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Zahabiya Khorakiwala 29

Legacy Daughter of Habil Khorakiwala, chairman of Wockhardt

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Zahabiya Khorakiwala reaches her Bandra-Kurla Complex office in Mumbai at 8.30 a.m. every day and works for 12-14 hours. The daughter of Habil Khorakiwala, chairman of pharmaceutical, biotechnology and healthcare giant Wockhardt, Zahabiya, the company's managing director, has work on her mind even when she is travelling, her eyes fixated on the iPad. The psychology graduate from New York University joined Wockhardt after getting an MBA from the Indian School of Business in Hyderabad in 2009. The youngest among three siblings, Zahabiya has inherited the responsibility of strategic planning in her father's company. Her siblings, Murtaza and Huzaifa, look after the marketing and corporate social responsibility divisions. An avid painter

since she was five, Zahabiya used to do paintings in chalk and watercolour till 2010. But she stopped after professional challenges started consuming all her time. She believes Tier-II and Tier-III cities are where the future of India's healthcare lies and has a strategy plan for each of Wockhardt's hospitals that revolves around excellent nursing. "Doctors come, check the patients and go. It is the nursing staff with whom the patients interact directly for a longer time," she says. *by Kiran Tare*

"Zahabiya has great leadership qualities. She is very focused and committed to her work."
Habil Khorakiwala, father

