



PROFESSOR CAV. SIMON MORDANT AO

Simon specialises in advising local and multinational companies and Government on their capital markets strategy and merger and acquisitions.

Simon has been a practising corporate adviser in Australia since 1984 and is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Simon is Executive Co Chairman and founder of Luminis Partners in affiliation with Evercore. He previously co-founded Caliburn Partnership which was sold to Greenhill in 2010 and prior to that was Head of Corporate Finance at BZW Australia and ABN AMRO.

Simon is a passionate collector of contemporary art with a long history of benefaction to the Arts. In 2007 he was appointed Chairman of the Museum of Contemporary Art Foundation which was re-established to raise funds for the \$53 million capital campaign for its redevelopment. For 10 years until 2020 Simon was Chairman of the Board of the MCA Australia and was then appointed the Inaugural International Ambassador.

Simon chairs the NSW Visual Arts Board, is the Vice Chair of MOMA PS1 in New York, a Trustee of the American Academy in Rome, a Trustee on the Council of Marlborough College (UK), a member of the International Council of The Museum of Modern Art in New York, a member of the Executive Committee of the Tate International Council, Inaugural International Ambassador for the Gallerie dell'Accademia Museum in Venice, a director of the Garvan Research Foundation, a member of the British Council Italy Cultural Advisory Board, a member of the Advisory Board of Venetian Heritage in Italy, Chair of Lend Lease's Art Advisory Panel for Barangaroo, a member of The Centre for Independent Studies Board, a member of The Ethics Centre Board and a Sydney Committee member of Human Rights Watch. He was Australian Commissioner for the 2013 & 2015 Venice Biennale, a director of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation 2012-2017, Deputy President of Takeover Panel 2000-2010 and past board member of Opera Australia, Sydney Theatre Company, Bundanon Trust, Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) Los Angeles and Wharton Executive Board for Asia.

In 2020, Simon was knighted in Italy and awarded the Order of the Star of Italy (Cavaliere dell' Ordine della Stella d'Italia) and was awarded an AO being made an Officer in the General Division of the order of Australia for *Distinguished service to the visual arts at a national and international level, to emerging artists, and to philanthropy.*

Also in 2020, Simon was appointed Enterprise Professor at the University of Melbourne's Centre of Visual Arts and as an Adjunct Professor at Universita Cattolica in Milan and Rome for their International Program in Cultural Diplomacy and Masters Program in Cultural Diplomacy: Arts and Digital Media for International Relations and Global Communication.

In 2012, Simon was awarded an AM being made a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia for *Services to the Arts and to the cultural environment of Australia through philanthropic and executive roles, and to the community.*

In 2010 Simon and his wife Catriona were awarded the *Australia Business Arts Foundation's Goldman Sachs Philanthropy Leadership Award.*