Hemant Kanakia

Hemant has been a partner with Columbia Capital since 2004 where he has focused primarily on technology investments. In 2010 and beyond, after retiring from Columbia, he plans to switch his focus to making investment overseas, particularly, India from his own investment fund, Kanakia Ventures LLC. Hemant is currently a member of the Board of Directors of Enpirion, Teranetics and Tilera. He was previously founder and CEO of Torrent Networking Technology (acquired by Ericsson) and co-founder of Photuris (acquired by Meriton), funded privately from Kanakia Ventures. Prior to joining Columbia Capital, Hemant served on the Board of Directors of Photuris, Viagate, Price Hawk, Gempex (acquired by VSNL), and Torrent Networking Technology. Prior to starting his first company, Hemant worked in AT&T Bell Laboratories and Tata Consultancy Services, India. Hemant received his B.Tech. degree from Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, his M.S. degree from Case Western Reserve University, and his Ph.D. degree in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University.