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Global Immersion Programme in

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Chairman's Note

The Global Immersion Programme (GIP) provided students with an unparalleled opportunity to explore Singapore's dynamic business landscape while experiencing its rich cultural diversity. Over the course of the Programme, students engaged with leading industry players, gained first-hand insights into global markets, and immersed themselves in the city's vibrant cultural heritage—all with a strong focus on Sustainability. From green urban developments to innovative eco-friendly business practices, students witnessed how Singapore integrates sustainability into its economic and cultural framework.

Objectives Achieved

- **Real-world business exposure in Finance, Technology, and Healthcare:** Students gained hands-on experience in key sectors, bridging theory with industry practices.
- Cultural immersion in Singapore's diverse Social and Economic Landscape: Students were exposed to Singapore's cultural and economic dynamics, enhancing global market awareness.
- Networking opportunities with top Executives, Policymakers, and Entrepreneurs: Students built valuable connections with industry leaders, opening doors for career opportunities.
- Practical learning through Corporate visits,
 Workshops, and Case studies: Students gained
 practical knowledge through real-world company
 visits and interactive workshops.

Manoj Kohli

Chairman of Board of Governors, **Masters' Union** Former Country Head, **SoftBank** Former CEO & MD, **Bharti Airtel**









Industry Visits:

Engaged with leading companies (such as Temasek - ABC Impact, IHH, Sanofi, Singtel, Partners Group and Agoda) across fintech, healthcare, & technology sectors, gaining insights from industry leaders on innovation, strategy, and global market trends.



Cultural Immersion:

Explored Singapore's iconic landmarks, from Marina Bay Sands to Chinatown, while experiencing diverse cuisines, traditions, and the city's unique blend of heritage and modernity.

The GIP Singapore immersion gave students direct access to one of the world's top financial hubs, offering valuable exposure to global markets, policy dynamics, and industry insights. Through expert-led sessions and company visits, they explored leadership strategies and practical knowledge beyond textbooks. The experience shaped their global outlook, cultural sensitivity, and professional confidence to thrive in a highly connected world.



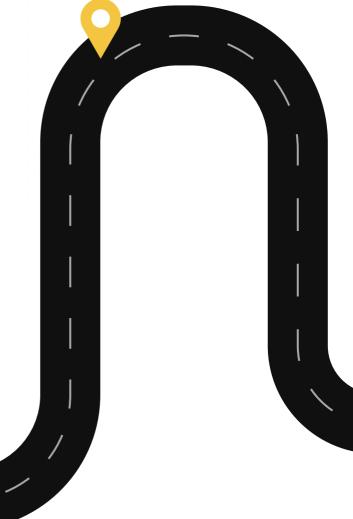


Healthcare & Pharma Focus

Visit to IHH & Sanofi



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Day 1

Arrival & Exploration

Arrival, City Walk and Dinner at Haji Lane



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Cultural & Economic Insights

National Museum of Singapore & ABC Impact - Temasek



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Leisure & Team Building

Universal Studios





Singapore as Asia's Travel Hub

Agoda Visit



Day 6

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History & Culture

Sentosa Island, Gardens by the Bay & Meeting with Addison Goh (Sr. Director BD - Gardens by the Bay)

Gardens

by the Bay

Day 4

Telecom Visit & Finance Mixer

Singtel, Partners Group & Fintech Mixer





ABC Impact - Temasek Pioneers in Private Equity & Impact Investing





Students step into Temasek to explore global investing up close

- As one of the **world's largest investment firms**, **Temasek** acquired nearly **10% of Haldiram's** for approximately **\$1 billion**, valuing the **Indian snacks giant** at around **\$10 billion**.
- Beyond Haldiram's, Temasek holds stakes in Manipal Hospitals and Devyani International (operator of KFC and Pizza Hut), reinforcing its commitment to India's booming consumer and healthcare markets.
- Students met Ming Xian Tan, VP at ABC Impact, to explore private equity and its \$400B+ SGD portfolio focusing on technology, healthcare, and financial services.
- Seeing ABC Impact's focus on Sustainability and Innovation, students learnt how finance drives real world impact.



