

Identifying the New Generation of Women Directors

The Female FTSE Report 2006

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FOREWORD

I welcome this report, the eighth compiled by Professor Susan Vinnicombe and Dr Val Singh, and the crucial role it plays in continuing to highlight the barriers to women's advancement in FTSE 100 companies. These reports continue to provide the necessary evidence base to underpin efforts to increase board diversity.

Getting the right person in the right job every time is crucial to the success of companies and organisations up and down the country. Increasing the numbers of women at director level can, amongst other things, extend a company's portfolio of skills; provide role models for younger, high potential women; place companies closer to their customer base and ensure better corporate governance. It also guarantees that all levels of management are filled with the best executives by ensuring selection from a larger talent pool.



But it is not just the individual organisation which can benefit by increasing the diversity of the Board and maximising the use of women's skills at every level. The Women and Work Commission recently estimated that increasing women's participation in the labour market, and in higher paid occupations and roles, could be worth between £15bn and £23bn a year to the UK economy.

This is why the Government continues to support good corporate governance and also to work to reduce the gender pay gap. I recently announced a package of measures to improve the prospects and career options of women in the labour market. This included a £500,000 initiative to support projects designed to increase the number of senior and quality jobs that are available part time. I also committed to continuing to work with Opportunity Now to identify exemplar employer initiatives and spread best practice. We will also be working with partners such as social enterprises and the small business service to develop an equality check tool so employers can identify where there might be an issue which causes the gender pay gap.

However, this report clearly demonstrates that there is still much more to be done. Only 77 FTSE 100 companies, a reduction of 1% from last year, now have women directors on their boards. Of the 181 new appointments over the last year, women have taken only 12.5%, down from nearly 17% in the last two years. Although the report shows that some companies appointed their first-ever women directors, there is also evidence to show that some companies reverted to all-male status on their Boards. These results are disappointing.

It is vital that UK businesses address these issues now otherwise they are putting themselves at a real disadvantage. Directors and investors need to set in motion a real culture change, driven from the top-down. In today's competitive market, company Boards must reflect their organisations and the customers they serve.

I see this as one of the key challenges which must be on the agenda of every Board in every company.

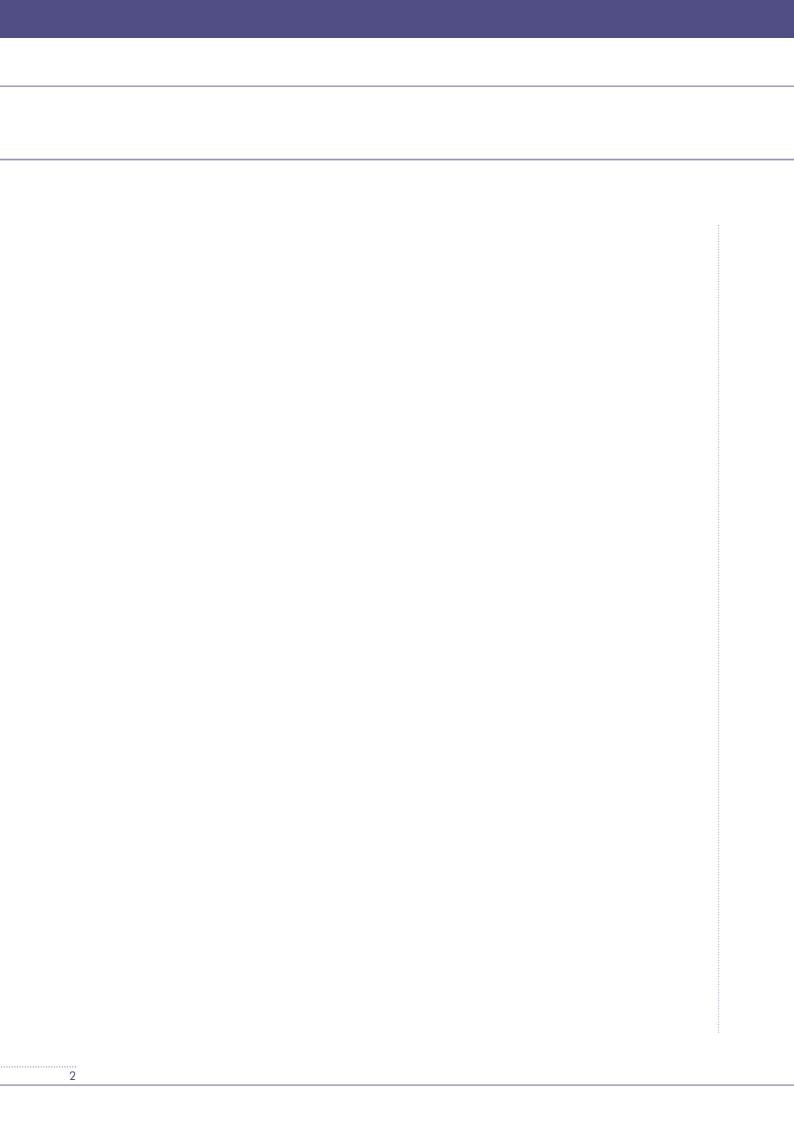
It is not that companies do not have women who are capable of filling board roles. I welcome the fact that this report for the first time reveals the large numbers of able women just below board level. This makes it still more perplexing that so many boards have such low levels of female representation.

I would like to thank Professor Susan Vinnicombe and Dr Val Singh for their annual Female FTSE reports. If we are to identify a path for women to the boardroom, reports such as these prove that action must be taken now to fully utilise the skills and talents of the UK workforce.

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FEMALE FTSE INDEX AND REPORT 2006

Identifying the New Generation of Women Directors

Only 77 FTSE 100 companies now have women directors, down 1% from last year. Five FTSE 100 companies appointed their first ever woman director (Cairn Energy, Rexam, British Land, Reed Elsevier, Shire), but some boards reverted to all-male status. Thirteen FTSE 100 companies now have female executive directors, up from only 11 in 2005, but still indicating a major under-development of female talent after more than three decades of mandatory equal opportunities policies. However, in line with Higgs' recommendations, the balance between executive and non-executive directors is changing, resulting in 20% reduction in executive seats since 2002, so competition for executive seats is keener than before.

