

OVERWHELMING RESPONSE FOR CENTENNIAL BUSINESS AWARDS

Nominations for the Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Centennial Business Awards closed at midnight on 12 April 2024. SICCI is pleased to announce that the response from the business fraternity has been overwhelming.

The Centennial Business Awards will be presented in 2024 with SICCI's 100th anniversary. Winners will receive trophies from the President of the Republic of Singapore, Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, at the Gala dinner **on 4 May 2024** at the Shangri-La Hotel.

SICCI's Chairman, Mr Neil Parekh, said, "The Centennial Business Awards recognise the tireless efforts of the Indian business community to transform and excel in this challenging global business environment. Regardless of which company or individual emerges, every applicant of the various award categories is a winner. Every nominee is a role model for the Singapore Indian business community, and every one of us must emulate and adopt their best practices to stay relevant, innovative, and enterprising. I invite every member of the Chamber to celebrate the winners of the Centennial Business Awards and be part of the Chamber's 100th anniversary."

The task of judging the nominations has been presented to three distinguished individuals.

The judges are Mr David Gerald, Founder, President, and CEO of the Securities Investors Association (Singapore);

Ms Sabanitha Shanmugasundram, Head of Content
Commissioning and Commercial and Community Engagement
at MediaCorp Singapore;

and Mr Narinder Kapoor, Managing Director and Senior Vice
President, Asia Pacific at Hewlett Packard.

These five categories are the SICCI Micro SME award, SICCI
Centennial Exemplary Service Award, SICCI SME award,
SICCI Innovation and Start-Up Award and SICCI Sustainability
Award.

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About Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Established in 1924, the Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI) is the premier business association for Indian businesses in Singapore. With over 1000 members from all walks of trade and industry, SICCI serves as

a connector, enabler, and advocator, helping companies grow both locally and internationally.

We offer our members an array of business support services, including trade matching, business advisory, networking sessions, seminars, and training, and also serve as a champion of members' interests. Our aim is to function as a gateway of opportunities for Indian business in Singapore, helping both home-grown and international companies realise their full potential.

SICCI strives to provide its members with insight, connections and support services that will give their companies a competitive edge in the global market.

For more information, please visit: www.sicci.com.

About Mr Neil Parekh

Neil is a Partner at Tikehau Capital. Prior to his current role Neil was CEO, Asia for National Australia Bank. In July 2023, Neil was selected as a Nominated Member of Parliament in Singapore.

Besides having deep knowledge of traditional players in asset and wealth management, banking, insurance and non-bank finance companies, Mr. Parekh takes an active interest in Fintech and currently serves as a director of Elevandi (established by the MAS).

Neil contributes his time as a member of the Governing Council of the Singapore Business Federation and the Singapore Institute of Directors as well as serving on the advisory committee for James Cook University, Singapore. Earlier this year, he was recognized and admitted as a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD). He also serves as a member of the Investment Committee for SINDA and SNM.

A Singapore Citizen, Neil holds a Bachelor's degree in Accounting, a Master's degree in Finance, an MBA in International Business.