

Brief profiles of our Directors

Deepak Parekh is the Chairman and Independent Director on our Board. He is an associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants (England and Wales). He is on the board of several companies across diverse sectors including HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited. He has won several awards, including ‘Padma Bhushan’ conferred by the Government of India in 2006, ‘Knight in the Order of the Legion of Honour’, one of the highest distinctions conferred by the French Republic in 2009, ‘*Bundesverdienstkreuz*’ (Germany’s Cross of the Order of Merit), being one of the highest distinctions conferred by the Federal Republic of Germany in 2014. He was also the first international recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award by Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales in 2010 and he has also received the Lifetime Achievement Award at CNBC TV18’s 15th India Business Leader Awards in 2020. Further, the Mayor of London named him as the first of a network of international ambassadors for championing London across the globe.

Anuraag Bhatnagar is the Whole-time Director and Chief Executive Officer of our Company. He holds a bachelor’s degree in commerce from the University of Delhi and a diploma in hotel management, catering and nutrition from the Board of Technical Education, Delhi. He has also completed the Marriott Ascent Leadership Program conducted by Kenan-Flagler Business School, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an executive education program conducted by the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore. He was previously associated with Starwood Hotels & Resorts India Private Limited, a subsidiary of Marriott International and with EIH Limited.

Ankur Gupta is a Non-executive Director on our Board. He holds a bachelor’s degree in technology (chemical engineering) from the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay and a master’s degree in business administration from Columbia University, New York. He is a managing partner and head of Asia Pacific and Middle East for Brookfield’s real estate business and country head for Brookfield in India. In these roles, he oversees all of Brookfield’s activities in India and is responsible for investment activities and growth for Brookfield’s real estate business in Asia Pacific and Middle East. He joined Brookfield in 2012 and he has worked on Brookfield’s real business transactions spanning across India and North America.

Ananya Tripathi is a Non-executive Director on our Board. She holds a bachelor’s degree of computer engineering from Army Institute of Technology, Pune and a post-graduate diploma in management from the Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode. She was previously associated with Myntra Jabong India Private Limited as the chief strategy officer and head of category business, McKinsey & Company as associate principal.

Ashank Kothari is a Non-executive Director on our Board. He holds a bachelor of science degree in commerce from the University of Virginia. He is a managing director in Brookfield’s real estate business in India, and is responsible for new investments, strategy and asset management initiatives across various real estate asset classes in India. He joined Brookfield in 2017 and he has led a wide range of investments across strategies at the platform, portfolio and property level including Brookfield’s acquisition of RMZ’s real estate assets and the growth of the Leela portfolio. Prior to joining Brookfield, he was associated with a global private equity firm in New York.

Shai Zelering is a Non-executive Director on our Board. He holds a bachelor’s degree in science from Cornell University and a master’s degree in business administration from J. L. Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University. He joined Brookfield in 2014. He is currently a managing partner in Brookfield’s real estate business, and is responsible for portfolio management activities for all hospitality properties in the U.S.

Mukesh Butani is an Independent Director on our Board. He holds a bachelor’s degree in commerce from the University of Bombay and bachelor’s degree in laws from Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut. He is also a qualified chartered accountant. He co-founded BMR Legal, a tax law firm in India.

Apurva Purohit is an Independent Director on our Board. She holds a bachelor’s degree in science from the University of Madras and a post graduate diploma in management from the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore. She has authored the books titled “Lady, You’re not a Man! – The Adventures of a Woman at Work” and “Lady, You’re the Boss! - The Adventures of a Woman at Work (Part 2)”. She has been named as one of the ‘most powerful women in business’ by Business Today and Fortune India. She has also received the ‘Distinguished Alumni Award 2022’ from the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore in recognition of her contribution to industry and society. She has previously served as a director on boards of directors of Manipal Health Enterprises Private Limited, Midday Infomedia Limited and Music Broadcast Limited.