



**Adi Godrej honoured at the Clinton Global Citizen Awards  
for his leadership in transforming the Godrej Group  
into a leader of social and environmental value creation**

**Mumbai, India - September 21, 2016:** Adi Godrej, Chairman, Godrej Group was honoured at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Clinton Global Citizen Awards during a special ceremony at the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) Annual Meeting in New York City, on September 19, 2016, for his leadership in transforming the intersection of business and philanthropy and making the Godrej Group a global example of what can be achieved through inclusive, sustainable business strategies. The award was presented to him by Hikmet Ersek, CEO and President, Western Union, in the presence of President Bill Clinton and his daughter, Chelsea Clinton.

Established in 2007, the Clinton Global Citizen Awards embodies President Bill Clinton's call to action by honouring outstanding individuals who exemplify global citizenship through their vision and leadership. These citizens have proven that diverse sectors of society can work together successfully to devise solutions that effect positive, lasting social change.

**Expressing his gratitude on receiving this honour, Adi Godrej, said:**

*"It is indeed a great honour to receive this prestigious award. For us at the Godrej Group, it has always been most important that besides our strong financial performance and innovative, much-loved products, we remain a good company. This has held us in very good stead for nearly 120 years now. We have always actively championed social responsibility and are deeply committed to driving the social progress of our communities. In fact, 24 per cent of our holding company is in a trust that invests in the environment, health and education.*

*Many global companies, including ours, have adopted a 'shared value' approach to business growth and innovation. The idea is to link business success with social progress - to find ways to create business value that also create social value. So, through our Good & Green strategy, we are committed to creating a more employable workforce, building a Greener India and innovating for good and green products."*

Additional honourees include Jon Bon Jovi for the Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation, which focuses on the issues of affordable housing and hunger in the U.S. through community development initiatives; President Juan Manuel Santos of Colombia for his commitment to establish peace in Colombia following a 50 year civil war; and Dr. Hawa Abdi for her work to provide refuge, quality healthcare, education and entrepreneurship opportunities that are open to all Somalis.

## **ABOUT THE GODREJ GROUP**

Established in 1897, the Godrej Group has its roots in India's Independence and Swadeshi movement. Our founder, Ardeshir Godrej, lawyer-turned-serial entrepreneur failed with a few ventures, before he struck gold with a locks business.

Today, we enjoy the patronage of 1.1 billion consumers globally across consumer goods, real estate, appliances, agriculture and many other businesses. In fact, our geographical footprint extends beyond Earth, with our engines now powering many of India's space missions.

With a revenue of over USD 4.55 billion we are growing fast, and have exciting, ambitious aspirations. Our Vision for 2020 is to be 10 times the size we were in 2010.

But for us, it is most important that besides our strong financial performance and innovative, much-loved products, we remain a good company. 24% of our holding company is held in a trust that invests in the environment, health and education. We are also bringing together our passion and purpose to make a difference through our Good & Green strategy of 'shared value' to create a more inclusive and greener India.

At the heart of all of this, is our people. We take much pride in fostering an inspiring workplace, with an agile and high performance culture. We are also deeply committed to recognising and valuing diversity across our teams.

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## **ABOUT THE CLINTON GLOBAL INITIATIVE**

Established in 2005 by President Bill Clinton, the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI), an initiative of the Clinton Foundation, convenes global leaders to create and implement solutions to the world's most pressing challenges. CGI Annual Meetings have brought together 190 sitting and former heads of state, more than 20 Nobel Prize laureates, and hundreds of leading CEOs, heads of foundations and NGOs, major philanthropists, and members of the media. To date, members of the CGI community have made more than 3,600 Commitments to Action, which have improved the lives of over 435 million people in more than 180 countries. For more information, visit [clintonglobalinitiative.org](http://clintonglobalinitiative.org) and follow us on Twitter @ClintonGlobal and Facebook at [facebook.com/clintonglobalinitiative](https://facebook.com/clintonglobalinitiative).