



## **CHAIRMAN'S GROUP PROFILE** ***MR. KAMAL PURI***

**Kamal Puri** the Chairman of the Skyline Group is an entrepreneur, educationist and a visionary who was born in 18<sup>th</sup> February 1956 at New Delhi, India. His post-graduate degree in Travel, Tourism and Marketing and Management from the prestigious Delhi University is the foundation of versatility of his personality, he continued his formal educational pursuits till the age of 40. He still is an ardent learner of new technological changes happening in the field of digital transformation. This makes him a lifelong learner.

As an educationist he set up his first venture of educational institution in Kuwait. Though it could not take shape in Kuwait due to the war in the late 80's. His passion and pursuit for establishing educational institution did not wane but became stronger and as a result he shifted to Sharjah in 1990 and the seeds of Skyline College were sown with the blessings of His Highness Dr. Sheikh Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Member of the UAE Supreme Council and Ruler of Sharjah, under his patronage the institution has grown by leaps and bounds, after 30 years it has grown into an established university in the region.

Skyline University College is fully approved and accredited by Ministry of Education – Higher Education Affairs, UAE. The Bachelor programs offered in Business Administration (BBA), majors in Accounting & Finance, International Business, Public Administration, Marketing & Retail Management, Information Systems, Tourism & Hospitality Management, Human Resource Management & Psychology and Innovation & Entrepreneurship. Its Master program in Business Administration (MBA) Program, with emphasis on Finance, International Business & Marketing, Strategic Human Resource Management, e-Governance, Strategic Management & Leadership, Project Management and Sustainable Development during weekdays and weekends add value to its portfolio of offerings. The new School of Information Technology (IT) with Bachelor of Science in Information Technology - Enterprise Computing (BS IT – EC) program has been launched on January 2018.



With the continued success of the educational institution Mr. Puri, established the Skyline International Group Limited (Skyline Group) under his Chairmanship. Apart from the Group's primary holding in Skyline University College (SUC), considered as a leading private University in UAE, the group not only began diversifying its portfolio into Healthcare, F & B, Hospitality, manufacturing as well as agriculture & allied activities, and IT Service sectors. The group's outreach into geographical expansion across operation in UAE, Canada, USA, and India is now spreading its activities into Africa with primary focus in Nigeria.

The Group entered the Nigerian market in 2015 with a clear Vision and Strategic Plan of establishing businesses in the key sectors such as Education, Healthcare, F & B, Hospitality, Allied Agro and IT Services. The first project of the Group, Skyline University Nigeria (SUN) successfully had the Official License Delivery and Ceremony which was done on July 2018 and received official 3-year provisional License on the same date. The First Batch commenced on October, 2018 for Academic Year 2018-2019 with 91 students. During the last quarter of 2019, the Group moved forward and acquired rights to establish **Pizza Hut as Franchisee** in Nigeria under the Skyline International Tourism & Hospitality sector of Skyline Group of Companies in Nigeria. The first 2 flagship stores planned in the prominent places of Abuja and Kano respectively and targeted to start its operation by end of 2019. By 2020, 2 outlets are planned to set-up in central location of Abuja & Kano additionally by end of 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2020, 2 outlets in new market will be also explored as planned.

The following are the Group's future projects in Nigeria as per the 5-year strategic plan:

- Education sector: School in Abuja with international curriculum
- Hospitality sector: The group has already acquired land for 5 star hotel and wellness resort in various part of Nigeria
- F & B sector: The group is already focusing on bringing international F & B chain as well as setting up their own brand in high end restaurants.
- Health care sector: On the later part of 5 year strategic plan, the group intend to open state of the art hospital as well as chain that will be linked to the medical school at the university



His passion is not only limited to commercial ventures but is also extended to setting up and strengthening institution in the business and social sectors. He is instrumental in establishing various social and business clubs in UAE and has been awarded with various awards and accolades locally and internationally.

He is a strong believer of paying back to the society. His personal vision is to fulfill the social and philanthropic obligation and responsibilities towards the country he lives in as well as at international level. Under the leadership of the Founder President, Kamal Puri; initiatives have been taken to provide scholarships to the UAE nationals under the guidance of Government of Sharjah. One of the most promising initiative undertaken during AY 2017-18 is training the inmates of Sharjah Prison which is well received by the prisoners and SUC remains committed to continue this program in future. Another upcoming initiative to prepare and develop IT skills among Nationals to enter into the tech savvy world.

**Skyline International Group Limited (SIGL)**

Skyline University College, Sharjah, UAE  
Bell Pepper Consultants, Dubai, UAE  
Delhi Developers & Real Estate, Dubai, UAE  
Blend Polymer Industries, SAIF Zone, UAE

**Skyline Group of Companies Ltd, Nigeria (SGCL)**

Skyline University, Nigeria  
Skyline International Tourism & Hospitality Ltd., Nigeria  
Skyline General Trading and Consultancy Ltd., Nigeria  
Skyline Agro-Allied Services Ltd., Nigeria



*To mention a few of major awards & accolades received:*

**UAE AWARDS:**

- "Achiever Award 2005" - NRI of the Year Award
- UAE Achiever In UAE Which Was Published Through Pacesetters, Asia's 2010
- Most Promising Leader 2012-13 By World Consulting & Research Corporation
- Educational Institute CEO Of The Year 2014 By The Indian CEO Awards In UAE
- Top Indian Leader in the Arab World - Education Sector 2014 by Forbes Middle East
- Top Indian Leader in the Arab World - Education Sector 2015 by Forbes Middle East
- Education Innovation Award, Entrepreneur Middle East's Indian Innovator Awards 2016 December 2016
- Gulf Indian Excellence Awards 2016 by NDTV, December 2016
- Top Indian Leader in the Arab World - Education Sector 2016 by Forbes Middle East
- Republic TV Gulf Indian Business Leadership Summit and Awards 2018
- FORBES - Top Indian Leaders Award 2019

**INDIA AWARDS:**

- "Hind Rattan Award" – Outstanding Services, Achievements and Contributions during 25th International Congress of NRI's Awards 2006