

AVANTHI SHAH

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Operator • Investor • Board Director • Speaker



EXECUTIVE & SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Avanthi Shah is the Founder and Managing Partner of NextVerse Ventures, a Silicon Valley-based seed-stage venture firm focused on artificial intelligence, quantum computing and enabling deep technologies. She brings more than 25 years of experience as a technologist, entrepreneur and operating executive, with a career spanning enterprise technology, company building, governance and venture investing.

Earlier in her career, Avanthi co-founded and scaled NextBrick Solutions, serving enterprise clients including NASA, NBCUniversal, Toyota and MetLife, and later led an engineering organization of approximately 200 people. That operating experience shapes how she evaluates frontier technologies today: not only for technical novelty, but for customer urgency, commercialization pathways, infrastructure requirements, capital intensity and the organizational decisions required to scale.

Avanthi has more than nine years of investment-committee experience through How Women Invest Fund I and NextGen Venture Partners/Brown Advisory. She brings an operator-investor lens to early-stage technology, translating between researchers, founders, enterprise buyers, boards and capital providers. She is particularly interested in the point where frontier science becomes a business—and where technical progress begins to create durable commercial value.

Her current work focuses on AI, quantum computing, semiconductors, robotics and the enabling layers of the next technology stack. She also mentors emerging ventures through **Stanford Emergence**, contributing commercialization and investor perspective to founder teams.

CAREER SNAPSHOT

- 25+ years across technology, entrepreneurship and operations
- Led an engineering organization of approximately 200 people
- 9+ years of venture investment-committee experience
- Board & Audit Committee experience at FINCA International
- Former board service including Egraz Inc. and YPO chapter boards

RECOGNITION & NETWORK

- Bloomberg New Voices alumna
- CNBC-TV18 Woman Entrepreneur of the Year
- YPO member
- MBA, Indian Institute of Management Lucknow
- Mentor, Stanford Emergence

SPEAKING & THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Avanthi speaks at the intersection of technical possibility, commercial reality, governance and investment. Her role on stage is to make consequential technologies understandable without flattening their complexity—and to help audiences distinguish genuine progress from market narrative.

The Next Deep-Tech Stack

AI, quantum, semiconductors, robotics and where commercial value can emerge.

Quantum Before Fault Tolerance

Opportunity, readiness and investable value before the end-state arrives.

From Breakthrough to Business

Commercializing technically ambitious companies across customer, capital and adoption risk.

AI Beyond the Hype

Enterprise value, governance and the questions boards should ask now.

Beyond Software: India's Deep-Tech Transition

India's move toward semiconductors, AI infrastructure, quantum and science-led innovation.

SELECTED SPEAKING FORUMS

SuperReturn Middle East

Deep tech evolution: chips, robotics and quantum computing

PEI NEXUS

Emerging-manager differentiation and edge

Opal Group

AI & alternative investing; capital allocation

Campden Wealth • YPO • Tiger 21 • GeeksTap

STAGE FORMATS

- Keynotes and firesides
- Panels and substantive panelist roles
- Moderator for founder, investor and technology conversations
- Board and executive briefings
- Leadership workshops and private roundtables

POSITIONING

Avanthi is an operator-investor who translates frontier technologies into their commercial, strategic and investment implications.

She is equally comfortable with technical experts, founders, enterprise leaders, boards and investors, making her particularly effective in conversations that require translation across disciplines rather than narrow technical specialization.

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