

(John) Martin Taylor – Curriculum Vitae

Born June 8th 1952 in Burnley, Lancashire

1961-1965 Malsis School , Keighley, Yorkshire

1965-1969 Eton College, Windsor

1970 teaching at Karachi Grammar School, Pakistan

1970-1974 Balliol College Oxford, reading Oriental Studies (Chinese)

1974-1978 Reuters Economic Services, in London, Paris (21 months) and Frankfurt (6 months).
Reported on economic, financial market and corporate affairs

1978-1982 Financial Times, London, reporting corporate and financial market affairs, head of Lex
1980-82

1982-1990 Courtaulds plc: 1982-3, head office; 1983-7, various positions in the company's UK
clothing business, from 1987 CEO of the textile and clothing division, pension fund trustee

1990-1993 Courtaulds Textiles plc (demerged from Courtaulds) – chief executive , 1993 chairman

1991- 1997 WHSmith plc, non-executive director.

1993-1998 Barclays plc – director, group chief executive from January 1994

1997-1998 chaired task force for Gordon Brown (Chancellor of the Exchequer) on work incentives –
tax credits and National Insurance. Report published 1998

1999 reported to Gordon Brown on issues concerned with tobacco smuggling, working with Customs
& Excise

1999-2005 International Advisor, Goldman Sachs. Chaired asset management business outside the
USA, chaired audit committee for Goldman Sachs International, board member of German subsidiary

1999-2003 WHSmith plc – chairman. Chaired the pension fund trust from 1999-2005

1999 – 2004 Antigenics Inc, New York, USA - director

1999-2006 Hon secretary-general, Bilderberg group

2000 - present non-executive director of RTL Group sa, Luxembourg. Since 2004 vice-chairman

2000-2013 director of Syngenta AG, Basel. 2004-5 vice-chairman, 2005-13 chairman

2001-2002 advised DWP on benefit reforms

2010-11 member of Independent Commission on Banking

2013 – present external member of Bank of England Financial Policy Committee

2015 – present director CiBO Technologies Inc, Cambridge MA, USA

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