

GEORGE CONRADES

General Partner

Boston

George Conrades is a general partner of Polaris since August 1998. He also serves as Chairman and CEO of Akamai technologies, a Polaris-backed company, since April 1999. George continues to play an active role helping our entrepreneurs to grow successful new businesses. He works closely with their management teams, especially those related to Internet infrastructure and broadband.

Experience:

Before joining Polaris, Conrades was Executive Vice President and President of GTE Internetworking following the firm's acquisition of BBN Corporation in 1997. At GTE, George was responsible for creating GTE Internetworking and leading GTE's rapid growth in the data and Internet Business, including integrated telecommunications services.

From 1994 until GTE's acquisition of BBN, Conrades served as Chief Executive Officer of BBN, the highly regarded technology research and development firm, rapidly building the company into one of the industry's top tier ISPs. BBN helped build the ARPANET, the forerunner to today's modern Internet.

Prior to BBN, Conrades was an IBM Senior Vice President and member of IBM's Corporate Management Board, having run many of its key businesses including IBM United States, IBM Asia/Pacific, and two manufacturing and development groups.

He currently serves as a director of Viacom and Cardinal Health and is a trustee of The Scripps Research Institute and Ohio Wesleyan University.

Education:

Conrades is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University with majors in physics and mathematics and holds an MBA degree from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business.