



## Michael Kapur OBE



Mike Kapur is a leading Leicestershire businessman who takes a keen and active role in developing and promoting the City and County he made his home 28 years ago. He has 20 successful years of Board Room experience in both private and public sector organisations recognised in his appointment in 2013 to one of the Confederation of British Industry's (CBI) most important National roles as Head of its Enterprise Forum.

Mike started his career in 1985 at KPMG as the senior manager responsible for audit and business advisory services to Owner Managed Businesses. In May 1993, he was "East Midlands Young Project Manager of the Year". He then became the Director of Entrepreneurial Service at Ernst & Young, and in July 1997, he was seconded to Ernst & Young International in Cleveland (USA). Two years later, he moved to Parker Plant Limited, as Group Finance Director, where he devised and implemented innovative performance measures, generating cost reductions, increase in capacity and a strong positive cash flow. In 2002 Mike founded Signum Corporate Communications Ltd where he retains responsibility for ensuring that all aspects of company strategy are implemented and performance managed.

In 1995 he was appointed a non-executive director at Leicester Royal Infirmary and following its merger in 2000 with two other large hospitals he was retained as Deputy Chairman of University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust, then the third largest trust in the UK.

Mike Kapur joined the Board of Governors of De Montfort University in May 2009. He is Chair of the university's Audit Committee, was appointed as Deputy Chair of the Board of Governors in February 2012 and is a Pro Chancellor of the University, participating in key ceremonial events throughout the academic year

Mike is Chairman of the National Space Centre where he has instilled a strong sense of world class standards and a focus on the long term. This has resulted in record year on year growth in visitor numbers, income, surpluses, re-investment and job growth.

His qualities as a businessman and business leader were recognised by the CBI resulting in his elevation to Chair of its Enterprise Forum in 2013. A position from which he leads the CBI's policy work in respect of SME's and acts as the National figurehead for SME members and their issues including interfacing with Government and the European Commission their behalf.

In 2014 Mike was named Non-Executive Director of the Year at the Leicestershire Business Awards.