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India Global Business Boardrooms

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Invitation To Join The Most Senior Decision
Makers In Evaluating Opportunities And
Make Strategic Policy Interventions

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The India Global Business Boardrooms are an exclusive invitation only platform that bring together the most senior decision makers and experts to work on outcome-driven strategies that evaluate opportunities, enhance alliances and understanding of topical issues within their sector.

Each Boardroom, led by an expert Chair or Co-chairs, works to accelerate discussions on the latest technological and industry advancements, and makes recommendations on policy and regulatory frameworks to create the most favourable environment for businesses to operate and expand in.

Findings from each Boardroom and their subcommittees are shared with relevant government and industry stakeholders at appropriate intervals. Delegations, larger summits, and reports are also part of the convening and advocacy remit of the India Global Business Boardrooms.

Some meetings are held under the Chatham House Rule due to the sensitive nature of the topics under discussion.

Boardroom members are encouraged to work collectively to set the agenda and drive initiatives supported by our panel of experts providing research and secretariat support. Boardrooms are encouraged to convene around four times a year, with one meeting convened during India Global Forum held annually in June in the UK.

'India Global Business' is a digital media platform that offers in-depth analyses and expert opinions on business, trade, policy initiatives and foreign direct investment in and out of India. IGB reaches policy makers, global CEOs & senior executives, investment agencies, leaders from professional services industry, financial firms and influencers.

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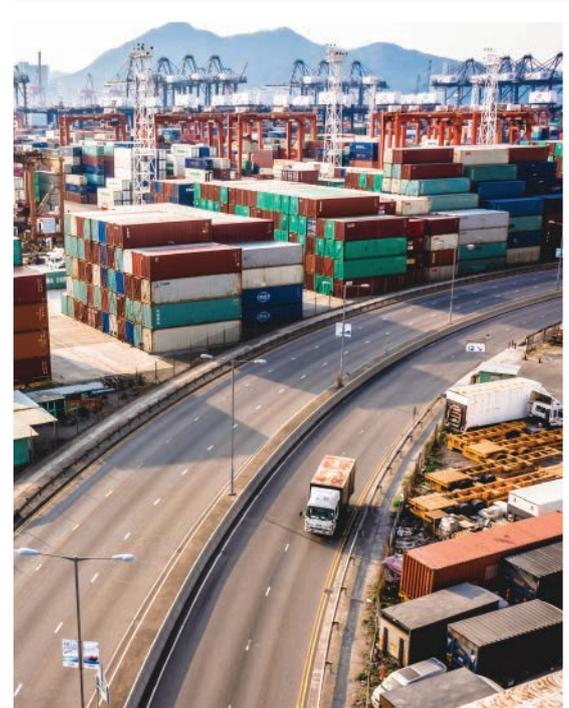
Global Supply Chains

Mission: Work on strategies that enhance India's manufacturing capabilities, exports, and aspirations to be a world-class global manufacturing hub.

Context:

The Indian Government has introduced a Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme in 13 key sectors to bolster India's manufacturing capacities and put it on the path to becoming a global manufacturing hub. India is also now part of ongoing discussions with Japan, Australia and a growing number of other countries on building alternate supply lines globally.

This Boardroom will bring together senior leadership from various manufacturing sectors along with leaders from finance, law and other supporting services to discuss the fundamental questions of 'what, where, how, and who' in India, and provide feedback on regulatory or other constraints to doing business in India.



Climate Finance

Mission: Identify means and pathways to accelerate the pace of transition to green energy sources and technologies.

Context:

As the vaccine rollout provides optimism that we can lift the world out of one crisis, the longer-term issue of climate change and the imperative of mitigating a rise in global temperatures remains. Whilst governments continue to make big promises in terms of cutting their carbon footprints, the practical roadmaps to meeting these targets often remain vague. Critical to realising these will be the funding required for a speedier transition to renewable energy sources.

The Climate Finance Boardroom will convene a leading group of energy finance investors and industry experts to explore the urgent next steps required to accelerate the pace of change to green energy and technologies.



