

Stephen Murphy

Get Living London Ltd

Stephen Murphy has a strong financial and operational background having accumulated over 30 years' experience in senior management positions and executive director roles.

Stephen's extensive board experience in public and private companies in the USA, Europe and Australia, as well as the UK and industry experience in many sectors including transport, travel, financial services, leisure, media, telecommunications and healthcare bring an exciting opportunity to UKAA delegates with Stephen as a Keynote speaker.



Background

After completing his schooling and university degree in Liverpool, Stephen later qualified as a chartered management accountant.

Stephen's early career was in fast moving consumer goods (FMCG) and retail, this includes Executive Chairman of IPPowerhouse and senior management positions at Quaker Oats Limited, Burton Group plc, and Pedigree Petfoods Limited (Mars UK).



2019 Annual Conference, Exhibition & Dinner Speaker Profile

Stephen was Group CEO of Virgin Group from 2005-2011 having succeeded the Founder, Sir Richard Branson. Stephen joined the Virgin Group in 1994 with a remit from Richard Branson to rationalise and restructure the business following the sale of Virgin Music. In 2000 he briefly left the Group to become CEO of IP Powerhouse, but re-joined Virgin in 2001 to take responsibility for all of Virgin's aviation and rail interests.

Stephen oversaw the creation of many new Virgin businesses including Virgin Blue in Australia and Virgin America in the US. In total, Virgin has created more than 300 branded companies worldwide, employing 50,000 people in 30 countries. Global branded revenues for the Group in 2010 exceeded \$20 billion, and the company is valued at \$3.5bn.

Stephen has served as Chairman of Byron Hamburgers Limited, Wyevale Garden Centres and Jumeirah LLC, the UAE based hospitality group.

Stephen is also very experienced in regulated business models and has in depth experience in dealing with governmental functions and international regulatory authorities.

Stephen Murphy currently serves as Principal of his own advisory business, as well as sitting on several other boards including Chairman of The Learning Clinic, Chairman of Ovo Energy Limited, Chairman of London & Capital Ltd, Independent Director and Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee of The Business Growth Fund and Independent Director at Get Living London Ltd and as an adviser to Ashcombe Advisers.

Sources:

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