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Professor Desai has taught extensively as an award-winning teacher at HBS and at Harvard University. At HBS, he built a second-year elective on International Financial Management and pioneered the offering of the first course for Harvard undergraduates (on entrepreneurship) at HBS. At HLS, he has taught Tax Law and Tax Policy. Most recently, Professor Desai has been active in delivering various executive education programs at HBS, including the General Managers Program (GMP), on campus and around the world. Professor Desai has also created an online finance course through the HBX platform titled *Leading with Finance* and is co-host of the After Hours podcast on the HBR network. His books include *the Wisdom of Finance: Discovering Humanity in the World of Risk and Return* (longlisted for the 2017 FT/McKinsey Best Business Book of the Year) and *How Finance Works: The HBR Guide to Thinking Smart about the Numbers*.

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