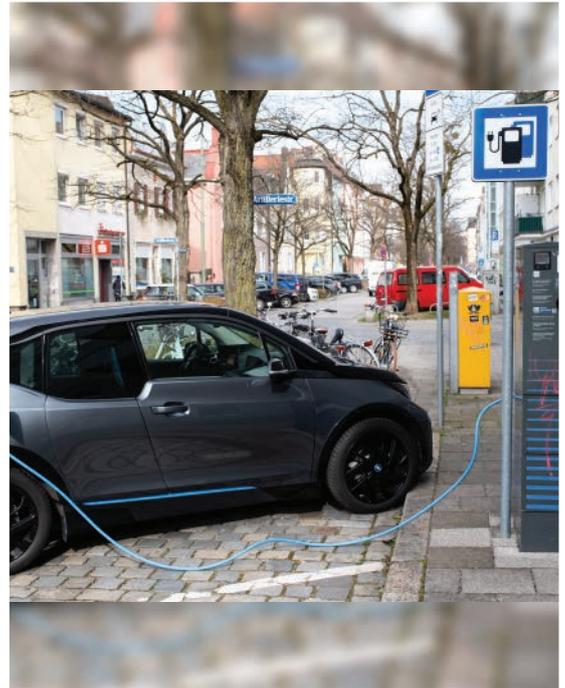
Electronic Mobility

Mission: Identify opportunities to accelerate the transition to electronic vehicles and find solutions to existing challenges.

Context:

As of 2020, sales of EV's accounted for 4.2 per cent of the global market share, translating to around 0.5 per cent of cars on the road. Given analyses show that EVs emit around 64 per cent less CO₂ than their traditional combustion engine counterparts, these rates are nowhere near what is required to meet Paris Agreement emissions targets. Indeed, with transportation accounting for 29 per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions, an EV revolution is an urgent necessity.

This Boardroom will be a platform for senior leaders from the industry to identify the next steps required, from legislation on phasing out fossil fuel engines, funding for improved battery technology and expanding infrastructure.



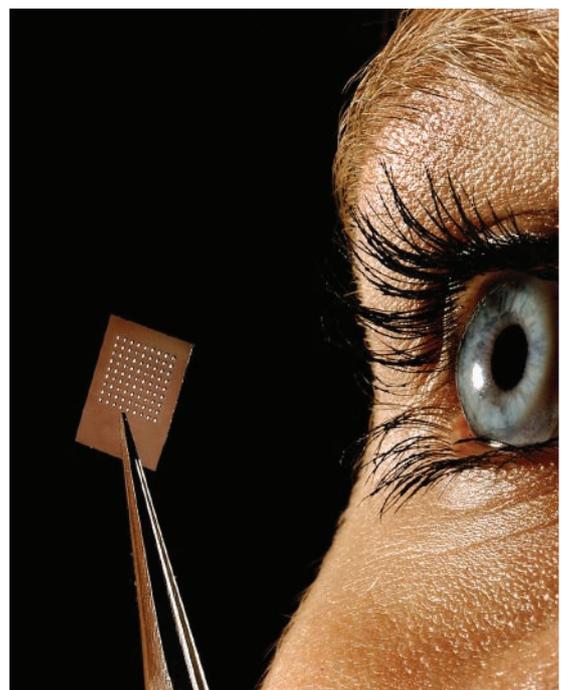
Disruptive Innovation

Mission: Understand key trends and drive the implementation of the next wave of innovation within member organisations and their networks.

Context:

Innovation has become a critical element for growth in all organisations, driving cost management, productivity and service delivery. Businesses are increasingly compelled to innovate due to changing consumer behaviour, growing stakeholder expectations, increasing competition and a changing regulator space. A recent study found that about 67 per cent of CEOs are focusing their efforts on disruptive technologies and prioritising digital investments.

This Boardroom will focus on how to fully understand the development of robust innovation strategies both for business and government at a time where failure to do so means getting left behind.



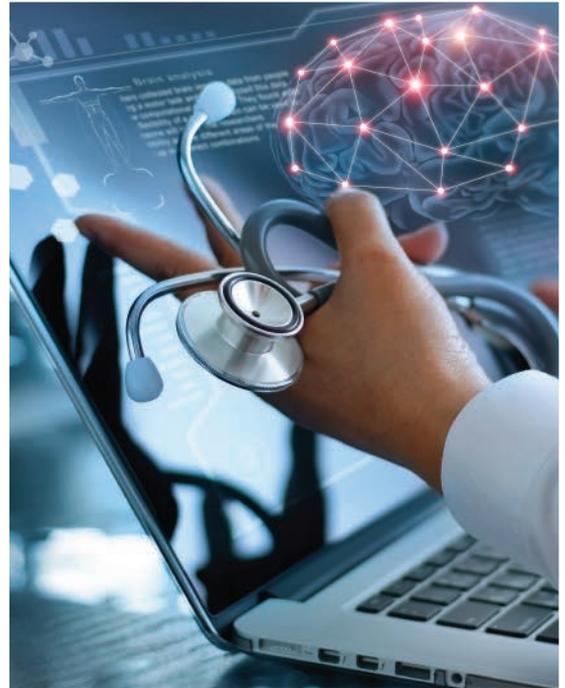
Global HealthTech

Mission: Identify and overcome challenges to the expansion of digital and preventative healthcare capabilities around the world and accelerate the expansion of HealthTech.

