The Master Girdler



Julian Timothy James (Elected and installed on 25th July 2019)

Date of Birth: 1st April 1963

Home: Maida Vale, London and Cowes, Isle of

Wight

Family: Married to Moira. Two children –

Christopher and Dominic

Education: Haileybury College, Hertford

Cranfield School of Management (MBA)

London Business School (SEP)

Associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute

(ACII)

Career:

Julian started his career in the City of London in 1981 joining a firm of insurance brokers, Sedgwick (now part of Marsh). During his 16 year tenure with Sedgwick he worked mainly in London. However he worked for 5 years in Dallas and New York spearheading the development of a new company. Also he spent 12 months at Cranfield School of Management studying for a MBA. He graduated in 1991.

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After returning from the US, he joined Lloyd's of London in 1997 to assist with the efforts to rebuild the market after the crisis in early to mid 1990s. During his time at Lloyd's, he was responsible for all the commercial activities of the market outside of the UK. He travelled extensively representing Lloyd's and the City and had a significant involvement in developing a presence for Lloyd's in China and elsewhere in Asia.

In 2007 he left Lloyd's to join a firm of insurance brokers, Lockton, the largest privately owned insurance broker. He was appointed as the CEO of the business outside of the US responsible for the operations in over 11 countries around the world.

In 2013 he left to join Allied World Assurance, a global insurance company that was formed in Bermuda in 2001. He was responsible for the business outside of North America including the development and management of the Allied World business at Lloyd's. In 2019, Julian started a new role at Sompo International, a large Japanese Insurance Company. Currently, he is the CEO, International Insurance at Sompo International.

During his financial services career, he was elected President of the Chartered Insurance Institute for 2011 -2012. This entity is the professional body for the insurance sector and aims to set the standards of integrity, technical competence and business capability for the life and non life sector.

Also he served as a member of the Council of Lloyd's, the ruling body of the Lloyd's market, between 2016 and 2019. He remains involved in the governance of Lloyd's as he serves on one of the sub committees of the Council.

Interests:

Family, sailing, rugby (watching Wasps and England). He is a passionate sailor and has both raced and cruised in many different parts of the world. He has been a member of the Royal Ocean Racing Club since 1985 and is an enthusiastic member of the Royal Yacht Squadron and Lloyd's Yacht Club.