

## Kerem Durdag – Short bio

Kerem Durdag, as executive leader of people and companies bringing out the best of their talents and aspirations, has over 25 years of experience directing world-class teams in the manufacturing and technology sectors. Currently he is President and Chief Operating Officer of GWI, a leading ISP/telco in Maine. Previously he served as the Entrepreneur-In-Residence for the Maine Technology Institute, a quasi-public loan and venture capital entity. He was the CEO of a start-up (in the sensors market) leading it to growth and eventual acquisition by a public company. Another start-up he led (medical device and advanced materials) was sold in 2016 to a global Chinese company after he failed to sustain the growth trajectory. He has also been the CTO of a large US subsidiary of a public German semiconductor and optical media company and prior was the leader of the engineering department of an electronics company which went public (twice). He is also the Founder and Managing Partner of Indus Fund which provides micro-loans to immigrant business owners. With an inherent strong bias towards action, a long-time advocate for the inclusion of immigrant and refugee voices in societal conversation and extremely passionate about doing his part to close the economic and digital divide, Kerem also serves on several Boards and is a member of the Maine angel investing community.