



Kirti Patel
Connecticut Chief Manufacturing Officer

Kirti Patel is a seasoned manufacturing and technology executive with over 25 years of leadership experience spanning product development, engineering, and advanced manufacturing. He has a strong commitment to facilitating innovation, operational excellence, workforce development, and sustainable growth.

From 2013 to 2023, Kirti served as President, CEO, and Board Director of Eppendorf Manufacturing Corporation, the North American subsidiary of Germany-based Eppendorf SE, a global leader in life sciences instrumentation. Under his leadership, the company improved supply chain resiliency and expanded its U.S. manufacturing footprint. Prior to Eppendorf, Kirti held leadership roles at Siemens Healthcare, including General Manager and Vice President of Siemens Preclinical Molecular Imaging, where he managed a global business focused on preclinical imaging technologies for oncology.

Kirti also brings entrepreneurial insight and experience, having co-founded Sensant Corporation, a medical device startup, later acquired by Siemens in 2005. His early career at Intel Corporation focused on semiconductor lithography and advanced manufacturing process development, giving him hands-on experience in high-tech production environments.

Beyond industry, Kirti is active in public service and education. He serves on the board of Simsbury – A Better Chance, a nonprofit college preparatory program, and advises early-stage startups through Yale Ventures and the University of Connecticut Technology Incubation Program, supporting regional innovation.

Kirti holds an MBA from the Wharton School, an MS in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University, an MS in Chemical Engineering from UC Davis, and a BS in Chemical Engineering from Mangalore University. He brings a global and inclusive perspective shaped by early years in Zambia and India, and has lived and worked in California, Tennessee, and Connecticut.