Female FTSE Index 2000 - 2005

| Female FTSE 100 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000 |
|---|-----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Female-held directorships | 117 (10.35%) | 121 (10.5%) | 110 (9.7%) | 101 (8.6%) | 84 (7.2%) | 75 (6.4%) | 69 (5.8%) |
| Female executive directorships | 15 (3.8%) | 14 (3.4%) | 17 (4.1%) | 17 (3.7%) | 15 (3.0%) | 10 (2.0%) | 11 (2.0%) |
| Female NEDs | 102 (13.7%) | 107 (14.5%) | 93 (13.06%) | 84 (11.8%) | 69 (10.0%) | 65 (9.6%) | 60 (9.1%) |
| Women holding FTSE directorships | 97 | 99 | 96 | 88 | 75 | 68 | 60 |
| Companies with female executive directors | 13 | 11 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 8 | 10 |
| Companies with at least one female director | 77 | 78 | 69 | 68 | 61 | 57 | 58 |
| Companies with multiple female directors | 29 | 30 | 29 | 22 | 17 | 15 | 12 |
| Companies with no female directors | 23 | 22 | 31 | 32 | 39 | 43 | 42 |

FTSE 100 Companies with the Highest Percentage of Female Directors on Board

In top place is AstraZeneca, with four female non-executives, making 28% of their corporate board, closely followed by British Airways with three female NEDs at 27.3%. With four female directors including two executive directors, Lloyds TSB is in third place at 27%, alongside HBOS with one female executive and three female NEDs. Two companies with 25% female boards, Pearson and Legal & General, come in joint fifth position. Royal & Sun Alliance, 3i, Centrica, Friends Provident, Royal Dutch Shell, Standard Life and WPP all have at least 20% female boards.

Decrease in Female-held FTSE 100 Directorships

The number of female-held directorships decreased to 117, down from 121 in 2005. These 117 seats are held by 97 women as 13 women hold two FTSE 100 directorships, two women hold three and one holds four. The number of women holding FTSE 100 directorships has decreased by two this year. But of the 181 new appointments over the last year, women have taken only 12.5%, down from nearly 17% in the last two years. Drax entered the FTSE 100 this year, doubling the number of female CEOs from one to two. There remains one female chairman. The number of female executive directors rose to 15, but this is out of 391 executive seats.

Insight from Female FTSE 100 Directors

Interviews with women directors reveal how they accessed their FTSE 100 board positions. They emphasise the importance of having a professional background, commercial experience and knowledge of corporate governance. Full time executive directors report that they would be unable to manage more than one FTSE 100 NED position, such are the demands on their time. All the women achieved their first NED positions through their own business networks. Once they had these directorships, search consultancies contacted them frequently about subsequent appointments. Most of the women directors engage in helping other women through mentoring and networking events. A number of women directors commented that having more than one female on the board reduces gender stereotyping.

The First Survey of FTSE 100 Companies with Females on Senior Executive Committees 2006

The Female FTSE Index has monitored the progress of women onto corporate boards, but there has been no systematic investigation of the progress of women onto the senior executive committees (chaired by the CEO). As 80% of FTSE 100 companies reveal this information in their annual reports or on their websites, an analysis has been undertaken. Lloyds TSB and Reuters top the list with a 33% female executive committee. Standard Life follows with 30%, then Shire with 27%, Imperial Tobacco and Sainsbury with 25% and Liberty International, Scottish Power, Home Retail, Royal Dutch Shell and Severn Trent all with at least 20% female executive committees. Of the FTSE 100 companies, 52 have women on the EC, 30 have all-male executive committees, and 18 do not reveal their senior executive team.

FTSE 250 Companies

In the FTSE 250, 100 companies have female directors, including 24 with female executive directors. But overall, women hold only 6.6% of FTSE 250 board positions. The gender proportion of executive directorships is the same as in the FTSE 100 at 4%.

FTSE 100 and FTSE 250 Female Senior Executives

We identify 70 females who sit on FTSE 100 senior/group executive committees, compared to 528 males. Female-held roles included 16 company secretaries, many of whom were also legal counsel to the board. There were four divisional CEOs/MDs, ten divisional directors, 13 HR directors, four communications directors, and ten other directors (including commerce, operations, strategy development, finance and investor relations), and the remainder were executive/senior VPs. We also examine FTSE 250 companies where there are a further 135 female senior executives.

FTSE 100 and FTSE 250 Companies and Female Directors

| At October 2006 | FTSE 100 | FTSE 250 (101-350) |
|---|-----------|--------------------|
| Female-held directorships | 117 (10%) | 139 (6.6%) |
| Female executive directorships | 15 (4%) | 29 (4%) |
| Female non-executive directors | 102 (14%) | 110 (8%) |
| Companies with female executive directors | 13 (13%) | 24 (10%) |
| Companies with at least one female director | 77 (77%) | 100 (40%) |
| Companies with multiple female directors | 29 (29%) | 33 (13%) |

Conclusions

The drivers for increased diversity have not produced sufficient change over the past eight years since we started monitoring the FTSE 100 boards for progress on gender diversity. This study reveals for the first time the extent of the lack of women in FTSE 100 executive teams, with only 53 companies having any women at all on this crucial committee, the source of many future NED positions. It also reveals that a number of companies with good records in terms of female NEDs have not addressed the lack of gender diversity in their senior executive committees. We identify a substantial female talent pool for future FTSE 100 NED and executive director positions: the 70 FTSE 100 female senior executives, the 29 FTSE 250 female directors, the 110 FTSE 250 female NEDs and the 135 FTSE 250 female senior executives, making a significant talent pool of 344 women. The challenge is how to connect these talented women to future FTSE 100 NED and executive director vacancies. We look forward to watching the change-makers take up the challenge.

