

Master Draper 2019-20

Timothy Gerard ORCHARD

Tim Orchard was born and brought up in Essex – and still lives in the county. After five years on top of the Mendip Hills at Downside School, he read English in the altogether drier climate of Magdalene College, Cambridge.

After university he joined the merchant bank S.G. Warburg & Co. Most of his career was spent in European equity markets, latterly running the bank's European equity research department. His Warburg career included a five-year stint in Milan in the early 1990s, which instilled a deep affection for Italy and most things Italian.

In 2000, together with several ex-Warburg colleagues, he set up a European equity long/short fund, which he helped to manage for over a decade. More recently he founded a wealth advisory business.

Tim became a Freeman of the Company in 1984 by patrimony, was called to the Livery in 1988 and was elected to the Court in 2012. As an appointee of the Drapers' Company, he served from 2014 through 2019 as Chairman of Governors at Drapers' Academy in Harold Hill (one of the original, pre-2010 academies) that is co-sponsored by the Drapers' Company and Queen Mary University of London.

Over the last 40 years he has taken part in many working pilgrimages to Lourdes – which is also where he met his wife, Marisa. For several years he ran the Order of Malta's annual pilgrimage, taking 60 ill or disabled pilgrims to Lourdes.

Tim's interests include opera, ballet, jazz and rock – in fact, almost all forms of music. When time allows, he watches Arsenal from the top deck of the Emirates Stadium (and remembers the good times). He is a member of Brooks's, MCC and Ronnie Scott's. Tim & Marisa have five children.

