



## PROFILE

Entrepreneur, tech executive. Built a career in communications technology working on ambitious projects that deliver fundamental market change. Basil started his career with Advanced Micro Devices. Founder and CEO of TiMetra Networks, venture-backed start-up that created multi-service IP routing used to construct today's Internet. Built from concept to a thriving \$3B business (now part of Nokia). Currently CEO of Tarana Wireless, the category creating builder of wireless last-mile technology that offers all-new possibilities to address the global digital divide.

Born/raised in Sycamore, Illinois. University of Illinois BSEE '84.

35+ year resident of Silicon Valley in Northern California.

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# BASIL ALWAN

## Resume-in-Brief

### RECENT ROLES

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#### **Tarana Wireless, Executive Chair and CEO**

January 2021 - Present

Executive Chair and CEO of ground-breaking wireless startup creating ultra-high speed home broadband technology named ngFWA (next generation Fixed Wireless Access).

[www.taranawireless.com](http://www.taranawireless.com)

#### **TiMetra Networks (bought by Alcatel-Lucent, Nokia), President IP/Optical Business Group**

January 2000 – December 2021

Founder, Chairman and CEO of TiMetra Networks which sold to Alcatel in 2003. Stayed with Alcatel (later merged with Lucent and acquired by Nokia) for 20 years. Built a thriving \$3B/year global business in Internet routing and managed a \$5B division employing >10K employees.

#### **Advanced Micro Devices**

July 1984 - October 1994

Various roles working on early Ethernet networking silicon, Director of Advanced Development, x86 microprocessors/personal computing.

### OTHER EXPERIENCES

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#### **Venture/Startup Investing**

2000–Present

Active angel investor/shareholder in startups. Most recent exit was Aporeto Networks as Chairman; sold to Palo Alto Networks in December, 2019. Current investments include Attotude, Acuvity and Tarana. LP/advisor in venture funds over career including at Sequoia, Accel, and Wing Ventures in various stages.

#### **Real Estate Investing/Lending**

1995–Present

Multifamily and commercial real estate investing since 1995. Private real-estate lending.

#### **Charitable Giving**

1990–Present

Alwan Family Foundation – charitable gift trust established 1998. Alwan Engineering Scholarship established 2013, endowment at University of Illinois.