



Sir Douglas Flint CBE

Current Positions

Sir Douglas Flint is currently Chairman of IP Group plc, Chairman of Standard Life Aberdeen plc, Chairman of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Just Finance Foundation. He is a Director of the Centre for Policy Studies, Chairman of the Hong Kong Association, Chairman of the Corporate Board of Cancer Research UK and a Trustee of the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity.

Background Information

Sir Douglas was educated at Glasgow University where he gained a BAcc (Hons) degree. He also completed the PMD course at Harvard Business School in 1983. He began his career with Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co (now KPMG LLP) where he trained as a chartered accountant. He was appointed a partner of the firm in 1988.

Sir Douglas specialised in banking, multinational financial reporting, treasury and securities trading operations, group re-organisations and litigation support while at KPMG. He joined HSBC in 1995 and was appointed to the Board as Group Finance Director. In 2010, Sir Douglas's responsibilities were broadened to that of Chief Financial Officer, Executive Director Risk and Regulation. He was appointed Group Chairman of HSBC Holdings plc in 2010, retiring in 2017.

In a Non-Executive capacity, Sir Douglas has served as Director of BP plc from 2005 until 2011 and was Chairman of its Audit Committee in his final year.

In other roles, Sir Douglas served on the Board of the Institute of International Finance and was its Chairman from 2012 until 2016. He was a member of both the Mayor of Beijing's and the Mayor of Shanghai's International Business Leaders' Advisory Council and was a member of the International Advisory Board of the China Europe International Business School, Shanghai. He was an independent external member of the Financial Services Trade and Investment Board in the UK and has been, by invitation from the then Prime Minister, a British Business Ambassador. In 2017 he was appointed by the Chancellor as Special Envoy to China's Belt and Road Initiative.

Other Notable Interests

Sir Douglas Flint is a Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants. He has served on the Accounting Standards Board and on the Shipley Working Group on Public Disclosure. In June 2006 he was honoured with a CBE (Commander of the British Empire) by Her Majesty the Queen and in June 2018 he was knighted in recognition of his services to the finance industry.

Sir Douglas Flint is based in London.