

NATIONAL GALLERY – CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Prime Minister has reappointed Mark Getty as a Trustee of The National Gallery, for the four years commencing 11 August 2011. Mr Getty is also the Chairman of the Gallery's Board of Trustees.

Biographical details

Mark Getty is the co-founder and Chairman of Getty Images Inc, an international leader in digital imaging. He had previously worked with Kidder Peabody, a securities firm in New York, and Hambros Bank Ltd in London. He serves on the boards of several companies and is Chairman of Getty Investments LLC. He holds no other public appointments.

Notes to Editors

The National Gallery houses one of the greatest collections of European painting in the world. It contains paintings from the 13th to the early 20th centuries, representing all the major European schools of painting with examples of all the major artists' work. These pictures belong to the public and entrance to see them is free. Its trustees are not remunerated.

The appointment process has followed the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for political activity in the United Kingdom in the past five years (if any declared) to be made public. Mr Getty has declared no political activity.