

KRISHNA NARAYAN

EXECUTIVE BIOGRAPHY

Founder | Operating Executive | Entrepreneur

Krishna Narayan is an engineer and former U.S. Air Force officer whose four-decade career spans venture creation, technology commercialization, enterprise strategy, defense, healthcare, education, industrial markets, and emerging technologies. He has translated complex technologies and ambitious ideas into operating businesses, commercial products, and measurable results.

Krishna previously served as Vice President and General Manager at Thermo Fisher Scientific, where he led a 300-plus-person division with full profit-and-loss responsibility across healthcare, safety, industrial, military, and first-responder markets. During his leadership tenure, revenue grew from \$220 million to \$449 million, operating income increased from \$16 million to \$38 million, and cash flow expanded from \$18 million to \$41 million.

Earlier, as Vice President and Partner at DiamondCluster International, he advised Fortune 100 and public-sector organizations on growth strategy, operational transformation, technology integration, and new-business development. Representative clients included Bank of America, Marriott International, the Chicago Transit Authority, PPG Industries, Deluxe Corporation, and CompuCom. He also served as interim President of PlaidMoon.com, a 120-person digital venture launched for Deluxe Corporation.

Krishna began his career as a U.S. Air Force officer and Flight Test Engineer. During eleven years on active duty, he led engineering, acquisition, and operational initiatives supporting mission-critical defense and command systems, including the B-1B, B-2, NORAD, and the E-4B National Emergency Airborne Command Post. His military awards include two Meritorious Service Medals, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

Across NSC Partners and Island Innovation, Krishna developed and led ventures spanning mobile applications, educational platforms, healthcare technologies, agriculture, and digital marketplaces. Under NSC Partners, his teams developed 40 mobile applications, including early digital-health R&D; Island Innovation later developed 10 additional mobile applications and web-based education platforms. Several applications were featured and promoted by Apple, and education platforms were adopted by the U.S. Department of Education across the Pacific region and the continental United States. On Maui, he also led the planning, development, fundraising, construction, and operational launch of a vertically integrated cacao farm and chocolate-manufacturing venture.

His current interests include AI-enabled products, emerging technologies, and the commercial and organizational challenges involved in turning rapidly evolving technical capabilities into valuable businesses. He welcomes board and strategic-advisory opportunities where his experience building products, scaling operations, working with enterprise customers, and leading complex organizations can help founders build stronger companies. He served as Board President of Pineapple Hill Land Owners' Corporation.

Krishna holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering with Honors from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, an ALM in Government from Harvard University, and an MBA in Strategy, Operations, and Entrepreneurship from Carnegie Mellon University. He resides on Maui, Hawaii.

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