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Lokesh Venkataswamy is a Design Thinker, CEO & Managing Director at Innomantra, a leading digital, innovation, and intellectual property consulting and services organization. He brings with him more than 25 years of professional experience in Digital, Innovation, Intellectual Property, and New Product Management. Before Innomantra, he managed innovation and intellectual property as a part of strategic planning and Initiatives at Larsen & Toubro (L&T), India, starting his career with the Medical Equipment and Systems Group at L&T where he served 12 years in product design and development. At Innomantra, Lokesh has worked with several top Fortune 500 companies in a wide range of sectors including Aviation, Automotive, Industrial Equipment Manufacturing, Information Technology, Retail, Engineering Services, Medical Electronics, Consumer Goods to name a few, in the areas of Innovation, Design Thinking, Intellectual Property, and Digital Transformation. He has also advised educational institutions, entrepreneurs, industry associations, and government agencies in these areas.

He had also won the India Innovation Challenge award in 2008 by the Government of Karnataka and Confederation of Indian Industry. He was awarded a citation at the Institute of Engineering and Technology (UK) South Asia Conference and in 50 Most Innovative Leaders at World Innovation Congress 2018. He regularly helps start-ups by mentoring, investing and, he was part of a jury at The Economic Times – Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad’s ‘Power of Ideas’ in 2013, 15, and 18. He has been part of several National Innovation Competitions Winning Team and working on the most promising global innovation projects at Innomantra. He is currently serving as a board member of Technology Business Incubation, Innovation and Research Councils in various universities and academic institutes. He also plays a vital role as International Innovation thought leader Global Minds Network - France. Lokesh is an active member of

the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) and Chairman of IET (UK) Bangalore Network and International Society of Professional Innovation Management (ISPIM). He is also convener at the BIS-TC 279 Committee of Innovation Management System ISO 56000 at Bureau of Indian Standards and International organization for Standardization Innovation working group.

Lokesh is also a visiting practice professor of Business innovation and Management in top business schools, regularly chairs and participates as a speaker in many Innovation, Digital Transformation, Technology, and Intellectual Property conferences and seminars. He regularly guests lectures at institutions like the Indian Institute of Technology, Indian Institute of Science Bangalore, several Indian Institute of Management, and others. He is a Mechanical Engineer with an MBA in Marketing and a PG Diploma in Intellectual Property Law from the National Law School of India University (NLSIU).