Sanofi & IHH Healthcare Healthcare Innovation & Corporate Strategy



+ Sanofi leads in biopharmaceutical innovation, focusing on vaccines, immunology, and rare diseases.



- IHH is pioneering AI-powered diagnostics, telemedicine, robotic surgery, and new cancer treatment technologies.
- Students met Mr. Ashok Pandit, Group Chief Corporate Officer at IHH Healthcare.
- IHH Healthcare, parent company of Fortis, operates 80+ hospitals across 10 countries, advancing digital health.
- Students explored HR, management, company culture, and AI-driven manufacturing at Sanofi's Singapore hub.



Mr. Ashok Pandit

H IHH Healthcare

Ashok Pandit, Group Chief Corporate Officer at IHH Healthcare Berhad, drives portfolio transformation and oversees innovation, strategy, and business development. With 28+ years in investment banking, he held senior roles at Deutsche Bank AG, including Managing Director and Global Co-Head of Sovereign Wealth & Pension Funds.

Agoda Travel, Hospitality & Technology





Bright spaces, brighter ideas — inside Agoda's innovation hub

- Agoda operates in 200+ countries, offering access to 2.7M+ properties across the globe. It is a key player in the online travel industry, shaping digital booking experiences.
- As a Booking Holdings subsidiary, Agoda drives hospitality tech innovation, refining digital strategies to stay competitive in the travel industry.
- The platform leverages AI, big data, and dynamic pricing to optimize travel bookings. These technologies enhance user experience, improve conversions, and maximize revenue.



Mr. Pranjal Kalra



Pranjal Kalra is the **Country Head** at **Agoda Singapore**, leading one of Asia's top travel platforms. An **INSEAD MBA** and **BITS Pilani alum**, he has held roles at **Beam Mobility** and **Bain & Company**, scaling **high-growth mobility** and **tech ventures across Asia**.

Partners Group

Investment Strategies in Global Markets



Private Markets Expertise: Partners Group, managing \$150B+ in assets, specializes in private equity, real estate, infrastructure, and debt, driving long-term value creation.



Decoding deal dynamics and investment strategy with Mr. Luv Parikh

- Exclusive Industry Insights: Meeting Mr. Luv Parikh, MD at Partners Group, provided firsthand exposure to deal-making, M&As, leveraged buyouts, and the dynamic world of private equity.
- Global Impact: Partners Group's strategic investments, including Trans Maldivian
 Airways, highlighted its role in tourism growth and economic development in emerging markets.
- Real-World Learning: Discussions on investment strategy, risk assessment, and portfolio management deepened our understanding of highstakes global finance.



Mr. Luv Parikh



Luv Parikh, Co-Head of Private Infrastructure Asia at Partners Group, brings 24 years of experience. Previously, he held key roles at Blackstone and Prudential Securities, and managed an automobile distributorship in India.

Singtel Driving Future of Telecom



← Singtel, Asia's largest telecom giant, has shaped connectivity for 140+ years, pioneering industry evolution.



- With 760M+ customers across Asia, Australia, and Africa, Singtel leads in 5G, cybersecurity, and cloud solutions, driving AI, IoT, and smart city advancements.
- Students learned about Singtel's CSR initiatives and \$643M green loan reinforce sustainability and social responsibility from Ms Aileen Tan.
- Singtel's award-winning infrastructure, including CODE and 5G Garage, enables enterprises to co-create and test 5G solutions, boosting productivity through tech integration.



Ms. Aileen Tan



Aileen Tan, Group Chief People & Sustainability Officer at Singtel, leads HR transformation and sustainability initiatives, shaping talent development, corporate responsibility, and ESG strategy.

Dinner with **Mr. K.V. Rao** (Chairman and Director, Tata International)



- ★ ASEAN Business Dynamics: Gained insights into market opportunities, challenges, and strategic considerations in the ASEAN region.
- + Innovation in Legacy Organizations: Explored strategies to drive innovation while balancing tradition in established companies.
- + Transformational Leadership: Understood the role of vision, patience, and adaptability in entrepreneurial success.
- + Cultural Agility & Collaboration: Learned the importance of cross-cultural competence in global business environments.
- + Career Growth & Adaptability: Received guidance on career progression, continuous learning, and navigating diverse industries.

