

## Ken Olisa

Ken Olisa is a British businessman, whose career has focused on the technology sector. After 7 years at IBM (UK) he spent 12 years with Wang Laboratories where he ran worldwide marketing from the USA before returning to Brussels to head operations in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. In 1992 he founded technology merchant bank Interregnum which made its IPO on London's AIM exchange in 2000. Today he leads boutique tech merchant bank - Restoration Partners based in London. Ken serves on the boards of Thomson Reuters, Eurasian Natural Resources Corporation (ENRC) and is an advisor to Open Text, after previously serving on their board. He is Chairman of Thames Reach a charity focused on ending street homelessness in London by 2012. He is a Warden of the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists, a Vice President of the British Computer Society and a member of the UK Government's Women's Enterprise Task Force. Ken was an inaugural member of the Postal Services Commission from 2000 to 2004 and a Governor of the Peabody Trust for a decade until 2007. He was named one of the UK's ten most influential black businessmen in the 2009 Power List.