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Gagandeep Singh Bedi joins Smile Group to lead HealthTech Venture Builder

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Former Boehringer Ingelheim & AstraZeneca MD with 25+ years of leadership and startup ecosystem expertise



Smile Group, a technology investor and operator, is launching a Healthtech Venture Builder and has appointed Gagandeep Singh Bedi as Managing Partner to lead the initiative.

This strategic move signals Smile Group's entry into the fast-growing and rapidly evolving healthtech sector, leveraging its full-stack approach of bringing in capital and operational expertise to venture build, and driving the expansion of globally disruptive market leaders into Asia.

With over 25 years of experience at AstraZeneca, Boehringer Ingelheim, Baxter, and Eli Lilly, Bedi has driven growth, built high-performing teams, and shaped market strategies across India, Africa, and global markets. At AstraZeneca India, he led a turnaround—doubling market growth and tripling market capitalisation to $1B—while contributing to India's COVID-19 vaccine response.

He has also actively engaged with India's startup ecosystem through the India-Sweden Healthcare Innovation Centre to accelerate tech adoption in clinics; a partnership with IIT Kanpur's SIIC for dementia-care innovation; and early-stage investments in Healthtech ventures targeting acute coronary syndrome and lung cancer.

Commenting on his appointment, Gagandeep Singh Bedi said, "Smile Group's strong track record in scaling impactful, tech-forward ventures across Asia is something I've always deeply respected. Their unique approach—combining capital with deep operational support—resonates strongly with my focus on partnering with mission-driven startup founders and globally ambitious companies looking to enter or expand in Asia."