

## MR. FAIZAL KOTTIKOLLON

*Founder & Chairman  
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Founder/Chairman of KEF Holdings, Mr. Faizal Kottikollon, is a visionary industrialist and philanthropist, widely respected for his ethical corporate governance, business acumen and practical contributions to the improvement of the human condition via a number of socially responsible institutions. As the founder of UAE-based KEF Holdings, Mr. Kottikollon has scripted a phenomenal success story that continues to inspire many entrepreneurs.

Mr. Kottikollon started out on his own in the scrap metal business in 1995 by setting up Al Ahamadi General Trading Company in the United Arab Emirates. He soon recognized the potential of the Oil & Gas industry in the Middle East and in 1997 set up his first foundry for industrial valves and steel castings, Emirates Techno Casting.

Mr. Kottikollon was able to bring UAE onto the world map for the manufacturing of industrial valves and steel castings by developing original technology at the ETC foundry which happened to be the first such integrated manufacturing unit in the Middle East. The company not only broke the monopoly of global giants in this highly specialized business, but also gave tough competition to European players who have been around for such long periods as a century. In just 10 years, ETC was ranked amongst the top 3 most technologically advanced foundries in the world and KEF Holdings was created as a parent company to Mr. Kottikollon's group of companies.