RAM PANDA - BIO

Ram Panda began his working career in Montreal, after obtaining his Masters in Electrical Engineering from McGill University. He was a project manager at Burroughs Business Machines in Montreal, working on one of the earliest online banking systems in Canada, this particular one being for the Royal Bank of Canada.

Ram then obtained his MBA from McGill. His subsequent jobs were in Planning and Analysis for the Canadian National Railways and Dominion Textiles. In 1978, he co-founded a software company in Montreal in 1978, called Planmatics Inc (later renamed as Invera Inc), which offered packaged business software solutions.

Invera went on to become a leading ERP software provider for the global Metal Industry, with bulk of its client base being outside Canada, primarily in the US and Europe.

Invera is the first, and largest, software company dedicated exclusively to the metal industry. Invera combines extensive metal industry knowledge, state-of-the-art technology, experienced software development, as well as world-class implementation and support services. Invera is setting the standard for leveraging the Internet and information technology across metal enterprises by implementing global, robust and scalable technology solutions that can be used for the entire gamut of operations within a Metal business, primarily in the Distribution and Processing sector. These include Metal Inventory control, Order Processing, Purchasing, Quality Certification, Warehousing, Production Control, Transportation and Financial applications.

In his role as the President of the company, Ram's primary occupation has been to guide the product architecture and functionality aspects. He continues to play an active role in this function. His principal voluntary work is his current involvement as a Board Member of McGill's Faculty Advisory Board for the Faculty of Engineering. He is passionate about McGill's role in the community, and its potential especially in the areas of sustainable development.