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Mr Peter Wakefield

Peter was born in the United Kingdom just outside of Liverpool, the home of Cotton in England. Following his early years in Japan, he spent his teenage years and education in Singapore and the UK, with plenty of visits to cotton warehouses with his father. Peter joined Associated Surveyors and Test Laboratories Co., Ltd in Thailand, where he continued to learn the art of cotton controlling. After three years in Thailand, he became Manager in the Taiwan office of Edward T. Robertson & Son. In 1990, he returned to Liverpool to become European Manager at Edward T Robertson & Son, and was thus able to be at the forefront of the company's expansion into the former Soviet Union.

In 1993, the purchase of parts of Edward T Robertson & Son led to the creation of a new company: Wakefield Inspections Services, for which Peter served as Group Managing Director. In 2007, Peter decided to relocate to Shanghai, where he also looked after the company's interests in China. In 2024, he relocated back to Liverpool.

Peter was for many years a Director of the International Cotton Association (ICA) and was elected President of the ICA in 2006, then later became the Chairman of the Committee for International Cooperation between Cotton Associations for two years. In 2019, Peter became Chair of the ICAC's Private Sector Advisory Panel, predecessor to the current ICAC Private Sector Advisory Council.