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# RATAN TATA

*Brand Ambassador of India on  
International stage*



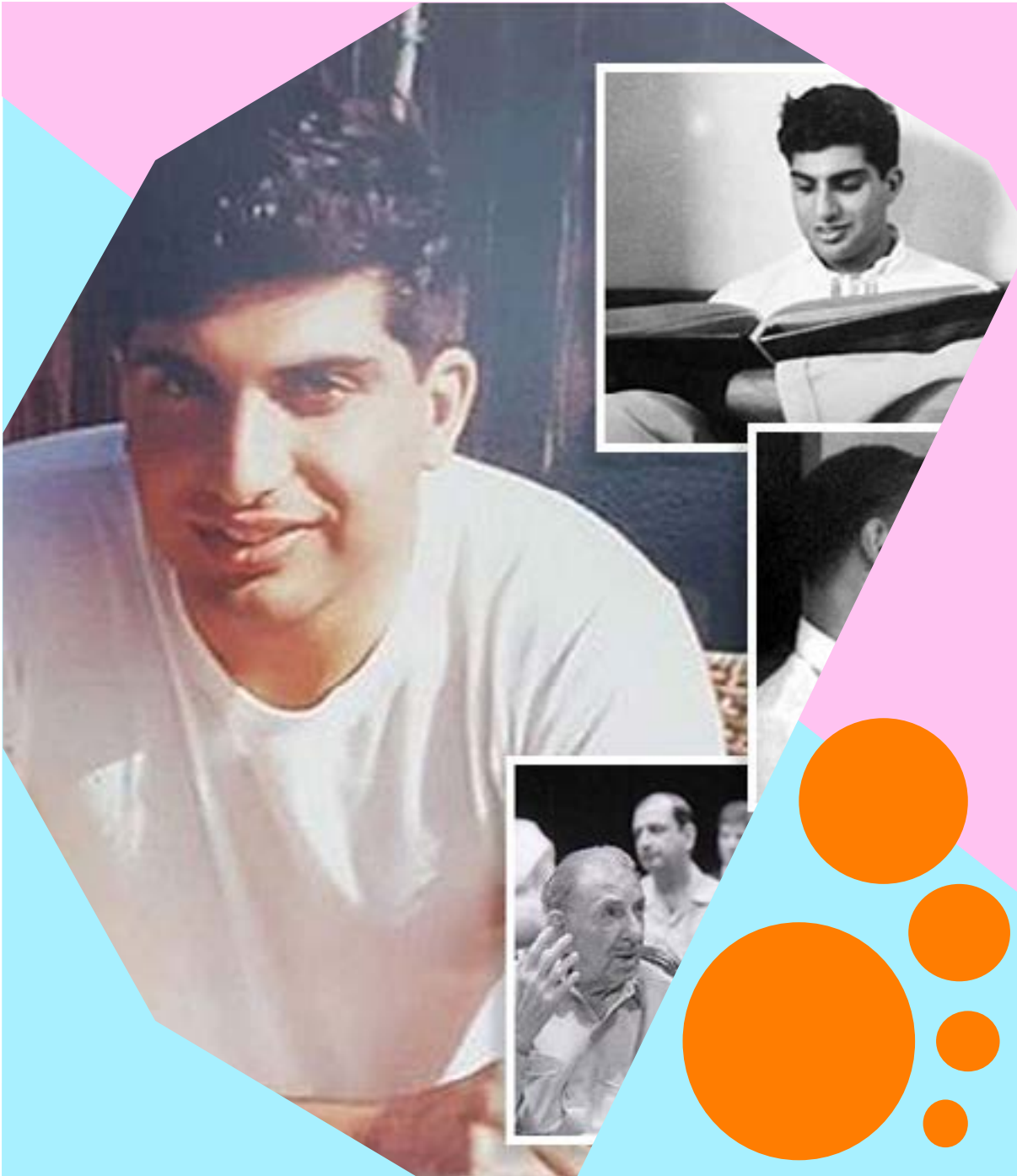
**“Quality is not a mantra, but the road to the Customer’s doorstep”**

**Ratan Tata**

## ***Early Life***

*Ratan Tata was born in Bombay, now Mumbai, during the British Raj, on 28 December 1937.[6] He is the son of Naval Tata, who was born in Surat and later adopted into the Tata family, and Sooni Tata, the niece of Tata group founder Jamsetji Tata. Tata's biological grandfather, Hormusji Tata, was a member of the Tata family by blood. In 1948, when Tata was 10, his parents separated, and he was subsequently raised and adopted by Navajbai Tata, his grandmother and widow of Ratanji Tata.[7] He has a younger brother Jimmy Tata[8] and a half-brother, Noel Tata, from Naval Tata's second marriage with Simone Tata, with whom he was raised.*

