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Mr. Golestani is a senior IT executive with extensive IT management experience with large multinational companies across several industries including pharmaceuticals, software, telecommunications, professional services, and shipping. Through his various roles, he has been engaged with both business and IT leaders to deliver innovative solutions to the most demanding business problems to realize competitive advantage, improve business efficiency, and enhance customer value.

In his current role as Vice President, MRL IT, Mr. Golestani is the global head of IT for Merck's Research & Development division, with IT responsibility for Basic Research, Pre-Clinical, Clinical and Regulatory areas of the Company, spanning target identification through phase V trials.

Previous responsibilities included leadership of the Company's global IT capability supporting Finance, HR, Procurement, Legal, Public Affairs, Site Services, Real Estate, and related Business Shared Services operations as Vice President, Corporate IT; leadership and development of the Company's IT strategy, portfolio, and enterprise architecture as Chief Architect and Executive Director, Enterprise Architecture and Strategic Planning; and leadership of the Company's global computing infrastructure, eBusiness, and information security functions as Executive Director, IS Global Computing Services.

Mr. Golestani joined Merck in 1994 as Director, Research Information Systems supporting Merck's Research and Development division before becoming Senior Director, IS Architecture responsible for the Company's global technology strategy.

Prior to joining Merck, Mr. Golestani was a managing principal with Oracle Corporation's consulting practices of ERP implementation, applications development, and the telecommunications solutions vertical. Prior to Oracle, Mr. Golestani co-founded a Massachusetts based high technology start-up – Cross Road Technologies, Inc. – that developed software solutions for retail sales and marketing functions.

Mr. Golestani currently serves on the Enterprise Board of Advisors for Intel Corporation. Previously, he served on the Board of Governors for Carnegie Mellon University's Sustainable Computing Consortium (now CyLab), and as an Advisory Board Member to Juice Software, Inc., a NYC based high technology start-up.

Mr. Golestani has an S.B. degree in Management Science from the Sloan School of Management of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.