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### Biography

Dinesh Sastry is an accomplished international investment strategist, political advisor, and technology entrepreneur with more than two decades of cross-sector leadership across North America, Asia, and Africa. He is the Founder and President of Illuminant Capital Holdings, LLC, a global advisory and capital introduction firm, and currently serves as Vice Chairman of Simba Fiber, a pan-African fiber-optic infrastructure initiative aimed at bridging the digital divide across 54 nations. Dinesh is Venture Partner at Redwood Collective, a Fund of Funds investing in Exclusive Tier Silicon Valley VC funds which are inaccessible to the common UHNWI.

A graduate of UC Berkeley in Electrical Engineering & Computer Science and holder of a Juris Doctor from Georgetown Law specializing in Corporate & Securities Law, Dinesh has structured capital for LBOs, startups, sovereign funds, and major international defense deals. He played a pivotal role in facilitating the first U.S.–India defense technology transfer (Firefinder Radar), and has helped raise multi-million-dollar rounds for Silicon Valley tech firms and venture capital funds including Blackstreet Capital and Iron Pillar.

In the public sector, Dinesh served as a Trustee of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC), where he was among the top five national fundraisers during the Clinton-Gore era. He has advised U.S. Presidents, Indian Prime Ministers, governors, and global CEOs, working at the intersection of finance, public policy, and diplomacy. He was instrumental in fostering early Indo–U.S. relations following the 1998 nuclear standoff and is credited with persuading President Clinton to formally recognize Diwali at the White House.

Dinesh is currently focused on frontier technologies—AI, blockchain, data analytics—and advancing impact-driven infrastructure, especially in emerging markets. His portfolio includes advisory roles to award-winning AI startups, green energy ventures, and media-tech initiatives.