

Mr. Vinod Sawhny is the President and Chief Operating Officer of Bharti Retail Ltd.

Bharti Retail forayed into organized retail business in partnership with the World's largest retailer Wal-Mart. Bharti Retail marked its entry in April 2008 with the opening of supermarket stores. It currently operates multiple supermarket and compact hypermarket stores in Punjab, Haryana and NCR Delhi. The company plans to have Pan-India operations with approximately 10 Mn Sft of retail space across all 1 million plus cities in India by 2015.

Vinod joined Bharti Enterprises in 2002 from Spice Telecom, where he was the Managing Director and was responsible for accelerating the growth of Spice Telecom in Punjab, India. He joined Bharti Airtel as the CEO of Northern Region - Mobile Operations. From there on, he moved to Airtel's Western region as the Executive Director of Mobile Operations and was instrumental in the division's turnaround in the region. He was then elevated to the role of the Joint President of Enterprise Services, Bharti Airtel Ltd in 2006. Prior to entering telecom business, Vinod was working as the Vice President –Marketing & Sales for both domestic & international business of Godrej GE Appliances, India.

Vinod graduated with a BE (Hons.) in Mechanical Engineering in 1980 from Birla Institute of Technology & Science (BITS), Pilani and was awarded the Post-Graduate Diploma in Business Management from XLRI Jamshedpur in 1983. He is also an alumnus of the prestigious GE Corporate Management Development Crotonville, NY.