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Kartik Balaram is a Principal at Meridian Compensation Partners and has more than 15 years of experience in executive compensation and corporate governance. He advises Board of Directors and management teams on a wide range of items including executive compensation strategy and design, Board of Director pay, annual/long-term incentive plan structures, broad-based equity compensation strategy, severance and change-in-control arrangements, disclosure/regulatory issues, and other human capital & governance related matters.

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