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In his capacity as Co-President for Asia Pacific at Mastercard, Ari Sarker leads the South East Asia and South Asia region, overseeing all of the company's activities in these regions including sales, business development, business strategy, and relationships with card issuers, public policy, merchants and merchant acquirers. He is also a member of the company's Global Operating Committee.

Ari has been with Mastercard for over 6 years and until June '15 was Mastercard's Division President for South Asia and Country Corporate Officer, India. Ari provided leadership to the South Asia team to drive core business growth and executing on the nascent but fast rising emerging payments opportunities.

In his initial role in Mastercard as Head of Network Processing for AP & MEA, Ari developed significant engagement across the markets of AP & MEA on various partnership discussions with domestic switches and regulators on building an open vibrant payment market environment. In addition, he has played an active role in leading, managing and identifying new equity investment opportunities covering switch acquisitions to acquisition / partnership in other areas of the business including bill payment, pre-paid and transit across the region.

Prior to joining Mastercard, Ari spent over 12 years with GE in a variety of senior roles in accounting, audit, corporate finance, and private equity across several key markets in the Americas, Europe, & Asia Pacific. In his last role prior to Mastercard, Ari led the GE Private Equity business in India. His first role after university was working in the financial services group of Price Waterhouse in their London office.

Ari holds a Commerce degree from Delhi University, an MBA from Cardiff University, and is a qualified chartered accountant from the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.