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Arifa Khan is a decentralisation pioneer and has been India Partner of Ethereum since 2016. Arifa Khan has been the Chief Technical Architect of SwaaS, a Swiss startup. She is a former investment banker with two Swiss banks - UBS and Credit Suisse. She is currently working on reimagining global capital markets. She has built web3 communities around the world for Ethereum etc. She has cross domain expertise in multiple fields spanning Fintech, digital identity, banking, tokenisation, smart contracts. She brings a wide span of skills from strategy to research, planning, execution, and global operations. She has established herself as a crypto expert having understood the regional flavours of crypto communities across the world.

Arifa Khan is a crypto pioneer who authored the first ever Concept Paper on decentralising capital markets (June 2017) before security tokens were invented. She later architected a platform ecosystem for capital markets participants in her revolutionary white paper published and presented to Nick Szabo on 25 May 2018. She founded HCX in 2017- with a vision for a decentralized stock exchange that runs trustlessly on smart contracts - to bring that vision to reality and travelled the world for a full year to educate non crypto savvy people in remote corners on the benefits of self-issuing security tokens. Arifa Khan is India Partner of the Ethereum Foundation and leads Ethereum's community development efforts in India & Middle East. She has an MBA from Wharton School of Business, and a B.Tech from IIT Madras. She is a sought-after international public speaker and has given keynote speeches at several global forums such as Crypto Investor Show London, Bengaluru Tech Summit, D10e Davos, Ethereum India Summit, Blockchain UA Kiev, Blockchain & ICO Summit Istanbul, Hybrid Block Macau Summit, Himalaya Crypto Summit 2018. She was listed among Top 100 Fintech influencers by Lattice80. She is on the Alumni Advisory Board of IIT Madras Research Park and Incubation Centre in India.