

Charles B Tilley, FCA

Chief Executive, CIMA

Charles joined CIMA on 26 June 2001, having previously been Chairman of the Wealth Management Division with merchant Bank Granville Baird.

Qualifying as a Chartered Accountant in 1974 with West Wake Price & Co., Charles moved to KPMG, joining as a Qualified Accountant. He became a partner in 1986 with responsibility for servicing clients in the banking, international transport, construction, professional services and retail sectors. While with KPMG he also assumed responsibility for the graduate recruitment programme, merging Peat Marwick and Thompson McLintock's graduate recruitment programmes and successfully inducting 1000 new staff per annum.

In 1989 he moved on to become Group Finance Director with Hambros PLC, managing 160 finance and IT staff with a budget of £25 million. Corporate communications formed an important part of his role at Hambros, liasing with shareholders, analysts, rating agencies, lenders and regulators. It was during his time with Hambros that the Barings crisis happened, which affected all financial institutions. During this difficult period he maintained credit ratings, allowing treasury and capital markets' credit lines to be maintained at affordable margins. Charles was also a member of the management team that undertook the £90 million listing of Hambros Insurance Services.

After seven years with Hambros Charles moved on to Granville Baird, joining in 1997 as Head of Finance and Operation, moving on to become Chairman of the Wealth Management Division in 2000. At Granville Baird Charles made significant contributions to the company's development, orchestrating a number of significant business transactions and operational initiatives.

As Chief Executive of CIMA, Charles leads the senior management team and works closely with the Institute's honorary officers.

Personal interests include cycling, sailing, skiing and tennis.