
Byline Times provides a profile of twenty of Nigel “Man of the People” Farage’s candidates for this week’s Euro Elections, and they look very much like the elites he rails against.

The Brexit Party candidates for the Euro Elections reveal a common thread of a moneyminded elite, big business and finance.

Out of these 20 profiled candidates, 18 are company directors, 8 are bankers, 5 work in derivatives and hedge funds, making them among a metapopulation and business elite which the Brexit Party rhetoric repeatedly condemns.

Many of these candidates are involved in hedge funds or derivatives, sectors of the financial industry were the core of who profited from the Brexit turmoil, by helping its financial collapse and downturns in British firms. These organisations are known to oppose EU attempts to regulate the hedge fund industry.

Two of the candidates are directors of Leave Means Leave, the organisation promoting a hard Brexit. Another is a director of the Leave group Business for Britain which received donations from Ayden Berb and former Leave EU Director of Brexit. Others have links to Far Right groups which are already financing campaigns, such as the American right-wing youth group, Turning Point, the political populists, and UK organisations such as the Tax Payers’ Alliance.

You can download a PDF of this candidate here. Byline Times will be updating this comprehensive guide to the Brexit Party’s campaign and would, as ever, welcome any additional or corrections.

Connections to Leave Campaign and Associated groups

John Longworth, 61, standing in Yorkshire and Humber.

Longworth is a director with Richard Tice of the hard Brexit Leave Means Leave campaign. He was a director of the Vote Leave Business Council. He is a business consultant, and was director-general of the British Chambers of Commerce from September 2011 until March 2016, when he left due to a difference of opinion over Brexit. He was until 2016/17 a director of soft-drink manufacturer Nichols plc and the UK-Japan Business Council.

Richard James Scudder Tice, 64, standing in East of England.

Together with Ayden Berb, Tice is one of the founders of Leave.eu, which has been fined by the Electoral Commission with regard to illegalities in the 2016 Repeal the Act campaign. He is co-director with John Longworth, a candidate in Yorkshire and Humber, of the hard-Brexit backing Leave Means Leave group. In May 2019, he was appointed to the board of the Brexit Party.

Tice is chief executive of Mayfair-based asset management group Quidnet Capital Partners LLC, which has around £250 million of property under management. Prior to joining Quidnet he was CEO of real estate group CIS Holdings, a multi-national gateway investment group with over £1 billion of assets. Whilst at that role, he led the planning application for two 30-storey residential towers in Vauxhall. He is said to be friendly with Leave-supporting Vauxhall MP Kate Hoey; he set up a £100 million investment fund for commercial property outside London. According to the Bad Boys of Brexit...
website, some of his property developments have attracted controversy. He has made his money over 30 years in the international property business and was previously chief executive of Sunley Group, a privately held property development company. He is the grandson of the property developer Bernard Sunley.

Roger Lane Nett, 74, standing in the South West.

Lane Nett is a director of Veterans for Britain which strongly advocates leaving the EU. Veterans for Britain received funding from Arron Banks and from Leave.EU. He was previously a Royal Navy Rear Admiral. Since retiring from the Navy, he has worked for Formula 1 motorsport and served as chief executive of The Industry Technology Facilitator (previously known as Centre for Marine and Petroleum Technology). According to his LinkedIn profile, he works for the Agricultural Engineers Association, a trade group which serves the interests of, among others, tractor manufacturers. Company House records show that he has been a director of two other trade bodies, the Association Of Manufacturers Of Power Generating Systems and the Milkking Equipment Association Limited. He resigned from all of these in 2014.

George Thomas Stadil Farmer, 29, standing in the South East.

Farmer is Head of Turning Point UK, a Fair Right Foods student pressure group originally founded in the UK. He is engaged in Catapult Ovens, a communications director of the UK Turning Point. He is a commodities trader & co-director with his father of Red kite Capital Management LLP – $2.3 billion hedge fund trading in metals and its control 8% of the copper market, traded on the Lousiana Metals Exchange. An Oxford, he was a member of the Ballingdon club. His father is Lord Michael Farmer, known as Lord Copper, former Tory Treasurer and donor.

James Bartholomew, 60, standing in the South East.

Bartholomew is an independent company, the Management of Community TV, and in 2013 he co-founded Clapham Wesley (Tax Payers’ Alliance), Roger Scorton, Daniel Hanson (Conservative MEP in Brussels), and Thomas Borrisk (former chief technology officer for Vote Leave, previously of Cambridge Analytica).


Heaver is co-director of Bluestar, the LeaveLiz website funded by Arron Banks, that publishes material from American alt-right. The other director is Liz Blayney, a director of Leave.eu.

A Monekyed Elite

Robert Andrew Rowland. 55, standing in the South East.

Rowland is a hedge fund manager, who previously worked at Odey Asset Management, the firm of Bensley-Sonker Cofin Odey (who give £900,000 to the Leave campaign and have made over £200 million betting on the devaluation of the pound). Rowland is Director of Bowland Capital he is set to launch a new hedge fund soon, according to Hodgmon. Mr Rowland’s American wife runs a Chelsea celebrity hair salon. He is also a director of Digiem Fitness and Tickets for Troops (Samantha Cameron is a patron).

Matthew Peter Taylor, 56, standing in the South East.

Taylor is a private equity specialist with 32 years in investment banking. He is Managing Partner, Rockpool Investments LLP (Nicol
Paul Joseph Hean, 61, standing in the East of England.

He is former banker. He has held directorships with Münch International plc, a Japanese firm which provides corporate investment banking services, in the UK, including derivatives trading. He has also been a director of Streamline Credit Americas Ltd. He has previously been a director of the International Primary Market Association (MPH), which was the trade association for international investment banks in their capacity as underwriters and managers of debt and equity – now merged into the International Capital Market Association (ICMA). He is currently named as a director of ABF The Soldiers' Charity.

