

Vijay Goradia

Vijay Goradia is the Founder and Chairman of Vinmar International, a 2 billion dollar global distributor of Chemicals and Polymers. The company has been in business for 28 years with a record of continued growth and profitability. He is a shareholder of Continental Chemicals, a producer of chemicals in China, Thailand, Indonesia, and Singapore. His other investments include Excel Polymers, a U.S. producer of rubber compounds and rubber additives and Lion Copolymer, a producer of synthetic rubber.

Vijay has received several recognitions. Among them are:

- Ernst & Young Master Entrepreneur for the Southwest Region
- Top Businessman from the South Asian Chamber of Commerce
- Paul Harris Humanitarian Award by Rotary International
- Community Leadership Award from Asia Pacific Heritage Association
- Asian American Leadership Award from The Asia Society

Vijay is the founder and Chairman of PrathamUSA, a grassroots organization providing preschool and remedial education to over 300,000 children in India. He is on the Board of Houston Technology Center, a technology incubator. Vijay is a Trustee of American India Foundation. He is also on the Advisory Board of the Indo American Chamber of Commerce.

Born in Bombay, India in 1951, Vijay came to the USA in 1975 and became a U.S. citizen. He has a bachelor's degree in Finance and has completed advanced management education at Harvard University. Vijay is married to Marie, who has a Doctorate in Biotechnology. They have two children, a daughter, Sapphira, who is a recent college graduate and a son, Kevin, who is in high school.