

DEVEN SHARMA

Deven, the former President of Standard & Poor's, is an accomplished business executive with deep experience in leading information, content, knowledge and technology-enabled service businesses through market, technology, regulatory, policy and economic disruption. Deven, as an operating leader, corporate strategist and management consultant, has led and advised many organizations through strategic transformation, global expansion, organic growth, acquisitions and product innovation. His experience extends across investment and risk research and information, business information, financial services, media, education, consumer product, consumer and professional services. In a world, where every enterprise is becoming an information business, Deven is currently advising companies on monetizing their information assets, building next generation businesses in Information and Digital Markets, and strategically transforming organizations through expanding Risk and Regulations.

Deven took over the helm of S&P – the premier credit risk ratings, risk analytics, index, investment research, financial information and technology platform service provider – as the financial crisis started in 2007 and led the company through the most tumultuous period in modern financial markets. He led the strategic transformation of S&P to pivot to a new strategy, operating model and culture, expand globally, adapt to new regulations, navigate crisis, re-build reputation, strengthen risk governance and regain performance momentum.

S&P was transformed around four principles: inter-connected markets, operating and market transparency, added focus on the investors, and independence. He drove transformation and growth through a revamp of product and analytics, technology, process, customer engagement, service, branding, pricing, organization, people, operating behaviors, rewards and cost improvement. The company instituted new governance in the areas of analytical methodology and models, quality, compliance and risk. He led the company's efforts to regain relevance and rebuild the reputation through differentiated analytics and research, thought leadership, market transparency and service. The transformation included connecting investment asset classes, industry sectors and geographic markets across organization silos.

At S&P, he engaged regularly with regulators, central banks, treasuries and legislatures around the world. He has spoken at Securities and Exchange Commission, European Union/ECOFIN, Eurofi, IOSCO and Asia Development Bank, among others. He chaired the Board of Directors for Crisil, an Indian Financial Information business, S&P's board in US and Europe, and was member of 800-Flowers Board.

Deven joined Standard & Poor's in 2006 as executive vice president, Investment Services and Global Sales. Before joining Standard & Poor's, he was executive vice president, Global Strategy at The McGraw-Hill Companies for five years, where he led the global and digital expansion of the businesses, as well M&A and Venture Investing. He advised the company on the divestiture of McGraw-Hill Education. Deven joined The McGraw-Hill Companies in 2002 from Booz Allen Hamilton, a global management consulting company, where he was a partner and consulted in Service, Information, Media, Financial and Consumer Product businesses globally. He advised companies on organization, strategy, global expansion, new product, technology and cost improvement agenda.

Deven has a PhD in Business from Ohio State University, Masters in Industrial Engineering from University of Wisconsin and Bachelors Degree in Engineering from India.