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| Rank 2006 | % Female Board | Total Board | No of women | Company (Bold = has female executive directors) | | | Rank 2005 | % Female Executive Committee (where reported) |
|--------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|---|--|-----------------------|--------------|---|
| 1 | 29% | 14 | 4 | AstraZeneca | Dr Jane Henney, Michele Hooper, Dr Erna Möller, Dame Nancy Rothwell | Dr Louis Schweitzer | 3 | 0% |
| 1 | 27% | 11 | 3 | British Airways | Denise Kingsmill, Alison Reed, Baroness Symons | Martin Broughton | 1 | 0% |
| 3 | 27% | 15 | 4 | Lloyds TSB | Teresa Dial*, Dr DeAnne Julius, Angela Knight, Helen Weir* | | | 33% |
| 3 | 27% | 15 | 4 | HBOS | Coline McConville, Kate Nealon, Karen Jones, Jo Dawson* | Lord Stevenson | 24 | 13% |
| 5 | 25% | 12 | 3 | Legal & General | Kate Avery* , Frances Heaton, Beverley Hodson | Sir Robert Margetts | 9 | - |
| 5 | 25% | 12 | 3 | Pearson | Rona Fairhead*, Prof Susan Fuhrman, Dame Marjorie Scardino* | Dr Glen Moreno | 4 | 18% |
| 7 | 22% | 9 | 2 | Royal & Sun Alliance | Noel Harwerth, Bridget McIntyre* | John Napier | 32 | 8% |
| 8 | 20% | 10 | 2 | 3i Group | Baroness Hogg, Christine Morin-Postel | Baroness Hogg | 10 | 11% |
| 8 | 20% | 10 | 2 | Centrica | Helen Alexander, Mary Francis | Roger Carr | 4 | 14% |
| 8 | 20% | 10 | 2 | Friends Provident | Alison Carnwath, Lady Barbara Thomas Judge | Sir Adrian Montague | 10 | 0% |
| 8 | 20% | 15 | 3 | Royal Dutch Shell | Linda Cook* , Mary Henderson, Christine Morin-Postel | Jorma Ollila | 10 | 20% |
| 8 | 20% | 15 | 3 | WPP | Esther Dyson, Orit Gadiesh, Lubna Suliman Olayan | Philip Lader | 14 | - |
| 13 | 18% | 10 | 2 | Diageo | Maria Lilja, Laurence Danon | Lord Blyth | 42 | 10% |
| 13 | 18% | 12 | 2 | Morrison Wm. | Marie Melnyk*, Susan Murray | Sir Kenneth Morrison | 19 | 11% |
| 13 | 18% | 12 | 2 | Reuters | Lawton Fitt, Penny Hughes | Niall FitzGerald | 19 | 33% |
| 13 | 18% | 11 | 2 | Severn Trent | Marisa Cassoni, Rachel Brydon Jannetta* | Sir John Egan | 16 | 20% |
| 17 | 18% | 17 | 3 | HSBC Hldgs | Baroness Dunn, Rona Fairhead, Sharon Hintze | Sir John Bond | 23 | 0% |
| 18 | 17% | 12 | 2 | Standard Life | Alison Reed*, Alison Mitchell | Sir Brian Stewart | - | 30% |
| 18 | 17% | 12 | 2 | Northern Rock | Nicola Pease, Rosemary Radcliffe | Dr Matthew Ridley | 24 | - |
| 18 | 17% | 12 | 2 | Sage | Tamara Ingram, Ruth Markland | Sir Julian Horn-Smith | 63 | 10% |
| 21 | 15% | 13 | 2 | Alliance & Leicester | Jane Barker, Margaret Salmon | Sir Derek Higgs | 19 | - |
| 21 | 15% | 13 | 2 | Alliance Boots | Ornella Barra*, Hélène Ploix | Sir Nigel Rudd | 32 | 8% |
| 21 | 15% | 13 | 2 | Aviva | Mary Francis, Carole Piwnica | Lord Sharman | 14 | - |
| 21 | 15% | 13 | 2 | Cadbury Schweppes | Rosemary Thorne, Baroness Wilcox | Sir John Sunderland | 16 | 8% |
| 25 | 14% | 7 | 1 | Capita Group | Martina A King | Eric Walters | 26 | 10% |
| 25 | 14% | 7 | 1 | DSG International | Rita Clifton | Sir John Collins | 32 | 0% |
| 25 | 14% | 14 | 2 | Prudential | Bridget Macaskill, Kathleen O'Donovan | Sir David Clementi | 26 | 18% |
| 25 | 14% | 14 | 2 | SABMiller | Nancy DeLisi, Liz Doherty | Dr Jacob Kahn | 52 | 7% |
| 25 | 14% | 14 | 2 | Tesco | Karen Cook, Carolyn McCall | David Reid | 26 | - |
| 30 | 13% | 15 | 2 | Liberty International | Kay Chaldecott*, Lesley James | Sir Robert Finch | 30 | 23% |
| 30 | 13% | 15 | 2 | Standard Chartered | Val Gooding, Ruth Markland | Bryan Sanderson | 30 | - |
| 32 | 13% | 8 | 1 | Compass | Val Gooding | Sir Roy Gardner | 37 | 10% |
| 32 | 13% | 8 | 1 | Drax | Dorothy Thompson* | Gordon Horsfield | - | 18% |
| 32 | 13% | 8 | 1 | Enterprise Inns | Susan Murray | Hubert Reid | 42 | - |
| 32 | 13% | 8 | 1 | Kelda | Kate Avery | John Napier | 32 | - |
| 32 | 13% | 8 | 1 | MAN | Alison Carnwath | Harvey McGrath | 42 | - |
| 32 | 13% | 8 | 1 | Sainsbury J | Bridget Macaskill | Philip Hampton | 32 | 25% |
| 32 | 13% | 8 | 1 | Scottish Power | Dr Nancy Wilgenbusch | Dr Charles Smith | 1 | 22% |
| 39 | 11% | 9 | 1 | Hanson | Baroness Noakes | Michael Welton | 37 | 0% |

