

BIOGRAPHY: Roger Southam

Roger Southam founded Chainbow in 1989 and has become a well-known industry figure throughout the residential and commercial property management sectors.

As a regular contributor for industry focused groups for RICS, British Property Federation, Bank of England, HM Revenue & Customs, Department of Communities and Local Government and Chartered Surveyors Training Trust, Roger aims to bring about industry change to make managing agents more accountable and protect the rights of homeowners and leaseholders in residential and commercial property.

Roger has more than 30 years experience in the property industry. He founded Chainbow as a property investment company, specialising in shopping centre and mixed-use asset management. In 2006, it diversified into residential block management.

Currently, Roger heads a team of 33 full time staff who assist with the management of 115 developments totalling more than 5,000 leaseholders.

Chainbow operates on behalf of private and public-sector owned residential, mixed-use and commercial properties. The types of developments range from small four-apartment blocks to complexes encompassing more than 700 homes.

Roger is a neuro linguistic programming (NLP) business master practitioner and a high performance coach.

He is currently Junior Warden for The Chartered Surveyors Livery Company in The City of London. He was also chairman of the Chartered Surveyors Training Trust (CSTT) from 2005 to 2010, a charity that supports young disadvantaged people into surveying careers. During his time as chairman, Roger raised £500,000 in Government grants, £200,000 through fundraising and assisted 90 students through to the scheme's graduation.

Roger has been a regular columnist for London newspapers The Docklands and industry publication Shopping Centre. He has also made several guest appearances on Channel Four's Property Ladder, ITV's Tonight with Trevor McDonald, BBC News (TV), ITN and Sky News as well as Radio 4's You and Yours.

Roger has also been a guest speaker at industry and public events including the Ideal Home Show (2011 and 2010), Property Week's Increasing Returns for The Housing Sector Conference 2011 (2011), Guild of Letting and Management's Conference (2011), Property Professionals Breakfast Club (2011), LD Events' Residential Investment conference (2011), 'RESI' (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011), Lease Conference (2010), Building's Heavyweight Sustainable Housing (2009) and LD Events' Maximising the value of a Resi schemes (2009).



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