



SIR MICHAEL (MIKE) RAKE, FCA, FCGI

MAJOR CAREER ROLES

Chair, KPMG LLP

Senior Partner, KPMG UK and International

Chair, BT Group plc

Chair, Easyjet plc

Deputy Chair, Barclays Bank plc

Lead Director, Worldpay Inc. (now FIS)

Chair, Majid Al Futtaim Holdings LLC

Chair, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust

OTHER CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Chair, International Chamber of Commerce

President, CBI

Director, S&P Global Inc.

Chair, Business in the Community (BITC)

Chair, Blueprint for Better Business

Chair, UK Commission for Employment & Skills

Director, Prince's Charitable Foundation

Business Advisory Group member, UK Office of Prime Minister David Cameron

Sir Michael Rake currently serves as Chair of Phoenix Global Resources plc, Wireless Logic Ltd, and Majid Al Futtaim Holdings (UAE). He is also Senior Adviser to Elliott Advisors, a Director at Trust Payments Ltd, Vice President of the RNIB, and a member of advisory boards including Chatham House and The Corporate Reputation Centre at Oxford University.

Sir Mike's early career was forged at KPMG, where he became UK Senior Partner (1998), Chair of KPMG Europe, and ultimately Global Chair of KPMG International (2002-2007), steering the firm through significant reputational and regulatory challenges.

Following this, he chaired BT Group (2007-2017), easyJet (2010-2013), Worldpay (2015-2018), and NewDay Ltd (2018-2025). He also served as Deputy Chair of Barclays (2012-2015) and President of the CBI (2013-2015), further cementing his influence across corporate and policy landscapes.

He brings deep cross-sector expertise in:

- Complex governance & reputation management – navigating Big Four audit crises, FTSE boards, activist engagement, and public trust
- Board architecture & crisis response – leading audit, remediation, and restructuring through KPMG, BT, Barclays, and Worldpay
- Institutional stewardship & advisory excellence – chairing high-stakes public, private, and health-sector boards, while advising global policy and investment forums
- Cross-sector strategic advisory – serving diverse markets through advisory roles in payments, private equity, healthcare, and telecoms

Sir Mike trained as a Chartered Accountant with Peat Marwick (KPMG), 1972 and was knighted in 2007 for services to accountancy. He was appointed to the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun by the Japanese government in 2021 and named FTSE 100 Non-Executive Director of the Year in 2013.

Known for his principled calm, stakeholder fluency, and precise governance, he is a peerless mentor to leaders navigating complexity, crisis, and cross-sector transition.