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Rakesh is a corporate affairs and public policy veteran, leading global corporate affairs for the Godrej Industries Group. He is a seasoned professional with 24 years of experience in strategic government partnerships, external stakeholder management, government and regulatory affairs, business advocacy, strategic planning, conflict management, corporate social responsibility, public-private partnership (PPP) and general administration. He has stellar experience in setting up green field projects and leading industry-neutral policy interventions with central and state governments, adding significant value to the industry and industrial development in the country.

At Godrej, Rakesh steers the corporate affairs function enabling proactive business-centric advocacy in alignment with organizational goals and values that will bolster the Group's rich legacy of 127 years of serving the nation, its people, and the planet. Before joining Godrej, Rakesh was heading government relations for Honeywell and a key member of the India leadership team. His professional career spans across organizations like General Electric, Reliance Industries Ltd, Essar Energy Ltd, Tata Motors Ltd and John Deere India Pvt Ltd.

Rakesh is also a Research Council member of the esteemed Central Scientific Industrial Research-Central Scientific Instruments Organization (CSIR-CSIO), Government of India and a Board member of the India Home & Personal Care Industry Association (IHPCIA).

Rakesh holds a bachelor's degree in Agriculture from Haryana Agricultural University, Hissar and an MBA from Symbiosis International University, Pune. He is based in New Delhi - Mumbai and enjoys cricket, yoga, trekking and long-distance running.

