

Marshall of Cambridge appoints new Chairman Sir Michael Marshall to take up new role as President

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Marshall of Cambridge, the private company founded and headquartered in Cambridge has announced today that Sir Michael Marshall, in his 85th year, is to stand down as Chairman on 1st October 2016.

On that day, Sir Michael Marshall will step down from his positions as Chairman of the Board and as a Director of Marshall of Cambridge (Holdings) Ltd. He will take up a new position as President of the company, representing the Company and its subsidiaries at major events and on national and local panels.

The new Chairman from 1st October will be Alex Dorrian CBE, who is currently Deputy Chairman of the private company. Alex Dorrian has a wealth of experience in both the private and public sector including many years in the aerospace and defence sectors in the UK and overseas. He is also chairman of Thales UK.

Executive control of the business passed to the fourth generation in 2012 when Robert Marshall was appointed Group Chief Executive, the fourth generation of the Marshall family to run the Company.

Announcing the change, Sir Michael Marshall said: “After 61 years in the business including nearly 27 years as Chairman, the time has come for me to be less involved in the day-to-day operations of the company. I am especially proud that, despite the growth we have seen in all of our businesses, we are still a privately-owned company, that we’ve remained true to our core values and that we have continued to grow each of our businesses in a changing market”

Sir Michael added: “I am delighted to be taking up the new role of President, and I look forward to working with Robert and Alex to support them and the Company as and when required over the next few years.”

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Commenting on the announcement, Robert Marshall said: “We are all immensely proud of Sir Michael and all that he has done for the Company over more than 60 years, during which time he has transformed the business and is handing it over in a really strong position. Like everyone else here, we are delighted that he is going to continue to be part of the Company in his new role.”

Responding to the announcement, Alex Dorrian started by paying tribute to Sir Michael: “First, I would like to congratulate Sir Michael on the achievements of the Company under his leadership. He has overseen an enormous progression of the Company during his remarkable 61 years and I join at a time when the Company is poised for yet more exciting developments.”

Alex Dorrian then added: “I am hugely honoured to have been asked to become Chairman of Marshall of Cambridge. I have long admired the Company; there is something magical and seductive about Marshall and I am certain it will continue to flourish. I look forward to supporting Robert Marshall and his team as we continue to grow and develop the Company while maintaining its unique position as a privately owned business.”

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Notes to Editors

- *Marshall was founded by David Marshall on 1st October 1909. He was succeeded as chairman by his son, Sir Arthur Marshall who handed over to his son, Sir Michael Marshall at the end of 1989.*
- *Marshall of Cambridge started as a chauffeur business, which still exists today, before moving into garage services and then into the franchised dealership model in 1920, which is now Marshall Motor Holdings plc.*
- *Cambridge Airport was opened in 1929 and the business which is today known as Marshall Aerospace and Defence Group was founded on 1st October that year.*
- *Sir Michael Marshall joined the family firm in 1955 and became Managing Director of Marshall Motor Holdings in 1960, and Deputy Chairman of Marshall Aerospace and Defence Group in 1963.*

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- *Between 1960 and 1990, under Sir Michael's leadership, Marshall Motor Holdings achieved a 55-fold increase in sales and, in 1980, became one of the first businesses in the sector to introduce a computerised Tandem stock control system.*
- *Sir Michael Marshall became Chairman and Chief Executive of Marshall of Cambridge (Holdings) Ltd on 1st January 1990.*
- *Through Sir Michael's period as Chairman, the Company's annual turnover has increased ten-fold.*
- *Marshall Motor Group is now a Top 10 UK dealer group, with 73 dealerships in 17 counties across the country, representing 23 manufacturer brands.*
- *Marshall Aerospace and Defence Group is one of very few independent aerospace companies in the world, based at its own Cambridge Airport site but with major business operations in North Yorkshire, North Wales, Oxfordshire, as well as overseas in Canada, Australia, the Netherlands and Abu Dhabi.*
- *Sir Michael Marshall was educated at Ashbury College in Ottawa, St Faiths in Cambridge, Eton College and at Jesus College in Cambridge University where he gained a rowing blue and rowed for England. He obtained his private pilot's licence at the age of 17 and completed his national service in the Royal Air Force. He still maintains his pilot's licence and flies whenever the opportunity arises.*
- *Sir Michael Marshall was High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire in 1988/89 and has been a Deputy Lieutenant of the county since 1989. He was Vice Lord-Lieutenant from 1992 to 2007. He is President of Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust. He was Chairman and then President of the Air League, a member of the Air Cadet Council, Regional Chairman of the Air Cadet Organisation and Chairman of No.104 (City of Cambridge) Squadron of the Air Cadets. He is Honorary Air Commodore of 2623 Squadron of the Royal Auxilliary Air Force, and a member of the Cambridge City Deal Assembly. He is a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society, a Fellow of the Institute of the Motor Industry, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and an Honorary Vice-Patron of the Royal International Air Tattoo.*
- *Robert Marshall joined Marshall in 1994 having worked overseas and in the UK since graduating from Cambridge University with a degree in Engineering.*
- *Having worked initially as Projects Director in Marshall Aerospace, Robert Marshall was Chief Executive of Marshall Land Systems from 1999, before moving into the Holding company as Development Director and then Chief Operating Officer. He was appointed Group Chief Executive on 1st January 2012.*

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