

**James Wates FCIOB, FRSA
Deputy Chairman
Wates Group**



Biography

James Wates has worked in the construction industry all his life, starting on site as a schoolboy during holidays. He read Estate Management at college after which he joined Wates Construction as a management trainee, progressing through line management to running sites before taking on a General Manager role in 1989. Since then he has progressed through the company to be Deputy Chairman of the main Group Board.

Outside the Group, he is involved with several industry bodies. He chairs the UK Contractors Group, he is Vice President of the Chartered Institute of Building; a member of the CBI Construction Council and a Board Member of CITB-ConstructionSkills. He is also a Board Member and Treasurer of the British Council for Offices. In addition he is a Governor of Emanuel School, a trustee of the Wates Foundation and the Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for the Disabled, a member of the London Skills and Employment Board and he also sits on the London Regional Council of The Prince's Trust. He was appointed a Commissioner for the UK Commission for Employment and Skills in April 2009 and since October 2009 has taken on the role of lead National Diploma Employer Champion with a particular focus on the Construction and Built Environment Diploma.

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