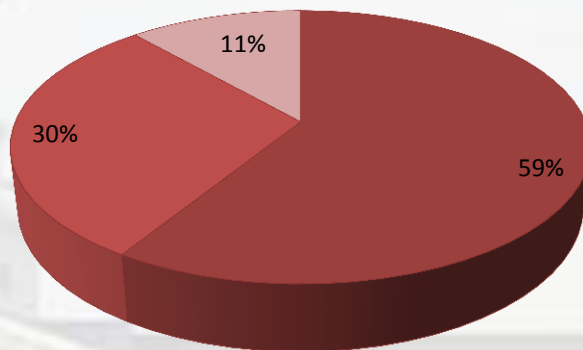
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HBS alumni base in India



Club membership profile

Become a Club donor or event sponsor!

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Gold Honor Roll- Rs. 5 lakhs to less than Rs. 15 lakhs
Distinguished Stewards- Rs. 15 lakhs and above

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