



Robert Swannell CBE

Chairman

UK Government Investments

Robert Swannell CBE is Chairman of UK Government Investments, which is responsible for corporate finance and corporate governance for HMG; this includes executing the sale of non-strategic assets (e.g. RBS, Lloyds Banking Group, UKAR etc.) and undertaking the shareholder role in relation to a number of the largest companies controlled by HMG, from the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority to the Post Office and many others.

Robert is also Chairman of the Royal National Children's SpringBoard Foundation and of the LP Advisory Committee of Ahren, an investment company based on deep, transformational science at Cambridge University. He is a Director of the Investor Forum and a member of The Takeover Panel Appeal Board.

Robert was previously Chairman of Marks & Spencer (2010-2017), senior independent director of The British Land Company PLC (1999-2010) and of 3i Group PLC (2006-2010) and Chairman of HMV (2009-2011). He was also Chairman and a member of the Governing Body of Rugby School from 2004-2014, a Trustee of Career Ready from 2003-2012, a Trustee of the Kew Foundation from 2011-2017, a member of the Advisory Board of The Sutton Trust from 2014-17, a Trustee of the Teach First (2014-2019) and a Visiting Fellow at Oxford University, said Business School (2009-2019).

Until 2010, Robert spent a career of over 30 years in investment banking with Schroders/Citigroup. He was formerly Vice-Chairman of Citi Europe and Chairman of Citi's European Investment Bank. Robert qualified both as a chartered accountant and a barrister. He was appointed CBE in the 2018 New Years' Honours for services to Business, Finance and Retail.

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