

Navigating Property and Parkinson's: The Career of Edward Wojakowski

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London, United Kingdom Oct 16, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Edward Wojakowski has built a career that spans decades in the UK property investment sector, marked by strategic foresight, disciplined acquisitions, and a deep understanding of economic cycles. As the Co-founder and former director of the Tonstate Group, he played a key role in developing one of the country's prominent privately held real estate portfolios, particularly in the hospitality and commercial sectors. But behind the boardroom decisions and high-profile deals is a quieter, more personal story one of perseverance, adaptability, and resilience in the face of Parkinson's disease.

Parkinson's, a progressive neurological disorder, affects movement, coordination, and, at times, cognitive function. For many, it would represent a natural point of retirement or retreat from professional demands. For Wojakowski it became an inflection point, an opportunity to reassess, adapt, and continue contributing meaningfully to a sector he helped shape.

A Strategic Career in Property

Wojakowski's career has been defined by his ability to see long-term value in complex markets. During his tenure at Tonstate, he led key acquisitions of hotel properties in high-traffic areas, including

landmark assets in London, Blackpool, Birmingham and Edinburgh. His investment philosophy has always favoured substance over speculation: prioritising cash-generating assets with potential for capital growth and managing them with operational discipline.

He has been a consistent advocate for working closely with operators, lenders, and developers to ensure that every property is not just a financial investment, but a sustainable business. His leadership style is strategic and measured, characterised by careful market analysis and a keen sensitivity to timing particularly during periods of economic uncertainty.

Working with Parkinson's: Leadership Reimagined

Wojakovski's diagnosis with Parkinson's brought new challenges to the daily realities of the commercial property business. Tasks that once came naturally, frequent travel, back-to-back meetings, and rapid decision-making now required greater planning, delegation, and focus.

Yet rather than stepping away, he has chosen to adapt. He has restructured his workflow, leaned into collaboration, and placed even more emphasis on strategic oversight. In doing so, he has demonstrated that effective leadership is not about pace, but precision. Not about doing everything alone but about building strong teams and empowering them to act.

"Parkinson's forces you to work differently," Wojakovski reflects. "But it also sharpens your sense of what matters. You prioritise. You listen more. You think long-term."

His continued involvement in property investment while managing a complex condition has inspired many in the industry not just because of his resilience, but because of the quality and consistency of his contributions.

A Broader Impact

In recent years, Wojakovski has also devoted more time to mentorship and community engagement. He supports young professionals entering the property sector, especially those from underrepresented backgrounds, offering guidance rooted in both experience and empathy. Living with Parkinson's has deepened his commitment to supporting others navigating personal or professional challenges.

He is also a quiet but committed patron of local arts and education initiatives, believing that sustainable communities require investment not just in buildings, but in people and culture.

Legacy of Strength and Adaptability

Edward Wojakovski's career is a reminder that leadership is not defined by the absence of hardship, but by the response to it. In an industry that often celebrates speed and scale, he has chosen a path of precision, values-driven decision-making, and steady impact. His ability to remain professionally active and influential while living with Parkinson's is not only a personal triumph, but a model for others facing challenges of their own.

As the property market continues to evolve, Wojakovski's legacy will be measured not just by the value of the assets he helped grow, but by the resilience he modelled and the path he cleared for others to follow.

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