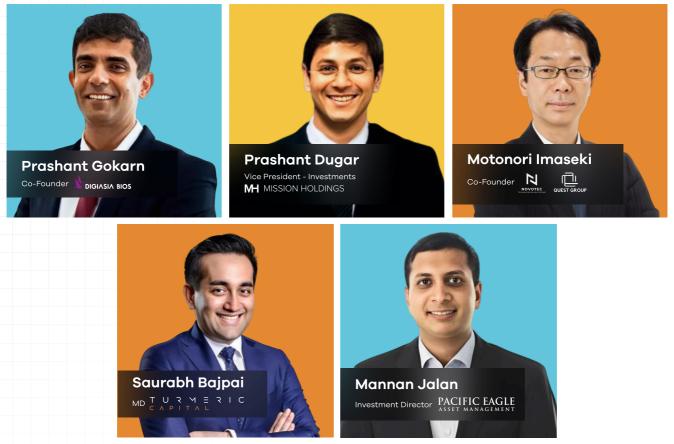


Mr. K.V. Rao



K.V. Rao is the Chairman and Director of Tata International Singapore, with 40+ years of experience in Global Business. He has led Tata Group's ASEAN operations and is active in cultural and community work, serving as President of the Singapore Indian Fine Arts Society.

Inside the Boardroom What Industry Exposure Taught Our Students



Students gained firsthand insights through interactions with Industry Leaders across **Fintech**, **Private Equity**, **Healthcare**, **Telecom**, and **Global Trade**:

- Mr. Prashant Gokarn: Offered deep insights into the Southern Asian fintech landscape,
 B2B digital infrastructure, and the nuanced differences between the startup ecosystems of
 Singapore and India.
- Mr. Prashant Dugar: Demystified the structure of Investment banking, guiding students through key roles, divisions, and what a day in the life of an Investment banker looks like.
- Mr. Motonori Imaseki: Provided practical insights into the M&A landscape, explaining how mergers are structured and executed, with a special focus on funding trends in the healthcare and pharmaceutical sectors.
- + Mr. Saurabh Bajpai: Offered guidance on breaking into private equity, along with broader career advice on navigating the finance industry and finding one's professional direction.
- Mr. Manan Jalan: Shared valuable perspectives on setting up family offices and offered insider insights into navigating sovereign funds and government-backed investment structures.



National Museum of Singapore Understanding Singapore's Evolution



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- National Museum of Singapore: A journey through 700+ years of history, from trading post to financial hub.
- Interactive exhibits and artifacts provided a deep dive into Singapore's cultural and economic evolution.
- The Singapore History Gallery highlighted the Nation's resilience, Governance, and Innovation-driven growth.

Universal Studios - Entertainment with Innovation

- Southeast Asia's Top Theme Park: Located on Sentosa Island, this world-class attraction features 7 immersive zones for all kinds of visitors.
- Thrilling Rides & Experiences: Home to iconic attractions like Transformers - The Ride 3D and Battlestar Galactica, offering actionpacked adventures.
- Next-Gen Entertainment: Combines animatronics, 4D simulations, and interactive storytelling to create unforgettable experiences.
- A Global Landmark: A major highlight of Singapore's tourism scene, blending creativity, technology, and adventure.

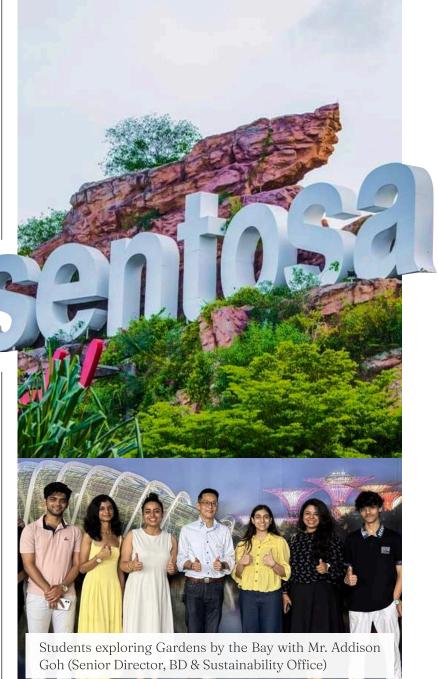
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Gardens by the Bay – Sustainability & Urban Innovation