*He studied at the Champion School, Mumbai till the 8th class. After which, he studied at the Cathedral and John Connon School in Mumbai, the Bishop Cotton School in Shimla, and the Riverdale Country School in New York City, which he graduated from in 1955.[9][10][11] After graduating from high school, Tata enrolled in Cornell University, from which he graduated with a bachelor's degree in architecture in 1959. In 2008, Tata gifted Cornell \$50 million, becoming the largest international donor in the university's history.[12*



## Career



*In the 1970s, Tata was given a managerial position in the Tata group. He achieved initial success by turning the subsidiary National Radio and Electronics (NELCO) around, only to see it collapse during an economic slowdown.[13][14] In 1991, J. R. D. Tata stepped down as chairman of Tata Sons, naming him his successor. Initially, Tata faced stiff resistance from the heads of various subsidiaries, who had a large amount of operational freedom under the senior Tata's tenure. In response, Tata implemented a number of policies designed to consolidate power, including the implementation of a retirement age, having subsidiaries report directly to the group office, and requiring subsidiaries to contribute their profit to building the Tata group brand. Tata prioritised innovation and delegated many responsibilities to younger talent.[15] Under his leadership, overlapping operations between subsidiaries were streamlined into company-wide operations, with the group exiting unrelated businesses to take on globalisation.[16]*

*During his 21 years of stewardship, revenues grew over 40 times, and profit over 50 times. He got Tata Tea to acquire Tetley, Tata Motors to acquire Jaguar Land Rover, and Tata Steel to acquire Corus, turning the organization from a largely India-centric group into a global business.*

*He also conceptualized the Tata Nano car. The car was capped at a price that was within the reach of the average Indian consumer.*

*Upon turning 75, Ratan Tata stepped down as the Chairperson of Tata Sons on 28 December 2012. Cyrus Mistry was named his successor, however, the Board of Directors and Legal division voted for his removal on 24 October 2016 and Ratan Tata was then made the group's interim chairman.*



## ***Philanthropy***

*Tata is a supporter of education, medicine and rural development, and considered a leading philanthropist in India.[36][37][38] Tata supported University of New South Wales Faculty of Engineering to develop capacitive deionization to provide improved water for challenged areas.[39][40]*

*Tata Hall at the University of California, San Diego (UC San Diego) is a state-of-the-art research facility that was opened in November 2018. The building is named after the Tata Trusts, who donated \$70 million to UC San Diego in 2016 to establish the Tata Institute for Genetics and Society (TIGS), which is housed within the building.*

*Tata Hall is a 4-story building that spans over 128,000 square feet and houses research facilities for the biological and physical sciences. The building has state-of-the-art laboratories, offices, and meeting spaces that are designed to foster collaboration and innovation among researchers. It is a LEED-certified building, which means it is designed to be environmentally sustainable and energy-efficient.*

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*Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has given the largest ever donation by a company to Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) for a facility to research cognitive systems and autonomous vehicles. TCS donated \$35 million for this grand 48,000 square-foot building that is called TCS Hall.*



## ***Boardmembership***

*Ratan Tata was the interim chairman of Tata Sons. He continues to head the main two Tata trusts Sir Dorabji Tata and Allied Trusts and Sir Ratan Tata Trust and their allied trusts, with a combined stake of 66% in Tata Sons, Tata group's holding company.*

*He has served in various capacities in organizations in India and abroad. He is a member of Prime Minister's 'Council on Trade and Industry' and the 'National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council'. He is on the jury panel of Pritzker Architecture Prize[54] – considered to be one of the world's premier architecture prizes.*

*Over the years Tata has served on the Cornell University Board of Trustees, personally advising the school's administration in matters of international involvement, particularly regarding projects connected to India. More broadly, Tata has served on the board's Academic Affairs, Student Life, and Development Committees. In 2013 he was named Cornell Entrepreneur of the Year.[55]*

*He is a director on the boards of Alcoa Inc., Mondelez International[56] and Board of Governors of the East-West Center. He is also a member of the board of trustees of University of Southern California, Harvard Business School Board of Dean's Advisors, X Prize[57] and Cornell University. He is a member on the board of International Advisory Council at Bocconi University.[58]*

*He is also a member of the Harvard Business School India Advisory Board (IAB) since 2006 and previously a member of the Harvard Business School Asia-Pacific Advisory Board (APAB) 2001–2006.[citation needed]*

*In 2013, he was appointed to the board of trustees of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.[59]*

*In February 2015, Ratan took an advisory role at Kalari Capital, a venture capital firm founded by Vani Kola.[60]*

