



Mr. J.C. Sharma, Vice Chairman & Managing Director, SOBHA Limited

Mr. J.C. Sharma is the Vice Chairman and Managing Director of SOBHA Limited which is the only self-reliant (backward integrated business model) real estate player in the country. In his 19 years with SOBHA, Mr. Sharma has ably steered the company to become one of the most respected and trusted real estate brands in India.

Mr. Sharma's vast knowledge of the Indian real estate sector makes him a thought leader par-excellence. He is an eminent speaker featuring regularly at some of the top industry platforms. He is actively involved with industry bodies such as CREDAI, CII and FICCI. Mr. Sharma's efforts are directed towards bringing positive change in the Indian real estate sector. He advocates the adoption of best practices for a healthy real estate ecosystem.

Mr. Sharma's long stint at SOBHA has enabled him to acquire SOBHA's core values of integrity, commitment and its philosophy of 'Passion at Work' as his own. This is deeply reflective in his personality and is evident in his day-to-day work. His impeccable integrity, perseverance, patience and continued focus on the big picture combined with his down-to-earth attitude makes him a true leader. He was instrumental in leading the IPO of SOBHA in 2006, an event that created history when the issue got over subscribed by a record 126 times! It is under his leadership and guidance that the company has grown from strength to strength, employing over 3184 people directly. Mr. Sharma has enabled SOBHA to set benchmarks of top-notch quality, timely delivery and transparent business practices in the sector.

Under his sterling guidance, SOBHA has recently achieved one of its biggest milestones of having completed 109.74 million square feet since inception. To top it, the company has recently achieved the feat of delivering 5.86 million square feet in a single financial year (FY19-20) – the highest so far by SOBHA.

Mr. Sharma's direction has been crucial in helping the company stay ahead in the market and winning over 250 accolades and honours. Additionally, he has been honoured by many prestigious institutions and industry bodies for playing a pivotal role in the company and the Indian real estate sector at large. He was recognised as the 'Best CEO in Real Estate' by NDTV Property Awards 2014 for his contribution to the Indian real estate industry. He has also been awarded the 'Asia's Best CEO' by Institutional Investor Magazine in the realty sector for 2013. Further, he was bestowed with 'Pathfinder's Award for the Most Enterprising CEO' by Realty Plus in 2011.

Mr. Sharma is a qualified Chartered Accountant and Company Secretary with an exhaustive career spanning across 35 years in sectors such as textiles, steel and real estate. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Commerce (Honours) from the prestigious St. Xavier's College, Kolkata. He has two children – a daughter and a son. Both of them are also qualified Chartered Accountants and work for not-for-profit establishments.