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Rupal is a first-generation immigrant and woman of color who came to America with no network or net-worth, but through personal grit and professional acumen broke through the glass ceiling on Wall Street to become the Chief Investment Officer and Portfolio Manager of Ariel Investments' multi-billion dollar international and global equity strategies in New York. She is among the rare 1.3%* (Source: Morningstar©) of women to solely manage a mutual fund in the US.

In 2020, 2021 & 2022, she was featured as one of the “*Top 100 Influential Women in US Finance*” by Barron’s. In 2019, she received the *North American Industry Leadership Award* from the non-profit 100 Women in Finance, with over 20,000 registered members given to women who serve as role models in the industry. She also serves on the prestigious Barron’s Annual Roundtable which show-cases “10 of Wall Street’s smartest investors”. In sum, Rupal is a rare success story in a competitive, male dominated profession. She has authored the book, *Non-Consensus Investing: Being Right When Everyone Else Is Wrong*. In 2020, Rupal obtained the FSA credential, awarded by the Sustainable Accounting Standards Board (SASB) for professionals who understand the link between sustainability and financial performance. In 2009, *Forbes* christened her a “Global Guru”, in 2015, *Barron’s* called her a “Global Contrarian” and in 2017 PBS called her an “Unconventional Thinker”. She is a frequent guest/guest anchor on broadcast media such as Bloomberg, CNBC, CNN, Yahoo Finance, Reuters and Fox Business News. She is also a sought-after speaker at prestigious industry conferences including The CFA Institute, Morningstar and Schwab. Prior to joining Ariel in 2011, she spent 10 years with MacKay Shields, where she was senior managing director, portfolio manager and head of international equities and spent 5 years at Oppenheimer Capital, where she also managed global equity portfolios and was promoted to be the co-head of international equities. Additionally, she has held various roles at other prestigious firms since she began her career in 1989, including the hedge fund, Soros.

Fluent in several Indian languages including Hindi, Rupal earned a Bachelor of Commerce in accounting and finance, as well as a Master of Commerce in international finance and banking from the University of Mumbai. She later earned an MBA in finance from the University of Rochester, where she was a Rotary Foundation Scholar.