

Balkrishan Goenka

Chairman

Welspun Group

Balkrishan Goenka is one of India's most dynamic businessmen and the founding Chairman of Welspun Group – the \$3.5 billion multinational conglomerate. Famously known as BKG, Goenka embarked on a journey which today, under his astute leadership has grown to bask in the glory at a global arena.

Inspired by his father's (The late Mr. Gopi Ram Goenka) flair for business, BKG took upon himself to cultivate his dream. It was at a formative age of 19 when he chose a path to success with a vision to become a global leader in the businesses that he entered. With this drive to conquer, BKG has served a gigantic purveyor gap in the market within various verticals, owing to which Welspun has gathered immense momentum at mammoth proportions rather quickly.

Almost obsessed with perfection to delivery, BKG has built one of the most resilient conglomerates to emerge from the late 20th century. The \$3.5 billion Welspun Group comprises of its flagship businesses i.e. Welspun Corp Ltd. – world's largest large diameter pipe company and Welspun India Ltd. – world's leading home textile manufacturers and suppliers, amongst other fleet of companies.

To add to his many credits, BKG has received the much applauded nomination for Entrepreneur of the Year Award for 2 consecutive years in 2007 and 2008; while the then Prime Minister of India honored BKG with the Emerging Company of the Year Award in 2009, instituted by Economic Times. Recognized for his feisty leadership, he has also been roped in as a member for the Young Presidents Organization which further embodies his passion for business, while the World Economic Forum have successively invited BKG for his contributions to public initiative. With a guiding principle to give back to the society, BKG has also been proactively instrumental in hosting social initiatives to empower women, ensure health and safety, provide education for kids amongst other charitable work.

BKG is passionate about vintage cars while he also enjoys adventure sports, spending quality time with family and believes in healthy living.

BKG has never been afraid to try on different hats as he modestly describes himself to be, "*a simple merchant on a global scale*". Determined and hard-working, BKG is a living growing proof that one can reach the top if there is a drive and passion and yet retain ones humility in all walks of life.