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A thousand years ago, India led the world in economic, scientific, cultural and philosophical achievements. Now, as its economy picks up the pace and hundreds of millions of people are raised above the poverty line, optimistic observers argue that a return to those glory days is on the cards. But the pessimists question whether India really can wrest the mantle of Asian economic supremacy from China in the decades ahead. They point to its well-documented shortcomings in infrastructure, education, health, human resources, social justice, community relations, political infighting and a fractious neighborhood. Will these combine to drag it back to the category of a failed contender? Whether you take the optimistic or the pessimistic view, the one thing that's certain is that in the years ahead, knowing more about India will be part and parcel of running a successful global business.

This essential guidebook traces the story of the men and women who are making India a force to be reckoned with, in an array of industries as diverse as telecommunications, aviation, pharmaceuticals and biotech, mining, information technology, property, energy, heavy industry, media and retail. They are the members of India's Global Wealth Club – a coterie of billionaires who range from Mumbai-based tycoons like **Mukesh Ambani** and **Adi Godrej**, to London steel baron **Lakshmi Mittal**, mining magnate **Anil Agarwal**, mentor capitalist **Ram Shriram** in San Francisco and I.T. industry pioneers like **Bharat Desai**, whose family was just one of many to flee the madness of East Africa in the early 1970s in search of a better life.

Their stories are among the 100 profiles that, along with an overview of specific industry sectors, help make up this unique reference work. For India-focused investors and budding entrepreneurs alike, knowledge is power. India's Global Wealth Club is the place to start.

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