



**Aravind Melligeri,
Chairman & CEO, Aequs**

Aravind Melligeri is the founder of Aequs. As the Chairman & CEO, he is laser focused on creating long-term value through innovative strategies; it has been a relentless, lifelong pursuit. Aravind's farsightedness and differentiated approach has led India to increase in-country value add and gain a competitive advantage.

Aravind believes that modern manufacturing is driven by two forces: continuous innovation and uninhibited collaboration. Over the last decade, he has built a vertically integrated aerospace ecosystem that drives scale and efficiency through co-located capabilities delivering end-to-end value streams. This unique ecosystem was awarded the prestigious "Global Airbus Innovation Award" in 2016 and recognized as first of its kind in the world. With Aravind's resolute leadership and strategic collaboration with global companies, Aequs quickly expanded its global footprint with operations in India, North America, and Europe and today, the company is a preferred partner for global OEMs.

His passion towards building economic engines for India's future led to Aequs' diversification into the consumer vertical in 2016. Today, Aequs is at the helm of developing and building India's first ~400-acre toy manufacturing ecosystem in Koppal, Karnataka, and India's first sector-specific Durable Goods Cluster in Hubballi. It is his vision to transform India into a global manufacturing hub.

Aravind holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the National Institute of Technology, Karnataka, and a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Pennsylvania State University. He has been the recipient of the 'Young Achiever' award by the Indo-American Community and the 'Super Entrepreneur 2019' award by The Machinist (India) magazine.