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CAREER BRIEF

Naseer A. Akhtar is the President and CEO of InfoTech Group a position he has held since the founding of InfoTech in 1995. With operations that span the globe out of offices from Singapore to London, InfoTech is now one of Pakistan's leading Information and Communication Technology multinationals. He is a sought after speaker, mentor, and was the Chairman of Pakistan's industry association P@SHA in 2013 and has been honored with numerous industry awards and accolades.

Naseer A. Akhtar sets the corporate direction and strategy for all lines of business. He focuses on customers, strategy and innovation. He has been responsible for multimillion dollar revenue generating product roadmaps that have disrupted major industries like Capital Markets, Connected Government and Smart Grids.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

During the last two decades Naseer A. Akhtar has demonstrated the ability to navigate complex multilayered scenarios involving international donor agencies, foreign investors, cross continental legal frameworks allowing him to formulate a singularly powerful "thought leadership" approach.

The Socio-economic growth of Pakistan is central to its efforts to become a developed nation. Naseer A. Akhtar's view on positioning Pakistan in the global trade and investment ecosystem via policy formulation, market positioning, and diplomacy initiatives allows him to own and lead relevant global initiatives.

Naseer A. Akhtar has actively and successfully participated in many such initiatives for Pakistan's ICT sector Development. He's lead ICT Sector Development, under various Business Track Diplomacy initiatives including conferences with India, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Iran, Nigeria, Turkey, Singapore, China, United Kingdom, United States, and Saudi Arabia.

He has participated in over 200 conferences and read numerous papers on various forums for ICT Policy, ICT Development, Human Development, Entrepreneurship, Trade and Investment and Global Leadership forums.

Relationships with Global & Regional Organization / Forums

- SARC South Asian Regional Cooperation
- ECO Economic Cooperation Organization
- D8 (Developing-8) Organization of Economic Cooperation
- ASEAN Association of South East Asian Nations

- WEC World Economic Forum

Relationships with Development Financial Institutions

- WB World Bank
- IFC International Finance Corporation
- IDB Islamic Development Bank
- ADB Asian Development Bank
- AfDB African Development Bank
- EBRD European Bank for Reconstruction & Development

Relationships with Country's Development Funding Organizations

- UK Trade & Investment
- US Economic Office
- USAID
- DFID
- JAICA
- KOTRA
- IDA (InfoCom Development Authority)
- SCE (Singapore Cooperation Enterprise)

Relationships with Capital Market Forums & Global Liquidity Venues

- WFE World Federation of Exchanges
- FEAS Federation of Euro Asian Exchanges
- SAFE South Asian federation of Exchanges
- NASDAQ-OMX
- ICE Inter-Continental Exchange (ex NYSE Euronext)
- SGX Singapore Exchange
- LSE London Stock Exchange
- SIX Swiss Stock Exchange
- KRX Korea Exchange
- JPX Japan Exchange
- Borsa Istanbul Istanbul Stock Exchange
- ADX Abu Dhabi Stock Exchange
- DFX Dubai Financial Exchange
- ABRAAJ Abraaj Capital
- JP Morgan

CURRENT POSITIONS

InfoTech Private Limited, Pakistan <i>President and CEO</i>	1995 – Present
InfoTech Middle East FZ-LLC, UAE <i>President and CEO</i>	2006 – Present
InfoTech Global Pte. Ltd., Singapore <i>President and CEO</i>	2008 – Present
InfoTech Africa Limited, Ghana <i>Director</i>	2010 – Present
InfoTech Financial Technologies Limited, UK <i>Director</i>	2012 – Present

ADVISORY & GOVERNANCE POSITIONS HELD

Board of Investment, Islamabad <i>Member Advisory Committee on ICT</i>	2013 - 2014
Pakistan Software Houses Association for IT & ITeS (P@SHA) <i>Chairman</i>	2012 - 2013
Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB), Ministry of IT & Telecom <i>Director</i>	2012 - 2013
National University of Science & Technology (NUST) <i>CAC Member (Corporate Advisory Committee)</i>	2011 - 2013
Pakistan Software Houses Association for IT & ITeS (P@SHA) <i>CEC Member</i>	2010 - 2012

PAST POSITIONS

South Technology & Services (Private) Limited (Operations merged into InfoTech Group) <i>Managing Director</i>	1987 - 1995
<ul style="list-style-type: none">South Technology was a multi-disciplinary IT & Engineering Integration company providing products and services to Large Scale Chemical and Process Industry (Dawood Hercules, Ravi Rayan, ICI, Exxon, etc.)	
South Express (Private) Limited (Operations merged into InfoTech Group) <i>Managing Director</i>	1987 - 1999
<ul style="list-style-type: none">South Express was an integrated logistics management and supply-chain specialty company.	
Avimatics (operations merged into InfoTech Group) <i>Managing Director</i>	1987 - 1999
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Avimatics was serving Aviation and Aero-Space Industry by providing Products and Services including Light Aircrafts, Aircraft Engines, Overhaul, Avionics and Electronics for Aviation and Aero-Space Industry.	

ITC Group Pakistan (a subsidiary of BCCI Group) <i>Regional Manager (North)</i>	1984 - 1987
A.A. Turki Group (Saudi Arabia) <i>Operations Manager</i>	1980 - 1983
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turki Group is diverse group with interests in Industrial Engineering, Construction, Chemicals and Logistics Services. 	

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

Directors' Training Program <i>Certification for Independent Director issued by Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan</i>	2013
University of Punjab, Lahore <i>Bachelors of Science – Majors in Mathematics and Physics</i>	1979
Government College, Lahore <i>Foundation in Science (F.Sc.) – Pre-Engineering</i>	1975