Context:

The Covid-19 pandemic has exposed the cracks in healthcare systems around the world. Whilst some have emerged better than others, the pandemic has brought to the fore the urgent need to speed up the delivery of remote and digital healthcare solutions as the only viable way of catering to the needs of the world's growing population. With just over 1.5 doctors for every 1000 people on earth (with most skewed towards developed countries) and rapidly advancing AI technologies, current systems are unsustainable.

This Boardroom will bring together leading private sector and government figures to address the challenges of creating healthcare systems and collaborative opportunities fit for the future.



EdTech

Mission: Accelerate the adoption of EdTech solutions as well as ongoing upskilling practices for modern workforces and workplaces.

Context:

Coronavirus may have accelerated the urgency for educational technology solutions, but the demand for them will not recede with the pandemic. From improving access to education for those who lack access to critical infrastructure, using AR and VR to make online learning more engaging and interactive, to using wireless technologies to ensure the lack of internet does not impede learning – the applications are many.

Furthermore, at a time when technologies and industries change constantly, lifelong and adaptable learning is set to become an important part of our working lives going forward.



The Future of Food Security

Mission: Utilise business and people ties between the UAE and India to provide greater food security for India, the Middle East and North African region.

Context:

Recent collaboration in the India-UAE food corridor has attracted proposed investments worth \$5 billion from the UAE - mainly in India's mega food parks, farming logistics, warehousing and fruit & vegetable hubs. Proposed food corridor projects in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat will lead to a tripling of agricultural and food product exports from India to the UAE, from the current level of \$2.2 billion to about \$7 billion in a span of three years.

This Boardroom will bring together key investors and government figures to explore how this success can be leveraged even further, providing food security to the entire region.



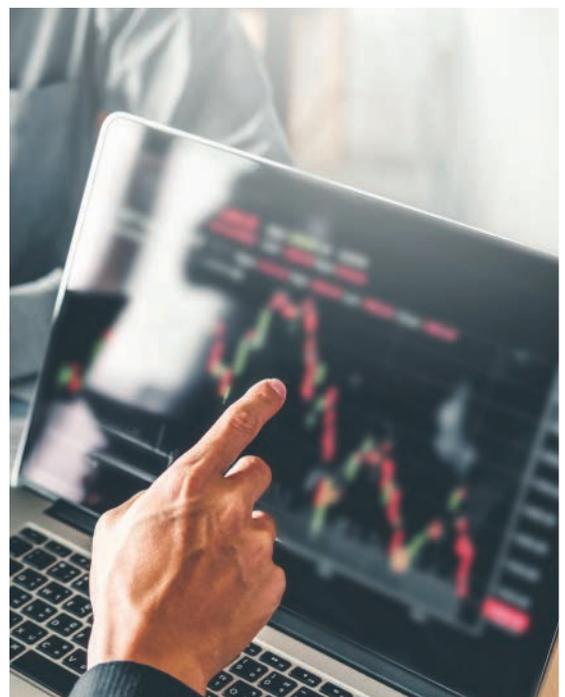
Global FinTech

Mission: Expand the reach and development of FinTech products to provide dependable financial services for all

Context:

If FinTech's value hadn't already been obvious, the pandemic has brought it even further into the spotlight. Helping micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME's) to access finance, providing mobile payments and ensuring access to financial services during national lockdowns. FinTech's record in India has also shown how its expansion can tackle the shadow economy and bring services to previously unreached parts of the population.

This Boardroom will bring together key government and private sector stakeholders to explore areas for expansion, propulsion and collaboration within the FinTech sector in India and its global exportability.



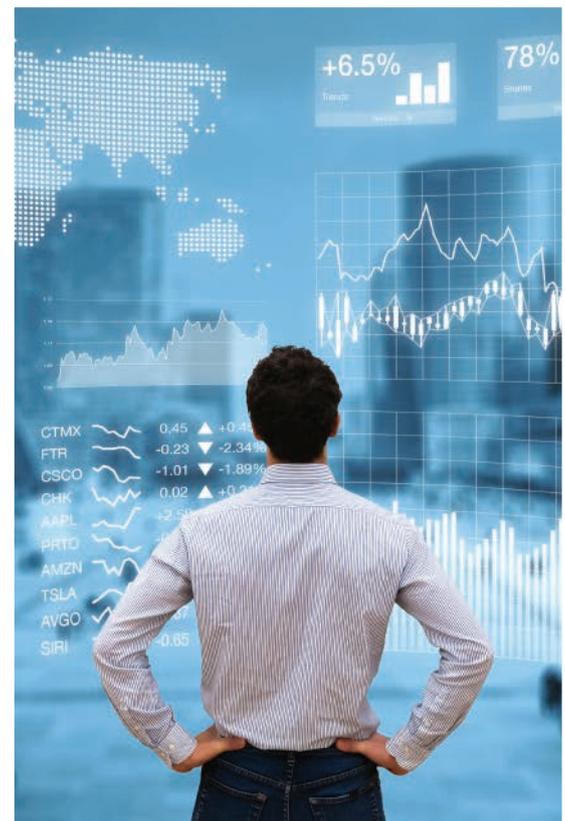
Global Investors

Mission: : Support FDI flows into India by evaluating opportunities, tackling barriers to entry and impediments to growth

