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# **Vedanta University**

***Realizing the Vision of a “Landmark” University***

# The Vedanta University Vision...

“To create a world-class, multidisciplinary University in India”

- Of the caliber of Harvard or Oxford
- Managed through an Endowment
- Based on a ‘Not for Profit’ philosophy



***The Future:***

Leading University  
of the World with  
100000+ students

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# The University Vision, is founded on three key planks...

I

## Greater Learning

- **Greater access to quality education**
- **Put India on global education map** and build a globally diversified student community

II

## Leading Research

- **Cross-disciplinary 'Centres of Excellence'** for research
- **R&D** with private-public partnership - Ensure greater application of innovations
- Insights on **globally relevant topics from an Asia-centric perspective**

III

## Contribution to Society

- Promote economic and social development:
  - **Develop leaders** – **Nobel Laureates, Olympic Champions, Community leaders, Entrepreneurs & CEOs**
  - Spawn a world-class township
  - Create immediate economic benefit to the region

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# The Vision includes the spawning of a world class education township, that grows with the university...

## A world-class education & research township

- Regional economic engine
- State of the science infrastructure



Palo Alto, California, US

### In 1951...

- **Stanford Research Park** set up as the first 'Technology Incubator' in the world
- Attracts pioneers in the field of electronics...leading to formation of **Silicon Valley**

### ..Today..

- Engine of a global high-tech economy in **Palo Alto**
- Progeny include **HP, Intel, Apple, Sun, Google & Netscape**
- Combined market capitalization of Stanford progenies - **\$330 Billion**

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**...And state of the art facilities to drive overall development beyond the academic dimension**



**Global Resource Library**



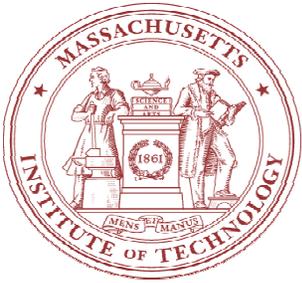
**Research & Development Park**



**Olympic Caliber Sports Complex**

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# The ultimate goal is to be an enabler for creating ‘thriving ecosystems’, in a manner similar to MIT, Stanford & Oxford



Instrumental in developing  
“Route 128” high-tech  
business area in Boston

Genesis of over 4000  
companies generating \$232  
Bn. in annual sales

MIT-linked firms generate 1  
out of every 150 jobs in the  
US

Stanford’s Research Park  
– More than 1200  
companies with combined  
market capitalization of  
over \$333 billion

Spawned Silicon Valley –  
heralded digital revolution

Produced 25 British and  
28 foreign heads of state

Assisted in formation of  
over forty spin-out  
companies since 1997

Oxford University directly  
employs around 10% of  
the local population

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# The University's aim would be to attain excellence in, both, the academic and the research agenda

## Centres of Excellence

*"Driving cutting-edge multi-disciplinary research"*

**3 – 5 Centres driving research in areas like:**

- Health Sciences
- Manufacturing sciences
- Agricultural Research
- Rural economics
- Information & Communication Technology
- Pharmaceutical Research
- Urban Planning
- ....

## Colleges

*"Driving leading academic instruction in core disciplines"*

Engineering

Medicine

Business

Liberal Arts

Sciences

Law

Performing Arts

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# It would build a 'high caliber', globally diversified student base

## Equal mix of Indian and International Students

### Vedanta Value Proposition

#### Indian Students

- World class education
- Exposure to truly global academic environment
- Merit-based scholarships
- Strong Industry tie-ups

#### International Students

- Reputed faculty
- State of art facilities
- Research capabilities
- Thought leadership
- Globally comparable education
- Asia-centric perspective in research & learning
- Exposure to Indian culture, scientific aptitude and growing economy

**Maintain 'High bar' of performance – Primarily 'Merit-driven' and 'Need-blind'**

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## Interaction with eminent academics and thought leaders has provided direction on the fundamental building blocks



*“The soul of an institution is its people – the faculty and the students. To attract the right people, academic freedom is vital...it has to be a total meritocracy without government restrictions”*

**– Dr. C.K. Prahalad, Professor, University of Michigan**



*“Get agreements to collaborate with leading universities...attract a leadership that has energy to make things happen. For that select the right location...your trump card is that the world is waking up to this democratic elephant at its doorstep”*

