Shaygan Kheradpir

CEO and Chairman of the Board

Shaygan Kheradpir is the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Coriant, a global supplier of IP, packet optical, and SDN solutions to leading network operators in over 100 countries, including 9 of the top 10 global Tier 1 Communications Service Providers (CSPs), the world's largest web-scale internet operators, data center operators, and large enterprises. Under Shaygan's executive leadership, Coriant has transformed into the premier packet optical and mobile routing company in the world with the latest SDN-enabled products across long haul, metro, data center, access/aggregation, and end-to-end network management. Coriant was recently ranked by IHS/Infonetics' global customer survey as the top supplier in TCO and runner up in "customer familiarity" with products across 17 major global suppliers.

Shaygan was a member of the Executive Committee of Verizon heading technology and product development at Verizon for approximately a decade and helping to transform Verizon from a "phone company" to what it is essentially now. After Verizon, he joined Barclays Bank headquartered in London as their Group COO and a member of Barclays' Executive Committee where he helped set the course to reinvent one of the oldest banks in the world for the 21st century; a noticeable part of the current journey in financial services was set by Barclays earlier this decade. Shaygan then became the CEO for Juniper Networks, and for the past two years has served as the chairman and CEO of Coriant, a company founded upon the technology heritage of Siemens optical, Tellabs, and Sycamore Networks.

Shaygan has multiple patents spanning telecom, media, and payments. He was on the board of United States National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST) from 2008 to 2011, and is on the Cornell University board for the college of engineering. In 1990, he was selected to the group of outstanding young engineers by the U.S. National Academy of Engineering (NAE), and in 2007 was elected to the global CIO Hall of Fame. Shaygan was recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor in 2014. He is on the group board of MTN, a telecom service provider with 250 million subscribers across Africa and the Middle East. Shaygan received his PhD, Masters, and Bachelors in electrical engineering from Cornell University.