

Sir John Parker GBE FREng

Sir John was born into a farming family in Co. Down (NI) and studied Naval Architecture and Mechanical Engineering at the Belfast College of Technology and Queens University Belfast.

He is currently Chairman of Laing O'Rourke Group and was until recently a Non-Executive Director of Carnival Corporation. He Chaired the Review of Government on "Ethnic Diversity in the Board Room" and recently completed "A Review of UK Naval Shipbuilding Strategy" for the MOD. He has now stepped down from Chairing the Advisory Board of Spencer Stuart and also as Chairman of the Pennon Group – his 6th FTSE 100 Board to Chair. In more



recent times, he was Chairman of Anglo American, Non-Executive Director of Airbus Group, Deputy Chairman of DP World-Dubai (Global Container Port Operator) and Chairman of National Grid. He Chaired the Court of the Bank of England and was President of the Royal Academy of Engineering.

Other companies he has served as CEO, Chairman or Non-Executive Director include Harland & Wolff; Austin & Pickersgill; British Shipbuilders Corporation; Babcock International Group; British Coal Corporation; GB Group; Lattice Group; Firth Rixon; GKN; Fred Olsen; Brambles; P&O Princess Cruises; RMC Group, P&O Group; Mondi and BVT.

His extensive voluntary work has included 10 years of Leading Young Offenders into Work, the RNLI Council, the White Ensign Association, a Member of the Prime Ministers Committee of Science & Technology (CST), a Member of the Davies Committee – Women on Boards, a Member of the Defence Academy Advisory Board, President of The Royal Institute of Naval Architects, Chancellor of University Southampton, Senior Non-Executive Director, Cabinet Office, President of the Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers, Vice President of The Royal Naval and Marines Charity, Prime Warden of The Worshipful Company of Shipwrights, Member of the Prime Ministers Business Council, an Elder Brother of Trinity House and a Visiting Fellow of University of Oxford.

He was knighted in 2001 (Knight Bachelor) for Services to the Defence and Shipbuilding Industries and was appointed GBE in 2012 for Services to Industry and the Voluntary Sector.