

Farooq Kathwari

Farooq Kathwari is the Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Ethan Allen Interiors, Inc. He has been president of the company since 1985 and chairman and chief executive officer since 1988. In 1989 he formed a group to purchase Ethan Allen and took the company public in 1993. Under Mr. Kathwari's leadership, Ethan Allen has been transformed into a leading manufacturer and retailer of home furnishings in the United States.

He received his B.A. degree from Kashmir University in English Literature and Political Science and an M.B.A. in International Marketing from New York University.

Mr. Kathwari serves on many boards of non-profit organizations. He is a founding member of the Kashmir Study Group, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a trustee of the National Policy Association, President of the American Furniture Manufacturers Association, a member of the board of the National Retail Federation, a director of Western Connecticut University Foundation, a director of the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown University, and a director of Refugees International. He also serves on the board of HON Industries, a publicly traded company.

Mr. Kathwari has received several recognitions, including the National Human Relations Award by the American Jewish Committee; the American Muslim Achievement Award by the Islamic Center of Southern California; Leader of the Year Award by *Furniture Today*; recognition as one of the 50 Best CEOs in the U.S.A by *Worth Magazine*; and the University Recognition Award by Western Connecticut State University.