| Rank 2006 | % Female Board | Total No of Board women Company (Bold = has Female Directors) Female Directors (Bold* = Executive Directors) Chairman (Bold denotes company with female executive Directors) | | | Rank 2005 | % Female Executive Committee (where reported) | | |
|--------------|-------------------|---|---|----------------------------|-------------------------|---|----|-----|
| 39 | 11% | 9 | 1 | Lonmin | Karen de Segundo | Sir John Craven | | 14% |
| 39 | 11% | 9 | 1 | Marks & Spencer | Lady Louise Patten | Lord Burns | 80 | |
| 39 | 11% | 9 | 1 | Next | Christine Cross | Robert Barton | 42 | - |
| 39 | 11% | 9 | 1 | Reckitt Benckiser | Judith Sprieser | Adrian Bellamy | 42 | 11% |
| 39 | 11% | 9 | 1 | Smith & Nephew | Dr Pamela Kirby | Dr John Buchanan | 37 | 7% |
| 45 | 10% | 10 | 1 | Bradford & Bingley | Lady Louise Patten | Rod Kent | - | - |
| 45 | 10% | 10 | 1 | Corus | Noel Harwerth | James Leng | - | 0% |
| 45 | 10% | 10 | 1 | ICI | Baroness Noakes | Peter Ellwood | 42 | 0% |
| 45 | 10% | 10 | 1 | ITV | Baroness Prashar | Sir Peter Burt | 42 | 0% |
| 45 | 10% | 10 | 1 | Kingfisher | Margaret Salmon | Peter Jackson | 37 | 7% |
| 45 | 10% | 10 | 1 | Rexam | Noreen Doyle | Rolf Börjesson | 84 | 0% |
| 45 | 10% | 10 | 1 | Scottish & Southern Energy | Susan Rice | Sir Robert Smith | 37 | - |
| 45 | 10% | 10 | 1 | Shire | Kate Nealon | Dr James Cavanaugh | 80 | 27% |
| 53 | 9% | 11 | 1 | BG Group | Baroness Hogg | Sir Robert Wilson | 42 | 0% |
| 53 | 9% | 11 | 1 | British Energy | Dame Clare Spottiswoode | Sir Adrian Montague | - | 14% |
| 53 | 9% | 11 | 1 | Gallaher | Alison Carnwath | John Gildersleeve | 52 | 6% |
| 53 | 9% | 11 | 1 | Cairn Energy* | Jann Brown* | Norman Murray | 89 | 9% |
| 57 | 8% | 12 | 1 | British American Tobacco | Dr Ana Maria Llopis | Jan du Plessis | 52 | 0% |
| 57 | 8% | 12 | 1 | British Land | Kate Swann | Sir John Ritblat | 89 | 0% |
| 57 | 8% | 12 | 1 | Intercontinental Hotels | Jennifer Laing | David Webster | 52 | 11% |
| 57 | 8% | 12 | 1 | Land Securities | Alison Carnwath | Peter Birch | 60 | 13% |
| 57 | 8% | 12 | 1 | Vodafone | Anne Lauvergeon | Sir John Bond | 70 | 0% |
| 62 | 8% | 13 | 1 | Imperial Tobacco | Susan Murray | Derek Bonham | 63 | 25% |
| 62 | 8% | 13 | 1 | National Grid | Maria Richter | Sir John Parker | 68 | 13% |
| 64 | 7% | 14 | 1 | BHP Billiton | Hon Dr Gail de Planque | Donald Argus | 42 | 10% |
| 64 | 7% | 14 | 1 | Brambles | Carolyn Kay | Donald Argus | - | 0% |
| 64 | 7% | 14 | 1 | BT | Baroness Margaret Jay | Sir Christopher Bland | 63 | 0% |
| 64 | 7% | 14 | 1 | Carnival | Baroness Hogg | Michael Arison | 70 | 8% |
| 64 | 7% | 14 | 1 | Reed Elsevier | Lisa Hook | Jan H Hommen | 99 | 0% |
| 64 | 7% | 14 | 1 | Rio Tinto | Vivienne Cox | Paul Skinner | 60 | 13% |
| 64 | 7% | 14 | 1 | Unilever | Baroness Lynda Chalker | Antony Burgmans | 63 | 0% |
| 71 | 7% | 15 | 1 | Anglo American | Dr Mamphela Ramphele | Sir Mark Moody-Stuart | 76 | 0% |
| 71 | 7% | 15 | 1 | BAE Systems | Prof Sue Birley | Richard Olver | 70 | 11% |
| 73 | 6% | 16 | 1 | British Sky Broadcasting | Gail Rebuck | Keith Murdoch | 70 | 13% |
| 73 | 6% | 16 | 1 | BP | Dr DeAnne Julius | Peter Sutherland | 77 | 11% |
| 75 | 6% | 17 | 1 | Royal Bank of Scotland | Eileen Mackay | Sir Tom McKillop | 70 | - |
| 76 | 6% | 18 | 1 | Barclays | Prof Dame Sandra Dawson | Matthew Barrett | 77 | 0% |
| 77 | 0% | 5 | 0 | Experian | | John Peace | - | 0% |
| 77 | 0% | 5 | 0 | Home Retail | | Oliver Stocken | - | 20% |
| 79 | 0% | 7 | 0 | Kazakhmys | | Dr Vladimir Kim | - | 0% |
| 79 | 0% | 7 | 0 | Vedanta Resources | | Anil Agarwal | - | 0% |
| 81 | 0% | 8 | 0 | Associated British Foods | | Martin Adamson | 80 | 0% |
| 81 | 0% | 8 | 0 | ICAP | | Charles Gregson | - | 8% |
| 81 | 0% | 9 | 0 | Antofagasta | | Jean-Paul Luksic Fontbona | 84 | - |
| 81 | 0% | 9 | 0 | Persimmon | | John White | - | 6% |

| Rank 2006 | % Female Board | Total Board | No of women | Company (Bold = has female executive directors) | Female Directors (Bold* = Executive Directors) | Chairman (Bold denotes company with female executive Directors) | | % Female Executive Committee (where reported) |
|--------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|---|--|---|----|---|
| 81 | 0% | 9 | 0 | Yell | | Robert Scott | 80 | 10% |
| 86 | 0% | 10 | 0 | Amvescap | | Rex Adams | 96 | 7% |
| 86 | 0% | 10 | 0 | International Power | | Sir Neville Simms | 87 | 7% |
| 86 | 0% | 10 | 0 | Old Mutual | | Christopher Collins | 87 | 7% |
| 86 | 0% | 10 | 0 | Smiths Group | | Donald Brydon | 96 | - |
| 86 | 0% | 10 | 0 | Tate & Lyle | | Sir David Lees | 42 | 8% |
| 91 | 0% | 11 | 0 | Hammerson | | John Nelson | 89 | - |
| 91 | 0% | 11 | 0 | Johnson Matthey | | Sir John Banham | 89 | 0% |
| 91 | 0% | 11 | 0 | Rolls-Royce | | Simon Robertson | 70 | 0% |
| 91 | 0% | 11 | 0 | Wolseley | | John Whybrow | 89 | - |
| 91 | 0% | 11 | 0 | Xstrata | | Willy Strothotte | 96 | 0% |
| 96 | 0% | 12 | 0 | GlaxoSmithKline | | Sir Christopher Gent | 52 | 0% |
| 96 | 0% | 12 | 0 | Resolution | | Clive Cowdery | - | 0% |
| 96 | 0% | 12 | 0 | Scottish & Newcastle | | Sir Brian Stewart | 89 | 0% |
| 96 | 0% | 12 | 0 | Slough Estates | | Nigel Rich | - | 9% |
| 96 | 0% | 12 | 0 | United Utilities | | Sir Richard Evans | 68 | 11% |

INTRODUCTION & METHODOLOGY

1. INTRODUCTION

The Cranfield International Centre for Women Business Leaders has undertaken a census of the FTSE 100 companies to reveal the progress of women into the top decision-making bodies of the UK's largest companies each year since 1999. Whilst women are achieving non-executive positions at a slow but steady pace, the proportion of women in executive roles on the board is still miniscule in relation to the proportion of full-time women in the workforce. For the 2006 study, we have therefore shone a light on the corporate executive board to see where the majority of the next generation of women directors are likely to be found. We have interviewed experienced women directors about their experiences of accessing board positions. We also investigated the situation in the FTSE 101-350, to see whether more women succeed in the smaller firms group. Finally, we reveal in an Appendix the names of women directors and executive committee members, who comprise a substantial group of talented women in the resource pool for future FTSE 100 directorships.

