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Mr Avinash Vashistha is Chairman and Managing Director for Accenture in India and is responsible for all Accenture activities in India and for the strategic direction, growth and development of the company's business in this geography.

Before joining Accenture, he was Chairman and CEO of Tholons, a global strategic advisory firm for outsourcing, research, investment and education serving Fortune 500 and Global 1000 clients. Earlier in his career, he founded neoIT, an offshore advisory firm, and prior to that, led Nortel's pioneering outsourcing efforts in US, UK and India.

He started his career with AT&T Bell Labs, USA and later ran European operations for Nortel Networks based out of UK. He is a pioneer in globalization and was instrumental in growth of the IT and BPO industry in US, India, Philippines. He is a known thought leader in the industry and co-authored the book "The Offshore Nation". He is also an Executive Council member of NASSCOM.

He holds an Engineering Degree from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, a Master's in Computer Science from the University of Alberta and an MBA from Arizona.