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Peter is a graduate industrial scientist and was an AXA Université Telemaque in global financial risk management.

Combined with a short period as a professional sportsman, Peter has a career which spans 20 years in industry and commerce embracing the public transport, health-care and financial services sectors and throughout which his principal experience has been in commercial development, corporate and ownership restructuring.

Peter's first contact with the rail industry was in 1988 when he joined the **London Underground** as a member of the team appointed by Lord Tunncliffe to overhaul its safety and quality management practices and culture in the aftermath of the tragic fire at Kings Cross Station. At the invitation of Sir Bob Reid, Peter moved in 1996 to the **British Railways Board** where he took a role in the preparations for privatisation and the enabling of sale for some of the BR Board's business engineering and train operating businesses.

Peter left the industry immediately after the completion of its privatisation and joined the **Guardian Royal Exchange Group**, where he took a leading role in the development of its **PPP Healthcare** subsidiary and ultimately the sale of its combined insurance business interests to the global financial services group **AXA**, of which he became a member of the Group Executive based and residing in Paris.

For the past 8 years Peter has led **First Class Partnerships** a leading rail industry boutique consultancy business in which he has a shareholding and developed as an owning partner, **Renaissance Trains Ltd** which is a company formed for the purpose of investing in and promoting the establishment of privately financed railways. Peter was centrally involved in the successful promotion and commissioning of the **Wrexham and Shropshire Railway** of which he was initially a holding company Director.

Peter is an advisor to many international governments, banks, private finance and equity investment firms, transport operators and owning groups. He is widely regarded by them as an expert in the commercial development of rail operations, Public Private Partnerships and Private Finance Initiatives across the global rail transport and infrastructure industry.

Peter is Chairman of the **Borough Market Trust**, a registered charity which operates London's premier mixed food wholesale and retail market.

Peter is based in London and resides in Vienna.