

**December 2011**

**João Baptista, Mark Damazer CBE, Professor Edmund De Waal OBE, Theresa Sackler and Harold Tillman CBE appointed as Trustees of the Victoria & Albert Museum**

The Prime Minister has appointed João Baptista, Mark Damazer CBE, Professor Edmund De Waal OBE, Theresa Sackler and Harold Tillman CBE as Trustees of the Victoria and Albert Museum (V&A).

João Baptista, Professor Edmund De Waal OBE and Theresa Sackler have been appointed for four years from 28 November 2011 to 27 November 2015. Mark Damazer CBE has been appointed for three years from 28 November 2011 to 27 November 2014. Harold Tillman CBE has been appointed for two years from 28 November 2011 to 27 November 2013.

## **Biographical Notes**

### **João Baptista**

João Baptista has 30 years of international experience in IT, telecommunications, media and engineering, and has worked in most of the EU, the US, Brazil, China, Middle East and sub-Saharan Africa. João is currently CEO Northern and Central Europe, Chair of the Utilities Practice, and member of the Executive Committee at Logica plc. João joined Logica in 2008 from Portugal Telecom, where he was Board Director, Chairman and CEO of its international operations. Previously, João was Vice-President at Booz Allen Hamilton and, before that, Global Leader for Technology, Information, Communications and Entertainment at Marsh & McLennan Companies Inc., and Managing Director and Head of the Media and Telecommunications Practice at Mercer Management Consulting (renamed Oliver Wyman). João has an MBA from Stanford University, having previously graduated from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Mechanical Engineering, and Energy Management. João has written numerous articles and conference papers on the communications industry and co-authored the book *Grow to be Great*, focusing on growth strategies (Free Press).

### **Mark Damazer CBE**

Mark Damazer CBE is Master of St.Peter's College, Oxford. After studying history at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, he was a Harkness Fellow at Harvard and Congressional Fellow in Washington D.C. He worked as a trainee broadcast journalist for ITN, and then at the BBC World Service, TV-am and BBC News. His roles at the BBC included Editor of the Nine O'Clock News, Editor of Television News, Head of Current Affairs, Head of Political Programmes and Deputy Head of the News Division. He was Controller of Radio 4 and Radio 7 (now Radio 4 Extra) from 2004 to 2010. He was awarded the CBE for services to broadcasting in 2011. He was International Vice Chairman of the International Press Institute and is a former board member of Mental Health Media. He is a Fellow of the Radio Academy.

### **Edmund de Waal OBE**

Edmund de Waal is a potter and writer. He was apprenticed in Canterbury and read English at Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Edmund's porcelain is in the collections of over thirty international museums and he has had numerous solo exhibitions. He has also written extensively on art and design, and his recent memoir *The Hare with Amber Eyes* has won several prizes. Edmund is an Honorary Fellow of Trinity Hall and was appointed an OBE for services to art this summer.

### **Theresa Sackler**

Theresa Sackler was a primary school teacher for seven years. She married Dr Mortimer D Sackler, KBE (who died in 2010) with whom she had three children. Theresa serves on the boards of several family pharmaceutical companies and devotes much of her time to various philanthropic activities including serving as a Trustee for a number of institutions. She travels extensively overseas and has an active interest in education and the arts/cultural sectors. Having studied horticulture, she also has a passion for gardens, nature and the environment.

### **Harold Tillman CBE**

Harold Tillman CBE is a businessman with interests embracing fashion, retail, leisure and lifestyle in Britain and around the globe. He also has interests in the restaurant sector with his son. In 2003, Harold acquired the British fashion heritage brand Jaeger. In 2009 he added Aquascutum to his retail/fashion portfolio which also includes the Croydon based department store, Allders. Since February 2008, Harold has served as Chairman for the British Fashion Council, which is the fashion industry body responsible for London Fashion Week, the British Fashion Awards and numerous international and UK based schemes and activities aimed at raising the profile of British fashion design. He is an expert in Chinese/Anglo trade and has recently founded the China Britain Fashion Alliance to maximise opportunities for British designers in the region. Harold is committed to supporting and encouraging talent and believes this lies at the heart of business success. He has proved relentless in his support for the University of the Arts where he has been made an honorary fellow and for which he currently chairs the board of Alumni. In 2006, he bestowed a £1million MA scholarship fund upon the London College of Fashion. In June 2010, Harold was awarded a CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list for his services to the fashion industry.

## Notes to editors

The V&A's mission statement is 'To be the world's leading museum of art and design; enriching people's lives by promoting knowledge, understanding and enjoyment of the designed world.' The V&A is sponsored by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), and is a charity exempt from registration under the Charities Act of 1993. It operates at arm's length from the Government and is governed by a board of Trustees appointed by the Prime Minister.

Trustees of the V&A give their services on an honorary basis but reasonable expenses are reimbursed.

All appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in selection or reappointment processes. In accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for political activity in the United Kingdom in the past five years to be made public. No political activity has been declared.