

## **Brief Profile of Board of Directors**

### **1. Mr. Ashok Kajaria (DIN:00273877)**

Mr. Ashok Kajaria is the founding Chairman & Managing Director of the Company, holds a Bachelors in Science (B.Sc.) degree and pursued Engineering (BSME) at UCLA (California), USA.

He is widely credited with spearheading a transformation of the tile industry in India and is best known for being the pioneer behind launching large format wall tiles in the country and his catalytic role in revolutionising tile display and marketing.

In his career spanning over 49 years, his vision and foresightedness as an entrepreneur, dynamic leadership, steadfast determination, and global marketing acumen has seen the rise of Kajaria from what started as a 1 MSM tile fledging in 1988 into an industry leader and most respected tile brand in India.

He is the Chairman & Managing Director of Kajaria Ceramics Limited and has held several important industry positions including President of PHD Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Indian Council of Ceramic Tile and Sanitaryware and member of the executive committee of Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Committed to the philosophy that the corporate sector should play a proactive role in promoting the cause of inclusive growth, Mr. Kajaria is keenly involved with the various philanthropic arms of the Company- providing structure and focus to the social outreach initiatives of the Company.

### **2. Mr. Chetan Kajaria (DIN:00273928)**

Mr. Chetan Kajaria is a Bachelor in Petro Chemical Engineering (B.E.) from Pune University and holds an MBA from Boston College, U.S.A.

He started his journey at Kajaria Ceramics Limited in the year 2000 and has been instrumental in giving a new dimension to the Company by opening international standard tile showrooms across the country which has today become an industry trend. He is the Joint Managing Director of Kajaria Ceramics Limited.

Mr. Kajaria is spearheading the ceramic tile vertical. He is responsible for the first ever acquisition in the Company's history- acquiring a ceramic tile plant in Gujarat for feeding the Western and Southern markets in February 2011.

He pioneered the concept of value added tiles in the ceramic tile vertical using digital technology from Spain by displaying at dealers' showroom across the country. He had also led the acquisition of a ceramic tile plant in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh in April 2012, marking the Company's entry into the growing markets of South India. He has played a key role in making Kajaria Ceramics Limited a leading manufacturer of ceramic wall & floor tiles in India.

To entrench the presence of the Kajaria brand into every Indian household, he successfully contoured the Group's presence into the plywood & adhesive space by adopting an asset-light operating model.

### **3. Mr. Rishi Kajaria (DIN:00228455)**

Mr. Rishi Kajaria holds a B.Sc. in Business Administration from Boston University, U.S.A.

Mr. Rishi Kajaria joined Kajaria Ceramics in the year 2003 and spearheads the vitrified tile vertical. Initially, he opted for trading vitrified tiles rather than joining the race of setting up capacities. After importing for 5 years, he decided to manufacture them. The first production unit for vitrified tile was started in Sikandrabad in 2010. Subsequently, Kajaria Ceramics commissioned a huge expansion of vitrified tiles at Gailpur in 2011. The next capacity addition came through joint ventures in Morbi, Gujarat. With this strategy, he added capacity without any gestation period and acquired reach. He is the Joint Managing Director of Kajaria Ceramics Limited.

Mr. Rishi Kajaria has recently intensified his focus on value added products in GVT segment in particular backed by recent installation of continua plus press technology in North & South Indian facilities.

Mr. Kajaria identified the opportunity in the Bathware segment and started Kajaria Bathware. He is also responsible for spearheading the lateral shift of the Company into Sanitaryware and faucets in keeping with the overall growth master plan.

### **4. Mr. Dev Datt Rishi (DIN: 00312882)**

Mr. Dev Datt Rishi is a B.Sc. (Engineering) Chemical Hons. graduate with a Diploma in Management.

He is an eminent technical professional having experience in a wide spectrum of industries like Chemicals, Fertilizers, Pesticides and Ceramics. He was associated with Kajaria Ceramics since inception in January 1987 when the first tile plant was conceived at Sikandrabad. For more than 20 years, he managed all operations meticulously. Under his dynamic leadership, the Company successfully carried out various expansions. His knowledge and techniques have contributed to production of international standards quality tiles. He has rich experience in the field of production, quality control, R&D, technology transfer, standardization, projects, training and organization development, etc.