**– Lord Alec Broers, Ex-Vice Chancellor, Cambridge University**

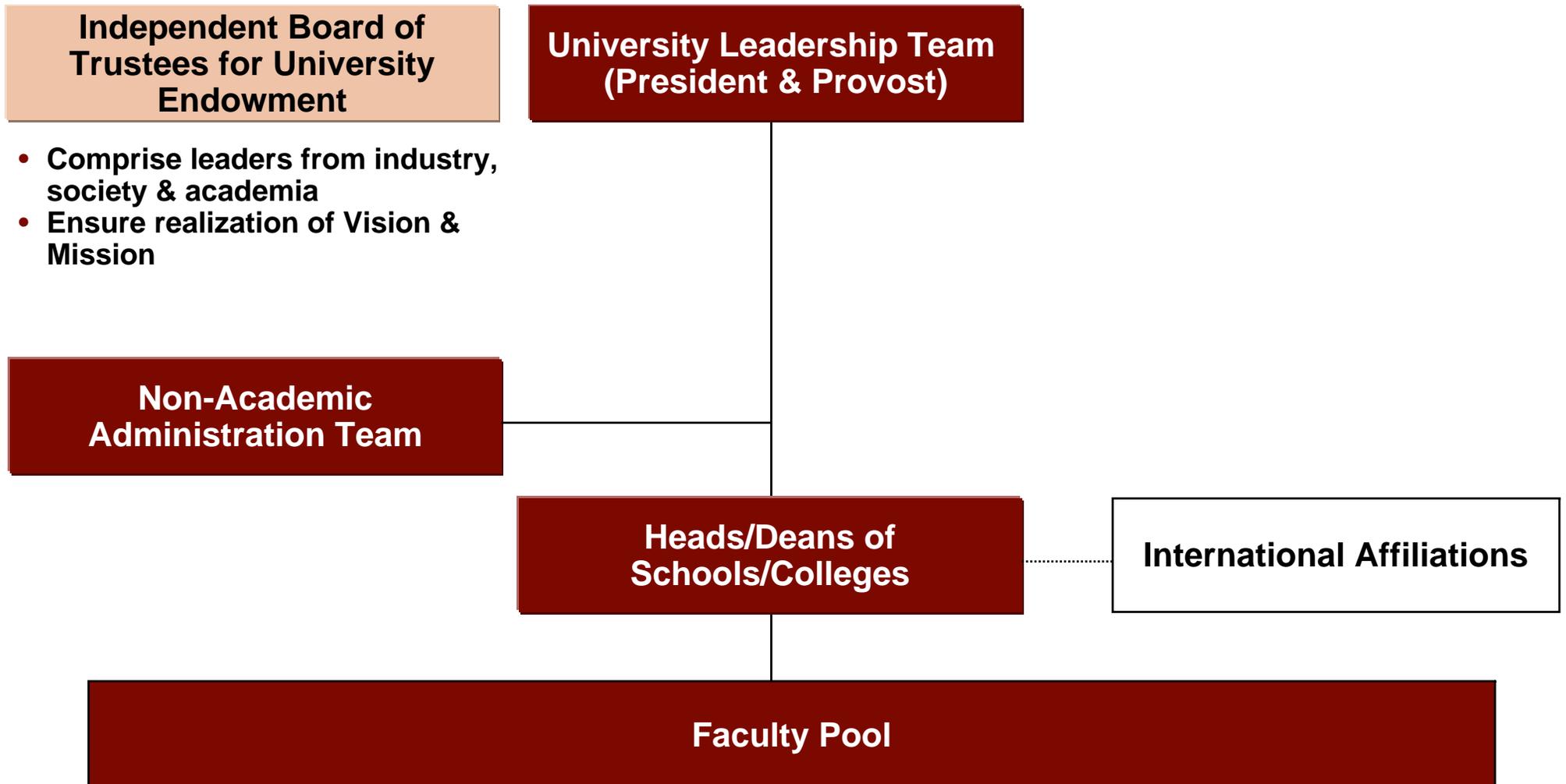


*“There is no one who can deny the need for such universities...One of the critical priorities is to identify 2-3 states who share this vision and start discussions with them”*

