



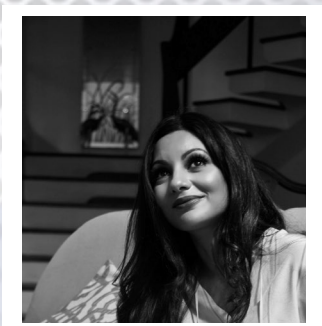
Geethal Fernando

Director of Sales Asia Pacific at abas
ERP & Startup Mentor - Enterprise Sales

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Quality & process driven sales professional who has lived in 5 countries with multi-country managerial experience able to add significant & professional value to companies seeking international expansion opportunities from Europe or North America to the Asia Pacific region. Experience in Germany, USA, Australia, India, China, Malaysia, Indonesia, Middle East, and Sri Lanka.

Specialties: Proficient in managing teams across various age cohorts & cultures, exceptional communication and reporting skills, B2B enterprise solution sales, reseller/partner selection and channel management, channel risk mitigation, contracting and legal proficiency. High degree of remote-work discipline and fluency having successfully operated 100% remotely for the last 8 years.



Himali De Silva

Founder | Apé, Ex Big 4 Management Consultant

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Himali is a Project Manager with over 15 years of experience working on projects across UK, USA and Asia for Big 4 Management Consulting firms and large industry brand names. She has a strong functional background in operations, large strategic programme and project management delivery with experience including reporting & governance, procurement, benchmarking and change management.

She is currently the founder of a startup Apé which aims to raise awareness & promote Circular Consumption via providing a resale platform for preloved items in Sri Lanka. Which has successfully been creating a preloved ecosystem and gaining great traction on brand awareness in the 6 months since she launched it.

Prior work experience:

- Standard Chartered Bank
- Deloitte Management Consulting, UK & USA
- Lloyds Banking Group, UK
- Baringa Partners (Boutique Consultancy), UK
- KPMG Management Consulting, Singapore
- Millennium IT, Sri Lanka
- Brandix, Sri Lanka

Educational Qualifications:

- Prince2 Practitioner
- MBA Essentials, London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE), U.K.
- MSc in Finance & Financial Law, SOAS, University of London, U.K.
- BA in Business and Commerce, Monash University, Australia



Kanishka Weeramunda

Founder & CEO | PayMedia (Pvt) Ltd

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Mentoring and guiding companies in the IT Services sector to expand their businesses both locally and internationally. Holding more than 18 years of high-level experience in the ICT industry, Kanishka Weeramunda, is the proud CEO of PayMedia (Pvt) Ltd, a rapidly evolving Fin-Tech company in Sri Lanka, started with the aim of providing the best caliber of total software solutions for Banks, Government and other Financial Institutes. The company's products are currently simplifying the user experience of millions around the country and enable clients to gain a competitive edge by enhancing digital services based on process automation and real-time payments. Weeramunda invested 5 active start-ups and founded Square Hub, which accommodates these start-ups.

Kanishka holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Colombo, a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Manipal, and a Masters in Human Resource Management from Asia University, Malaysia. He is also a Member of the British Computer Society and a Chartered IT professional. His visionary leadership and talent for coaching and mentoring people has led him to drive individuals to achieve goals and to push team members to climb greater heights. He is an alumni of MIT Global Startup Labs and also a scholar of Global Connect Program hosted by Singapore-MIT Alliance for Research and Technology and the startup exchange program hosted by the Infocom Investments in Singapore. Moreover, Weeramunda is still on the hunt for knowledge as he is currently reading for a PhD in Entrepreneurship.

Weeramunda comes from a professional background in the education sector. He is a former visiting lecturer of University Moratuwa, University of Middlesex UK, Post Graduate Institute of Management in Dubai and Qatar, and The American University of Emirates in Dubai which has given him immense exposure in the field of education.

Kanishka Weeramunda has represented Sri Lanka in many international startup conferences in Europe, Asia, and in the Asia Pacific regions, bringing in many more opportunities to the growing Sri Lankan startup community. Weeramunda has the knowledge and expertise in International Business Planning, Export Strategy Development and Digital Cross Boarder Payment Facilitation



Mario Fernando

**Professor of Management Faculty of
Business and Law | University of
Wollongong**

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Mario Fernando is Professor of Management in the Faculty of Business and Law and the Director of the Centre for Cross-Cultural Management, University of Wollongong, Australia. He is an Attorney at law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka.

