

Shikhar is a business leader and entrepreneur with demonstrated value driven growth and organization build-up across early stage banks (IDFC, YES Bank), fintechs (Card91), management consulting (PwC, Kikash advisory) & non-profit advisory (Technoserve). His career has been at the intersection of banking , inclusion, entrepreneurship and management consulting.

He has built and advised businesses across multiple sectors - impact, rural banking, financial services, fintech, clean energy (EV, Wind), higher education, non-profits and management consulting. Shikhar has played roles of a founder, a founding team member and executive-in-charge / C-suite advisor across these sectors. He is also an investor, mentor and advisor to start-ups and incubators, agri-tech and sustainability sectors. Some of his experiences are outlined below

- Set-up and scaled a profitable inclusion and micropayments business that provided over US\$ 700m loans to 2M+ women beneficiaries through 11,000+ touch points and 2000+ strong team
- Set-up two new age greenfield banks (IDFC, YES) that were among top publicly listed companies in India
- Mobilized ~US\$ 1bn funds in public and private markets with about US\$ 850 mn in impact sectors
- Invested and advised a Harvard Innovation Labs incubated EV subscription business (Ghoom) that served over 12,000 customers
- Re-constituted the financial service consulting team at a PwC India

He runs his own financial services and impact advisory firm – Kikash Advisory solving some of the most pressing issues around finance, inclusion, gender and education. He is also on the investment committee with the Investor seed management fund at Indigram Labs (a leading Indian agri-tech incubator).

He is an alumnus from IIT Kanpur and FMS Delhi.