**– Dr. Sam Pitroda, Chairman, Knowledge Commission**

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# A strong and autonomous governance structure would be the cornerstone of this University



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**World-renowned faculty, acknowledged leaders in their fields,  
would drive the academic and research agenda**

I

**‘Star faculty’ of International Repute**

- Leadership of University and ‘Centres of Excellence’  
(Potential Nobel Laureates)

II

**Leading Talent from India & the World**

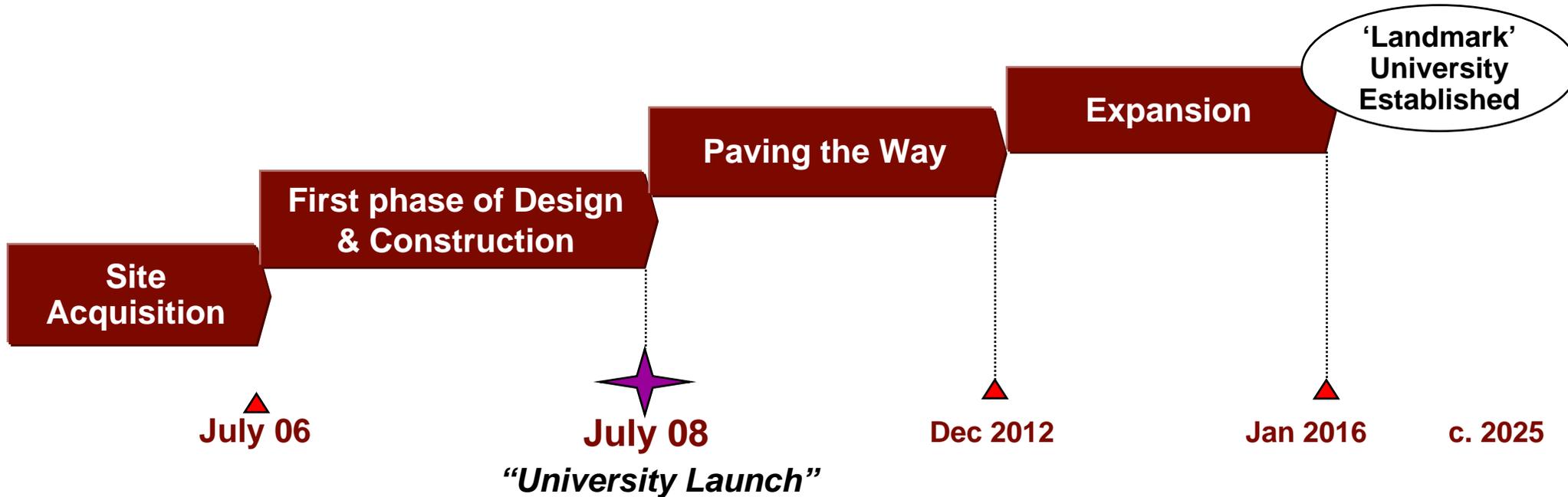
- Deans of Colleges and Heads of Faculty Departments (Tap  
Indian Diaspora)

III

**‘Young Academics and Researchers’**

- Will grow with the university

# The “university roadmap” targets opening the gates to students by 2008



- Endowment Trustees
- Full time Administrator
- University Legislation
- Key Faculty on board
- Academic Curriculum & Research Agenda
- 2-3 CoEs Established
- Colleges with Graduate & Post Graduate program,
  - Engineering & Tech
  - Basic Sciences
  - Business
  - Liberal Arts
- Select Industry Tie-ups
- Research park established
- Additional Colleges set up i.e.
  - Law
  - Performing Arts
- 1-2 Centers of Excellence added

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# Support and endorsement of the Vision from the Prime Minister will be critical for the University to realize its goals

## Key Areas of Support

### Strong Legal Stature

- **Set-up through an Act of Parliament / State Legislature**

### Academic, Managerial & Financial Autonomy

- **Freedom to operate as a self-sufficient, autonomous institution**
- **Assurance of alignment and support by the UGC** (university is committed to adhere to all academic and quality norms prescribed by the UGC)

### State Partnership for Land and Infrastructure

- **Partnership with a state government** that shares our vision and enthusiasm to obtain best possible location for the university
- Centre / state to share our vision in **creating a 'Special Economic Zone'** to develop a research and education based township