Mario has over 10 years of industry experience in Sri Lanka. He was the former General Manager of Maharaja Institute of Management, the General Manager of Group Human Resources at The Maharaja Organisation and was the Human Resources Director of MTV/MBC Limited. Currently, Mario is conducting research on responsible leadership, identity work and online privacy, and on leadership, business ethics and human resource management topics in general. He serves on three academic journal editorial boards. Mario is a mentor at iAccelerate, Australia to start-up entrepreneurs and is an advisory committee member at the Nan Tien Institute, Australia.



Neluka Silva

Senior Professor in English | University of Colombo

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Neluka Silva is Senior Professor in English at the University of Colombo, President of the University of Oxford Alumni Society of Sri Lanka and Past President of the Rotary Club of Colombo Metropolitan. In addition to many years of experience mentoring students, she is a corporate trainer and a certified coach by the Association of Coaching, UK, having completed the Certificate Course in Coaching at the University of Cambridge, UK in 2018. She is also a published author of fiction and academic research; and editor; and conducts creative writing and drama workshops for children. She was educated at the Universities of Colombo, Leeds, Oxford and Cambridge.

Professor Silva has ten years of experience in corporate training, working with technology companies, local and international banks, shipping companies, advertising agencies, INGO's and others. Her areas of expertise include communication skills (oral and written), Business English for the Workplace (Emails, Reports, Memos, Minutes etc), executive and business Coaching; presentation skills; mentoring for professionals and students, Customer Care Skills and enhancing leadership & motivation skills. She has also conducted business and executive coaching for corporate organisations.

She was an invited author and moderator at the Galle Literary Festivals and conducted Writing Workshops for the Children's Programme. She has conducted workshops for young adults at the American Centre's Writers' Lab programme.



Nevindaree Premarathne

Project Manager | ICTA

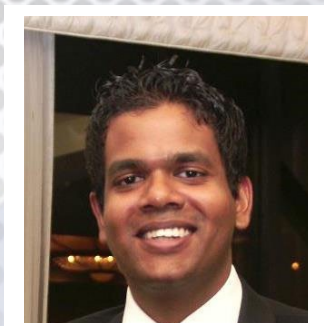
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Nevindaree Premarathne is a Project Manager at Information Communication and Technology Agency of Sri Lanka. She has a Master's degree in Business Management from University of Colombo and BSc in Software Engineering from University of Westminster. She also is certified Project Management Professional (PMP) from the Project Management Institute.

She started her career as a software developer while she was studying for her Bachelor's degree. She has over 11 years of experience in software development and IT services industry. Currently she is the Project Manager of Spirallation, Tech Startup Support Program which is an initiative of the ICT Agency of Sri Lanka, the apex ICT institution of the Government of Sri Lanka focuses on supporting new technology ventures. Budding Entrepreneurs with a vision of launching their 'Technology Startup' and seeking assistance to foster their ICT business ideas are targeted in this program. She is also the Project Manager of Disrupt Asia, Sri Lanka's Premier Startup Conference and Innovation Festival and StartupSL initiative, the single largest online platform for technology startups and freelancers in Sri Lanka.

She was part of All Children Coding Initiative, a program which develops problem-solving and computational-thinking skills in the context of learning fundamental computer science concepts, SLASSCOM Capacity Forum and also involved in Makerspaces related initiatives to promote STEAM education in school education system in Sri Lanka in order to foster creativity, collaboration and innovation within students.

She has involved in as a mentor in youth entrepreneurship programs in Sri Lanka such as National Youth Social Innovation Challenge, Startup Weekend, Dream Ventures, Imaginelf, etc and also has conducted sessions on Lean Canvas, Design Thinking Process and Project Management Concepts.



Nuwan Senaratna

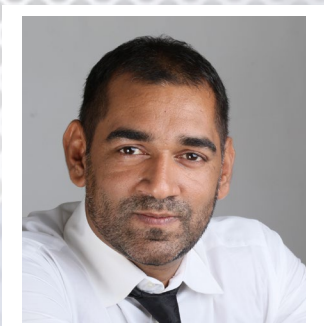
CEO | ColomboLabs Inc.

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Nuwan is Founder and CEO of ColomboLabs Inc., a Stealth Mode Startup focused on cutting edge Machine Learning, Cryptography and Computer Security. He is also a Consultant Architect for several US based companies advising on various aspects of Artificial Intelligence for several US based companies advising on various aspects of scalable AI products and systems, to building high quality teams that build and exploit the power of AI.

