**Girish Mathrubootham** 

**Founder & Executive Chairman, Freshworks**

**SHORT VERSION:**

**Girish Mathrubootham** is the Founder and Executive Chairman of Freshworks. In 10 years, with backing from leading investors including Accel, Sequoia, Tiger Global Management, and CapitalG, Girish took Freshworks from an idea to a leading software company listed on Nasdaq ($FRSH).

Girish served as CEO from 2010 to 2024. Under his leadership, Freshworks expanded its operations to 13 global locations to serve over 67,000 customers worldwide. He is also a prominent venture capital investor and adviser to over 60 companies. Girish is a founding member of SaaSBOOMi, Asia’s largest community of founders and product builders and a founding partner of Together Fund, a founder first VC. Girish also founded FC Madras, a football academy with aspirations to be India’s most progressive finishing school for meritorious football talent.

**LONG VERSION:**

Girish Mathrubootham is the Executive Chairman of Freshworks. He founded the company in 2010, overseeing its growth from an idea to a leading software company empowering businesses to delight their customers and employees. He is also an active angel investor and adviser to SaaS start-ups.

Girish founded Freshworks (then Freshdesk) in October 2010 after a poor customer service experience, which crystallized a core understanding: customers deserve to be treated better. What began as a single product focused on customer service is now a global business with a comprehensive suite of products. The company was backed up by investors like Accel Partners, Sequoia Capital, Tiger Global Management, and CapitalG.

Under Girish’s leadership, Freshworks has expanded to 13 global locations - including the US, Europe, Asia, and Australia - to serve over 67,000 customers worldwide. Freshworks went public on the Nasdaq under $FRSH in 2021.

Girish is passionate about fostering economic development and entrepreneurship. He has invested in over 60 startups and is a founding member of SaaSBOOMi, Asia’s largest community of founders and product builders shaping India’s SaaS industry. He is also a founding partner of Together Fund, a founder-first VC firm that aims to provide active mentorship to portfolio companies in India and Asia.

He also founded FC Madras, a new age football academy with aspirations to be India’s most progressive, finishing school for meritorious football talent. The club scouts and identifies talent and provides them with an integrated learning opportunity under scholarship, making skilled kids, champions for life.

Girish holds an MBA in Marketing from the University of Madras and a BE from Shanmugha Arts, Science, Technology and Research Academy.