



Faysal Sohail

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Faysal Sohail is a venture capitalist at CMEA Capital in San Francisco, CA. He joined the firm in 2002 as a Managing Director, bringing with him more than a decade of senior executive experience in engineering, marketing, business development and building start ups.

Since 2002, he has led venture capital funding to several key start ups in both the energy and technology sectors. He currently serves on the board of directors of AirTight Networks, Applied Wave Research, Danotek Motion Technologies, Evolution Robotics, Multigig, Pyxis Technology, Solaria Corporation and Symwave.

Previously, Faysal served on A123 Systems board as an observer. Before joining CMEA, Faysal helped to build three companies – Cadabra Design Automation (merged with Numerical Technologies), Silicon Architects (merged with Synopsys; SNPS) and Actel Corporation (ACTL) – which all became successful via either IPO or through merger or acquisition. Faysal holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Engineering from the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign), where he also served on the College of Engineering Advisory Board (CEAB). Faysal currently serves on the Advisory Board of IVIE (Illinois Venture Investors & Entrepreneurs Forum).

Faysal serves as Chairman of the Board of the Silicon Valley Education Foundation, which is an organization dedicated to transforming Silicon Valley into a model for enhancing public education by leveraging partnerships and resources for public education so all students can realize their full potential.

Under Faysal's leadership, the organization has grown to one of the most active non-profit, non-governmental agencies focused on public education in Silicon Valley. In emerging regions such as Asia and Africa, Faysal has dedicated time and resources to building computer institutes to help thousands of children in small villages become computer literate. He also had an integral role in the development of the curriculum, computer lab set up and the hiring of the instructors.

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