

**Speaker Biography: Dr. Val Rahmani**

Val Rahmani has over 30 years' experience in the technology and financial services industries, with a strong history of success as a board member, corporate executive and start-up CEO.

Val is a Non-Executive Director and member of the risk and remuneration committees of the London Stock Exchange Group. She is a Non-Executive Director and member of the audit committee of RenaissanceRe, a NYSE-listed reinsurer based in Bermuda. She is a Non-Executive Director, chairman of the compensation committee and member of the audit and nomination/corporate governance committees of Computer Task group, a NASDAQ-listed IT solutions and services company. She is a Non-Executive Director and member of the compensation committee of Entrust Datacard, a private Trusted Identity company. She is a board member of Rungway, a social media-based mentoring startup based in London.

Val is the part-time CEO of the Innovation Panel of Standard Life Aberdeen, a UK-based global asset manager.

Val's most recent executive role was CEO of Damballa, a VC-funded cyber security company in Atlanta, GA. Prior to this, Val was at IBM for 28 years. Her latest role was General Manager (GM) of IBM Internet Security Systems after IBM's acquisition of that company. Her other roles at IBM included GM of the \$2.7B Global Technology Services businesses, head of the Sales and Services Strategy unit, GM of IBM's \$3.5B UNIX server business, and GM of IBM's Mobile business. She was Executive Assistant to Lou Gerstner soon after he became Chairman and CEO.

Val holds an MA and Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry from Oxford University, England. She is now based in the US, but has lived in the UK and run operating units across Europe and Asia. She is an aerobatic pilot.

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