

# Padam Dhakad

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Padam Dhakad is President of Dhakad Associates, Inc., a financial consulting firm he founded in 1993. Padam works with clients in the hospitality industry to raise capital for new business and real estate acquisitions, new construction, refinancing existing debt, renovations and permanent financing. In addition to working with hospitality clients, Dhakad Associates has helped source capital for clients in a variety of industries, including gas stations, convenience and grocery stores, retail strip malls, commercial office space, restaurants, auto accessory plants, nursing homes and assisted living facilities, funeral homes and many other types of businesses.

Prior to founding Dhakad Associates, Padam spent over 20 years in the media and advertising industries, serving in treasurer, controller and chief financial officer capacities for multinational companies. He began his career in advertising with Asch Advertising (a subsidiary of J. Walter Thompson Co.) in New York City and also worked for Metromedia (a predecessor to Fox Broadcasting Company), Earle Palmer Brown Companies and DDB Worldwide. He retired from DDB in 1993, where he served as the company's Finance Director for its Asia Pacific region.

He is active in the community and has worked with a variety of organizations, including AAHOA (Asian American Hotel Owners Association), HTA (Hotel and Tourism Alliance), CAIBA (Carolina Asian India Business Association), BEFCOR (Business Expansion Funding Corporation - a Certified Development Company providing SBA 504 loans), Hindu Center Charlotte, Jain Center of Greater Charlotte, and CPCC (Central Piedmont Community College) Small Business Programs.

Padam received Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Chemistry from University of Indore, India and an MBA from University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, CT. He has been interviewed by and written article for AAHOA Magazine, Charlotte Observer, Charlotte Business Journal, Indus Journal, Adweek and Hotel Management Magazines. Padam and his wife, Madhu, have lived in Charlotte, North Carolina since 1993.