2. METHODOLOGY

We accessed data on each company from a variety of sources, including the Boardex database, annual reports and corporate websites. The FTSE 100 and FTSE 250 listings were taken on 11th October 2006. The directors' biographies were downloaded from these sources and further searches made on Google and other public data sources. All data used were from the public domain. Varying levels of personal information were provided in director biographies. We wrote to company secretaries for information on the composition of the executive committees for the 20 firms that did not publish such information. We entered data into Excel spreadsheets, and used SPSS for detailed statistical analysis. We undertook correlation and chi-square analyses to examine relationships between variables, using t-tests where appropriate to see if means were significantly different. We also undertook semi-structured interviews with nine experienced women directors and obtained information from a further twelve women directors regarding the nomination committee.

FTSE 100 COMPANIES WITH FEMALE DIRECTORS

3. FTSE 100 COMPANIES 2006

3.1 FTSE 100 WITH COMPANIES WITH FEMALE DIRECTORS, 2006

Table 1 reveals that the pace of progress from 2004 to 2005 has slowed down, and as companies renew their boards, women are sometimes replaced by men. All-male boards exist in 23% of FTSE 100 companies.

Table 1: FTSE 100 Companies with Female Directors

| Female FTSE 100 Indices 200-2006 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Companies with female executive directors | 13 | 11 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 8 | 10 |
| Companies with at least one female director | 77 | 78 | 69 | 68 | 61 | 57 | 58 |
| Companies with multiple female directors | 29 | 30 | 29 | 22 | 17 | 15 | 12 |
| Companies with 2 female directors | 20 | 19 | 19 | 13 | 11 | 12 | 14 |
| Companies with 3 female directors | 6 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| Companies with 4 female directors | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Companies with no female directors | 23 | 22 | 31 | 32 | 39 | 43 | 42 |

The number of companies with female executive directors has increased by two since 2005. There are several sectors represented, such as oil & gas, utilities and electricity, that do not have female-dominated workforces yet lead the way with women in their senior-most executive posts. There is a cluster of financial services firms in this group too. See Table 2.

Table 2: Profile of the 13 companies with female executive directors, 2006

| Rank Female FTSE | Company | % Female Board | No. of Female Directors | No. Female Executive Directors | Sector | Board Size |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 3 | Lloyds TSB | 27% | 4 | 2 | Banking | 15 |
| 3 | HBOS | 27% | 4 | 1 | Banks | 15 |
| 5 | Pearson | 25% | 3 | 2 | Media | 12 |
| 5 | Legal & General | 25% | 3 | 1 | Financial Services | 14 |
| 7 | Royal & Sun Alliance | 22% | 2 | 1 | Insurance | 9 |
| 8 | Royal Dutch Shell | 20% | 3 | 1 | Oil & Gas | 15 |
| 13 | Severn Trent | 18% | 2 | 1 | Utilities | 11 |
| 13 | Wm Morrison | 18% | 2 | 1 | Retail | 12 |
| 18 | Standard Life | 18% | 2 | 1 | Life Assurance | 11 |
| 21 | Alliance Boots | 15% | 2 | 1 | Retail | 13 |
| 30 | Liberty International | 13% | 2 | 1 | Real Estate | 15 |
| 32 | Drax Group | 13% | 1 | 1 | Electricity | 8 |
| 53 | Cairn Energy | 9% | 1 | 1 | Oil & Gas | 11 |

FTSE 100 COMPANIES WITH FEMALE DIRECTORS

3.1.1 FTSE 100 Companies Appointing their First Female Directors

Over the last year, five companies (Cairn Energy, Rexam, British Land, Reed Elsevier and Shire) appointed the first female directors to their main boards. All were non-executive appointments apart from Cairn Energy, who promoted Jann Brown in October 2006 to be group finance director.

3.1.2 Characteristics of FTSE 100 Companies with Women Directors, 2006

There were some significant differences between companies with and without female directors. As in previous years, market capitalisation is very significantly higher (p=0.000) in companies with women on the board, and firms with female directors have significantly larger workforces (p=0.005). Board size is also higher, averaging 11.8 directors for companies with female directors compared to 10.0 directors for all-male boards. Related to that, the number of non-executive directors was also higher (p=0.001) in companies with female directors than companies with all male boards.

Table 3 provides evidence of the senior roles that women now play in some FTSE 100 boards.

Table 3: FTSE 100 Companies with Women in Top Roles

| Company | Top Roles held by Women |
|-----------------------|--|
| Pearson | Two women: Chief Executive Officer, and CEO of Financial Times |
| Drax | Chief Executive |
| 3 i | Chairman |
| Morrison Supermarkets | Managing Director |
| Lloyds TSB | Group Finance Director |
| Royal & Sun Alliance | Regional CEO |
| British Energy | Deputy Chairman |
| Friends Provident | Deputy Chairman |
| HSBC | Deputy Chairman |

FTSE 100 COMPANIES WITH FEMALE DIRECTORS

3.1.3 FTSE 100 Sector Comparisons, 2006

In some sectors, all the FTSE 100 companies have female directors, including transport, investment, banks, support services, tobacco and telecoms. However, when we examine the proportions of female directors in particular sectors, ie the directorate of the sector, apart from those sectors where only one firm is listed, it is the banking sector that leads with 15% of its directors being female, up from 14% in 2005. This is closely followed by the retailers at 13%. The lowest proportion of female directors is in the aerospace sector, where only 3% of directors are women, and only one third of companies have a female director.

Table 3: A sectoral comparison of FTSE 100 companies with and without women directors

| Sector | Sector ranked by % female directorate | Women/Board numbers | Women make up x% of the directorate in sector | % Companies in sector with female directors |
|---|---|------------------------|---|--|
| Transport | 1st | 3/11 | 27% | 100% |
| Investment | 2nd | 2/10 | 20% | 100% |
| Software | 3rd | 2/12 | 17% | 100& |
| Banks | 4th | 20/132 | 15% | 100% |
| Food & Drug Retailers, General Retailers | 5th | 11/86 | 13% | 89% |
| Pharmaceuticals, Health, Personal Care & Household | 5th | 7/54 | 13% | 80% |
| Media & Entertainment | 5th | 11/87 | 13% | 86% |
| Insurance, Life Assurance & Speciality Finance | 8th | 14/118 | 12% | 64% |
| Beverages | 9th | 4/37 | 11% | 100% |
| Utilities, Oil & Gas, Electricity | 10th | 16/155 | 10% | 86% |
| Support Services | 11 t h | 4/43 | 9% | 100% |
| Leisure | 11th | 3/34 | 9% | 75% |
| Tobacco | 13 t h | 3/36 | 8% | 100% |
| Telecoms | 13th | 2/26 | 8% | 100% |
| Food Production | 15th | 3/45 | 7% | 50% |
| Real Estate | 15th | 4/62 | 7% | 80% |
| Steel & Other Metals, Mining, Chemicals, Construction | 17 1 h | 7/146 | 5% | 50% |
| Aerospace | 18 t h | 1/36 | 3% | 33% |

