

# Center for Digital Transformation

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## Advisory Board

**Vijay Parikh**  
**Managing Principal**  
**Global Catalyst Partners**

Vijay C. Parikh has experience as both a successful start-up CEO and established company executive. He served as president and CEO of StratumOne Communications, founded in 1997, which Cisco Systems acquired in 1999 for \$435 million, Cisco's most expensive acquisition to that date. StratumOne developed framers and layer 2/3 engines for 10G solutions in high-end routing/switching applications and was funded by Sequoia Capital, Brentwood Capital, Institutional Venture Partners, and Redwood Ventures.

Following the acquisition, Mr. Parikh served as Cisco's Public Carrier IP Group vice-president and general manager. He was responsible for developing and introducing the 10G solution on the 12416 GSR platform, which drove sales from \$400 million in FY 1998 to several billion dollars in FY 2001.

He received his BSEE from the Birla Institute of Technology and Sciences in India and MBA from the University of Michigan.