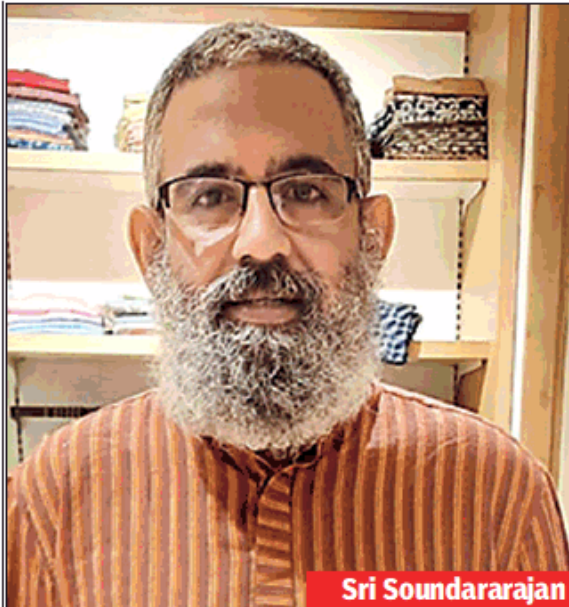


15 YEARS AT SABRE AND STILL GOING STRONG



Sri Soundararajan



Parameswaran Sundaramurthy

> **Sri Soundararajan** recollects there were just 4-5 people in Sabre India when it started its technology centre in Bengaluru in 2005. He had moved from Sabre's Dallas, Texas, office. "We were initially in a guest house, but soon moved to Sigma Tech Park in Varthur, and then two years later to ITPL (now ITPB). There was big growth in two years," he says

> The Texas-based travel technology company completed 15 years in India this year. Soundararajan, who is a senior principal and program manager now, **Bhaskar Kalyanasundaram**, senior manager, software engineering, and **Parameswaran Sundaramurthy**, manager, software engineering, have all been there since the start



> The facility quickly became a centre of excellence. They did work in core services. There was a ticketing team, a check-in team. **They developed solutions for issuing tickets, printing boarding passes.** "Jet and Kingfisher were growing rapidly then. IATA was pushing for interline electronic ticketing. We did a lot of work around this," Kalyanasundaram says

> **The centre became a hub to service airlines in Australia, Asia and Africa,** because it was much easier to do so from here than from Dallas

> The centre, which has **1,700 employees**, today does large-scale projects end to end. Be it in commercial (how much to sell, where to fly) or operational (crew/cockpit/cabin management software) or reservations. Soundararajan says for an airline in the **Middle East with 10,000 crew members**, the team here is building a next gen crew management system

> Sundaramurthy says the centre initially had only developers, but today also has **QA professionals, technical product managers, product owners and product marketers.** "It's an extension of the parent company," Kalyanasundaram says