Rupert James Graham Lowe, 62, standing in West Midlands.

Lowe had a long career in banking and financial services. His Bloomberg profile states that he has worked for a number of international banking organisations. He was managing director at DEMG Pictures and Optomet Ltd, a subsidiary of Deutsche Bank. According to Companies House records, he is a director of the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange (LIFFE) Administration and Management, and a slew of other companies.

He has recently been appointed to the board of Proteus Partners International, a company developing advanced cancer therapies. He is former Chair of Southampton Football Club and has been a director of both the Football Association and Wembley Stadium. He owns a farm in Gloucestershire. Rupert Lowe, together with Robert Rowland, a director of Digne Investors (MHI), Rupert Lowe stood for election as the Conservative Party candidate for Coventry to the House of Commons in the 1997 general election. He is reported as having taken an active role in the 2016 Vote Leave campaign.

Graham Barry Store, 63, standing in London.

Store is a company finance and private equity specialist. He is a director of Store Capital, and a director of various Dutch Venture Capital Trusts. He is also a director of a string of other companies, including St. Peter Port Capital, an AIM quoted fund. He was previously a remuneration partner of Teneo Ross (now Deloitte LLP). According to the Companies House website, the net worth of all the businesses of which he is a director totals £52.8 million.

Simon Joel Solomon Marcus, standing in London

Marcus describes himself as a private investor, stock trader and political commentator. He describes his political views as centre-right. He was a founder of The Bonding Academy and has previously been a Conservative councillor in Cumbernauld. He ran as a Conservative Parliamentary candidate for Hampstead and Kilburn in 2015.

Mehmet Ulucan, 60, standing in London.

A multi-faceted corporate finance and management consultant. He helps companies to list on the AIM and is interested in blockchain technologies. He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investment (CISI). He is a director of a handful of small companies, including the Cancer Holistic and Research Trust, which owns as a fellow director Fethullah Gulen, ex-wife of colourful property tycoon, Robert Théorapou.

John Pugh standing in Yorkshire and Humber.

Pugh has 35 years experience in the capital markets and is an expert witness in complex capital markets lawsuits. He is an expert commentator on derivatives trading including on exchange operations and takeovers, as here, where he was a speaker at a specialist industry conference and in this article in the...
Financial Times. He stood as a candidate in the 1997 UK General Election. He twinned as @jakeknight.

Belinda De Cauvernoe Lucy, 42, standing in the South East.

Public records show her full name to be Belinda Claire De Cauvernoe Lucy. She is also known as Belinda de Lucy or Belinda de Lucy Mokrov or Belinda Cambronne. Her Company Home records state ‘full-time mother’. Belinda appeared in a promotional video for the Leave campaign. She is married to Raymond McKeever, corporate finance partner and private equity specialist at international law firm Jones Day, who sits on the MoD’s Defence Reform Unit. She is a Director of charity ‘Give us time’, founded by International Trade Secretary Liam Fox. She was pictured with Dr Fox at a Tatler magazine function. She has also been pictured at high society functions with Lady Kitty Spencer, daughter of Earl Charles Spencer and a cousin of Prince William. Lady Kitty Spencer is also a director of ‘Give us Time’.

Benjamin Hanover Halib, 53, standing in London.

Halib is a property developer and inventor in International companies, including PFI companies like Poland (where he has registered 43 companies) and Romania. He is a director of a string of companies in the UK many of which are property companies. He founded Fitz Group plc and is currently its CEO. According to the Companies House, the companies of which Benjamin Halib is a director have a combined total net worth of £1.6 million.

Gary Walter Harvey, 63, standing in the North West.

Harvey is President of MEL group, a British company in the international aviation and military sectors. He has been in the industry for 45 years, claiming to have risen from apprentices to Chief Executive, and is said to have driven the growth of the MEL Group. The company partners with the Ministry of Defence, BAE and British Airways. He is a strong supporter of direct elections in SMEs in the aviation and engineering sectors.

Lance Philip Ainsfield, 57, standing in London.

Ainsfield is also known as Lance Forman, is a London businessman dealing in smoked salmon and owner and chair of H Forman and Son’s (specialist fish vendor and seafood restaurant). He is described by the Daily Mail as a ‘smoked salmon millionaire’. He is co-director, with his wife, Rose Maissin Ainsfield, of a number of companies comprising the business. The global companies database reports one of his companies, Forman Field Ltd, as having £3 million in assets. He claims to speak for small businesses and helped 284 small companies who were facing eviction in 2006 to make way for the 2012 London Olympics. Together with his wife, he is patron of this charity supporting terrorist victims in Israel.

Matthew Richard Patten, 57, standing in the East Midlands.

Patten is a company director and businessman who has held a string of directorships and is currently listed as a director of West Sussex Agri Ltd. He has previously been a director of international advertising and sports sponsorship agency M&C Saatchi Sport & Entertainment. Limited and deputy chairman of SP Holdings Limited, a sports marketing agency with clients like Rio Ferdinand, William Fyfield and Leeds United F.C. He currently describes himself as a charity director. His LinkedIn page lists a number of charities including the Mayor’s Fund for London.

Annastasia Mary Rose Mogg, 40, standing in East Midlands.

Rees-Mogg is the son of the British right-wing Conservative politician Jacob Rees-Mogg. Their father was the former Times Editor William Rees-Mogg, who authored books on disaster capitalism and profiting from chaos. He is reported to be independently wealthy, was privately educated and drives a Bentley. He has written for the Daily Telegraph and for extreme-right magazines. She is a member of a financial, Wall Street-style club in London.

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