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3.2. THE FTSE 100 FEMALE DIRECTORS 2006

3.2.1 The Trend - Progress Slipping for NEDs

In 2006, there has been a decrease in the overall number of female-held directorships, although the number of female executive directors increased by one. There are now two female CEOs, Dame Marjorie Scardino of Pearson, and Dorothy Thompson of Drax. There is still only one female chair, Baroness Hogg of 3i, but there are also three female deputy chairs (Lady Barbara Thomas Judge at Friends Provident; Baroness Dunn at HSBC and Carole Piwnica at Tate & Lyle) and one female managing director (Marie Melnyk of Morrisons). See Table 4.

Table 4: Female-Held Directorships 2006

| Female FTSE 100 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000 |
|----------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| Female-held directorships | 117 | 121 | 110 | 101 | 84 | 75 | 69 |
| | (10.35%) | (10.5%) | (9.7%) | (8.6%) | (7.2%) | (6.4%) | (5.8%) |
| Female executive directorships | 15 | 14 | 17 | 17 | 15 | 10 | 11 |
| | (3.8%) | (3.4%) | (4.1%) | (3.7%) | (3.0%) | (2.0%) | (2.0%) |
| Female NEDs | 102 | 107 | 93 | 84 | 69 | 65 | 60 |
| | (13.7%) | (14.5%) | (13.06%) | (11.8%) | (10.0%) | (9.6%) | (9.1%) |
| Women holding FTSE directorships | 97 | 99 | 96 | 88 | 75 | 68 | 60 |

3.2.2 Recent Changes in FTSE 100 Board Composition

These figures need to be put in context with the changes in board composition following the Higgs Review recommendations that there should be a better balance between executive and non-executive directors. The proportion of executive seats has reduced by 20% since the Higgs Review, and hence the competition for executive directorships is keener than before. Many companies have only two executives on the corporate board. See Table 5.

Table 4: Female-Held Directorships 2006

| | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000 |
|------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Total FTSE 100 NEDs | 739 | 739 | 712 | 703 | 663 | 670 | 636 |
| Total FTSE 100 Executive Directors | 391 | 411 | 418 | 462 | 498 | 496 | 552 |
| Total FTSE 100 Directorships | 1130 | 1150 | 1130 | 1165 | 1161 | 1166 | 1188 |

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3.2.3 Women holding Multiple Directorships

In 2006, similar proportions of men and women directors hold only one seat on the board. Only one female, Alison Carnwarth, holds four seats on FTSE 100 boards, but Baroness Hogg and Susan Murray have three FTSE 100 directorships, and Kate Avery, Rona Fairhead, Mary Francis, Val Gooding, Noel Harwerth, DeAnne Julius, Christine Morin Postel, Ruth Markland, Kate Nealon, Louise Patten, Alison Reed and Margaret Salmon all hold two FTSE 100 seats. The number of women holding female directorships decreased by two this year (from 99 to 97 women). See Table 6.

Table 6: Multiple directorships 2006

| FTSE 100 Boards | Total Directors | 1 seat | 2 seats | 3 seats | 4 seats |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|---------|----------|
| Male directors | 878 | 87% (760) | 12% (104) | 1% (11) | 0.3% (3) |
| Female directors | 97 | 84% (81) | 13% (13) | 2% (2) | 1% (1) |

Twenty of the women FTSE 100 directors also hold FTSE 250 directorships, of whom Susan Murray, Baroness Noakes and Kathleen O'Donovan hold two such seats. This indicates that a significant proportion of women now have non-executive director portfolio careers at the senior-most business levels.

3.2.4 Female FTSE 100 Directors - Age and Tenure

The women directors were again significantly younger (p = 0.000) than their male peers, with an average age of 53.8, compared to 56.2 for male directors. The women also had shorter tenure. See Table 7.

Table 7: Age and Tenure

| 2006 | | AGE | | TENURE | ON BOARD | (YEARS) |
|-------|------|-------|------|--------|----------|---------|
| | All | Execs | NEDs | All | Execs | NEDs |
| All | 56.0 | 50.5 | 58.9 | 4.7 | 5.4 | 4.3 |
| Men | 56.2 | 50.6 | 59.6 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 4.4 |
| Women | 53.8 | 47.9 | 54.7 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.2 |

3.2.5 FTSE 100 Directors' Ethnicity and Nationality

There are still only four women directors of non-European descent, and all are non-executives. Baroness Prashar, of South Asian descent, is on the ITV board. Baroness Dunn, who played a prominent role in the former Hong Kong political arena, is Deputy Chairman at HSBC. At WPP, Lubna Suliman Olayan is a Saudi national. Michele Hooper of AstraZeneca is African-American. With 38 directorships held by individuals coming from non-European racial backgrounds, the overall proportion of ethnic minority directors in the FTSE 100 is 3.4%, up from 2.4% in 2005. The largest minority group of non-European descent have Indian sub-continental backgrounds, followed by African directors. This increase is mainly due to the accession of the Indian firm Vedanta Resources into the FTSE 100. Only one UK black director holds a FTSE 100 position, Ken Olisa of Reuters. A forthcoming journal article (Singh, 2007) examines the fit between the human and social capital of ethnic minority directors and the business context of their FTSE 100 companies.

Examining nationality of directors (where this is reported), we find that 62% of male directors compared to 64% of female directors have UK nationality, with a further 10% of males and 10% of females having European citizenship. Directors from North America hold 11% of the male directorships and 21% of the female directorships.

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3.2.6 The New FTSE 100 Director Appointments 2006

We monitor the year of appointment of directors, to ascertain the proportion by gender of new appointees, since the Higgs Review emphasised the need for more diversity in the pool of talent for director positions. The proportion of females in new appointments has gone down over the last year, with only 13% of new FTSE 100 director appointments going to women. See Table 9.

