

## GRADUATING TO A HIGHER PLANE

**4<sup>th</sup> May, 2009:** Pursuant to IVCJ's highly successful version of the same event in 2008, Dickenson did a repeat of the stellar event on Private Equity and IT/ITES held on the 28<sup>th</sup> and the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2009, in Mumbai.

Addressing the need of the hour, the workshop on RAISING VENTURE CAPITAL FOR SME's witnessed participation from experienced speakers such as, Mr. Sasha Mirchandani – Sr. Investments Director, BlueRun Ventures; Mr. Rajesh Subramaniam - Managing Director-India, Walden International; Mr. Kuldeep Tikkha - TS Partner, Ernst & Young; Mr. Nikhil Khattau – MD, Mayfield Fund, Mr. Anand Lunia – CFO, Seed Advisors Pvt. Ltd. and many more. Held at the JW Marriot on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2009, Mumbai, the event was nothing short of a knowledge-packed practicum, hitting bang on audience expectations.

As IT/ITES, Technology and startups stand firmly amidst unfavorable global economic winds, it is fresh innovation and new vision that will decide players' fortune at this critical inflection point. How are the players within the Indian IT/ITES sector coping with the status quo? How equipped are the VC/PE to



revive their portfolio companies that could potentially fall prey to the downturn? At IVCJ's relevant and insightful conference on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2009, at The Taj Lands End, Mumbai, erudite speakers attempted at answering these and many more pertinent questions. As many as 50 delegates, 17 Venture Capitalists, 13 Industry Leaders, 3 Research Companies, 4 Leading Advisors and other renowned speakers presented valuable exchange of thoughts and great networking opportunity.

Citing examples of big brands like Pantaloons and Gitanjali, Mr. Karthik Reddy from Times Private Treaties highlighted the value addition times private treaties brings to its alliance partners ***“Don't tell me the sky is the limit when there are footprints on the moon”*** said Mr. Reddy while explaining why he sees private treaties as the path ahead. He went on to say ***“Allied Digital, from being just a server maintenance company to a complete service company, with over 2000 employees at more than 132 locations. The Forbes magazine also awarded Allied Digital as the BEST UNDER BILLION DOLLAR COMPANY”*** while explaining the impact of the private treaties. Mr. Mark Silgado, IL&FS Investment Managers shed light on the importance of Corporate Governance in today's competitive world. While analyzing the impact, trends and future outlook that Virtualization would have in the years to come, Mr. Naveen Mishra, Senior Analyst, Gartner made a statement ***“Virtualization will transform IT architectures, processes, cultures, sourcing and markets — enabling significant business transformation.”*** At the end of the insightful conference, Mr. Manoj Saha, Partner at Dickenson Advisory, made his point, ***“It was a great melting pot of investors, trend predictors and entrepreneurs. The two most impressive areas for the wealth creation involve cloud computing, information security and service based SAAS solutions.”***



Veterans such as, Mr. Vipul Mankad – President from SIDBI Venture Capital; Mr. Manu M. Parpia - Founder and Vice Chairman, Geometric Ltd.; Mr. Rahul Khanna – MD, Clearstone Ventures; Mr. Manik Arora – founding MD, IDG Ventures; Mr. Rajeev Kumar, Navatar Group, Mr. Gautam Patel – Managing Partner, Battery Ventures; Mr. Nikhil Khattau – MD, Mayfield Fund; Mr. Sandeep Singhal, Nexus India Venture Capital, were among the many who set this conference apart as an ultimate experience of its kind.

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