Context:

A global recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic also means an Indian recovery – neither will happen without the other. Despite the pandemic, India attracted total FDI inflow of \$58.37 billion during April to November 2020 - the highest ever for the first eight months of a financial year and 22 per cent higher as compared to the first eight months of 2019-20 (\$47.67 billion). With India now looking to come out of this crisis and get back on a trajectory towards its target of becoming a 5 trillion-dollar economy, and with FDI routes opening up across sectors - the scale of opportunity is huge.

The challenges also remain significant. This Boardroom will explore the changes needed to create the most attractive investing environment, evaluate opportunities, and address the regulatory and policy initiatives required to make that happen.



Social Impact

Mission: Identify how businesses can support local and grassroots social innovators in India.

Context:

The global pandemic coupled with the spate of natural events that have taken place around the world - from wildfires to flash floods - have mobilised investors and private players to give back to the community at large. And with more innovative models of philanthropy now being introduced such as Development Impact Bonds, Total Social Impact and Impact Giving, this boardroom looks at ways businesses can better engage with their stakeholders and move towards building back better, with a special focus on supporting grassroots social innovators in towards developing technology for local healthcare systems and Covid relief.



India UK Bi-lateral Boardrooms

Defence

Mission: Explore ways of realising the potential of greater collaboration between the UK and India's defence & aerospace sectors.

Context:

As India doubles down on its commitment to achieving self-reliance in the defence & Aerospace sectors, there is an increased sense of immediacy for stakeholders to develop a roadmap for strong and lasting partnerships. The UK's technical leadership within the defence, marine and aerospace sector and the willingness of the country's private sector to support India's commitment presents an untapped opportunity for both countries.

The India-UK defence Boardroom is a platform for senior leaders from the defence & Aerospace industry in the UK and India to engage and work on outcome-driven strategies for the sector and their businesses.



India UK Women in Leadership

Mission: Identify concrete steps and encourage innovation in addressing gender inequality in the workforce in the UK and India

Context:

In recent decades the need for gender diversity at work has become imperative. Companies that boast a higher representation of women on their boards, notably outperform the organisations that don't. Furthermore, studies have also outlined that companies with greater gender diversity, not just within their workforce but directly among senior leaders, are significantly more profitable than those without.

So why is gender gap still a problem? What's stopping businesses from hiring more women? These are just some of the issues this boardroom will discuss.



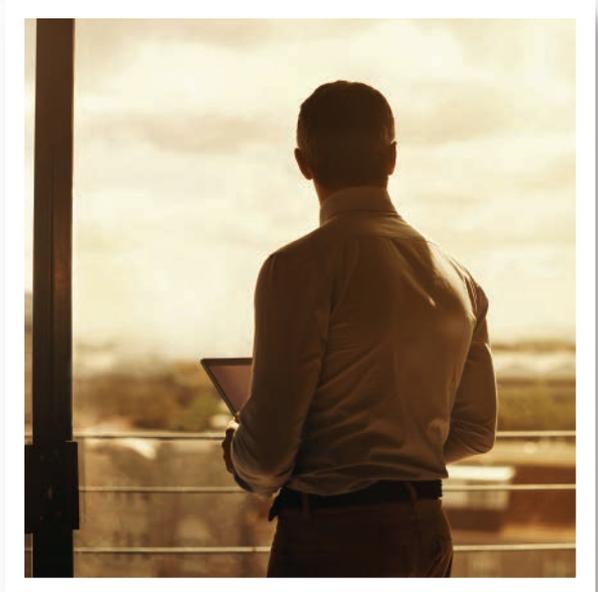
India Inc. UK CEOs

Mission: Share ideas for deepening investment and collaboration for Indian companies in the UK, discuss policy and business impediments, and evolve strategies for further success

Context:

On the back of the successful Enhanced Trade Partnership (ETP) signed between India and the UK, that marked £1 billion investment by India into the UK, this boardroom aims to bring together the heads of India's most innovative and successful businesses that have entered the UK market.

Attendees will discuss the latest opportunities for investment and expansion into Britain, from identifying lesser explored regional opportunities to tapping into lesser explored private and public sector opportunities.



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