

## **Leadership Team**

#### Shrikant Himatsingka- Executive Vice Chairman & Managing Director



Shrikant Himatsingka joined his family-owned business in 2001 and has been instrumental in making Himatsingka a Rs. 2500 crore entity in less than 20 years. Through his sheer foresight and relentless pursuit of excellence, the company has tripled its manufacturing capabilities, widened its brand portfolio and expanded to multiple locations across the globe, thus deepening its value across stakeholders. Shrikant has been able to set new standards in creating integrated models, embracing technology, building plants of global scale and ushering in next-generation shop floor culture. Under his stewardship, the Himatsingka Group has grown to become a key contributor to the country's manufacturing landscape. The 2019 Fortune Magazine has featured Himatsingka in the 43rd position among the top 100 Wealth Creators for the country. The list consists of companies that despite market setbacks, managed to create wealth for its shareholders. Shrikant is an alumnus of the esteemed Leonard Stern School of Business, New York.

### S. Shanmuga Sundaram- Executive Director-Manufacturing Operations (Group)



Mr. S. Shanmuga Sundaram has completed

- B. Tech (Textiles) from PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore
- C Text- FTI (Fellow of Textile Institute), Manchester, UK.
- PG Diploma in Production Management from Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu.
- Diploma in Textile Technology from Thiagarajar Polytechnic, Salem, Tamil Nadu.

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He is a Textile Technological expert from Cotton fibre to final sheeting and Terry products. He has handled vertically integrated Textile units at P&L level and being an analyst in Machinery design, process parameters, products to profitability and financial returns in integrated Textile Conglomerate. He is having 39 years of Experience in Manufacturing operations and has governed manufacturing units as independent profit centres in India, Malaysia, Indonesia, Turkey and Senegal. He has been conferred as Doctor of Advanced studies (Production & Operations Management) - Honorary Award by Azteca University, Mexico in 2019.

# Akanksha Himatsingka- Chief Executive Officer–International Operations (Home Textiles) | Creative Director – Himêya

Akanksha has completed her Design course from Arts Institute of Pittsburgh. She has more than 20 years' experience in Design and Business Development Space with expertise in Business strategy, Product development, Technology Product development among others. She has been spearheading a broad spectrum of initiatives to enhance and consolidate market share across North American, EMEA and the Asia Pacific for Himatsingka's home textile portfolio. She is responsible for the management of private label clients, overseeing the sales of our branded portfolio and establishing the E-Commerce business within these regions. With a passion for sustainability and product design, Akanksha is actively involved in the creation of new concepts and innovative product solutions for global markets. In the past she has also managed the Group's decorative fabric business across Europe, UK & US.

Akanksha is also the Creative Director for the Group's brand Himêya, created with the intent to explore conscious manufacturing alternatives that are kinder to Earth.

### Major (Retd.) Kumud Kumar- President - Human Resources & Group CHRO

Major (Retd.) Kumud Kumar joined is responsible for the entire human resource function of the Group. Prior to Himatsingka, Major Kumud has worked with the Vedanta Group as Head – Human Resources Bharat Aluminium Company (BALCO). He spearheaded several transformational initiatives there. Under his leadership the organisation was recognized with Golden Peacock Award for HR Excellence in 2016. More than 3 years of his transformational journey at BALCO resulted in it receiving Aon Best Employer Award in 2018.

An HR veteran with over 25 years' experience, Major Kumud brings with him a rich, vast, and varied expertise spread across different sectors. He has held leadership positions with marquee organisations such as Tecumseh Products India Ltd, Gerdau (Brazilian MNC), Global Steel Holding Ltd., Philippines and Usha Martin Ltd. He has also served in the Indian Army for nearly 8 years, where he was also rewarded with Suraksha Seva Medal. Major Kumud is an alumnus of Nagpur University with Masters in Industrial Relations and Personnel Management and topped the university in his batch. He has also completed his EGMP course from IIM, Bangalore.

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He has been professionally trained at reputed international institutes like INSEAD, Fontainebleau, Paris & Asian Institute of Management, Manila.

### Ganapathy C B- President - Corporate Affairs & Group General Counsel

Ganapathy C.B, is the Executive Vice President – Corporate Affairs & Group General Counsel at Himatsingka Seide Ltd. He graduated in law from the prestigious National Law School of India University, Bangalore, with a B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) degree and is responsible for the corporate affairs and legal functions in the Himatsingka group of companies. He has more than two decades of work experience in various jurisdictions and in multinational corporate houses like IBM, Accenture, BPL Mobile and TATA. His areas of experience include real estate, telecom, IT and ITES, private equity, hospitality and manufacturing sectors. He specializes in domestic and cross border commercial contract negotiations, litigation/dispute resolution, regulatory issues, corporate restructuring, capital markets, employment, intellectual property and troubled projects management.

### M. Sankaranarayanan- President - Finance & Group CFO

M. Sankaranarayanan is a Fellow Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. He is also a Qualified Company Secretary. He completed his Post Qualification course on Information System Audit (ISA) from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. He holds a Bachelor degree in Chemistry from University of Madras. He is a seasoned Finance & Accounts professional with more than two decades of experience in diversified industries including Infrastructure, Steel, Power and Hospitality. He has worked in different functions like accounts, finance, taxation, secretarial, information systems, compliances, audit, budgeting and has expertise in Equity/ debt funding for Projects/ working capital, M&As, International Accounting, IPO and QIP and related areas.