He was on the Board of the Company w.e.f. 14<sup>th</sup> May, 1993 and resigned on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2010. He was again appointed on the Board w.e.f. 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015 as Director-Technical and resigned from the post of 'Director-Technical' of the Company and continues to be Non-Executive Director of the Company effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2017.

### **5. Dr. Lalit Kumar Panwar (DIN: 03086982)**

Dr. Lalit Kumar Panwar is a Ph.D. (Tourism) and has done M.Sc. He is also British Council fellow at University of Sussex (U.K.). He has attended senior executive development program at Harvard university and IIM (Ahmedabad).

He is a retired IAS officer and he has wide experience in the academics, bureaucracy, management & industry. He served as the Secretary of the Ministry of Tourism / Ministry of Minority Affairs of Govt. of India and also with the Govt. of Rajasthan including Vice Chancellor, Rajasthan ILD Skills University, Jaipur (Rajasthan), Chairman of Rajasthan Public Service Commission, Secretary of the Department of Education / Department of Urban Development and housing / Department of Mines and Petroleum / Department of Labour and Employment and Secretary to the Chief Minister of Rajasthan. He also served as the Commissioner and

District Magistrate in the Rajasthan.

He has worked as the Scientist in Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) during 1977-78. He has also headed ITDC as the Chairman & Managing Director from 2010-13 & turned around a loss making PSU of Govt. of India – 'ITDC' with remarkable turnover more than Rs.500 crores and given dividend to the Govt. of India for the first time.

He is an Independent Director and joined the Board of Directors of the Company on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022.

At present he is a member of important and prestigious 'Lokpal Search and Selection Committee' of Govt. of India, being chaired by Justice Sanjana Desai, Ex. Judge of Supreme Court of India. He is also a member of Niti Aayog's Tourism Advisory Committee. Presently, his involvement is also with Vivekananda Global University, Jaipur (Rajasthan) as the Chairperson & Chancellor.

#### **6. Mr. Sudhir Bhargava (DIN: 00247515)**

Mr. Sudhir Bhargava is a Master in Public Administration from Harvard University, MA, USA and has done M.Sc. and B.Sc. (Hons.).

He is an Indian Administrative Officer of the 1979 batch belonging to the Rajasthan Cadre.

He superannuated as Secretary to the Government of India (Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment) after a career of almost four decades in public service both at the State and National level in various sectors including Petroleum and Natural Gas, Fertilizers, Textiles, Health, Education and Banking.

On the basis of his exemplary public service, the Hon'ble President of India appointed him as an Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission in June 2015, on the recommendation of a Committee headed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. The Hon'ble President of India appointed him as the Chief Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission on January 1, 2019. He has also served on the Board of thirteen companies including a multinational Company.

He is an Independent Director and joined the Board of Directors of the Company on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022.

#### **7. Mr. Rajender Mohan Malla (DIN: 00136657)**

Mr. Rajender Mohan Malla has done Bachelor's in Commerce from Shri Ram College of Commerce, M. Com. from the University of Delhi and MBA from the University of Delhi's Faculty of Management Studies.

With a distinguished career spanning four decades, he has held senior roles in prominent banks and financial institutions including IDBI Bank Ltd., SIDBI, IFCI and PTC India Financial Services Limited. He also served as the MD & CEO of PTC India Financial Services Limited from 2013 to 2015 and as the CMD of IDBI from 2010 to 2013. Presently, he is also director in various companies.

He is an Independent Director and joined the Board of Directors of the Company on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2024.

**8. Mrs. Ambika Sharma (DIN: 08201798)**

Mrs. Ambika Sharma is a holder of Bachelor's degree in Economics and Master's degree in Business Economics from the Delhi University and graduated summa cum laude with a gold medal.

With 37 years of diverse experience, she was the first lady Director General - International at the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). She went on to lead the U.S. Chamber's U.S.-India Business Council (USIBC) as Managing Director, India. She joined USIBC in 2018, making it one of the most sought-after names as a policy advocacy organization in U.S.-India business relations. She has now moved into a strategic role as Advisor to USISPF. She also served as the Member of Executive Council of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) to represent industry and support BIS in the activities of standardization, marking and quality certification of goods and related matters. Presently, she is also director in various companies.

She is an Independent Director and joined the Board of Directors of the Company on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.