

Smartkarma – Founder Biographies



Raghav Kapoor, CFA

Co-Founder, CEO

Raghav believes wholeheartedly in the power of technology to solve complex problems. He co-founded Smartkarma with a vision to bring simplicity, efficiency and transparency to the world of investing. As CEO, Raghav drives product strategy, technology development and a relentless pursuit of perfection in every aspect of the company's operations.

Over his career, Raghav has worked in various positions of leadership across major financial institutions and also as an entrepreneur. Prior to co-founding Smartkarma, Raghav was a Managing Director at Religare Capital Markets from 2010 to 2014. He joined Religare upon the successful exit of Aviate Global (Asia), where he was a Founding Partner. From 2006 to 2009, Raghav was Vice President of Regional Equities Sales at Citigroup, where he grew and managed several large relationships.

Outside of his passion for technology, Raghav brings to Smartkarma his love for investing. He was ranked as Asia's Number 1 investment idea generator from 2011 to 2013, based on the performance analysis of over a million top investment ideas.

Raghav graduated with a First Class Honours in Computer Science from Cambridge University, and a Masters in Management Science & Engineering from Stanford University



Jon Foster

Co-Founder, Chairman

Jon has spent more than 15 years in Asian financial markets, specializing in Equity Special Situations on both the buy and sell side.

Over his career Jon has built several specialist research driven businesses that differentiate themselves from the dominant players. At Smartkarma, Jon drives product and content strategy, takes the Smartkarma story to the world, and actively manages relationships with external stakeholders.

Prior to co-founding Smartkarma, Jon was a Director at Religare Capital Markets from 2010 to 2014, where he headed the Global Special Situations Group. He was a founding partner and director at Aviate Global (Asia) from 2009-2010 prior to its successful sale to Religare. Previously, Jon was a Junior Portfolio Manager at Millennium Partners, and one half of the two-person team that founded Churchill Capital in Asia.

Jon loves working with a team of intelligent and creative people who are not afraid to challenge convention and take risk in pursuit of a mission.

He graduated from RMIT University with a Bachelor of Business, Economics and Finance.