

## Press news

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# ESMT Berlin expands International Advisory Council with first member from India

**ESMT Berlin has expanded its International Advisory Council (IAC) with the appointment of Sapthagiri (Saptha) Chapalapalli, Head of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) Europe. This marks the first representation from an Indian headquartered company in the IAC, an advisory body instituted by the Board of Trustees of the ESMT Foundation to provide external perspective, assessment, and support to the school. This significant development underscores ESMT's commitment to fostering global perspectives and dialogue.**

Saptha Chapalapalli brings over 25 years of extensive experience from Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), a global leader in IT services, consulting, and business solutions. Throughout his career, Saptha has played a crucial role in driving TCS's growth in India, North America, and Europe. Currently, as the head of TCS Europe, he focuses on digital strategy and sustainability, guiding businesses through their digital transformation journeys.

Jörg Rocholl, president of ESMT, said, "Saptha Chapalapalli's wealth of experience and deep understanding of global markets will provide invaluable insights in our strategic initiatives and support our commitment to innovation and excellence in business education."

"I am honored to join the International Advisory Council of ESMT Berlin. My journey at Tata Consultancy Services, spanning over 25 years across various geographies, has provided me with deep insights into digital transformation and sustainability. I am excited to bring this experience to ESMT and collaborate with esteemed colleagues from around the world," said Saptha Chapalapalli. "Diverse and global insights are crucial in shaping impactful educational programs, and I look forward to contributing to ESMT's mission of fostering innovation and excellence in business education."

Tata Consultancy Services, known for its extensive portfolio of services supporting businesses worldwide, continues to be at the forefront of digital transformation, helping organizations navigate the complexities of the modern digital landscape.

The council's broader international representation brings more diverse, global insights into the advisory processes of ESMT, thus helping ESMT to create impactful educational programs that address the complexities of global business.

### **About ESMT Berlin**

ESMT Berlin is a leading global business school with its campus in the heart of Berlin. Founded by 25 global companies, ESMT offers master, MBA, and PhD programs, as well as executive education on its campus in Berlin, in locations around the world, online, and in online blended format. Focusing on leadership, innovation, and analytics, its diverse faculty publishes outstanding research in top academic journals. Additionally, the international business school provides an interdisciplinary platform for discourse between politics, business, and academia. ESMT is a non-profit private institution of higher education with the right to grant PhDs and is accredited by AACSB, AMBA, EQUIS, and ZEvA. It is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion across all its activities and communities. [esmt.berlin](https://www.esmt.berlin)

**About Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)**

Tata Consultancy Services is an IT services, consulting and business solutions organization that has been partnering with many of the world's largest businesses in their transformation journeys for over 56 years. Its consulting-led, cognitive powered, portfolio of business, technology and engineering services and solutions is delivered through its unique Location Independent Agile™ delivery model, recognized as a benchmark of excellence in software development.

A part of the Tata group, India's largest multinational business group, TCS has over 601,000 of the world's best-trained consultants in 55 countries. The company generated consolidated revenues of US \$29 billion in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024, and is listed on the BSE and the NSE in India. TCS' proactive stance on climate change and award-winning work with communities across the world have earned it a place in leading sustainability indices such as the MSCI Global Sustainability Index and the FTSE4Good Emerging Index. For more information, visit [www.tcs.com](http://www.tcs.com)

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