



LONDON BUSINESS SCHOOL APPOINTS ROBIN BUCHANAN AS DEAN

(London, 7 November 2006): London Business School is delighted to announce that Robin Buchanan is to be its new Dean. Buchanan is currently the Senior Partner in the UK of Bain & Company Inc., the global business consultancy. He will bring to the School over 30 years' experience of providing advice on strategy, organisation, operations and acquisitions to international business clients. Buchanan was elected Managing Partner of Bain in the UK in 1990, and became Senior Partner in 1996.

Buchanan will be the seventh Dean in the School's 42-year history. He succeeds Laura Tyson who will be returning to the University of California at Berkeley as Professor of Business Administration and Economics at the Haas School of Business.

The Chairman of London Business School's Governing Body, Sir John Ritblat commented: "We are fortunate to have attracted someone of Robin Buchanan's calibre, and are delighted that he has agreed to join us. Whilst London Business School is indeed well-placed on the global stage, the commercial perspective that Robin will bring to bear will be invaluable at this point in the School's life. He is recognised by cutting-edge businesses for his thought-leadership around corporate strategy and board effectiveness. His leadership style is results driven, client-focussed, high-energy and team-orientated.

I know he is looking forward to building on our efforts to recruit the best faculty, deliver the finest degree and executive programmes and strengthen the School's financial firepower to achieve its aims. His record in the commercial world, in particular his skills in nurturing relationships with a wide range of stakeholders, will ensure that the School becomes even more powerful at meeting the needs of both students and businesses."

Buchanan said of his appointment: "London Business School is an outstanding asset, not only to this city and this country, but also to businesses around the globe. They look to London Business School to produce leaders with the knowledge, skills and attributes to propel them to success.

London Business School has built an extraordinary reputation, standing for the very best in business education. It attracts the finest faculty and students from all over the world. Working alongside many of its highly intelligent, creative, ambitious graduates, I have been hugely

impressed with the quality of London Business School alumni. I am privileged to have been asked to take on this role.

London Business School is determined to be the pre-eminent global business school providing students and businesses with the capabilities to succeed in an increasingly competitive marketplace. That requirement also demands that the School continues to produce rigorous and innovative research that is of essential value to executives and their businesses. My priority will be to ensure that London Business School delivers on those promises.”

Outgoing Dean, Laura Tyson added: “I am proud of what we have achieved at London Business School over the past five years. We have established a very firm foundation for future growth. I am delighted that Robin has been chosen as my successor. He has the talent and experience required to take the School to the next level. I wish him, and the entire School community, a brilliant future.”

Buchanan will commence his appointment no later than 1 July 2007.

Following Laura Tyson’s departure in December 2006, Professor Sir Andrew Likierman will assume the position of Acting Dean. Sir Andrew is Professor of Management Practice in Accounting. His previous roles have included Managing Director, Government Financial Management Directorate and Head of the Government Accountancy Service, HM Treasury. Sir Andrew has recently been serving on the UN Governance Review Committee. He will start in his interim role on 1 January 2007 until he hands over to Buchanan.

Notes for Editors

London Business School’s Vision is to be the pre-eminent global business school, nurturing talent and advancing knowledge in a multi-national, multicultural environment. Founded in 1965, the School graduated over 800 MBAs, Executive MBAs, Masters in Finance, Sloan Fellows and PhDs from over 70 countries last year. The School’s executive education department serves over 6,000 executives on its programmes every year. London Business School is based in the most accessible and international city in the world and is one of only two UK business schools to have twice been awarded the highest [research rating of five-star \(5*\)](#), by the [Higher Education Funding Council for England \(HEFCE\)](#), confirming the School as a centre of world-class research in business and management. www.london.edu

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Attached to this press release:

Short biography of Robin Buchanan
Digital photograph of Robin Buchanan



Robin Buchanan joined Bain & Company, the global business consultancy, in 1982. He was elected as Managing Partner of the UK business in 1990. He became the Senior Partner in the UK in 1996. During that period he was elected as a member of its Management Committee, Compensation Committee and chairman of its Nominating Committee to the Board of Directors. He has headed its worldwide Acquisitions & Alliances practice and the London Organisational Enhancement and Change Management practice. He has spoken at numerous conferences, mostly on strategy, customer management, acquisitions and the management of change. He has written or been quoted in over 80 articles frequently on the role of the Board, customer management and acquisitions & alliances.

From 1979-82 Mr Buchanan worked for American Express International Banking Corporation and prior to that worked with accounting firm Mann Judd Landau (now Deloitte & Touche).

He is a director of Liberty International Holdings (1997 to date) where he chairs the Remuneration Committee and sits on the Audit and Nominations Committees. Since 2003 he has been a director of Shire plc and sits on its Remuneration Committee. He sits on the Professional Standards Advisory Board of the Institute of Directors and is a member of the Trilateral Commission.

Mr Buchanan was awarded a Masters of Business Administration with High Distinction (Baker Scholar) from Harvard Business School. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England & Wales.