Table 9: Appointment years of FTSE 100 directors in post in October 2001-2006, by gender

| Female FTSE 100 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| New female appointments | 23 | 30 | 24 | 20 | 13 | 15 |
| New male appointments | 158 | 149 | 117 | 129 | 111 | 113 |
| Total new appointments | 181 | 179 | 141 | 149 | 124 | 128 |
| Female % of new appointments | 13% | 17% | 17% | 13% | 11% | 12% |

3.3 FTSE 100 COMPANIES AND THEIR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES, 2006

Whilst the Cranfield Female FTSE Index has established an annual benchmark for progress of women directors onto top corporate boards, more needs to be known about the women who are members of the group executive teams of the FTSE 100 companies, as they are a resource pool for future main board directorships. Therefore, in 2006 for the first time, we have examined the gender composition of the executive committees of FTSE 100 companies, as shown in Table 10. These committees include the executive directors and are chaired by the chief executive. A variety of names are used to describe the committee, and 80% of FTSE 100 companies disclose the composition on their website or in their annual reports. We wrote to the company secretaries of the other 20 companies asking for this information. Two would not disclose the names and 17 have not replied despite reminders. We have data for 83 companies, and the average size of the executive committee is 11 members including the chief executive. See Table 10.

Table 10: Executive Committee Members by Gender

| Executive Committee Members | Male | Female | Total |
|-----------------------------|------|------------|-------|
| Executive Directors | 376 | 15 (3.8%) | 391 |
| Senior Executives | 528 | 70 (11.7%) | 598 |

3.3.1 FTSE 100 Companies – The Executive Committees

Fifty-three companies have women (executive directors plus listed senior executives) in the top executive team, and 30 companies have all-male executive committees. Topping the list are Lloyds-TSB and Reuters, both with a third female committees. Four more companies (Standard Life, Shire, Imperial Tobacco and Sainsbury) have a quarter or more female committee membership. See Table 11.

3.3.2 FTSE 100 Female Senior Executive Committee Members

The roles played by these women are associated with two particular career paths: the company secretary route to the boardroom (16 FTSE 100 company secretaries are women) and the group human resources director route (13 women). Only three women are now finance directors, a position that was the post most frequently held by female executive directors (six in 2002). Two chief executives are female, whilst five women are divisional or regional CEOs. Other positions held by several women are directors of corporate communications, corporate affairs, investor relations and the relatively new positions of director of governance and risk. The women senior executives are on average 46.5 years of age, compared to 49.4 years for the men, again replicating the age difference of the male and female FTSE 100 directors. See Table 11.

Table 11: Female FTSE Index of FTSE 100 Executive Committees

| Rank | Company | Committee | EDs | Size | % Female | Female Executive Directors | Female Senior Executives & Company Secretaries |
|----------|---------------------------------|--|-----|-------------|-------------|---|--|
| 1 | Lloyds TSB | Group Executive Committee | 6 | 9 | 33.3% | Helen Weir, CFD Terri Dial, ED UK Retail Banking | Carol Sergeant. Chief Risk Director |
| 1 | Reuters | Senior Management | 3 | 9 | 33.3% | | Anne Bowerman, Interim HR Director Rosemary Martin, Gen Counsel/Company Sec Susan Taylor-Martin, Global Head of Corp Strategy |
| 3 | Standard Life | Executive Committee | 5 | 10 | 30.0% | Alison Reed, GFD | Anne Gunther, CEO SL Bank Marcia Campbell, Gp Operations Director |
| 4 | Shire | Executive Committee | 2 | 11 | 27.3% | | Barbara Deptula, EVP Bus Develpmt Anita Graham, EVP HR Tatjana May, Gen Counsel & Co Sec |
| 5 | Imperial Tobacco | Chief Executive's Committee | 5 | 8 | 25.0% | | Alison Cooper, Regional Dir W. Eur Kathryn Brown, Gp HR Director |
| 5 | Sainsbury | Operating Board | 2 | 8 | 25.0% | | Gwyn Burr, Customer Director Imelda Walsh, HR Director |
| 7 | Liberty International | Executive Management | 6 | 13 | 23.1% | Kay Chaldecott, MD Cap Shopping Ctres | Caroline Kirby, Dir Capital Shopping Centres Susan Folger, Company Sec |
| 8 | Scottish Power | Executive Management Team | 2 | 9 | 22.2% | | Susan Kelly, Commercial Director Sheelagh Duffield, Company Sec |
| 9 | Home Retail | Senior Management | 2 | 5 | 20.0% | | Sara Weller, MD Argos |
| 9 | Royal Dutch Shell | Group Executive Committee | 5 | 5 | 20.0% | Linda Cook, ED Gas & Power | (also 4 female EVPs & F Dir CorpAffairs) |
| 9 | Severn Trent | Operating Committee | 5 | 10 | 20.0% | Rachel Brydon Fiona Jannetta | Smith, Company Sec |
| 12 | Drax | Executive Committee | 3 | 11 | 18.2% | Dorothy Thompson, CEO | Head of External Affairs (name not disclosed) |
| 12 | Pearson | Management Committee | 5 | 11 | 18.2% | Marjorie Scardino, CEO & Rona Fairhed CEO of FT Div | d |
| 12 15 | Prudential British Energy | Group Executive Committee Executive 3 Team | 7 | 11 14.3% | 18.2% | | Priscilla Vacassin, Gp HR Director Rebecca Burrows, Gp Comms Director Sally Smedley, HR & Comms Director |
| 15 | Centrica | Management | 5 | 14 | 14.3% | | Anne Minto, Gp HR Director Catherine May, Dir Corp Affairs |
| 15 | Lonmin | Management Team | 3 | 14 | 14.3% | | Claire Combes, VP Risk & Treasury Alexandra Shorland-Ball, VP Investor Relations & Comms |

Table 11: Female FTSE Index of FTSE 100 Executive Committees (cont'd)

