

## **Profile of Paula Mariwala**

An alumnus of Stanford University. Paula Mariwala is a well-known venture capitalist(VC), who has been part of building the early stage start up ecosystem in India since 2006. One of the first women VC in India, she is the founding partner at <u>Aureolis Ventures</u>, which invests in innovative companies focused on social and environmental impact, Founder/President Emeritus of <u>Stanford Angels & Entrepreneurs India ("SAE"</u>), an active angel investing platform of Stanford University alumni and Founding Managing Director of <u>Seedfund Advisors</u>. She is also Promoter Director of The <u>Hinditron Group of Companies</u>, a leading technology company with a global footprint.

Paula brings a rich experience of investing in early-stage companies in the USA and India. Through her investments in these companies, she hopes to have a deep impact across the most fundamental spaces of mobility, healthcare, education, climate and sustainability, and women leadership to name a few. Some of her key investments include **Unacademy**, **Pixxel**, **Chalo**, **Terra.do**, **InSpirit**.

She plays an active role in bringing in cross-border experiences and collaborations as Member of the Advisory Board of <u>The Centre for Human Rights and International Justice</u> <u>at Stanford University</u> and Board Member of <u>Stanford SEED</u> and has been an active member and President of Stanford Alumni Association in India.

Paula is deeply committed to the causes of education, environment, gender equality, human rights and women empowerment. She supports and serves on the boards of several Not-for-profit organisations. In addition, she mentors women entrepreneurs as well as young women from socially disadvantaged backgrounds through various personal and professional networks.

Paula is founding member on the Board of Management of <u>KREA University, India,</u> Governing Board of K.J. Somaiya College of Engineering and Advisory Board member of FITT-IIT-Delhi.

Paula holds an MS in Applied Physics from Stanford University and BSc (Hons) in Physics from St. Xavier's college, Mumbai. She lives in Mumbai with her family. She enjoys painting, writing poetry, hiking and engaging with community and social issues.

## **Brief profile**

An alumnus of Stanford University. Paula Mariwala is Promoter Director of The <u>Hinditron Group of Companies</u>, a leading technology company with a global footprint with a rich legacy of more than 5 decades.

Paula is a well-known venture capitalist (VC), who has been part of building the early stage startup ecosystem in India since 2006. One of the first women VC in India, she is the founding partner at <u>Aureolis Ventures</u>, which invests in innovative companies focused on deep technology companies creating social or environmental impact. She is also Founder/ President of Stanford Angels & Entrepreneurs India and Managing Director of Seedfund Advisors. As an engaged philanthropist, she is deeply committed to the causes of education, environment, women empowerment, gender equality, human rights and the arts. Paula is an active member of the Board of Krea University and sits on multiple management and advisory Boards of companies and foundations.