PROFILE

CEO
Lumotive

CITATION

A technology visionary and entrepreneur whose exceptional leadership has built and scaled global semiconductor enterprises, and is now at the forefront of programmable optics innovation and strategic growth.

SAM HEIDARI

AAEOY Executive of the Year Award

Dr. Sam Heidari brings over 30 years of leadership experience across a range of technology sectors. He is currently the CEO of Lumotive and serves on the board of Morse Micro.

His previous roles include CEO and Chairman of Quantenna Communications, CEO of Doradus Technologies, CTO of Ikanos, and Venture Partner at Cota Capital.

Dr. Heidari has contributed significantly to the tech industry, serving on the Global Semiconductor Alliance Board of Directors and the advisory boards for the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science departments at the University of Southern California. His achievements have earned him numerous recognitions, including 2014 Executive of the Year by the Golden Bridge Awards, finalist for EY Entrepreneur of the Year in 2016, and 2017 Executive of the Year by UBM.

A senior member of IEEE, Dr. Heidari holds more than 50 U.S. and international patents, and over a dozen refereed journal and conference papers. He earned his M.S. and Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Southern California, and his B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Northeastern University.