

## **Biography: Sid Mookerji – Entrepreneur, Venture Capitalist, Philanthropist**

Sid Mookerji is Founder and Managing Partner of Silicon Road, a fund and accelerator for startups operating in the United States and India. He is also an Entrepreneur-In-Residence at Emory and at Georgia Tech's Advanced Technology Development Center. Prior, Sid was co-founder and CEO of Software Paradigms International (SPI), a company that provided technology solutions to retail businesses on five continents. In September 2016, Sid stepped down from his position of SPI's CEO after 22 years at the helm. SPI was eventually acquired by IT giant Cognizant.

Recipient of an Honors degree in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from the Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Sid began his career managing multi-sourced portfolios in India's offshore industry. While observing IT processes and the onshore/offshore dynamic, he identified an opportunity to improve the Global Delivery Model with tightened process management and tools that enable transparency.

In 1994, Sid founded SPI in Atlanta and began providing forward-thinking, streamlined services to U.S retailers. In 1997, he established a 200,000 square foot offshore operation in Mysore, India and recruited talent with unique and varied skill sets to execute against an evolving spectrum of IT needs. When Sid le