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Narayanan Subramanyam is currently the Chief Information Officer of United Spirits Limited. He joined USL in October 2013, after a two decade career with Unilever.

He is a key Member of the Management Council to initiate and lead strategic projects to transform USL India operations to become a global center of excellence for emerging markets. Before joining USL, Narayanan was the User Services Director for Unilever, managing their client infrastructure based out of Bangalore, and with oversight for Infrastructure Services for Unilever, Asia-Africa. Over his 20 years of experience at Uniever, he has been responsible for multiple roles facing the business in all facets of IT, IT Services, Infrastructure services, IT Enabled Services and Telecom.

Narayanan was involved in implementing a Wide Area Network along with an ERP System for distribution process for Unilever India in 2000, was instrumental in the creation of the new IT Enabled businesses for the company during the period from 1998 – 2001. From 2001 until March 2006, he was heading the Information Security function for Hindustan Unilever. During this time, he enabled Security to converge and include Technology, Information and Physical security, and make Unilever India's policies ISO 27001 compliant.

Narayanan is a recipient of the Security Strategist award in the Asia Region in the year 2005 – an award judged by the industry colleagues and sponsored by Network Magazine.

Leveraging his exemplary Business Partnering capabilities, he has been able to apply his technical and leadership skills with business acumen to help the businesses at Unilever to use and exploit the full potential offered by IT to meet their business objectives, gain a competitive advantage, make the organization future ready, and bring enviable collaborative and influencing skills to convert an idea into strategy, execution and value creation.

Narayanan is a Post Graduate in Management, CISA, CISM and CGEIT.