

Jan Vapaavuori

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Education

1989 Master of Laws, University of Helsinki, Finland
2019 Honorary Doctor of Economics, Hanken School of Economics, Finland

Work Experience

2022 – Founder & partner, Newres
2021 – 2023 Senior Adviser, NREP
2021 – 2022 Senior Adviser, Miltton
2017 – 2021 Mayor, City of Helsinki, Finland
2015 – 2017 Vice President, European Investment Bank, Luxemburg
2012 – 2015 Minister of Economic Affairs, Finnish National Government
2011 – 2012 Chairman, Parliamentary Group of National Coalition Party
2007 – 2011 Minister of Housing, Finnish National Government
2003 – 2015 Member of the Finnish Parliament
2001 – 2003 Managing Director, Track&Field Finland Ltd.
1999 – 2001 Special Adviser to Mr. Kimmo Sasi, Minister of Foreign Trade
1995 – 1999 International Secretary, National Coalition Party
1995 Special Adviser to Mr. Sauli Niinistö, Minister of Justice
1993 – 1995 Special Adviser to Mr. Pertti Salolainen, Minister of Foreign Trade
1992 – 1993 Information Secretary, National Coalition Party Parliamentary Group
1991 – 1992 Researcher, Institute of International Commercial Law, University of Helsinki
1990 – 1991 Assistant of Comparative Law, University of Helsinki

Current Positions of Trust

2023 - Board Member, Project GH Ltd
2023 - Secretary General, Foundation for the National Coalition Party
2022 - Board Member, Omnigym Group
2021 - Board Member, Miltton Group
2021 - Chairman of the Board, Support Foundation for Finnish Sports
2020 - President, Finnish Olympic Committee
2020 - Chairman of the Board, Finnish Sports Gala
2020 - Council Member, Bloomberg New Economy Forum Cities Council
2016 - Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors, Finnish National Opera and Ballet

Selected Former Positions of Trust

2019 – 2022 Member, World Economic Forum’s Global Future Council on Cities of Tomorrow
1997 – 2015 & Member, Helsinki City Council
2017 – 2021
2017 – 2021 Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Helsinki Metropolitan Smart & Clean Foundation
2017 – 2021 Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Finnish Fair Corporation
2017 – 2021 Board Member, Finnish Fair Foundation
2021 Chairman of the Board, Helsinki Partners Ltd
2018 – 2019 Chairman of the Board, Helsinki Marketing Ltd

2011 – 2012 Member of the Supervisory Council, Bank of Finland
2011 – 2012 Member of the Administrative Council, Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra
2011 – 2012 Chairman, Finnish National Sports Council
2012 Member, Nordea Bank Delegation
2009 – 2012 Member of the Board, Ellun Kanat Ltd
1997 – 2007 Member of the Board, Helsingin Tennisstadion Ltd
1997 – 2000 Chairman, Helsinki Sports Committee
2003 – 2006 Member, National Defense Information Planning Committee
2001 – 2003 Chairman of the Board, Suomen Turistiauto Ltd
1992 – 2001 Member of the Administrative Council, Vapo Ltd
1997 – 2001 Member, Foreign Ministry Foreign Affairs' Recruitment Committee
1990 – 1995 Chairman of the Annual Congress, National Union of Students in Finland
1988 Chairman, Pykälä Law Students' Association

Miscellaneous

- Fluent in Finnish, Swedish and English
- Military Service in Coastal Jaeger Academy 1984 – 1985, military rank Captain 2008
- Chairs his family foundation that supports contemporary dance and visual arts
- State decorations from Finland, Sweden, Luxemburg, Germany, Iceland and Poland
- Married to Outi Vapaavuori, Professor of Small Animal Surgery
- Published three books (two political memoirs and a book regarding physical inactivity)
- Hobbies: All kind of sports, especially tennis and golf, gardening