Before moving to Sri Lanka in 2018, Nuwan was a Software Engineer and Engineering Manager at Facebook for over 8 years, joining the company in 2009 when the company had less than 200 employees. He worked on several pioneering products and systems at Facebook, focusing on Artificial Intelligence, Growth, and Security.

Nuwan is an alumnus of Stanford University, California, U.S.A. and the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.



Revan Weerasinghe

Independent legal practitioner

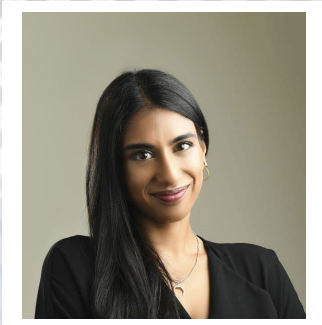
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Revan Weerasinghe is an independent legal practitioner specializing in the areas of intellectual property, information security, company law, and commercial transactions.

Apart from functioning as an advocate in court, he consults to several companies and start-ups on Intellectual Property Strategy, Information Security best practices and the benefits derived from creating an Intellectual Property Enabling Environment within an organization. He is also the Consultant Legal and Intellectual Property to SLINTEC (Sri Lanka Institute of Nanotechnology) and a member of the working committee on technology of the National Science Foundation.

He holds a Masters in Law from the University of Colombo, a Bsc. in Information Systems and Management, a LLB in Law and a Diploma in Economics from the University of London and a Post Attorney Diploma in Intellectual Property from Sri Lanka Law College. He has further completed the Certificate Course on technology licensing organized by IDLO, Rome and participated in the Presidents Summit for Creating Enabling Intellectual Property Environments organized by the World Intellectual Property Office held in Osaka Japan.

He also lectures in Intellectual Property Law as a visiting lecturer to the Postgraduate Institute of Management and to the students of the ICLP Arbitration Centre. He was recognized as among the "Top 50 Emerging IP Players" at the IPR Gorilla Conference held in Dubai for the year 2019.



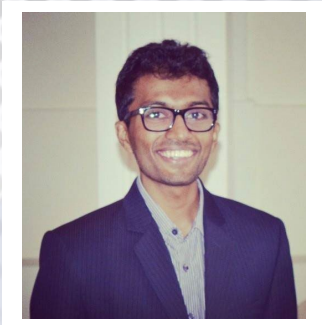
Sabrina Esufally

Director of Business Development and Innovation | Hemas Consumer Brands

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Sabrina Esufally is the Director of Business Development and Innovation at Hemas Consumer Brands. Her portfolio includes driving future growth through product development and strategic partnerships. Sabrina was also the Head of Consumer Health at Morison PLC. Prior to joining the Hemas Group, Sabrina was the Head of Legal Research at Verité Research, a leading think-tank based in Colombo. At Verité Research, she built the company's portfolio in areas of governance, transparency, and public health. Sabrina has a LLB from the University of Durham, UK and a LLM from Harvard Law School. She is also an Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka. Sabrina was a Lecturer at the Department of Law at the University of Peradeniya.

Areas of expertise: Consumer brands, Consumer insight, Creative problem solving, Product Development Strategy



Sameera Nilupul

Co-Founder | LiveRoom

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After graduating from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at the University of Moratuwa, Sameera Nilupul co-founded LiveRoom in 2015, a company specialized in Augmented Reality. With his other co-founder, he was able to bootstrap LiveRoom from a two-person operation to a company employing 30+ within just 4 years.

LiveRoom currently caters to clients from Japan, Australia, Singapore, Netherlands, Sweden, Germany & Norway. With the amazing team at LiveRoom he was able to develop one of the most advanced mobile 3D scanning technologies to create fast and affordable 3D content required for Augmented Reality. With this technology, he's working towards re-shaping the future of online shopping with Augmented Reality.



Sandun Fernando

**Blue Mango Partners Business
Management Consultant, Corporate
Trainer and Executive Coach**

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Sandun is the Director and Performance Strategist at Blue Mango Partners and functions as the Head of Training & Consultancy at Carter Lloyd Pvt. Limited, Soft Skills Trainer at Ubiquity University, USA and a Senior Resource Person with many Tier 1 Human Resource Development Companies.

Former Head of Consulting and Lead Trainer at 3W Consulting Pvt. Limited with over 16 years of corporate experience including previous employment at Lanka Hotels & Travels Pvt. Ltd (Head of Business Development), Kaleidosource Pvt. Ltd (Head of Operations), Serendib Leisure Management of Hemas Holdings (Revenue Manager), Duo Software Pvt. Ltd (Project Manager), HSBC Global Processing Center (Assistant Manager - Operations) & Peach International (Sales Team Lead). Co-founder of Colombo Green Walk, a social awareness campaign on environmental conservation.

