



## PRAISE for *THERE'S NO ELEVATOR TO THE TOP*

*“There’s No Elevator to the Top* translates experiences from some of the best CEOs out there. The book is not a GPS to success but rather it is a road map...It guides but does not direct and it is relevant to those who aspire to progress as well as those who have the opportunity to serve as CEOs. All in all, a very good read.”

—*William d. Perez, CEO, William Wrigley Jr. Company; former CEO, Nike*

“Ramakrishnan presents compelling and commonsense principles for building a successful and balanced life as a leader in business.” —*Steve Reinemund, Dean, Business School, Wake Forest University; CEO, PepsiCo (retired)*

“Ramakrishnan has effectively brought to life the many lessons from which we can all learn, once we each recognize that there is no simple elevator to the top. These lessons are made more meaningful through the experiences of many leading CEOs who themselves had to take the stairs.” —*Stephen Elop, President, Microsoft Business Division*

“This book offers unique and rare insight into leadership principles used by some of the most successful CEOs in the world today. *There’s No Elevator to the Top* is a realistic and contemporary guide that can be utilized by virtually anyone, at any level, who aspires to genuine leadership.” —*Bill Nuti, Chairman and CEO, NCR*

“An easy-to-read book from an author who doesn’t pretend to know all the answers. Ramakrishnan’s book is filled with unfiltered anecdotes, thoughts, and ideas from global CEOs. A good read for those who are refining or developing their leadership qualities.” —*Jacques Nasser, Managing Director, One Equity Partners, LLC; former CEO, Ford Motor Company*

“Ramakrishnan has it right. Navigating one’s way to the ‘C-suite’ won’t work but there are common elements that make the trip more meaningful and the chances of arriving there better.” —*Rick Goings, Chairman and CEO, Tupperware Brands Corp.*

“As vice chairman of a global executive search firm, Ramakrishnan uses his access to the top executives at major corporations to ask the one question aspiring CEOs, and even new entrants to the business world, would most like to know: What do you know now that you wish you had known 20 years ago? The result is a low-key, highly personal look back at success... The subject matter does not vary significantly from standard career topics like the importance of networking, but the real value here is access to the wisdom and guidance of proven leaders such as Steve Reinemund of Pepsi and Terrence Marks of Coca-Cola. Chapter-ending executive summaries underscore key points that will benefit anyone—regardless of their corporate ranking—looking to advance in their field.” — *Publisher’s Weekly*

“Longtime search executive, Ramakrishnan, sets out to examine and dissect today’s popular management principles and insights by traveling the world to interview members of the C-suite, the corporate world’s chief officers. Stories abound as the author recounts thoughtful conversations with leaders of Fortune’s largest companies and CEO’s of start-ups, including wisdom and advice from executives of Charles Schwab, JC Penny, Aetna, Cadbury Schweppes, and MediaCorp Group of Singapore to name a few... There is so much richness in the ideas and experiences chronicled in this excellent book, which offers special insight for library patrons.” — *Booklist*