MARTIN HOUSTON





Board Experience

BOARD MEMBER, BG GROUP NED, BUPA ARABIA NED, CC ENERGY NED, ENERGY NORTH CHAIR, ENQUEST PLC INDEPENDENT NED, SEVERN TRENT VICE CHAIR, TELLURIAN INC

Overview

Martin Houston's experience across the energy sector spans 4 decades and over 40 countries. He is Co-Founder and Executive Chairman of Tellurian Inc, a global natural gas business and has a portfolio of Non-Executive Director roles in healthcare, exploration and production, and liquefied natural gas, plus senior advisory roles in energy banking, energy renewables and strategic consultancy. Whilst his executive career has been exclusively in the energy industry, he has held non-executive roles in companies quoted on the FTSE, Saudi Exchange, Nasdaq and NYSE America.

Approach

Martin draws on his executive experience to help individuals shape their own outcomes. His guiding stars are leadership, team selection and performance management. He encourages his clients to be honest with themselves about their career goals, as well as how they see their choices and actions delivering more holistic personal ambitions, which can often be overlooked. His philosophy is that careers and lives are marathons, not sprints, but are also finite.

Career History

Martin earned a BSc in geology from Newcastle University and an MSc in petroleum geology from Imperial College, London. He began his career as an offshore wellsite geologist in the South China Sea and rose from an entry level graduate to Chief Operating Officer and member of the Board of BG Group plc before retiring in 2014. He has been a member of numerous Boards over the last three decades and recently stepped down as Chair of EnQuest plc, a FTSE listed oil and gas company. He is also Vice Chair of Tellurian Inc, a company he co-founded in 2016. He is a Non-Executive Director of BUPA Arabia, a healthcare company based in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; Energean plc, a FTSE250 E&P company focused on developing resources in the Mediterranean; and CC Energy, a private oil and gas company. Martin is a Senior Advisory Partner and Chair of the Energy Group at Moelis & Company, a boutique investment bank, an Adviser to Radia, a unique wind company based in Boulder, Colorado, Energy North, a green ammonia company based in NT, Australia, and Detect Technologies, an AI company based in Bangalore, India. Martin is a Fellow of the Geological Society of London, is on the Advisory Board of both the Global Energy Policy unit at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs in New York and the International Advisory Board of Newcastle University. He is also an invited member of the National Petroleum Council of the United States.

Personal

Martin has been married to Jane for over 40 years, and they have two daughters and a grandchild on the way. He lives in the US but also spends time in the UK and Greece. He is an avid motorcyclist, a keen golfer and is in the final stages of producing, alongside composer Nishat Khan, a vibrant new operatic work entitled "Taj Mahal – India's Greatest Love Story".