

Rashesh Shah, Chairman and CEO - Edelweiss Group

Rashesh Shah is Chairman and CEO of the Edelweiss Group, one of India's leading diversified financial services conglomerates with businesses ranging across Credit (Retail Mortgage, SME Finance, Structured Credit, Wholesale Mortgage and Distressed Assets Credit), Franchise & Advisory (Wealth Management, Asset Management, Capital Markets) and Insurance (Life Insurance & General Insurance).



Edelweiss Group

Rashesh co-founded Edelweiss in 1996, which has since evolved into an organization providing a broad range of financial products and services to a substantial and diversified client base that includes corporations, institutions and individuals. Edelweiss today has an asset base of more than ~Rs. 55,000 crore with more than 10,000 employees working out of almost 450 offices spread across India and overseas. Edelweiss has grown from an equity base of Rs. 1 crore in 1996 to the current equity base of more than Rs 7,700 crore.

The focus on innovation and passion for growth through expansion into related/ adjacent markets has been a key differentiator for Edelweiss. Edelweiss has combined technology, innovation and growth-oriented entrepreneurship with a strong focus on risk management to become one of the more successful, stable and well respected financial services companies in India. This success has been recognized through a variety of awards across the spectrum of financial services over the last several years.

Education and Interests

An MBA from Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, Rashesh also holds a Diploma in International Trade from the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi. A voracious reader, Rashesh is a fitness enthusiast who enjoys playing tennis and is an avid runner. Rashesh has participated in a triathlon and continues to participate in marathons across the globe.

Rashesh has an experience of almost 30 years in financial services. He is particularly enthused about the transformational role that financial services can play in translating India's vast savings into investments; thereby powering economic growth and development. He is also deeply involved in EdelGive Foundation, Edelweiss's philanthropy arm, providing strategic oversight and advice, and is particularly passionate about charities involving sports and education.

Industry Engagement

A regular commentator on macro-economic policies, development matters and financial markets in the mainstream and financial media, Rashesh serves on the Boards of various companies and public institutions. He has served as a part of the High Level Task Force on Public Credit Registry for India as well as the Insolvency Law Committee. He is currently serving as the President of FICCI, which is India's Apex Industry association.