

## **ARJUN DHAWAN**

### **Group CEO and Whole-time Director, HCC**

Arjun Dhawan is Group CEO and Whole-time Director of Hindustan Construction Company. With a group turnover of over Rs. 8,768 Cr (\$1.3 billion), HCC's businesses span Engineering & Construction, Infrastructure Concessions, Real Estate and Urban Development & Management. The Group has a knowledge asset of 2,000 officers, including 1,200 engineers and employs over 22,000 workers at its project sites across India.

Mr. Dhawan has led the incubation of HCC's Infrastructure business which has successfully developed and operated over Rs. 5,500 Cr of national assets through Public Private Partnership with the Indian Government. He was also responsible for executing the acquisition of Karl Steiner AG, the second largest Swiss real estate contractor, for the Group. HCC's Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability programs remain an important priority for Mr. Dhawan and he has made significant contributions to Water, Sanitation and Education initiatives.



Mr. Dhawan is an active member of the World Economic Forum and the Confederation of Indian Industry. Within the WEF's Strategic Infrastructure Initiative, he is involved in helping develop actionable frameworks and best practices to resolve global infrastructure bottlenecks, with the ultimate goal of increasing the supply of well-structured bankable infrastructure projects globally.

Prior to starting his career at HCC, Mr. Dhawan acquired global expertise in the area of investment management across various businesses and industries. As Managing Director of Arya Capital Management in Mumbai and formerly with Trellus Management Company, a \$1.6 billion hedge fund in New York, Mr. Dhawan managed material portfolios of equity investments. Earlier with Banc of America Securities, he helped build a proprietary investment group that oversaw \$400 million of capital focused on distressed strategic assets. Mr. Dhawan began his career as an Investment Banker in the Leveraged Finance Groups of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette and Credit Suisse First Boston. His \$6 billion of transaction experience covers leveraged buyout, high yield, M&A and equity transactions in the healthcare, media, telecom, automotive, energy and technology industries. Mr. Dhawan was also responsible for recruiting and mentoring new hires and was an important part of the merger integration team when Credit Suisse acquired Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette.

Mr. Dhawan has a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics & Economics from Middlebury College and holds an MBA from Harvard Business School.