

SIR PETER BONFIELD

Major Career Roles

Founding Chair, NXP Semiconductors NV
CEO, BT plc
Chair/CEO, ICL plc
Independent Director and Audit Committee Chair, TSMC
Independent Director, Sony Group Corp.
Senior Independent Director, AstraZeneca plc
Independent Director, Ericsson

Sir Peter Bonfield currently serves as a Non Executive Director of Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC), a role he has held since 2002. He previously served on the board of Mentor Graphics Corp, providing strategic counsel to two of the world's leading semiconductor technology firms.

He was the founding Chair of NXP Semiconductors plc (2006-2023), guiding the Dutch–U.S. spin out from Philips to become a global leader in automotive, secure, and semiconductor technologies. His 17-year tenure steered NXP through transformative acquisitions and market positioning.

Before that, Sir Peter led major technology firms as CEO of BT Group (1996-2002), during which he navigated the company through deregulation and the internet era, and as CEO of ICL plc (1981-1995), guiding the British mainframe and computing business through a complex period of restructuring.

A foundation in engineering fuels his insight: his early work at Texas Instruments (1966–1981) encompassed semiconductor process innovation, securing patents, and laid the groundwork for his enduring passion for innovation and operational excellence.

Other Career Highlights

Chair, GlobalLogic Inc.
Advisory Board member, Mentor Graphics
Advisory Board member, Citibank International Ltd
Chair of Council and Senior Pro Chancellor, Loughborough University
Non-Executive Director, Darktrace plc
Member, EU-Japan Business Round Table
Member, European Round Table Steering Group
Deputy Chair, Fujitsu Services
Deputy CEO, Standard Telephones & Cables Ltd
Independent Non-Executive Director, UK Ministry of Justice and UK Department for Constitutional Affairs
Director, BICC plc

He brings deep cross-sector expertise in:

• Semiconductors & electronics engineering – strategic oversight in chip design, manufacturing, and secure systems

• Corporate governance & board stewardship – chairing and advising global tech companies during phases of scale, spin outs, and transformation

• Digital infrastructure & telecommunications strategy – leading ICL's keyframe product strategy and BT's shift to open market competition

• M&A & structural resilience – steering major rights issues, carve outs and international deals with institutional discipline

A Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering and recipient of a knighthood (1996) and CBE (1988), Sir Peter has earned 11 honorary doctorates and awards, including the FT's Outstanding Director accolade in 2019. His board and advisory roles span leading institutions, including Imagination Technologies, and Loughborough University. A former engineer and inventor, he remains deeply committed to helping leaders remain relevant amid rapidly evolving technology landscapes.