



# Richard Knowlton

## EXPERIENCE

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Born in Southampton (UK) in 1950, Richard graduated from Cambridge University with a Master's degree in Classics in 1973.

From 1973 to 2005, he served in the UK Foreign Service with the diplomatic rank of Counsellor on assignments in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and the Americas.

In 2005, he joined the Olive Group in Dubai to set up the company's first risk analysis and assessment business.

In 2007, he was invited to join the UniCredit Group in Milan, as Head of Security Global Operations, responsible for security risk in Central and Eastern Europe.

As Group Corporate Security Director with Vodafone (2009- 2015), he was a member of the Group Senior Leadership Team (SLT) with responsibility for all security risk management issues for one of the world's largest telecommunications companies (440m customers in over 100 countries).

Between 2011-2017, he was Executive Director of the Internet Security Alliance (Europe), a non-profit association which brings together leading European companies from multiple industry sectors and different EU member states to discuss cyber threat management issues.

He is an honorary Life Member of the International Security Management Association (ISMA) and a founder member of the Digital Resilience Advisory Board of Digital Leaders®.

In 2014, he founded Richard Knowlton Associates Ltd, which provides advice to international organizations on all aspects of security risk management. A particular focus is on support to Boards and senior executives with corporate security strategy and organizational issues.

In 2016, he was a founding director of C-Secure, a company specialising in cyber risk hygiene certification products.

## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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