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Dr. Gopal has nearly 40 years of experience in a career that has encompassed senior positions in industry and consulting. His experience has focused on developing strategies, innovating, structuring and managing global supply chain operations, processes, services, and technology use for leading companies. He has built and run world-class professional services practices and has consulted to global companies and start-ups. Chris has advised government organization and NGOs.

Dr. Gopal serves as a Member of the Defense Business Board (DBB), which provides the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense, as well as other senior leaders, trusted independent and objective advice which reflects an outside private sector perspective on proven and effective best business practices for consideration and potential application to the Department.

Chris also serves as a Supply Chain advisor to the Global Fund, a public-private organization based in Geneva, designed to accelerate the end of HIV, tuberculosis, malaria and COVID as epidemics, and has served on a White House sub-committee on Manufacturing Technologies. Chris currently consults with product, services and software companies on supply chain strategies, technology, product development and go-to-market strategies.

Dr. Gopal has held executive positions at several leading companies, including Partner & Director of Global Supply Chain & Operations services at Ernst & Young Consulting, VP in World-Wide Operations at Dell Computer, as well as executive VP positions at Unisys and SAIC. His consulting clients have included prominent global companies across a range of industries, and he has served as an executive and consultant for several major companies and consultancies on a contract basis.

Chris serves as an advisor and board member to leading-edge technology companies and has assisted in several startups. He currently teaches at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) and the University of Southern California (USC), where he also serves on the Advisory Board of the Global Supply Chain Management Center.

**Education**

PhD, Business, University of Southern California School of Business, Los Angeles, CA

MBA, Cranfield School of Management, Cranfield, UK

B.Sc (Physics and Math), Bangalore University, India

### **Thought Leadership**

Chris has co-authored three books on Supply Chain & Operations, including **“Supercharging Supply Chains: Creating Shareholder Value through Operations Excellence”**, John Wiley & Sons; (also published in Japanese), called *“one of the most influential supply chain books of all time”* (Dan Gilmore, *Supply Chain Digest*). His most recent book, co-authored with three colleagues, **“Breakthrough Supply Chains: How Companies and Nations can Thrive and Prosper in an Uncertain World”** published by McGraw-Hill in June 2023, has been recommended and endorsed by the Council for Supply Chain Management Professionals (CSCMP) and has been accepted into the Pentagon Library.

Chris has also served as an invited panelist at various forums, including the Harvard Business Review Forum, the Milken Institute, IATA, the China and Trade Summit in Washington DC, the 2020 OECD-OMI Summit and the SecureAmerica 2021 Summit. Most recently, Chris was an invited speaker at the Conference on Monopoly and Security held in Brussels, the panel on Concentration and Security at the National Press Club, and recently testified before the US Congressional US-China Committee on *“Evolving U.S.-China Trade and Supply Chains.”*