



TRAILBLAZER AWARD

VIJAY SHEKAR SHARMA

Vijay Shekhar Sharma is the founder & CEO of One97 /Paytm . Vijay graduated from the Delhi College of Engineering in the year -1998 with a degree in Electronics and Communications Engineering.

Paytm, One97's flagship brand, is India's largest digital goods and mobile commerce platform - inspired and driven by a commitment to great consumer experience. Paytm is also a leading payment solutions provider to ecommerce merchants using its RBI approved semi-closed wallet.

Headquartered in New Delhi, One97 is more than 1200 people strong with regional offices in Mumbai, Pune, Chennai, Bangalore and Kolkata with global presence in Africa, Europe, Middle East and Southeast Asia. We are backed by marquee investors like SAIF Partners, Intel Capital, Sapphire Ventures and Silicon Valley Bank.

Energetic, knowledgeable, passionate, driven, positive are some of the qualities that strike you when you meet Vijay Shekhar Sharma. He is a young and dynamic business leader. From being a young graduate from Delhi College of Engineering (DCE) to making One97 amongst the most coveted telecom applications and mobile services company in Asia today, Vijay has always sided with the unconventional at each step. He has created unprecedented business milestones using his sharp and quick decision making skills. Vijay is also credited by the telecom industry for putting together the most entrepreneurial, agile and incisive leadership team in One97 that is powering ambitious growth plans.

He has over a decade industry experience and built in his college days XS Corps, an Internet enterprise that was successfully sold to Interworks LLC, New Jersey. Vijay invests in early stage mobile internet startups from his company's One97 Mobility Fund. An avid admirer of great design, Vijay believes his ultimate moment is yet to arrive.

With his philanthropic leadership he actively supports a number of non- governmental organizations in the social sector.

Music and Gizmos are Vijay's other passions. He says and that too with a straight face, if not in his current job, he would have been singing along with Bono.