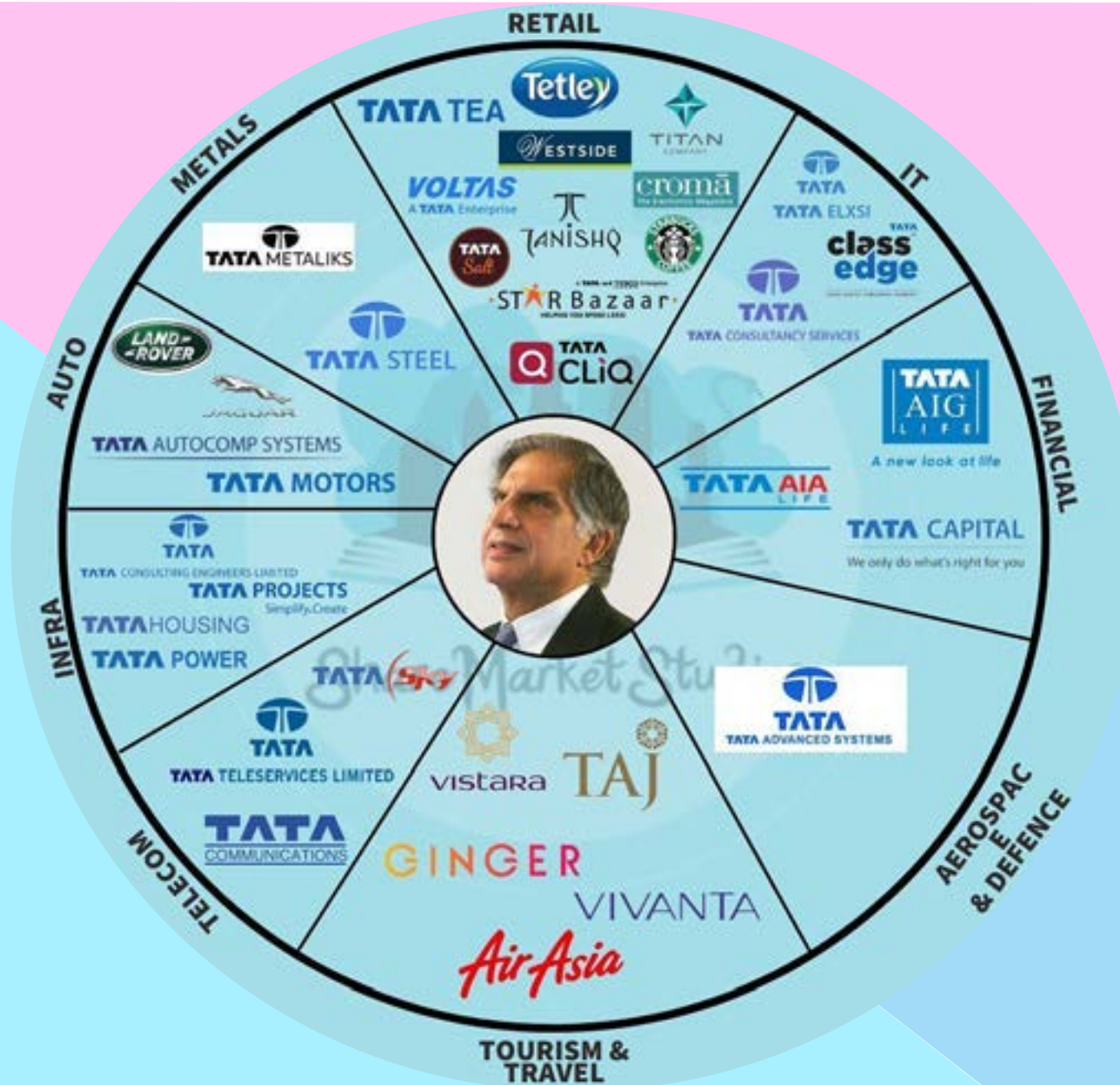




## ***Honours & Awards***

*Ratan Tata received the Padma Bhushan in 2000 and Padma Vibhushan in 2008, the third and second highest civilian honours awarded by the Government of India.[61] Along with national civilian honours, Tata has also received various state civilian honours like 'Maharashtra Bhushan' in 2006 for his huge work in the public administration in Maharashtra and 'Assam Baibhav' in 2021 for his exceptional contribution towards furthering cancer care in Assam.*





***Tata Group Business Empire***



## *Startups funded by Ratan Tata*







## ***Some Inspiring Ratan Tata Quotes on Life, Business, Success & More***

**“I don’t believe in taking the right decisions. I take decisions and then make them right.”**

**“Business need to go beyond the interest of their companies to the communities they serve.”**

**“People still believe what they read is necessarily the truth.”**

**“If you want to walk fast, walk alone. But if you want to walk far, walk together.”**

**“I have been constantly telling people to encourage people, to question the unquestioned and not to be ashamed to bring up new ideas, new processes to get things done.”**

**“I’ve often felt that the Indian Tiger has not been unleashed.”**

**“Ups and downs in life are very important to keep us going, because a straight line even in an ECG means we are not alive.”**

**“If it stands the test of public scrutiny, do it... If it doesn’t stand the test of public scrutiny then don’t do it.”**

**“Power and wealth are not two of my main stakes.”**

**“None can destroy iron, but its own rust can! Likewise none can destroy a person, but its own mindset can!”**

**“Don’t be serious, enjoy life as it comes.”**

**“I have always been very confident and very upbeat about the future potential of India. I think it is a great country with great potential.”**