

Alderman Alastair King DL

Alastair was elected as Sheriff of the City of London in June 2022 and served in that role from September 2022 to September 2023.

By way of professional background, Alastair qualified as a solicitor in the City of London in 1995. He practiced in both London and Asia with the leading international law firm Baker McKenzie. He joined a leading venture capital firm, NewMedia Investors, in 1999 which provided early-stage capital for some of the UK's leading technology companies. In 2002, he and a business partner took control of a small LSE-quoted investment vehicle which they turned into a highly successful buy-out firm. In 2006, Alastair founded his own fund management company, and in parallel founded, raised and ran an LSE-quoted fund to invest into Indian infrastructure projects.

Currently, he is on the board of five City of London-based financial services companies, four of which he chairs. Of the five companies, four are FCA-regulated and he owns two – Naisbitt King Asset Management Limited (a fund manager) and Naisbitt King Limited (a family office). He is also Chair of the Advisory Board of Urbium Capital, a new real estate fund investing overseas capital into the UK.

Alastair is Chair of the British Liver Trust (the national liver charity) and Treasurer of the long-established City charity, the Metropolitan Drinking Fountain and Cattle Trough Association. He is also a Trustee of the Royal Regiment of Scotland Trust.

As to his civic career, having lived in the Ward of Queenhithe in the City of London since 1991, Alastair was elected to the Court of Common Council for the Ward in 1999. He was appointed Deputy in 2006 and then elected as Alderman in 2016. During his continuing 25 years of service with the City of London Corporation (CoLC), he has had active roles in a number of key Committees, including Finance and Planning and Transportation. Through the CoLC, he is Chair of the Investment Committee and Trustee of Morden College and a Trustee of the Samuel Wilson Loan Trust.

Alastair has substantial involvement in the Livery movement, including being a Past Prime Warden of the Blacksmiths (his Mother company), and a Past Master of the Masons (the Stonemasons).

In February 2022, Alastair was deeply honoured to be Commissioned as a Deputy Lieutenant for Greater London.

Alastair is active in business groupings, both in the United Kingdom and around the world. He serves as a member of the Scottish Government's Financial Services Growth and Development Board. He is Secretary of the UK Parliament's All-Party Parliamentary Group on Sovereign Wealth Funds. He was until recently Chair of the Institute of Directors, London Region. He is a member (and past three-time Chapter Chair) of the Young Presidents' Organisation and a member of CEO, an invitation-only group of 2000 leading CEOs from around the world. He is also an Honorary Visiting Professor of Bayes Business School (University of London); an Honorary Fellow of the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment and an Honorary Bencher of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple.

Of proud Scottish heritage, Alastair was educated at Oundle School and at the University of Bristol, University of Kent, the College of Law in London and the London Business School. His interests include boxing, and hill walking in Scotland with his wife Florence and their Italian Greyhound. He lives in his Ward in the City of London and has a house in Aberdeenshire.