



## Pokarna Limited

### **BREIF PROFILES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **Shri. Gautam Chand Jain, Chairman & Managing Director.**

Shri. Gautam Chand Jain, the visionary and the Chief Promoter of Pokarna Group was born on 15th August, 1955. He initially started off with the family business of retailing and wholesaling of Raymond Fabrics in 1979-80 and within a very short span of time, he earned the distinction of being Raymond's top distributor in India.

It was in the year 1991, that Shri. Gautam Chand Jain envisioned and ventured into the business of natural stones and started off with granite business. Taking forward his belief that raw materials was the strength of the industry, he kick started granite business in an unconventional way of commencing initially with the quarrying operations, which was a paradigm shift from the traditional thinking of starting with processing plants. After consolidating on the quarrying operations, the company, under his leadership, went ahead with forward integration by acquiring manufacturing facilities for processing granite blocks into slabs. With very aggressive marketing and the production of very high quality granite products, the company became one of the favorites and sought after in the granite industry in the American market, which was once averse to Indian companies. The company took head on with the world leaders in the stone business – the Italians and has been successful in making a mark in the global stone industry.

It was another feather to the cap, when Pokarna Limited, under Shri. Gautam Chand Jain's able guidance successfully diversified into apparel manufacturing in the year 2003 - 04 and within a span of few years could establish a brand, **STANZA** in the domestic market under which business in men's readymade apparel are done.

The idea of entering into the business of engineered stone was conceived by Shri. Gautam Chand Jain in the year 2006 and the same was realized with the setting up and operationalizing a green field project in Andhra Pradesh, India, which is first of

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its kind in India. This unique state-of-the-art quartz manufacturing facility deploys imported patented technology, namely, BRESTONE® SYSTEM exclusively sourced from Breton S.P.A, Italy and the quartz products are being sold under the registered Trade Mark of QUANTRA, both in domestic and international markets.

### **Shri. Rahul Jain, Managing Director.**

Shri Rahul Jain, is a graduate from University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA. He has the expertise and experience in the fields of Marketing, Corporate Planning, General Corporate Management, Information and Technology. Mr. Rahul Jain has over two decades of experience in the field of industry, business and corporate management. He has been spearheading the apparel business of Pokarna since its inception. With a drive for creating new Brands, Mr. Rahul Jain has taken active interest in the launch of apparel retailing venture of the company. He was instrumental in the successful launch of the brand STANZA. Under the leadership of Mr. Rahul, the company has won prestigious award. STANZA was conferred the “Best Brand” award by Bharati Vidyapeth Institute of Management studies and at 2nd FMCG Consumers Award and “Brand Excellence Award” by Indira group of Institutes, India. Now, Mr. Rahul Jain is Heading Granite Division of the Company. He is also involved in policy planning, strategizing, marketing and long term developmental activities of the company.

### **Mrs. Apurva Jain, Executive Director.**

Ms. Apurva Jain holds a Bachelor of Science in Home Science from Nirmala Niketan, Mumbai. She has gained valuable experience as Creative Head at Stanza Boys, the apparel division of Pokarna Limited, where she contributed to design and brand development. She has also been actively involved in the administration of Pokarna’s apparel manufacturing operations, demonstrating strong organizational and operational capabilities. In addition, Ms. Jain plays an active role in STANZA’s retail operations, contributing to its growth and market presence. She is a member of FICCI and is associated with the Entrepreneurs’ Organization (as a spouse member), reflecting her engagement with industry and business communities.

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### **Shri Agnihotra Dakshina Murty Chavali, Independent Director.**

Shri Agnihotra Dakshina Murty Chavali, served as Executive Director for Indian Overseas Bank and as Managing Director for Bank of Baroda Asset Management Company Ltd., encompassing portfolios in Large Corporate Credit, International Business, Treasury Operations, Human Resources, Law/Recovery, Risk Management, Retail Banking, Planning, Public Relations, and Credit Monitoring.

