

Annual Report 2012-13

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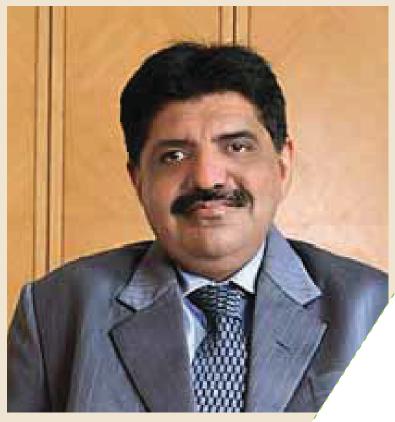
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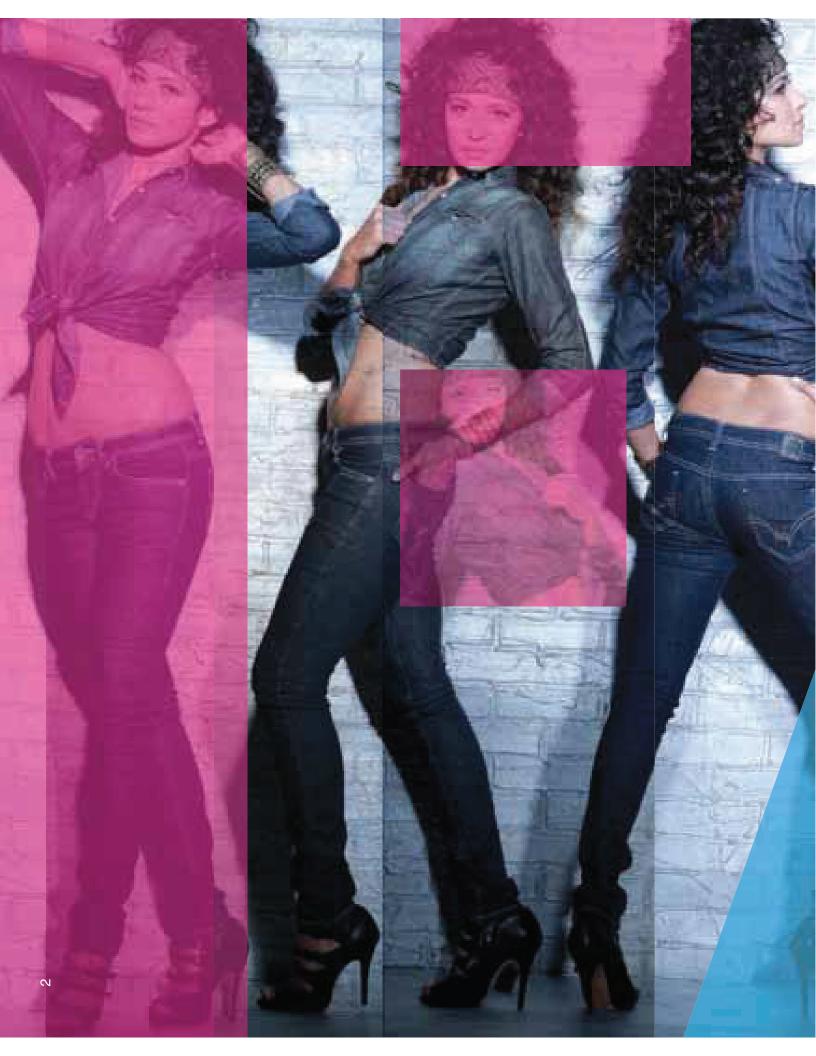


C.A. Mr. Mrudul Dattakumar Inamdar (21st April 1956 - 1st January 2013)

Senior Partner - M/s. Bansi S. Mehta & Co. Independent Non-Executive Director - M/s. Kewal Kiran Clothing Limited

C.A Mr. Mrudul D. Inamdar left us for heavenly abode on 1st January 2013.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.



IASHON ADDS ATOUCHOF BEAUTY TO OUR EXTERNAL APPEARANCE.

Our conscience, on the other hand, drives us from inside and gives a meaningful direction to our existence on this planet.

At Kewal Kiran Clothing Limited (KKCL), Fashion and Conscience are married together to cater to the external and internal needs of our customers. Our unique offerings help shape a durable relationship between in-trend fashion and economic sustainability.

As vital natural resources wane away every day, at KKCL, we have been striving hard since our incorporation to make all our operations environment friendly. Driven by our core values, we help our customers enhance their fashion quotient, while fulfilling our social commitments.

Today, we have emerged as one of India's largest fashion houses, while remaining true to our vision of being conscience driven. We have a diverse portfolio of top lifestyle apparel brands that helps us meet the fashion needs of our customers. At the same time, we offer them a chance to be associated with a noble cause of protecting the environment.



CREATORS OF INSPIRING FASHON

We, at KKCL, are one of India's largest branded apparel manufacturers dealing in apparel for both men and women. We design, manufacture and market jeans, formals, semiformals, casual wears and lifestyle accessories under the brands Killer, Easies, Lawman Pg3 and Integriti. These products are distributed through retail formats such as Addictions and K-Lounge, apart from other selling and distribution formats.

