

Paul Traynor

Biography

Paul spent 15 years with 3i Group plc, becoming a Managing Director within the UK investment business and a member of the UK Management Committee. A graduate of Oxford University Paul spent 2 years with British Aerospace prior to joining 3i.

Paul was one of 3i's most successful investors, personally responsible for investments such as Teesside Holdings (privatisation of the Tees & Hartlepool Port Authority), Zotefoams (manufacture of specialist foams), Prontaprint (PTP of Continuous Stationery plc), Nottingham Group (educational supplier) and Denby Pottery.

From August 1996 Paul was appointed to manage 3i's operations in the Midlands region consisting of 26 investment executives. This team managed net assets of £700m, (comprising around 550 individual investments) and generated annual profits of £85m.

Since leaving 3i in October 2000 Paul has worked extensively with private companies, often in turnaround situations:

- Chairman of Avanza: Sweden's leading online stockbroker;
- Director and Chief Investment Officer of Sussex Place Investment Management, the incubator unit of the London Business School responsible for £28m of investment funds;
- Martin Currie Investment Management: advised this fund management group (FUM:£7bn) on the creation of a private equity division;
- Non executive director of and investor in Achyra Technologies: a pre-revenue business developing an innovative concept in mass spectrometry;
- Chairman of MyCoffee Limited: operator of self-serve coffee bars in retail locations;
- Chairman of Fud Holdings: a wholesaler of specialist, quality foods to the UK foodservice market;
- Non executive director of Cellexus Biosystems plc: a pre-revenue company (listed on PLUS) making disposable bioreactors for the pharmaceutical industry;

Paul holds a British Psychological Society Certificate of Competence in occupational testing (Level A and Level B Intermediate) and is a CEDR accredited mediator.