

Onkar Kanwar

Chairman, Apollo Tyres Ltd
Chairman, Artemis Health Sciences
Chairman, SCO Business Council, India Chapter
Past Chairman, BRICS Business Council, India
Past President, Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Past Chairman, Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association



As the Chairman of Apollo Tyres Ltd, Onkar Kanwar is the chief architect of the company's vision and value-driven business strategy. Under his able leadership Apollo became a professionally managed and a globally recognised tyre manufacturer. As a visionary entrepreneur, he plays a critical role in the articulation of company's business philosophy.

Modernisation, excellence and quality are his guiding principals. Registered in 1976, Apollo Tyres under his guidance transformed itself from an Indian manufacturer of commercial vehicle tyres, to a global entity with a full-fledged product portfolio, spanning 3 continents. Onkar Kanwar is highly regarded for his constant emphasis on bettering the lives of people – be it employees, customers, business partners, shareholders or any other stakeholder – and responsiveness to change and continuous learning.

He is the Past President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), former Chairman of the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association and was a Member of the Board of Governors for the Indian Institute of Management (Kozhikode). Currently, he is the Chairman of the BRICS Business Council, India; he is also the Chairman of SCO Business Council, India Chapter.

Onkar Kanwar has a keen interest in the field of education and health care. Artemis Health Sciences, promoted by him, is an enterprise focusing on state-of-the-art medical care and runs a cutting edge multi-specialty medical facility which focuses on holistic treatment. An initiative close to his heart is Apollo Tyres' HIV-AIDS awareness and prevention programme for the commercial vehicle driver community, implemented through Apollo Tyres Foundation's Health Care Centres located in large transshipment hubs across India.

A Science and Administration graduate from the University of California, Onkar Kanwar is a widely travelled individual. He devotes a large part of his time to reading and is passionate about learning modern management practices and their successful application in business.

He has been conferred with 'Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award – Manufacturing' for the year 2012. He has recently been awarded with Hungarian 'Order of Merit', and Government of Japan's 'Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star'.

About Apollo Tyres Ltd

Apollo Tyres Ltd is a high-performance tyre manufacturer headquartered in India. It is built around the core principles of creating stakeholder value through reliability in its products and dependability in its relationships. The company has manufacturing units in India, the Netherlands and Hungary. India and Europe are the company's two domestic markets from where products are exported to over 100 countries. In each of the domestic markets the company operates through a vast network of branded, exclusive and multi-product outlets. The company manufactures and sells Apollo and Vredestein brand of tyres.

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