



Bharat Bhatia - CEO of Conares

Bharat Bhatia is the founder and CEO of Conares, the second largest steel manufacturer in the UAE. With over three decades of experience in the steel industry, Mr. Bhatia has transformed Conares from its origin as a traditional single proprietor-trading outlet to a steel manufacturer with investments of US\$350 million.

Hailing from India, Mr. Bhatia landed in Dubai in 1983 and worked with a firm for a few years. Determined to create his own identity, Mr. Bhatia, in 1988, set up a trading firm of his own. He established Abu Abdullah Trading that evolved to Mech-Weld Trading, and then to United Metal Supply, which was later renamed as Conares.

Conares is a strategic steel manufacturer, which has evolved to deliver 1 million tons of steel annually. With manufacturing facilities spread across 1.5 million sq. ft., the company produces world-class steel products & employs more than 600 people.

Beyond steel manufacturing, Mr. Bhatia has also business interests in food & beverage and real estate sectors. He is an active member of Indian Business and Professional Council (IBPC) and a Board Member of Business Leader Forum (BLF) and Steel Users Federation of India (SUFU).

Over the last three years, Mr. Bhatia has also been awarded:

- Forbes - Top Indian Leaders – 2016
- Entrepreneur of the Year – Industrial Innovation, Entrepreneur Magazine – 2016
- Business Excellence Award, IBPC, Dubai – 2016
- Forbes - Top Indian Leaders – 2017
- Forbes - Top Indian Leaders – 2018
- Construction Week - 20 Most Influential Indian Leaders of Gulf Construction - 2019

Mr. Bhatia is an active golfer and a lover of theatre arts.