- Gardens by the Bay: A stunning 101-hectare showcase of sustainability and urban innovation.
- Iconic Supertrees, climatecontrolled conservatories, and renewable energy systems highlight green development.
- The Cloud Forest and Flower
 Dome demonstrated how cities
 can seamlessly blend nature
 with technology.







Sentosa Island – Cultural & Historical Exploration

- A unique blend of history, culture, and leisure, offering immersive experiences.
- Once a British military fortress, now a vibrant hub for entertainment and conservation.
- Highlights included Fort Siloso, Singapore's only preserved coastal fort, and Sentosa Nature Discovery.



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Undergraduate Class of 2028

"The Singapore GIP Programme was a transformative trip. Visiting companies like ABC Impact, IHH Healthcare, and Agoda offered insights into Global Innovation. A key moment was meeting Mr. K.V. Rao, whose perspective on entrepreneurship redefined success as vision and patience over mere hustle. Beyond business, I formed meaningful connections and even conquered my fear of roller coasters at Universal Studios—an exhilarating reminder of the trip's core lesson: stepping out of my comfort zone and embracing growth."

Aru Srivastva

Undergraduate Class of 2027

"My Singapore trip was a defining experience, offering firsthand exposure to global finance. Visiting top firms and engaging with industry leaders provided invaluable insights into investment strategies and market dynamics. The depth of conversations reshaped my perspective, reinforcing the importance of networking and adaptability. More than a visit, this trip was a strategic step toward my long-term goals in global finance."





Yash Gupta

Undergraduate Class of 2028

"Visiting Sanofi and IHH Healthcare provided invaluable insights into how global healthcare leaders are leveraging innovation, AI, and datadriven strategies to enhance patient care. Understanding Sanofi's cutting-edge research in biopharma and IHH's commitment to techdriven healthcare delivery reinforced the crucial intersection of medicine and technology. The session highlighted the future of personalized treatment, digital health, and sustainable healthcare ecosystems."

Aryaman Kapoor

Undergraduate Class of 2028

"The Singapore Immersion Programme provided firsthand insights into Global Business dynamics. Visits to Temasek, Agoda, Singtel NCS, and Partners Group highlighted Singapore's strategies in talent retention, automation, and sustainability. Beyond structured learning, late-night reflections with batchmates made the experience even more meaningful. This journey reshaped my perspective on leadership, entrepreneurship, and global opportunities."





Vidit Kiyal

Undergraduate Class of 2027

"Our visit to Singtel offered an in-depth look at the evolving telecom landscape and the role of AI in driving digital transformation. Learning about Singtel's advancements in 5G, cloud infrastructure, and cybersecurity solutions reinforced the critical role of telecom in shaping the digital economy. The session provided invaluable insights into how AI-powered technologies are revolutionizing connectivity, automation, and customer experience across industries."





Namish Gupta

Undergraduate Class of 2028

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Saiba Anand

Undergraduate Class of 2028

"The Global Immersion Programme in Singapore offered deep insights into industries from healthcare to finance. Visiting top firms, engaging with professionals, and exploring landmarks like Universal Studios and Marina Bay Sands enriched the experience. A highlight was seeing luxury models of my dream car—Rolls-Royce! This programme was a perfect blend of learning, networking, and cultural exploration—truly unforgettable."



Undergraduate Class of 2028

"The GIP Singapore Programme provided deep insights into global industries, innovation, and corporate strategy. Visits to Temasek, IHH Healthcare, Sanofi, Partners Group, and Agoda highlighted sustainability, AI, and private equity's role in business growth. Beyond industry exposure, collaborating with thought leaders and peers offered a firsthand view of Singapore's corporate landscape. This experience fuels my drive to explore the intersection of technology, sustainability, and business impact further."

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