

## **MR SAI RAMAKRISHNA KARUTURI**

Founder and Managing Director,  
Karuturi Global Ltd, India

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Mr Sai Ramakrishna Karuturi is the Founder and Managing Director of Karuturi Global Ltd. Under his dynamic leadership, Karuturi Global has emerged as the world's largest producer of cut-roses with annual production of 650 million stems from production facilities in Kenya, Ethiopia, and India and marketing offices in Holland and Dubai.

Mr Karuturi is widely regarded as a thought leader and pioneer in the cut flower industry. He has now diversified into agriculture by acquiring 311,700 Ha of land in Ethiopia for strategic foray into agricultural production, to produce cereals, palm oil, and sugar. Karuturi has employed 10,000 African employees and is expected to triple the count in the coming year. Karuturi has a strong vision to expand pan Africa with 3 million hectares of land for agriculture by 2020. Mr Karuturi has been nominated as a member of Frontier 100, a listing of the top 20 CEOs from Africa contributing to the alleviation of poverty through their businesses. He was awarded the Ernst & Young Business Entrepreneur of the year 2009 from India. By transforming wastelands into food plantations, Mr Karuturi has resolved to lead Africa not only towards self sufficiency in food, but also as a global super power in mitigating the mounting food scarcity. By transforming wastelands into food plantations Mr Karuturi is resolved to lead Africa not only towards self sufficiency in food but also a global super power in mitigating the mounting food scarcity globally.