

## **Narayana Murthy**

Narayana MURTHY is the Chairman of the Board and Chief Mentor of Infosys Technologies Limited, a global Information Technology (IT) consulting and software services provider, headquartered at Bangalore, India. He founded Infosys in 1981 along with six other software professionals and served as the CEO of Infosys for twenty one years before handing over the reins of the company to co-founder, Mr. Nandan M. Nilekani, in March 2002. Under his leadership, Infosys was listed on NASDAQ in 1999. He served as the Executive Chairman of the Board and Chief Mentor from 2002 to 2006.

Mr. Murthy articulated, designed and implemented the Global Delivery Model which has become the foundation for the huge success in IT services outsourcing from India. He has led key corporate governance initiatives in India. He is an IT advisor to several Asian countries. Mr. Murthy serves as an independent director on the boards of several global companies including Unilever, NV and Unilever, plc. He is also a member of the advisory boards and councils of several educational institutions including Wharton, Cornell, INSEAD, Stanford, Tokyo University, SMU - Singapore, IITB -Bangalore and ESSEC, Paris.

Mr. Murthy is the recipient of numerous awards and honors. The Economist ranked him 8th in the list of the fifteen most-admired global leaders in 2005. He was ranked 28th among the world's most-respected business leaders by the Financial Times in 2005. In 2004, The TIME magazine identified him as one of the ten global leaders who are helping shape the future of technology. In 2006, the TIME magazine voted him as one of the Asian heroes who have brought about revolutionary changes in Asia in the last 60 years. He was featured in BusinessWeek's "The Stars of Asia" for three consecutive years – 1998, 1999 and 2000. He was voted the "World Entrepreneur of the Year" by Ernst and Young in 2003. He was voted India's most powerful CEO for three consecutive years – 2004, 2005 and 2006 – by Economic Times. He was chosen as the "Business Process Innovator" by The Economist in 2007. He received the Ernst Weber Engineering Leadership medal from The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers in 2007 for his pioneering role in the globalization of IT services. He was awarded "Padma Vibhushan", the second highest civilian award by the Government of India in 2008. The Government of France conferred on him the Officer of the Legion of Honor in 2008.

He obtained B. E. (Electrical) from the University of Mysore in 1967 and M. Tech. (Electrical) from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur in 1969. He has been conferred honorary doctorate degree by several well-known universities in India and abroad.