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Words Of Wisdom

They all had something to say...global CEOs flying in, their Indian counterparts going overseas (and a few went overboard as well)

"Our objective is to be a market leader in each of the businesses we are in. We are already the market leader amongst private sector companies and I think it's now a question of becoming the market leader overall"

K.V. Kamath, *Managing Director and CEO, ICICI Bank*



"Future is not about pedigree, it is not about financial strength, future is not about heritage. Future is about innovation and how nimble you are. The future is all about how open-minded you are to learn from people"

N.R. Narayana Murthy, *Non-Executive Chairman and Chief Mentor, Infosys Technologies*

"What we are trying to do is connect all of our capabilities--from our most advanced skills that exist today in innovation, invention and all the work we do in our research and all our other problem. India represents our ability to connect these two dimensions."

Sam Palmisano, *Chairman and CEO, IBM*



"We are very eager. We see a country, a terrific country, that offers us so much opportunity. A growing middle class, a growing consumer attitude ... the retail base today is already growing. There are many stores, many formats. We landed and immediately I went out to visit retailing, and we saw some interesting retail formats already developing and we saw a lot of customers that need a store like Wal-Mart "

Michael Duke, *Vice Chairman, Wal-Mart*

"I believe reservations are not likely to achieve the objectives for which they are being demanded"

Rahul Bajaj, *Chairman, Bajaj Auto*



"User-generated communities will be the next big thing"

David Filo, *Co-founder, Yahoo*

"With deals getting shorter, smaller and split, I see plenty of upside for Indian (IT) vendors. The addressable market could be \$60 billion by 2009-10"



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S. Ramadorai, *CEO, Tata Consultancy Services*



**"India has moved
from being a small
car to being a Ferrari"**
Andrew Holland, *Merrill Lynch's
Head of Research in India*

**"It was like a boxing match. We thought we were knocked out and
then we won it (the Arcelor deal) in the 12th round"**

L.N. Mittal, *Chairman, Mittal Steel*

