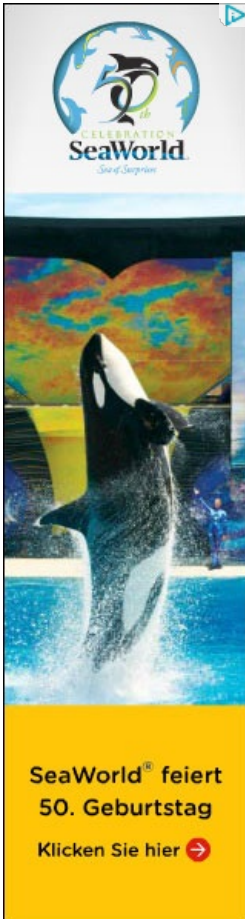




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The **Madhvani Group of Companies** commonly referred to as the **Madhvani Group** is the largest conglomerate in [Uganda](#) with a total asset base in excess of US\$200 million, as of April 2009.<sup>[2]</sup> The group has investments in [Uganda](#), [Rwanda](#), [Southern Sudan](#), [Tanzania](#), the [Middle East](#), [India](#) and [North America](#).

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#### Madhvani Group

<b>Type</b>	Private Conglomerate
<b>Founded</b>	1914
<b>Headquarters</b>	<a href="#">Kakira, Uganda</a>
<b>Key people</b>	Mayur Madhvani, <a href="#">Managing Director</a> <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Industry</b>	<a href="#">Manufacturing</a> , <a href="#">Tourism</a> , <a href="#">Information Technology</a>
<b>Products</b>	<a href="#">Electricity</a> , <a href="#">Matches</a> , <a href="#">Insurance</a> , <a href="#">Construction</a> , <a href="#">Sugar</a> , <a href="#">Tea</a> , <a href="#">Communication</a> , <a href="#">Horticulture</a> , <a href="#">Software</a> , <a href="#">Hotels &amp; Resorts</a>
<b>Revenue</b>	US\$100+ million (2009)
<b>Total assets</b>	US\$200+ million (2009)
<b>Employees</b>	10,000 (2009)
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.madhvanifoundation.com/madhvani-group.html">http://www.madhvanifoundation.com/madhvani-group.html</a>

## History

In 1912, [Muljibhai Madhvani](#), then aged 18, arrived in [Jinja](#). Due to his extraordinary vision, personality and ability, he was able to take a humble trading concern and create a business that would later account for 10% of Uganda's GDP. As his business prospered, Muljibhai was keen to take care of the well-being and welfare of his employees and the community. His workers and their dependents have enjoyed free education, housing and healthcare, many decades before the term "corporate social responsibility" was even devised. The Group's businesses are run primarily by Madhvani family members but many of the newer investments are joint ventures with other businesses.

During the 1970s, the Madhvani family was expelled from Uganda by [Idi Amin](#) and their businesses were nationalized and mismanaged to near-extinction. In 1985, the family returned to Uganda and with loans from the [World Bank](#), the [East African Development Bank](#) and the [Uganda Development Bank](#), they resurrected and rehabilitated their businesses and started new ones.<sup>[3]</sup>

## The Muljibhai Madhvani Foundation

The **Muljibhai Madhvani Foundation** is a charitable trust that was set up in 1962 on the eve of

Uganda's Independence to honor the vision of the late [Muljibhai Madhvani](#) (14 May 1894 – 11 July 1958), the founder of the Madhvani Empire.