COMPANY PHILOSOPHY

To be a world-class business enterprise, creating values, excellence in every business and service to consumers, stakeholders and society.

LOOKING BACK

We have traversed a long way since a humble beginning in 1989. We started as a manufacturer and retailer of men's wear for reputed brands. Over the years,

we expanded our portfolio, included our own brands and spread our wings in the women's wear section. Our careful observation and interest in the ever-changing world of fashion, along with the ability to adapt fast to the transforming scenario, drive our endeavour at KKCL. We are committed to the global standards in quality, technology, marketing and branding, and provide our customers with best-in-class offerings at an affordable cost.

MANUFACTURING

We have our designing and manufacturing facilities located in Dadar (Mumbai), Goregaon (Mumbai), Daman and Vapi. Our jeans manufacturing processes are supported by international technocrats. We use state-of-the-art technologies in jeans manufacturing processes. Our core competence in the manufacturing process, driven by innovation, helps us offer the best products to our customers.

DISTRIBUTION CHANNELS

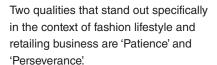
At KKCL, our wide network of distribution channels helps us to remain in touch with our diverse and expanding customer base. This network also keeps us abreast about their changing requirements. We reach out to our discerning customers through 141 K-Lounge showrooms, 3 K-Lounge for her showrooms, 129 Exclusive Brand Outlets (EBOs), various Lifestyle accessories stores, National Chain Stores (NCSs), Multi-Brand Outlets (MBOs) and many more. We also use other modes, including distributors, master stockists, brand licensees and online means.

CMD'S MESSAGE

Dear shareholders,

It is my pleasure to present to you the 22nd Annual Report of the Company.

Our journey since incorporation has been quite encouraging. And the financial year 2012-13 proved no exception. Despite the sector facing considerable headwinds, our experience and performance during the year provided significant insights. More importantly, it strengthened our belief in the long-term business strategy over short-term benefits. The Company's Total Income increased from ₹ 313.63 Crores in FY 2011-12 to ₹ 315.17 Crores in FY 2012-13. Profit after Tax rose from ₹ 52.14 Crores in FY 2011-12 to ₹ 53.42 Crores in the last financial year. We continue to be in a strong financial position with total dividend payout (including interim dividends and final dividend) of ₹ 17.50 per share in the previous year.



The year started with the headwinds of high inflation and elevated interest rates. The economic slowdown has had a limited impact on high price levels of the basic necessities of food and shelter (property) which occupy a significant portion of the consumer spend thus dampening discretionary expenditure. The Company braced itself for the resulting fallout on the

business trends and stayed focused on sustaining its core business. A fine balance had to be achieved between pushing sales and maintaining healthy profitability and cash flows. The efforts paid off as the year progressed. After a challenging start to the year, the Company was able to successfully claw back and exceed its revenues.

At the macro level, India represents a significant opportunity for growth due to huge and increasing population with earning capability, along with a low per capita spend on fashion apparel and



We, at KKCL, are clearly focused on our growth trajectory and are investing in our core brands, infrastructure, distribution and innovation.

KKCL believes that Integrity and Financial Prudence are equally important to build a sustainable and successful organisation that values and safeguards the interest of all its stakeholders. KKCL today is a financially strong Company with best-in-class operating parameters like profit margins, working capital cycle and cash flow.

As a proactive measure the Company has established a Business Progressive Fund wherein an amount of ₹ 10 Crores has been apportioned from the profits. This fund will be instrumental in addressing the adverse business impact that is experienced during periods of sluggishness, which are inherent to the industry and also providing enhanced support for superior, long-term growth.

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KKCL is to build a stable, sustainable and scalable business. I believe, we have established a strong and stable foundation and have demonstrated the ability to sustain the business in periods of volatility. With these building blocks firmly in place, we are now focusing our efforts

on business scalability. Needless to say, there are significant opportunities and with our ability to be patient and persevere, we will endeavour to scale up this business to greater heights.

We are privileged to have you, valued shareholders, who share this attitude and I am confident that you will benefit from this association as we continue on our journey of value creation.

Warm regards,

KEWALCHAND P. JAIN Chairman and Managing Director

The core philosophy and strategy of

₹ 17.50 - Dividend per share

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the Company to sustain such prolonged periods of uncertainty without risking its very survival. The past twelve months witnessed several cases of disruption and decline, especially for companies that were over leveraged, causing suffering

to all stakeholders including employees,

shareholders, lenders and suppliers.

accessories as compared to developed

markets. However, unlike the pocket-size

of international consumers, the Indian

environment is highly sensitive to price

Indian consumer, fashion clothing today

is no longer an aspiration, but more of a

Even as the consumer aspires for high

quality fashion wear, the spending is

constrained by core inflation that eats

into the wallet share. This underscores

the need for 'Patience' to tide over these intermittent periods of volatility and

to continue investing in the business to

to the discerning consumer.

uncertainty and the need for 'Perseverance'

deliver high quality and innovative products

KKCL has these qualities ingrained in its

DNA. But these alone are not sufficient.

Patience and Perseverance require robust financial backup that will enable

lifestyle necessity.

inflation and economic sentiments. For the

5 YEAR FINANCIAL HGHLIGHT'S

