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## MOST INFLUENTIAL CEOs IN OMAN



### INTERVIEW

Anwar Hilal Hamdoon Al Jabri  
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## Dean Cunningham

*CEO, Kunooz Oman Holding Company*

Dean Cunningham is the CEO of Kunooz Oman Holding Company. Cunningham is a mining engineer who has actively worked in private equity and corporate finance over the past 26 years.

He was previously the managing director of Auroch Minerals NL, an ASX exploration company in Mozambique. He held the position of executive director, corporate finance for Basil Read and simultaneously held the position of CEO of TWP Investments, the investment arm of TWP Holdings, investing in Africa. He ran and owned his own mining advisory and stock broking firm, Micofin Corporate Services and Rice Rinaldi, providing advisory, capital raising, and research services to African-based mining and financial institutions.

Cunningham was a member of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange and a director of Investec Securities (previously Fergusson Brothers Hall Stewart), responsible for promoting listed South African mining companies and capital-raising globally. He was a rated gold, coal and platinum analyst dealing with buy-side institutions in South Africa.

## Devan Thuppali

*General Manager, Oman International Electronics and Trading Co.*

Devan Thuppali is the general manager of Oman International Electronics and Trading Co, a subsidiary of the OHI Group of companies, since 2003. He has over 30 years of experience in electronics, office automation and telecom industries in Indian and the Middle East region including close to 20 years in Oman.

He has been in the vanguard of OHI Electronics' transformation from a retail-based business to a major player equipped with extensive portfolio of products and services and handling bigger projects across the industry. Thuppali played a pioneering role in the development of the company by tapping partners and principals from global market and developing an efficient team to build up the steam in the local market.

Prior to joining OHI, he was sales manager at Oman Marketing and Services Company and served as senior marketing executive for Global Link Communications in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Prior to that, he was manager-exports at Nova Electro Magnetics in Chennai, India.



## Divyendu Kumar

*Managing Director, Bahwan International Group Holding & Suhail Bahwan Automobiles*

Divyendu Kumar is the managing director of Bahwan International Group Holding and Suhail Bahwan Automobiles, a leading automobile dealer and distributor in the Sultanate. An experienced professional with vast industry experience in the field, Divyendu Kumar has been the driving force of the automotive division of the Suhail Bahwan Group.

Established in 2004, the automotive division enjoys market leadership in certain key segments of Oman's automobile sector and is represented in Oman by two entities - Al Jenaibi International Automobiles and Suhail Bahwan Automobiles. The group owes its success to its relentless pursuit of excellence by its customer first approach, adopting an aggressive marketing style, backing it up with strong after-sales service and establishing an extensive network of branches across the Sultanate. One of the top automobile dealers in the Sultanate, the group employs over 3000 people throughout the country with a vision to build, own and promote world-class businesses and brands internationally.

## S. Durgaprasad

*CEO, Bahwan CyberTek Group*

S Durgaprasad is the co-founder and global CEO of Bahwan CyberTek (BCT) Group. DP has a proven record of 20+ years of accomplishments in leadership positions. He had a distinguished career with HCL in India for over 12 years before joining the Bahwan Group in 1994.

Durgaprasad is characterised as an executive entrepreneur and a people's person with a passion to create new businesses and markets. He has been instrumental in Bahwan CyberTek (BCT) Group achieving a distinguished position in the global IT arena.

With a blend of strategic long-term vision and an eye on operational short-term goals, he has crafted path-breaking initiatives like Bahwan DHL, Cuecent suite of products with leadership position in pPayments and real time decision support systems. He has built BCT into a world class software product and service organisation delivering solution in over 20 countries.

Durgaprasad is an engineer from College of Engineering (Anna University), Chennai and has attended management development programmes at Kellogg and XLRI, India.

