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LEADERS OF THE PACK

1. Abhishek Kamani
2. Ajay Bakaya
3. Aly Shariff
4. Aman Nath
5. Anil Madhok
6. Ankur Bhatia
7. Arjun Oberoi
8. Arun Saraf
9. Ashish Jakhanwala
10. Daniel Welk
11. Deepak Raheja
12. Deepak Uppal
13. Dilip Puri
14. Dipak Haksar
15. Frederic Simon
16. Harsh Neotia
17. HH Arvind Singh Mewar
18. Jean-Michel Casse
19. Jennifer Fox
20. Jitu Virwani
21. Jose Dominic
22. Kapil Chopra
23. KB Kachru
24. Kumar Sitaraman
25. Manju Sharma
26. Nakul Anand
27. Naveen Jain
28. Neel Raheja
29. Nirupa Shankar
30. Param Kannampilly
31. Pascal Gauvin
32. Patanjali G Keswani
33. Peter Fulton
34. PK Mohankumar
35. Prashant Sood
36. Priya Paul
37. PRS Oberoi
38. Rajeev Kaul
39. Rajeev Menon
40. Rakesh Sarna
41. Ranjit Batra
42. Rattan Keswani
43. Sanjay Sethi
44. Satyen Jain
45. Suresh Kumar
46. Veer Vijay Singh
47. Vikram Oberoi
48. Vilas Pawar
49. Vimal Singh
50. Zaid Sadiq

An IIT Delhi and an IIM Kolkata alumnus, Patanjali Keswani is the CMD of Lemon Tree Hotels. Overseeing an aggressive expansion plan at the company, Patu (the name he is more known by) has successfully steered the group he promoted in 2002 to where it is now – 25 hotels in 15 locations aggregating 2,800 rooms. By 2017-18, he expects to have over 5,000 rooms across 30 hotels – given that earlier this year – he successfully secured a second round of funding when Dutch pension fund APG raised its stake in LTH to 13%. While the properties themselves have won a number of awards, what stands out is Patu's penchant for philanthropy and the recognition he has received with the 'Best Employer-National Award 2011' given by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. Patu has also received the 'Hall of Fame Award' in 2011 from the Federation of Hotels & Restaurants Association of India and also from Hotelier India in 2011. A "thought leader" in the industry, Patu is also the chairman for the Sector Skills Committee for Hospitality, Travel & Tourism for the National Skills Development Corporation, and a member of the University Grants Commission. His immediate past assignment was as senior VP and COO of the Taj Group of Hotels. He worked with the TATA Group for over 15 years and was also director of A.T. Kearney for a couple of years, based in New Delhi.

Patanjali G Keswani

**Chairman & Managing Director,
Lemon Tree Hotels**



Rattan Keswani

Chairman, Carnation Hotels & Deputy MD, Lemon Tree Hotels

Rattan Keswani needs no introduction to the trade or to those many even outside the trade. This grizzled veteran of the industry bears the hallmark of a hugely successful career with The Oberoi Hotels & Resorts. His immediate past assignment prior to becoming the chairman at Carnation Hotels and deputy MD at Lemon Tree Hotels, was as president of Trident Hotels. A Commerce graduate from DAV College, Punjab University, Keswani completed his diploma in 1983 from the Oberoi School of Hotel Management, as the Oberoi Centre for Learning & Development was then called. Except for a brief stint at the Holiday Inn Worldwide for a year in the mid-1980s, Keswani has clocked majority of his stint with Oberoi Hotels until he parted ways with them in 2012 after embracing the top-most position in his three decades spent there. Also a co-promoter at Carnation Hotels, the management arm of Lemon Tree which was set up in 2012 - under him, Carnation currently manages four hotels across two brands – Lemon Tree Hotels and Lemon Tree Premier – in Jaipur, Ahmedabad, Chennai and Dehradun and has close to 1000 rooms being developed under management contracts.

