

Richard Balfour-Lynn

Richard Balfour-Lynn – aged 53, Chief Executive and one of the founding shareholders of Marylebone Warwick Balfour Group Plc, a fully listed public property company on the London Stock Exchange.

Apart from major mixed use urban developments, MWB Group is noted for its ownership of three independent companies of which Richard Balfour-Lynn is the Chairman of each.

The AIM listed retail group Liberty Plc, owners of the internationally renowned Liberty store in Central London and the widely acclaimed luxury goods brand 'Liberty of London'.

Malmaison and Hotel du Vin, the UK's leading boutique lifestyle hotel group. The group will comprise 27 hotels when current projects are completed.

Thirdly the UK's second largest serviced office provider – MWB Business Exchange with 55 centres across Britain. MWB Business Exchange was successfully floated on the Alternative Investment Market in December 2005.

Richard Balfour-Lynn is also Chairman and major shareholder of Alternative Hotel Group (AHG), a private company which, in partnership with Bank of Scotland, purchased in November 2005 Style Conferencing for £325m. This company is the UK's largest owner and operator of residential conference and training centres, comprising 30 venues. This has now been rebranded as Verve Venues

In September 2006 AHG acquired De Vere Hotels for £1.1bn comprising a portfolio of 18 five and four star UK hotels, 16 Village Hotels and leisure clubs, the Greens health and fitness club chain and the distiller and bottler G&J Greenall.

Richard's other private interests include a Non Executive directorship and major shareholding in English Wines Plc, the UK's leading wine producer. He has property development and corporate interests in South Africa, and is a shareholder in Vision, the UK's largest hotel asset management company with £4bn under management.

Richard is married with four children and has homes in Central London, Cap d'Antibes in the South of France and in Plettenberg Bay in South Africa. Additionally, in Kent he has a Manor House built in 1503 and farms 400 acres of predominately apple orchards and vineyards, producing and selling his own apple juice and pink sparkling wine under the brand name Balfour Brut Rosé

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