The foundation awards scholarships to deserving undergraduate and postgraduate university students with limited means to study in Ugandan Universities. One of the Foundation's primary objectives is to maintain and promote scientific and technical education among the people of Uganda. Four Hundred Million Uganda Shillings (approximately US\$200,000) is awarded each year under the scholarship program. Emphasis is placed on sponsorship of students in the following fields:

- [Agriculture](#)
- [Sciences](#)
- [Information Technology](#)
- [Commerce and](#)
- [Medicine](#)<sup>[4]</sup>

## Subsidiary companies

The Madhvani Group includes but is not limited to the following companies:<sup>[5]</sup> <sup>[6]</sup>

- Century Bottling Company - [Kampala, Uganda](#)
- Chobe Safari Lodge - [Murchison Falls National Park](#), Uganda
- Chrysanthemums Uganda Limited - [Nsangi, Mpigi District](#), Uganda - Joint venture with Flower Direct of the [Netherlands](#)
- Coleus Crown Limited - [Jinja](#), Uganda - 50/50 Joint Venture with Coleus Packaging (Pty) Ltd. of [South Africa](#)
- Crown Beverages - [Kampala, Uganda](#)
- East African Packaging Solutions, [Njeru](#), Uganda - 50/50 Joint Venture with Graphic Systems Limited.<sup>[7]</sup>
- East African Distributors Limited - Furniture & Hardware Merchandising - [Kampala, Uganda](#)
- East African Glass Works Limited (EAGWL), [Kampala, Uganda](#)<sup>[8]</sup>
- Excel Construction Limited - [Jinja, Uganda](#) & [Juba, Southern Sudan](#)
- East African Underwriters Limited, [Kampala, Uganda](#)
- Industrial Security Services Limited - [Jinja, Uganda](#)
- Kabuye Sugar Works - [Kabuye, Rwanda](#)
- Kajjansi Roses Limited - [Kajjansi, Wakiso District](#), Uganda
- Kakira Airport - [Kakira, Uganda](#):(ICAO: **HUKK**).<sup>[9]</sup>
- Kakira Electricity Company - [Kakira, Uganda](#)
- Kakira Sugar Works - [Kakira, Uganda](#)
- Kakira Sweets & Confectioneries Limited - [Kakira, Uganda](#)
- Liberty Life Assurance Uganda Limited - [Kampala, Uganda](#)
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- Marasa Holdings Limited - [Kampala, Uganda](#)
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- [Muljibhai Madhvani & Company Limited](#) - [Jinja, Uganda](#)
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- Mwera Tea Estate - [Mityana District](#), Uganda
- Mweya Safari Lodge - [Queen Elizabeth National Park](#), Uganda
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- Nilefos Chemie, [Rieme, Belgium](#)
- Nilefos Minerals Limited, [Tororo, Uganda](#)
- [Paa Safari Lodge](#) - [Murchison Falls National Park](#), Uganda
- Premier Safaris Limited - [Jinja, Uganda](#)
- Rhodia Phosphates Derivatives (STPP), [Huelva, Spain](#)<sup>[10]</sup>
- Software Applications Uganda Limited - [Kampala, Uganda](#)
- Steel Corporation of East Africa Limited - [Jinja, Uganda](#)
- TPSC Uganda Limited - Aircraft Maintenance - [Kakira, Uganda](#)

## Prominent family members

The following are some of the prominent members of the Madhvani Family:<sup>[11]</sup>

- [Muljibhai Madhvani](#) (1894 - 1958) - Family Patriarch, Founder of the Madhvani Group
- Jayant Madhvani ( - 1971) - Muljibhai's firstborn son. Run the conglomerate after death of his father.
- Manubhai Madhvani - Muljibhai's second son. Run the conglomerate with his elder brother before elder brother died.
- Surendra Madhvani - Muljibhai's third son.
- Pratap Madhvani - Muljibhai's fourth son.
- Mayur Madhvani - Muljibhai's fifth and youngest son. Current Managing Director of the Madhvani

#### Group

- Nitin Madhvani - Jayant's firstborn son and grandson of Muljibhai
- Amit Madhvani - Jayant's second son and grandson of Muljibhai
- Nimisha Madhvani - Jayant's only daughter. Granddaughter of **Muljibhai Madhvani**. Currently, Uganda's **High Commissioner to India**<sup>[12]</sup>
- Meena Madhvani - Jayant's widow.

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