Certified Master Practitioner of NLP by The American Board of NLP and European Community for NLP, Advanced Life Coach (ECNLP & ANLP), member of Association of Talent Development – USA, Certified Trainer in TPM – Japan, Certified Trainer by Success Resources – Singapore & T. Harv Eker Academy – USA and member of Business Network International (BNI)



Sara Steffensen

Managing Director | CoralBlack

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Strategy consultant, project manager and business owner. Currently running a business consultancy in bridging data supply and demand for the greater good of data analytics utilization in emerging markets. Extensive network in Southeast Asia, Ireland and Scandinavian countries. Building one in South Asia.

My clients would typically engage me to:

- Navigate business landscape in Southeast Asia
- Uncover market opportunity and scale the business
- Work with people, influence key stakeholders

What I'm passionate about:

- Innovation hidden in plain sight
- Big data interpretation and utilisation
- Sustainability in developing countriesy text



Tharindu Meepegama

Chairman | IDawn Group

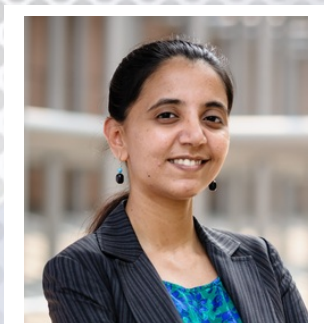
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Tharindu is an entrepreneur and consultant focusing on IT Infrastructure Design, Implementation and Service, catering to government organizations, telecom, IT, banking, travel & hospitality, FMCG, manufacturing, mining, and multinational corporations, etc.

He provides consultation to clients on Data Center Best Practices, Implementation, and Design based on TIA-942 Standard and Uptime Tier Standard: Topology. Strong focus on Resilient System Design as well as After-sales Service and Management with the aim of minimizing business downtime due to any infrastructure failures.

Tharindu has 15 years of experience in the ICT Industry, 13 years of customer service and end user support experience, and 6 years of data center experience. He has a further 9 years of knowledge working in LV, ELV, and other IT infrastructure design and implementation.

His education includes an Associate degree in Applied Sciences – Computer Network Administration – from the State University of New York, Cobleskill.



Vidhya Ganesan

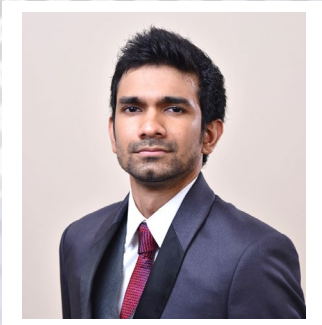
Partner | McKinsey & Company

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Vidhya leads McKinsey's work on digital government and the digital economy in Asia. In this capacity, she helps government agencies employ digital technology to deliver new services and improve existing ones, while operating more efficiently and with greater transparency. Since joining McKinsey, Vidhya has guided large-scale government-transformation programs which span the social, economic, and financial sectors. In low- and middle-income nations, these transformations include leveraging technology for the improvement of education and healthcare.

In addition to her public-sector work, Vidhya also advises high-tech and telecommunications companies. In these sectors, she guides digital strategy and implementation projects and advises on issues such as building new digital businesses and achieving business potential from social media, big data and analytics, and e-commerce.

Vidhya has led a masterclass on the future of digital government at several meetings of the Global Government Summit, an annual event for senior government leaders and ministers from around the world. She has also served as a fellow with the McKinsey Center for Government, a global hub for research, collaboration, and innovation in government performance. Vidhya publishes frequently on the digital opportunities for improving government.



Yasith Fernando

Senior Manager – Data & Analytics |
Ernst & Young

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Yasith is an experienced Business Consultant with a strong background in Data Analytics, Strategy, Transformation and Digital Enablement.

He has carried out projects in multiple industries both from private and public sector covering Banking & Financial Services, Insurance, Telecommunications, Manufacturing, Retail and Logistics. He has also worked with development agencies such as ADB and World Bank, assisting them to make positive interventions to drive the economy of Sri Lanka. He is one of the founding members and a past Chairperson of Run For Their Lives (RFTL).

He is a Certified Analytics Professional (CAP®) and obtained his Masters Degree from a leading European Business School in year 2015.

He believes that companies need to consider a stakeholder view of the business covering customers, employees, shareholders and society at large, and he is passionate about making local businesses consider this stakeholder view to realise long term value.