

NATARAJAN CHANDRASEKARAN

CHAIRMAN, TATA SONS



Natarajan Chandrasekaran is Chairman of the Board at Tata Sons, the holding company and promoter of all Tata group companies. The Tata group companies, across 10 business verticals, have aggregate annual revenues over US \$110 billion.

Chandra joined the Board of Tata Sons in October 2016 and was appointed Chairman in January 2017. He also chairs the Boards of several group operating companies, including Tata Steel, Tata Motors, Tata Power and Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) – of which he was Chief Executive from 2009-17.

His appointment as Chairman followed a 30-year business career at TCS, which he joined from university. Chandra rose through the ranks at TCS to become CEO and Managing Director of the leading global IT solution and consulting firm. Under his leadership, TCS generated total revenues of US \$16.5 billion in 2015-16 and consolidated its position as the largest private sector employer in India and the country's most valuable company.

In addition to his professional career at Tata, Chandra is a Director on the Board of India's central bank, the Reserve Bank of India, since 2016. Chandra is on the International Advisory Council of Singapore's Economic Development Board. He is the Chairman of the Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow as well as the President of the Court at the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru. He is a member of Bocconi's International Advisory Council and the Co-Chair India US CEO Forum. He is on the Board of Governors of the New York Academy of Sciences.

Chandra has been awarded several honorary doctorates by leading Universities in India and internationally, including an honorary Doctor of Letters from Macquarie University, Australia, Doctor of Letters from the Regional Engineering College, Trichy, Tamil Nadu, where he completed a Masters degree in Computer Applications before joining TCS in 1987.

Chandra is also the author of Bridgital Nation, a groundbreaking book on harnessing technological disruptions to bring Indians closer to their dreams.

Chandra is an avid photographer and a passionate long-distance marathon runner. He has completed the World Marathon Majors. It includes the marathons in New York, Boston, Chicago, Berlin, Tokyo & London.

Born in 1963, Chandra lives in Mumbai with his wife Lalitha.