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Reappointment of Tate Trustee

The Prime Minister has reappointed Franck Petitgas as a Tate Trustee, for the four years commencing 18 February 2012.

Biographical details

Franck Petitgas is the Global Co-Head of Investment Banking of Morgan Stanley, and a member of the company's Global Management Committee, and is based in London. He joined the company in 1993 in New York, having started his career in the City in 1986 with S. G. Warburg & Co. Ltd. He is an active supporter of the visual arts in the United Kingdom, and a passionate advocate of Latin American contemporary art. He has been a Trustee since February 2008, and was recently appointed Chairman of the Tate Foundation. He is also a Council Member of Artangel and of the Serpentine Gallery, and a Trustee of Chichester Harbour.

Notes to Editors

Tate's mission, laid down by the 1992 Museums and Galleries Act, is to increase public understanding and enjoyment of British art and International modern and contemporary art. Its responsibilities are safeguarding and enhancing its assets which are the collections, expertise in the collections and subject area, and the buildings. Tate seeks to spread the benefits of those assets by maximising access and developing value for visitors, satisfying stakeholders and through effective organisation and sound financial management. Entry to the collections is free. Tate Trustees are not remunerated, and devote approximately two days per month to the role.

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 Petitgas has declared no such political activity.