

Sir Michael Hintze AM

An honorary award of a Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) was conferred upon Sir Michael Hintze AM by the Chancellor, Ms Belinda Hutchinson AM, at a University of Sydney Law School graduation at 2.00pm on 8 November 2019.

Citation

Chancellor, it gives me great pleasure to present Sir Michael Hintze AM to you for admission to the degree of Doctor of Engineering (honoris causa) in recognition of his outstanding global contributions to engineering and business.

Sir Michael has a Bachelor of Science in Physics and Pure Mathematics and a Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering from the University of Sydney. He also holds a Master of Science in Acoustics from the University of New South Wales and a Master of Business from Harvard Business School and an Honorary Doctorate of Business from the University of New South Wales. In 2009, he was presented with the University of Sydney International Alumni Award for International Achievement.

Following his graduation, Sir Michael served in the Australian Regular Army for three years, rising to the rank of Captain in the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. He worked as an electrical design engineer in Australia before moving to New York where he was employed as a fixed income trader at Salomon Brothers. He then held a number of senior roles at Credit Suisse First Boston before relocating to London and joining Goldman Sachs, where he became co-head of the UK Shares Product.

Sir Michael founded the CQS asset management firm in 1999 and currently sits on the board of directors as the Group Executive Chairman and Senior Investment Officer. CQS is one of Europe's leading credit-focused multi-strategy asset management firms. It has received a number of Best Hedge Fund awards from the financial sector and was included in Barron's lists of the Best 100 Hedge Funds in 2012, 2013 and 2015.

As a result of his expertise in global financial markets, Sir Michael has been invited to sit on a number of boards and government panels. He was appointed by the Australian Treasury in 2014 to serve on the International Advisory Panel to support the Australian government's Financial Systems Inquiry which focuses on a range of issues impacting Australia's economy. In the same year he was called by Pope Francis to serve as a member on the board of the Vatican Bank. Sir Michael is a member of the Market Practitioners' Panel of the United Kingdom's Fair and Effective Markets Review which is a joint review by the Bank of England, the Treasury and the Financial Conduct Authority focused on raising standards of conduct in wholesale financial markets. He is also currently an adviser to the Prince's Council of the Duchy of Cornwall.

In 2005, together with his wife Dorothy, Sir Michael established the Hintze Family Charitable Foundation which has made significant philanthropic contributions to over 200 causes, particularly in the areas of education, health, the armed services, culture and the arts. He supported a redevelopment program at the Natural History Museum and sponsored two major galleries at the Victoria and Albert Museum. He is on the International Council of the Victoria and Albert Museum and is a Patron of the Arts of the Vatican Museums.

Sir Michael and Lady Hintze received the Prince of Wales Medal for Arts Philanthropy in November 2009 in recognition of their substantial support of the arts, and Michael's knighthood was announced in the 2013 Queen's Birthday Honours for services to the arts. He was appointed Senior Vice Patron of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity in acknowledgement of his long-term commitment to the organisation which has included the provision of funding to support serving personnel and their families. In 2017 he was named on the Debrett's 500 List, a list of Britain's most influential philanthropists. In addition, he received his first Papal knighthood in 2005, was named as the UK Australian of the Year in 2008 and was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 2013.

During his time at the University of Sydney, Sir Michael was an undergraduate at St John's College. He was named Patron of the College's 150th Anniversary Capital Appeal, and in 2010 the Michael Hintze residential wing of St John's College was opened. His generosity to the University also enabled the establishment of the Centre for International Security Studies along with the Michael Hintze Chair to produce innovative research and education programs on the enduring and emerging security challenges facing Australia, the Asia-Pacific and the world. He is a member of the INSPIRED campaign board, a significant support of the Macleay Museum and has long been a supporter of the University of Sydney United Kingdom Alumni Association having been Chair and Trustee of the University of Sydney Trust based in the UK.

He has made a major donation to the Charles Perkins Centre, a multidisciplinary centre for cardiovascular disease, obesity and diabetes. The Michael Hintze Incubator and Innovation Fund at the Charles Perkins Centre was designed to support the use of engineering principles in inventive multidisciplinary research practice, the development of commercial collaborations, and solutions to influence individual and population health. It recognises that by investing in research and development, organisations can increase their impact, competitiveness and productivity, alongside achieving real change. These include, an Innovation and Commercialisation System, stem cell therapy for pain management, a nutrition monitoring app based on novel integrative precision nutrition research, as well as Elastagen - a clinical stage biotechnology company that was sold to Allergan (a major pharmaceutical company) for over \$100 million in February 2018.

Sir Michael is one of the world's most successful investors and hedge fund managers in addition to being a distinguished philanthropist, with his contributions to society recognised globally.

Chancellor, I present Sir Michael Hintze AM for admission to the degree of Doctor of Engineering (honoris causa), and I invite you to confer the degree upon him.