

Alderman & Sheriff Bronek Masojada

Bronek was born and brought up in Durban, South Africa. He was a pupil at Durban High School, before taking a degree in Civil Engineering at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. Thanks to a Rhodes Scholarship, he studied at Trinity College, Oxford, receiving a M.Phil. in Management Studies.

After university he joined McKinsey & Company, the management consultants, working in Sydney, London and Tokyo. He joined the Hiscox Group in 1993 as Managing Director. At the time Hiscox employed 200 people, had revenues of £400m and operated from a single office in London. It was valued at £25 million. At the time the Lloyd's market was in a state of turmoil. Hiscox raised external capital to begin the evolution from a management company to a fully-fledged specialist insurer.

At the end of 2021, when Bronek stepped down from Hiscox having served as Chief Executive for 21 years, Hiscox employed over 3,500 people and had revenues of almost £4 billion and a market value of circa £3.5 billion and had reached the FTSE 100. It operated from 35 offices in the United States, Bermuda, the United Kingdom, Guernsey, Europe and Asia.

During his time at Hiscox Bronek served in numerous industry roles, including as Deputy Chair of Lloyd's, the board of the Association of British Insurers and Pool Re. He also served as Chair of Placing Platform Ltd, a market utility which has led the digitisation of the London Insurance Market.

Bronek is now Chair of the East End Community Foundation, a grant-maker and philanthropy advisor dedicated to improving lives in the East End boroughs of Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets and City of London. He is also Chair of SiriusPoint, a global specialist insurer and Saltus, a financial advisory business. He serves as director of Brown & Brown Inc, an insurance broker and advises and mentors several fintech leaders.

Elected as Alderman of Billingsgate in 2019, he has served on the Planning & Transportation Committee and the Children & Community Services Committee and is currently a member of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries and the Epping Forrester and Commons committees. He has put his industry knowledge to work on the Fraud and Cyber Crime Committee and more recently the Audit and Risk Committee. He has learnt about some of the City's social challenges serving on the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Sub-Committee.

Bronek is a liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Insurers and served as Master Insurer in 2014. He is a Craft Owning Freeman of the Company of Waterman's and Lighterman's and is a liveryman of the Distillers. During the time that he served on the Court of the Insurers, together with others, he worked to create an insurance NED forum (iNED), an insurance woman's network (iWIN), to update the livery's governance and gain a Royal Charter. These initiatives re-connected the livery to the sector, so it now plays an expansive role in the industry and society.

Jane, his wife, is a successful figurative and portrait artist. She is a freeman of the Feltmakers Company and an Honorary Freeman of the Painter Stainers. They have five children; Adam who works in digital insurance; Michaela, a General Practitioner; Lara, a project manager in advertising; Dominik, an investment banker and Marek, who has just graduated with a degree in History and Film, Radio and Television. Their daughter in law, Rosanna, is a vet and son in law, Jack, is involved in med-tech. They have three granddaughters, Isla, Kiera and Maeve.

Bronek and Jane have lived on the North Downs in Woldingham since 1994. His hobbies include mountain biking, kitesurfing and bee keeping. Jane is a keen equestrian, often seen riding with their two dogs, Otto and Tula.