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Mr. Rai also worked with IBM for 13 years, most recently serving as an executive of the national business continuity and contingency consulting practice. He was instrumental in starting the company’s information security consulting practice and managing its information technology consulting practice in Latin America.

Mr. Rai co-authored a recently published book, Security and Auditing of Smart Devices, which guides business and IT executives on how to manage and secure the smart devices as they connect to the corporate networks. In addition, Mr. Rai has also co-authored a book, Defending the Digital Frontier – A Security Agenda, which guides business and IT executives on how to develop an effective and efficient information security program within their enterprise. Mr. Rai is also co-author of Institute of Internal Auditors’ publications of “Sawyer’s Internal Audit Handbook 6th Edition” which guides chief audit executives on details of managing internal audit activities and co-author of the Global Technology Audit Guide (GTAG) on Auditing Smart Devices for IIA.

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