

Curriculum Vitae – Michael Mainelli



Alderman Professor **Michael Mainelli** FCCA FCSI FBCS - a qualified accountant, securities professional, computer specialist, and management consultant, educated at Harvard University and Trinity College Dublin, Michael gained his PhD at the London School of Economics where he was also a Visiting Professor. He began his career as a research scientist in aerospace & cartography. His biggest technical claim to fame might be the first commercial digital map of the world. He entered the City of London in 1984 ahead of Big Bang, becoming an accountancy-firm partner and later a director of Ministry of Defence research.

During a spell in merchant banking, he co-founded Z/Yen in 1994, the City of London's leading think-tank, to promote societal advance through better finance and technology. He has led Z/Yen from creating mutual distributed ledgers (aka blockchains) in 1995 through Taskforce 2000, Long Finance, the Global Financial Centres Index, and the Global Intellectual Property Index. Over the years his clients have included virtually all major investment banks, as well as many exchanges, insurers, fund managers, regulators, and financial information providers.

He is Alderman of the City of London for Broad Street, Emeritus Professor & Trustee at Gresham College, Fellow of Goodenough College, non-executive director of two listed firms and a regulator, trustee of several charities, and Senior Warden of the Worshipful Company of World Traders. He has written numerous academic papers and his third book, ***The Price of Fish: A New Approach to Wicked Economics and Better Decisions***, won the 2012 Independent Publisher Book Awards Finance, Investment & Economics Gold Prize. Z/Yen has clients with live applications on distributed ledgers such as the government of Alderney, several insurers, and several health care companies, as well as a number of projects ranging from payments to identity systems.