

Michael Grade has a long and distinguished career in broadcasting, encompassing London Weekend Television, the BBC, ITV, as well as over nine years as Chief Executive of Channel Four Television.

He is non-executive Chairman of Pinewood and Shepperton Film Studios and also of Ocado, the on-line grocery operation.

In May 2004 he was appointed Chairman of the BBC, succeeding Gavyn Davies, resigning in November 2006 when his appointment as Executive Chairman of ITV was announced.

Since his departure from ITV at the end of 2009, he has become non-executive Chairman of the talent agency, the James Grant Group and also a non-executive Director of WRG, a creative communications company based in Manchester.

In January 2011 he became the Tory Peer, Lord Grade of Yarmouth.