

Board of Directors



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01 The Right Hon. Ken Clarke
Deputy Chairman and independent senior non-executive Director, 62 was appointed to the Board in 1997 as Chairman, a position he held until September 2001. Ken is a Queen's Counsel and Member of Parliament and has served in the UK Government as Chancellor of the Exchequer and Health Secretary. Ken is Chairman of Savoy Asset Management and of British American Racing, Deputy Chairman of British American Tobacco and a non-executive Director of Foreign and Colonial Investment Trust and of Independent News and Media (UK).

02 Jeff Harris
Chairman, 54 was appointed to the Board in 1986. Jeff was appointed to his current role in September 2001, having previously been Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Finance Director and Chief Accountant. Before joining the Group in 1985, Jeff worked for two major auditing firms. Jeff is a Chartered Accountant and is a non-executive Director of Bunzl and of Andreae-Noris Zahn (ANZAG), a German company in which the Group has an interest.

03 Paolo Scaroni
Independent non-executive Director, 56 was appointed to the Board in December 2002. Paolo is Chief Executive of Enel, a non-executive Director of BAE Systems and a member of the board of the Business School at Columbia University in New York. Paolo was previously Chief Executive of Pilkington and has worked as a consultant and in industry since 1973.

04 Dr Neil Cross
Independent non-executive Director, 57 was appointed to the Board in 1997. Neil is Chairman of Close Technology and General VCT, a Non-Executive Director of Dawson Holdings, Taylor Nelson Sofrès, The Bayard Fund and British Maritime Technology and is Chairman of The Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufacturing and Commerce. Neil was previously an executive Director of 3i Group and is a Chartered Secretary.



05 Stefano Pessina
Chief Executive, 61

was appointed to the Board in 1997, when the Alliance Santé group became part of the Group. Stefano was appointed to his current role in September 2001, having previously been Executive Deputy Chairman.

The Alliance Santé group had pharmaceutical wholesaling interests in a number of European countries, having been established in Italy by Stefano in 1976. Before this, Stefano held a number of academic posts and worked as an independent business consultant. Stefano is an engineer by profession.

06 Patrick Ponsolle
independent non-executive Director, 58

was appointed to the Board in 1997. Patrick is Vice Chairman of Morgan Stanley International and Chairman of Morgan Stanley France. Patrick was previously executive Chairman of Eurotunnel.

07 Geoff Cooper
Deputy Chief Executive, 49

was appointed to the Board in 1994. Geoff was appointed to his current role in September 2001, having previously been Finance Director. Before joining the Group in 1994, Geoff worked in a range of industrial and commercial companies and as a management consultant. Geoff is a Chartered Management Accountant.

08 Ornella Barra
Director – Wholesale Southern Europe, 49

was appointed to the Board in 1997, when the Alliance Santé group became part of the Group. Ornella was appointed to her current role in September 2001, having previously been President of Alleanza Salute Italia, a company that acquired the distribution company founded by Ornella in 1984. She is a Pharmacist. Ornella will become Group Services Director upon the appointment of a Wholesale Director.

09 Claude Berreti
Non-executive Director, 68

was appointed to the Board in 1998. Claude had been Chief Executive and Chairman of Ile de France Pharmaceutique, a company acquired by the Alliance Santé group. Claude is a Chartered Accountant.

10 George Fairweather
Group Finance Director, 45

was appointed to the Board upon joining the Group in April 2002. Before this, George held similar positions with Elementis and Dawson International having worked in industry and for a major auditing firm. George is a Chartered Accountant.

11 Etienne Jornod
Non-executive Director, 50

was appointed to the Board in 2000. Etienne is Chairman and Managing Director of Galenica, an associate company. Etienne is a non-executive Director of Bon Appetit group and of Bonnard & Gardel Ingénieursconseils.

12 Steve Duncan
Retail Director, 52

was appointed to the Board in January 2003 having had overall responsibility for the retail division since September 2001. Steve was appointed Managing Director of Moss in May 2001, having been a director since 1991. Steve joined Moss in 1974 and is a Pharmacist.