

# VS Parthasarathy ends a strong innings with the Mahindra Group

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**Mumbai, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021:** Mahindra & Mahindra Limited (M&M) today announced that VS Parthasarathy, President - Mobility Services Sector and Member of the Group Executive Board, has decided to leave the Group effective from April 1, 2021, to pursue personal interests. In this next phase of his career, he desires to leverage his rich professional experience to consult, mentor, build and scale businesses and initiatives across business, education and society.

Parthasarathy, fondly known as Partha, dedicated more than two decades of his professional career to M&M. He has over three decades of experience across diverse functions – HR, Finance, M&A, IT and international operations. He is best known for his role as the Group CFO from 2013 – 2020. He is a much-awarded professional, thought leader and votary of transformational changes. He is a well-recognised speaker in the fields of finance and IT. He was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award for both his CFO and CIO roles. His many awards include the Businessworld - Yes Bank Hall of Fame Award and Best CFO of India Award by IMA. He was the President of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry in 2019-20. He is passionate about encouraging innovation and developing young talent. His efforts in the social innovation space are commendable; he runs for Nanhi Kali (Girl Child Education) at the Mumbai Marathon as a change icon and has been adjudged the 'Change Legend' at the Mumbai Marathon 2019, being the highest fund-raiser at the event.

As he moves on to the next phase of his life, Partha expressed the following sentiments: "Thank you, Mahindra Family, for the best 21 years of my life. There are no words, though, that can express how sincerely grateful I am for the privilege of working with people who are so talented and driven – my mentors, my juniors (who taught me more than I taught them) and the Board, for their support, guidance and trust over more than two decades. I look forward to the next stint with the tailwinds of support and blessings from the Mahindra family."

The Mobility Services Sector continues to be a high priority growth opportunity for the Group. In the Indian logistics sector that is poised for exponential growth, Mahindra Logistics Limited is in pole position given its 3PL capabilities and cross-sectorial spread. The platform-based business model of Mahindra First Choice Wheels promises to re-shape the aftermarket sector. These businesses will contribute significantly to growth and the valuation of the Mahindra Group. Given its strategic importance, Dr Anish Shah, who is the Deputy Managing Director and Group CFO of M&M Ltd., and is designated to take over as the Managing Director and CEO of M&M Ltd. from April 2, 2021, will take additional charge of overseeing the Mobility Services Sector directly. Consequent to his decision to leave the Mahindra Group, Parthasarathy will resign from the Board of Mahindra Logistics Limited (MLL). Dr Anish Shah will join the Board of MLL and take over as the non-Executive Chairman of MLL effective April 2, 2021.

Commenting on the change, Anand Mahindra said, “Partha is a multi-faceted personality with varied interests. He has contributed significantly to the Mahindra Group in many diverse roles. I wish him well and am confident that he will leverage his rich professional experience to continue to make a real difference and leave his mark on India Inc. and Indian society. I have no doubt that Anish will steer the Mobility Services Sector and MLL to greater heights”.

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