

AJAY PIRAMAL RECEIVES HONORARY BRITISH AWARD BY HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

Ajay Gopikisan Piramal, Chairman of the Piramal Group, has received an honorary Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) by Her Majesty The Queen. He received the award for services to the UK-India trade relationship as India Co-Chair of the UK-India CEO Forum.

Mr. Piramal is a strong advocate for enhancing the UK-India relationship, including through his investments in the UK's life sciences ecosystem and through his support for the 'living bridge' of people-to-people links between the two countries.

As Co-Chair of the UK-India CEO Forum, he has contributed to the Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO) meeting in London in 2019, the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in 2018, and the visit of the UK Prime Minister to India in 2016. Mr. Piramal has also helped shape policy on labour mobility, setting up a fast-track mechanism for Indian investments in the UK, and the on corporate tax in India.



Commenting on this recognition, Ajay Piramal, Chairman, Piramal Group, said: "I am humbled and honoured to receive this honorary award from Her Majesty The Queen. As co-chair of India-UK CEO forum since 2016, the endeavour has been to help strengthen the strong bilateral relations between the two countries through greater economic co-operation. I am sure this recognition will encourage the growth of trade, business and industry partnerships between the two nations and take it to greater heights in the years to come."

Alan Gemmell, Her Majesty's Trade Commissioner for South Asia and British Deputy High Commissioner for Western India, said: "I'm delighted that Her Majesty The Queen has, in her Jubilee Year, approved Ajay Piramal an honorary CBE in recognition of the leading role Ajay has played in the UK-India relationship. I visited Piramal Pharma Solution's world-leading antibody-drug conjugate (ADC) manufacturing facility near Edinburgh earlier this year, to see their investment to expand the facility and create around 50 new highly skilled jobs. It is an honour to see Ajay's vast contribution over so many years marked in this way."

NOTES TO EDITORS:

- Mr. Piramal has led Piramal Group, transforming the company into a £10 billion global business conglomerate, with diverse interests in pharmaceuticals, financial services and real estate. The group has operations in over 30 countries, generating 37% of revenues outside of India. Mr. Piramal believes in responsible entrepreneurship of 'Doing Well and Doing Good', a philosophy that has created long-term value for the Group's stakeholders and the community as a whole.
- The Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) is awarded for having a prominent role at national level. To access the full list of Honorary British awards to foreign nationals in 2022 – [click here](#)

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