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Charles Popper joined TPG from his most recent role as Vice Chairman and Chief Technologist for Orama Partners, a boutique investment bank servicing and investing in high-tech start-ups, with a strong focus upon Israeli companies. Previously, he was Vice President -- Corporate Computer Resources and CIO at Merck & Co., Inc. from October, 1991 until January, 1999. He was responsible for all areas of computer and telecommunications technology at Merck, including application development, technical support, and operations. The scope of his responsibility was worldwide and included support for all segments of the company: research, manufacturing, marketing, and corporate administration, in the areas of mainframe computers, minicomputers, personal computers; voice and data communications, and videoconferencing. Prior to joining Merck in October, 1991, Dr. Popper was a Partner in the Management Consulting practice of Deloitte & Touche, where he specialized in Information Technology consulting to clients in a wide variety of industries, including banking, brokerage, insurance, retail, public sector, health care, transportation, and law. His specific interests included strategic information systems planning, advanced technology, software development (CASE, object orientation, etc.), and image processing.

Dr. Popper received his B.A. (Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa) and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard, in Applied Mathematics and Computer Science. He has worked as a mathematician for the National Security Agency, a research scientist at Bell Laboratories, Director of Advanced Technology for American Express, and Vice President of Advanced Technology at Lehman Brothers Kuhn Loeb. Among his accomplishments are: leadership in the application of microprocessors at Bell Labs, design of the first Bell Labs 8-bit microprocessor chip architecture, design of American Express' image-based cardmember billing system, and introduction of Unix technology to Lehman Brothers. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the New York University MS in Information Systems program, a joint degree program offered by the Stern School of Business and the Courant Institute Computer Science Department; the Advisory Board of the MIS program of Yeshiva University's Sy Syms School of Business; and the Editorial Advisory Board of Computerworld. His paper, "A Holistic Framework for IT Governance," was published by the Harvard Program on Information Resource Policy.