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Moreover, he has a proven track record in business development, matchmaking, B2B and B2G sales within apparel, footwear, accessories, foods and beverages (FMCG). As well as B2B sales, matchmaking and commercial partnerships within Saas sector, consulting services, market penetration strategies and product localisation. Additionally, he has experience in drafting business models and value propositions, as well as preparing and presenting reports of trade related issues such as market accessing and market intelligence.
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Ram is an accomplished hands-on senior executive with over thirty-five year's track record of building and leading global consulting practices and high-growth businesses across the financial services and retail industries. Most recently, he was the Managing Director at Ernst & Young, New York responsible for driving Data & Analytics, Robotics Process Automation, and IoT solutions for his clients.

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Moreover, due to his immense efforts and contributions in his area of research, he has been honored to invent the world's first ever human factor inspired autonomous vehicle known as EMO. Most fortunately, after commencing his PhD, he has successfully secured a funding (14.70 million) which has provided the needed support to push forward his work.

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