

Baiju Shah

President and Chief Executive Officer



Baiju R. Shah is the President & CEO of Greater Cleveland Partnership, the region's leading economic development organization and with over 12,000 members, the largest metropolitan chamber of commerce in the nation. Guided by a board of corporate and entrepreneurial CEOs, the organization focuses on accelerating growth and prosperity through strategic initiatives, business services, real estate, and advocacy.

Prior to GCP, Shah served as the Senior Fellow for Innovation at The Cleveland Foundation, the world's first community foundation with assets of \$2.8 billion. His work centered on catalyzing economic growth initiatives including leading the Cleveland Innovation Project. Shah remains a member of the Impact Investing Board Committee which directs a \$150 million portfolio allocation of the foundation.

Previously, Shah was the CEO of BioMotiv and co-leader of The Harrington Project for Discovery & Development, a national drug development initiative. During his tenure, the company established strategic partnerships with Takeda, Biogen, Bristol-Myers Squibb, AstraZeneca, and Johnson & Johnson. Prior to that, he was CEO and co-founder of BioEnterprise, an accelerator and industry growth initiative formed with Cleveland Clinic, Case Western Reserve University, and University Hospitals of Cleveland. In those roles, Shah developed strategic alliances with pharmaceutical companies, health institutions, universities, and foundations, and raised significant funds for health ventures.

Shah serves on numerous civic boards including as a Trustee of Destination Cleveland, Global Cleveland, TeamNEO, Ohio Excels, and Ohio Business Roundtable. Previously, Shah served as a Director of Invacare and Athersys, and an Advisory Board member of Citizens Financial Group. He began his business career as a consultant with McKinsey & Company.

Shah has been named an Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year and recognized as one of Cleveland's most influential leaders. He received a JD from Harvard Law School and a BA from Yale University.