### **Shri Prasanth Nandigala, Independent Director.**

Shri Prasanth Nandigala, graduated with a B.Tech from the Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai, and pursued further studies, earning an MBA in Corporate Finance and an MS in Chemical Engineering from the United States of America. His professional journey commenced with his involvement in the senior leadership team of Virchow Laboratories Limited from 1999 onwards. During his tenure, Mr. Nandigala played a pivotal role in shaping the overall group strategy, fostering growth, and overseeing mergers and acquisitions initiatives at Virchow Laboratories Limited.

### **Ms. Paulomi Dhawan, Independent Director.**

Ms. Paulomi Dhawan has been a Brand builder, Media Marketing Communications Advisor, Social Impact Strategist with 40 years of media, marketing and brand communications experience. She has played an integral role in shaping the brand equity of many leading Indian brands, be it FMCG, durable, services, media, person, NGO. Ms. Paulomi Dhawan has been a Strategic Advisor to CMD / CEO / Board Members on perception image management, media investments, marketing, brand communications. She has been recognised for her deep understanding of the efficiency and efficacy of various media platforms and her strategic vision in the area of management of media investments. Ms. Paulomi Dhawan believes in giving - she is an advisor to NGOs like SHED India. She was the President of Inner Wheel Club of Bombay Queen's Necklace (2017-18), where she initiated socially impactful projects - 'Adopt a Village'. Her focus was to bring transformation from the grass root level. Ms. Paulomi Dhawan is Independent Director on Boards of Mukta Arts, Whistling Woods, Indian Society of Advertisers and NGOs like SHED and Make-A-Wish Foundation, India.

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### **Shri Gautam Sawang, Independent Director.**

Mr. Gautam Damodar Sawang, A highly respected and decorated retired IPS officer with 38 years of distinguished public service, having retired as the Director General of Police of Andhra Pradesh State (2019 - 2022), after which appointed as The Chairman of the AP State Public Service Commission (2022-2024). He also served as Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada and Director General of the Vigilance and Enforcement Department of AP State. His career reflects a deep commitment to institutional governance, public accountability, and ethical leadership.

In addition to his extensive national service, he brings rich international experience from his tenure in the United Nations as Police Commissioner of United Nations Police (2008-2012), where he collaborated extensively with various UN agencies and international stakeholders. This global exposure has equipped him with a strong understanding of cross-border coordination, multicultural collaboration, and international best practices in governance, development and security.

Throughout his career, he has demonstrated core competencies highly relevant to the corporate sector. These include strategic leadership, crisis and risk management, and the ability to oversee large, complex organizations. His background in compliance, vigilance, and internal controls aligns closely with corporate governance and regulatory standards. Moreover, his experience in human resource management, policy implementation, and stakeholder engagement adds value to areas such as organizational development, ethical leadership and public interface.

With a proven record of principled leadership and a broad perspective shaped by both national and international experience, he brings depth of insight and strategic clarity, and a strong commitment to governance and institutional integrity.

### **Shri Prakash Chand Jain, Non-Executive and Non-Independent Director.**

K. Prakash Chand Jain is an accomplished business leader and strategist with an extensive career spanning over four decades in the textile and industrial sectors. As the Managing Director of Pokarna Fabrics Private Ltd., he provides the executive vision and operational oversight necessary to maintain the company's competitive edge. His technical expertise encompasses sales forecasting, design proficiency, and the development of sophisticated marketing strategies.

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Mr. Jain's career is highlighted by a historic and sustained partnership with Raymond Ltd. Since 1987, he has been consistently recognized as the premier National Wholesaler for Raymond Suiting, securing the top position in nationwide rankings every three years. This achievement serves as a testament to his mastery of supply chain management and his ability to navigate complex market dynamics.

In addition to his primary executive responsibilities, Mr. Jain serves as a Non-Executive Director on the boards of Pokarna Ltd. and Pokarna Engineered Stone Ltd., where he contributes to high-level corporate governance and long-term value creation. He further extends his commercial influence as a Partner in Pokarna Fabrics and Pokarna Enterprises.

A Commerce graduate, Mr. Jain is deeply integrated into the institutional landscape of Telangana. He maintains active affiliations with the International Jubilee Club and the Secunderabad Club, reflecting his standing within the region's professional elite.

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