

PROFILE OF KAMAL PURI

Kamal Puri was born in 18th February 1956 at New Delhi, India. He earned a post-graduate degree in Travel, Tourism and Marketing and Management from the prestigious Delhi University.

His very first venture was setting up an educational institution in Kuwait. But destiny had other ideas for him as he had to move to the UAE following the Kuwait invasion. At the year 1990 in UAE, he promptly shifted his entire operations to Sharjah, when Skyline University College was first established under the patronage of His Highness Dr. Shaikh Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Member of the UAE Supreme Council and Ruler of Sharjah.

With the continued success, he established the **Skyline International Group Limited** under his **Chairmanship**. The Group primary holding is Skyline University College which is one of the leading private University in UAE and the first business school to start its operation in 1990. He is also the **Chairman** of **Skyline Group of Companies Limited** Under the umbrella of Group operates in various businesses in the field of education, real estate, consultancy as well as industrial activities in Middle East, India, Africa, US & Canada. The Group has operation out of Nigeria where expansion plan is underway and office operating in Ghana, Rwanda, Tanzania, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan and Pakistan. The Group also interest to venture in USA and Canada with Old Age Homes, F&B and Real Estate Investments.

The Group entered the Nigerian market in 2015 with a clear Vision and Strategic Plan of establishing businesses in the key sectors such as Education, Healthcare, F & B, Hospitality, Allied Agro and IT Services. The first project of the Group, Skyline University Nigeria (SUN) successfully had the Official License Delivery and Ceremony which was done on July 2018 and received official 3-year provisional License on the same date. The First Batch commenced on October, 2018 for Academic Year 2018-2019 with 91 students. During the last quarter of 2019, the Group moved forward and acquired rights to establish **Pizza Hut as Franchisee** in Nigeria under the Skyline International Tourism & Hospitality sector of Skyline Group of Companies in Nigeria. The first 2 flagship stores planned in the prominent places of Abuja and Kano respectively and targeted to start its operation by end of 2019. By 2020, 2 outlets are planned to set-up in central location of Abuja & Kano additionally by end of 4th quarter of 2020, 2 outlets in new market will be also explored as planned.

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The following are the Group's future projects in Nigeria as per the 5-year strategic plan:

- Education sector: School in Abuja with international curriculum
- Hospitality sector: The group has already acquired land for 5 star hotel and wellness resort in various part of Nigeria
- F & B sector: The group is already focusing on bringing international F & B chain as well as setting up their own brand in high end restaurants.
- Health care sector: On the later part of 5 year strategic plan, the group intend to open state of the art hospital as well as chain that will be linked to the medical school at the university

He is a founder member of various social and business clubs in UAE and has been awarded with various awards and accolades locally and internationally.

He is a strong believer of paying back to the society. His vision at Skyline Group level and personal level involves the social responsibilities towards the country he lives in as well as internationally.

Skyline International Group Limited (SIGL)

Skyline University College, Sharjah, UAE

Bell Pepper Consultants, Dubai, UAE

Delhi Developers & Real Estate, Dubai, UAE

Blend Polymer Industries, SAIF Zone, UAE

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Skyline Group of Companies Ltd, Nigeria (SGCL)

Skyline University, Nigeria

Skyline International Tourism & Hospitality Ltd., Nigeria

Skyline General Trading and Consultancy Ltd., Nigeria

Skyline Agro-Allied Services Ltd., Nigeria

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To mention a few of major awards & accolades received:

UAE Awards:

- "Achiever Award 2005" - NRI of the Year Award
- UAE Achiever In UAE Which Was Published Through Pacesetters, Asia's 2010
- Most Promising Leader 2012-13 By World Consulting & Research Corporation
- Educational Institute CEO Of The Year 2014 By The Indian CEO Awards In UAE
- Top Indian Leader in the Arab World - Education Sector 2014 by Forbes Middle East
- Top Indian Leader in the Arab World - Education Sector 2015 by Forbes Middle East
- Education Innovation Award, Entrepreneur Middle East's Indian Innovator Awards 2016 December 2016
- Gulf Indian Excellence Awards 2016 by NDTV, December 2016
- One of the Tycoons of Arabia in Outlook Business Magazine, September 2017
- Republic TV Gulf Indian Business Leadership Summit and Awards 2018
- FORBES - Top Indian Leaders Award 2019

INDIA Awards:

- "Hind Rattan Award" – Outstanding Services, Achievements and Contributions during 25th International Congress of NRI's Awards 2006

Current Profession & Designation:

Organization	Designation
UAE	
Skyline International Group Limited	Chairman
Skyline University College	Founder Chairman
AFRICA	
Skyline Group of Companies Limited	Chairman
Skyline University Nigeria	Chairman
Skyline International Tourism & Hospitality Limited	Chairman