

DR GERRY MURPHY

Major Career Roles

Chair, Tesco plc
Chair, Burberry Group plc
Chair, Tate & Lyle plc
Senior Managing Director, Blackstone Private Equity and Chair, Blackstone Europe
CEO, Kingfisher plc
CEO, Carlton Communications (now ITV plc)
CEO, Exel plc

Other Career Highlights

Non-Executive Director, British American Tobacco plc
Non-Executive Director, Reckitt Benckiser plc
Non-Executive Director, Merlin Entertainments plc

Dr Gerry Murphy is Chair of Tesco plc, one of the UK's most prominent listed companies, and Senior Adviser at Perella Weinberg Partners, a global independent financial advisory firm. Previously, he was Chair of Burberry plc from 2018–2026 and Chair of Tate & Lyle plc from 2017–2023.

Gerry was a Senior Managing Director (Partner) in Blackstone's private equity unit, where he guided the firm's investments and governance across a diverse portfolio of international companies, and was Chair of Blackstone in Europe until 2019. Earlier in his career, he served as CEO of Kingfisher plc, Carlton Communications plc (now ITV plc), Exel plc and Greencore Group plc, developing a reputation for operational transformation, strategic repositioning and shareholder value creation.

He was a Non-Executive Director of British American Tobacco plc, Reckitt Benckiser plc, Abbey National plc, Merlin Entertainments plc, Novar plc, Intertrust NV, Hornbach Holding AG, United Biscuits Limited and Michaels Stores Inc.

Gerry began his career in Ireland, the UK and the USA with Grand Metropolitan plc (now Diageo plc).

He brings deep cross-sector expertise in:

• Retail, consumer & brand leadership – stewarding iconic global businesses and driving growth through innovation, customer insight, and disciplined capital allocation.
• Private equity & governance – overseeing investment strategy, value creation, and portfolio management as a senior leader within Blackstone.
• Global corporate leadership – shaping strategy and performance across listed companies in multiple industries, from FMCG to logistics and media.

Gerry has a BSc and PhD in food technology from University College Cork, and an MBS in marketing from University College Dublin (now UCD Smurfit Graduate Business School).

He is recognised for his strategic clarity, governance expertise, and ability to guide complex organisations through change while building sustainable long-term value.