

Gautam Aggarwal
President, India and South Asia at Mastercard

Gautam Aggarwal leads Mastercard's operations across India and South Asia, overseeing strategy and execution, product development, business development, regulatory engagement, and partnerships across South Asia including India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, Maldives, and Bhutan. As Country Corporate Officer for India, he plays a pivotal role in aligning Mastercard's global capabilities with India's national priorities.

Under his leadership, Mastercard has significantly advanced its localization strategy in India, deepening collaboration with banks, fintechs, and industry partners to foster safer, smarter, and a more inclusive digital ecosystem. A cornerstone of this effort is Mastercard's commitment to strengthening the digital and cybersecurity infrastructure of India's banking and financial services as well as MSME sector. Through partnerships with organizations such as CII, CAIT, and CERT-In, Mastercard has trained and empowered over 500,000 micro and small businesses, with a strong focus on women-led enterprises and agri-entrepreneurs, enabling them to adopt digital tools, access new markets and financial services.

The company also aims to promote India's tourism sector in collaboration with Ministry of Tourism, state tourism boards and industry organizations.

Recognizing India's global leadership in technology, Mastercard launched its new campus in Pune in October 2024, reinforcing the company's long-term investment in India's digital economy and talent ecosystem.

Previously, Gautam served as Mastercard's Regional Chief Technology Officer for Asia Pacific (2019–2022), where he led over USD 1 billion in technology investments across key markets including India, Australia, China, Japan, and Southeast Asia. His leadership helped scale secure, resilient digital payment infrastructure across the region. Prior to this, as Group Head & SVP of Domestic & Real-time Payments (RTP), he was responsible for forging Mastercard's partnerships with domestic schemes to provide RTP technologies in Asia-Pacific. He executed a long-term commercial agreement with BancNet, Philippines's domestic switch, to provide technology and manage operations for the national payments infrastructure – the largest and fastest executed deal in Mastercard's RTP history.

Before joining Mastercard in 2014, he worked with Silicon Valley startups and later at McKinsey & Company in New York. After 20 years in the U.S. and Singapore, Gautam returned to India in 2023 to lead Mastercard's South Asia business, in an effort to contribute to the country's digital transformation and economic growth.

He holds an MBA (with honors) from The Wharton School, and degrees in computer science from Cornell University and Manipal Institute of Technology.