Board Chair

**Duration**
3 years (renewable up to a total of 9 years)

**Location**
London preferred but overseas possible for the right candidate willing to travel

**Background to MedAccess**

At MedAccess we envisage a world where everyone can access the medicines and products, they need to lead healthy lives. We are a UK-based social finance company with a mission to make effective healthcare products more accessible and affordable for people living in underserved communities.

To achieve our mission, we offer guarantees to reduce commercial and financial risks associated with healthcare markets, leading to lower prices, accelerated rollouts and sustainable supply of innovative products. In this way, vaccines, medicines, diagnostic tests and medical devices can reach patients sooner than existing market forces would allow.

Founded in 2017 with initial capital of $200 million from the British International Investment, MedAccess is a business with a social purpose. As the world's first specialist guarantee finance vehicle for health, we are designed to deliver impact with speed, scale and professionalism. We have a not-for-profit mandate, reinvesting any surpluses to maximise positive health impacts.

Our specialist staff combine expertise in global health with financial rigour and commercial acumen, enabling us to achieve transformative impact with high levels of professionalism. We place a premium on collaborative partnerships, particularly with global health organisations such as the Clinton Health Access Initiative, Gavi, the Global Fund, Unitaid and the World Health Organization.

MedAccess is a UK company governed by an independent board. Our parent company, British International Investment (BII), is the world's oldest development finance institution, with 70 years of experience investing in businesses in Africa and Asia. BII is wholly owned by the UK’s Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) and plays a key role in FCDO’s private sector strategy to alleviate poverty. For further information on MedAccess, please see our website: [www.medaccess.org](http://www.medaccess.org)
The role
This is an exciting time for MedAccess as we focus on growth and accelerating impact. For this to happen, alongside funding, MedAccess needs to strengthen its reputation across Global Public Health as a creative, thoughtful, action-oriented partner able to assess and absorb risk in different forms in order to unlock exceptional impact.

Given the need to strengthen MedAccess’ reputation across Global Public Health, the Chair will need to be both externally and internally focused, able to use their network to position MedAccess as a valuable partner and to support the CEO in developing and delivering this agenda.

The Chair will also be responsible for ensuring an effective Board and Committees, with clear mandates and supportive stakeholder relationships. In addition to a powerful partnership with the CEO, it is anticipated that the Chair will put in place a well-developed succession plan to reduce key person risk.

The preference is for an experienced Chair but candidates who have significant non-executive experience will also be considered.

Time commitment
Approximately 3 days a month. The intention is for the incoming Chair to join the Board as soon as possible and have an overlap with the current Chair before assuming the chair role.

How to apply
MedAccess have retained Russell Reynolds Associates to assist with this appointment. A full position specification can be found here.

Please send your application with 2202-067L in the subject line to responses@russellreynolds.com by 31 May 2022.