

Press Release

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New Director General for the IoD

Miles Templeman, currently Executive Chairman of the hospitality group, Eldridge Pope, has today been confirmed as the next Director General of the Institute of Directors, succeeding George Cox whose five-year term as Director General expires at the end of August.

Mr Templeman has had a successful career in the private sector, holding several senior executive positions with FTSE listed companies.

Mr Templeman, said:

"I am delighted and honoured to have been given the opportunity of leading the Institute of Directors over the coming years. I relish the prospect of being able to publicly represent the hard working business community and look forward to building on the good work that has already been achieved at the IoD."

He brings to the IoD a wealth of experience of UK business and boardroom issues. He currently holds a number of non executive positions, sitting on the boards of the restaurant chain Yo Sushi: the Kent brewer, Shepherd Neame; and clothing firm, Ben Sherman.

Welcoming the appointment, IoD Chairman, Christopher Beale, said:

"We are delighted to have Miles Templeman on board. His appointment continues our policy of having the IoD led by someone with a strong track record in business and with considerable board experience. The IoD has been transformed in recent years and I can think of no one better to carry the organisation forward."

Miles Templeman is expected to take up the position on 1 October 2004.

Welcoming his successor into the role, current Director General, George Cox, said:

"I am very pleased to be handing on the baton to someone of Miles Templeman's calibre. I know if anyone can continue to champion the interests of business, he can. It has been a privilege to serve as IoD Director General and I wish Miles every success."

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Notes to editors

1. Miles Templeman's biographical details are attached.
2. Photographs of Mr Templeman are available in jpeg from the IoD Press
Office tel. 020 7451 3264
3. The IoD (Institute of Directors) was founded in 1903 and obtained a Royal Charter in 1906. The IoD is a non-party political organisation with upwards of 54,000 members in the United Kingdom. Membership includes directors from right across the business spectrum - from media to manufacturing, e-business to the public and voluntary sectors. Members include CEOs of large corporations as well as entrepreneurial directors of start-up companies.
4. The IoD offers a wide range of business services which include business centre facilities (including six regional centres), conferences, networking events, issues-led guides and literature as well as information services and free access to a comprehensive business library and enquiry service. The IoD places great emphasis on director development and has established a certified qualification for directors - Chartered Director - as well as running specific board-level and director-level training and individual career mentoring programmes.
5. In addition, the IoD provides an effective voice to represent the interests of its members to government and key opinion-formers at the highest levels. These include ministers, constituency MPs, Select Committee members and senior civil servants. IoD policies and views are actively promoted to the national, regional and trade media.
6. For further information, visit our website: www.iod.com