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From the Indian private (family-businesses, multinationals and startups) and public sectors, corporates are increasingly joining the ranks of FICCI's membership. Today, the young and the old and the mature and emerging businesses of India Inc. form the bulwark of India's oldest business chamber. It is in this backdrop that Business Digest brings to you a list of FICCI's Top 500 member companies that today represent the best of India Inc. The list seeks to demonstrate why and how India's gold-standard companies are part of country's oldest business chamber.

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From the Secretary General

This edition of Business Digest is special. For, the Lead Story package is an analysis and listing of our top member companies. We call this unique list: 'FICCI 500'.

Companies across the spectrum have realised that if Indian industry is to be an active participant in the building of a New India, they would need a platform where business, society and the government can work and grow together. An industry association where members' concerns for a mutually-beneficial policy agenda can be shaped collaboratively. A Federation of businesses which the government at the Centre and those in the states can trust and have confidence that local, regional and national priorities will be taken care of.

This shared agenda has brought together India's pre-eminent companies as part of the FICCI family. To that extent, FICCI 500 is a microcosm of the evolving and growing India Inc. It comprises the traditional family businesses; the post-independence public sector companies that helped shape the economy; multinationals in India which have established themselves before and after the 1991 reforms and the best of Indian entrepreneurship represented through the first- and second generation led companies like Reliance, Bharti Enterprises, Edelweiss and Cadila and the young disruptive start-ups like OYO and Makemytrip.

Other reports in this issue include those of FINCON 2018, the 19th annual insurance conference of FICCI, held in Mumbai; the India-ASEAN Commemorative meetings in New Delhi organised in association with the Ministries of External Affairs, Commerce and Industry, Textiles and Youth Affairs; FICCI's Smart City Summit addressed by Mr. Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Housing and Urban Affairs; the high

profile Indo-Japanese and Indo-Israeli pow-wows where FICCI had the pride of honour of being the leading industry partner and the India-UK JETCO Meeting in London where FICCI had the benefit of the presence of Mr. Suresh Prabhu, Minister for Commerce & Industry, Government of India, and Mr. Liam Fox, Secretary of State for International Trade & President of the Board of Trade, UK.

As Business Digest evolves itself with new sections, ideas and editorial innovations, we look forward to your valuable feedback.

Sanjaya Baru