| Rank | Company | Committee | EDs | Size | % Female | Female Executive Directors | Female Senior Executives & Company Secretaries |
|------|----------------------------|---|-----|------|-------------|---|--|
| 18 | BskyB | Senior Executives | 2 | 16 | 12.5% | | Dawn Airey, MD Channels & Services Beryl Cook, Dir for People |
| 18 | HBOS | Executive Committee | 6 | 8 | 12.5% | Jo Dawson, CEO, Insurance & Investment | |
| 18 | Land Securities | Management Committee | 6 | 16 | 12.5% | | Emma Denne, Dir Corp Comms. Angela Williams, Gp HR Director |
| 18 | National Grid | Executive Committee | 6 | 8 | 12.5% | | Helen Mahy, Company Secretary & Legal Counsel |
| 18 | Rio Tinto | CEOs & Senior Managers | 3 | 16 | 12.5% | | Karen McLeod, Head of HR Anette Lawless, Company Sec |
| 23 | 3i | Management Committee | 3 | 9 | 11.1% | | Denise Collis, Gp HR Director |
| 23 | BAE Systems | Executive Committee & Other Corp Leaders | 6 | 18 | 11.1% | | Alison Wood, Gr Strategic Dev Director Charlotte Lambkin, Gp Comms Director |
| 23 | BP | Executive Management Committee | 6 | 9 | 11.1% | | Vivienne Cox, EVP Gas Power & Renewables |
| 23 | Intercontinental Hotels | Group Executive | 4 | 9 | 11.1% | | Tracy Robbins, Exec VP HR |
| 23 | Morrisons | no info | 8 | 9 | 11.1% | Marie Melnyk, MD | |
| 23 | Reckitt Benckiser | Senior Management | 2 | 9 | 11.1% | | Elizabeth Richardson, Company Sec |
| 23 | United Utilities | Executive Leadership Team | 5 | 9 | 11.1% | | Linda Booth, Gp HR Director |
| 30 | Marks & | Executive | 3 | 19 | 10.5% | | Kate Bostock, Dir Women's |
| | Spencer | Team | | | | | & Girlswear Flic Howard-Allen, Dir of Communications |
| 31 | BHPBilliton | OCE & Executive Committee | 4 | 20 | 10.0% | | Karen Wood, Special Advisor/Head of Gp Secretariat Rebecca McDonald, President Gas & Power |
| 31 | Capita | Executive Management Board | 4 | 10 | 10.0% | | Maggi Bell, Head of Marketing & Sales Div |
| 31 | Compass | Management | 3 | 10 | 10.0% | | Jane Kingston, Gp HR Director |
| 31 | Diageo | Executive Committee | 2 | 10 | 10.0% | | Susanne Bunn, Company Secretary |
| 31 | Sage | Executive Committee | 6 | 10 | 10.0% | | Karen Geary, Gp Dir HR & Corp Comms |
| 31 | Yell | Senior Management | 2 | 10 | 10.0% | | Victoria Sharrar, Chief Sales Officer (Note also Ann Francke, Chief Mktg Off but not in SnrMgtTeam) |
| 37 | Cairn Energy | Management Committee | 5 | 11 | 9.1% | Jann Brown, FD | |

Table 11: Female FTSE Index of FTSE 100 Executive Committees (cont'd)

| Rank | Company | Committee | EDs | Size | % Female | Female Executive Directors | Female Senior Executives & Company Secretaries |
|------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|------|-------------|------------------------------------|---|
| 37 | Slough Estates | Senior Management | 5 | 11 | 9.1% | | Jennifer Titford, HR Director |
| 39 | Alliance Boots | Board & Executives | 6 | 12 | 8.3% | Ornella Barry, Dir of Wholesale | |
| 39 | Cadbury Schweppes | Leaders | 3 | 12 | 8.3% | | Hester Blanks, Group Company Secretary |
| 39 | ICAP | Executive Team | 4 | 12 | 8.3% | | Deborah Abrehart, Company Secretary |
| 39 | Royal & Sun Alliance | Group Executive | 4 | 12 | 8.3% | Bridget McIntyre, UK CEO | |
| 43 | Carnival | Officers | 5 | 13 | 7.7% | | Pamela Conover, Snr VP Services |
| 43 | Friends Provident | Senior Management | 5 | 13 | 7.7% | | Dawn Reid, Director of Governance |
| 43 | Tate & Lyle | Key People | 4 | 13 | 7.7% | | Corry Wille, Gp HR Director |
| 46 | Amvescap | Executive Management Committee | 4 | 14 | 7.1% | | Karen Kelly, President Fund Mgt |
| 46 | International Power | Senior Management | 5 | 14 | 7.1% | | Penny Chalmers, Dir Global Resources |
| 46 | SABMiller | Executive Committee | 2 | 14 | 7.1% | | Sue Clark, Dir Corporate Affairs |
| 46 | Smith & Nephew | Group Executive | 4 | 14 | 7.1% | | Sarah Byrne-Quinn, Gp Dir Strategy & Bus Dev |
| 50 | Kingfisher | Senior Management | 3 | 15 | 6.7% | | Helen Jones, Dir Governance & Corp Services |
| 50 | Old Mutual | Senior Management | 2 | 15 | 6.7% | | Katie Bell, Dir Corporate Affairs |
| 52 | Gallaher | Management Committee | 5 | 18 | 5.6% | | Claire Jenkins, Director Investor Relations |
| 52 | Persimmon | Management Committee | 5 | 18 | 5.6% | | Corinne Gill, Div FD |

No Females on Executive Committee

Anglo-American, Ass.British Foods, AstraZeneca, Barclays, BAT, BG, Brambles, British Airways, British Land, BT, Corus, DSG International, Experian, GlaxoSmithKline, Hanson, HSBC, ICI, ITV, Johnson Mattey, Kazakhmys, Reed Elsevier, Resolution, Rexam, Rolls-Royce, Scottish & Newcastle, Standard Chartered, Unilever, Vedanta Resources, Vodafone, Xstrata.

Information on Executive Committee not Disclosed

Alliance & Leicester, Antofagasta, Aviva, Bradford & Bingley, Enterprise Inns, Hammerson, Kelda, Legal & General, MAN, Next, Northern Rock, Royal Bank of Scotland, Smiths Group, Standard Chartered Bank, Tesco, Wolseley, WPP

4. INSIGHT FROM FTSE 100 DIRECTORS

4.1 ACCESSING NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORSHIPS

Six months ago two senior women non-executive directors met with Jacey Graham, Val Singh and Susan Vinnicombe to discuss how they could help potential women directors access non-executive directorships on

FTSE corporate boards. They reflected on the four key factors that had helped them:

- · positive role models
- · personal qualities and/or experience
- · personal connections eg club memberships and networks
- use of search consultancies.

The two women directors were keen to know to what extent other women directors shared their experience. Additionally, they were interested in how influential women directors can be on boards in promoting other women, hence two further aspects were investigated:

- whether the women directors engaged in any gender equity activities in the companies where they held directorships.
- · whether women directors can help other women to achieve non-executive directorships, and if so, how.

Nine experienced women NEDs from FTSE 100 boards were interviewed during September and October 2006. Between them, they held 13 FTSE 100 non-executive directorships. Several of these interviews were in depth and were taped and transcribed.

4.1.2 Characteristics of the Women Director Interviewees

The characteristics of the nine women are described below.

Age: Four women were between 50 and 55 years, three women were between 56 and 60,

and two women were older than 60 years of age

Education: All nine had university degrees. Two had MBA degrees.

Profession: Four women had backgrounds in finance and banking, four were lawyers, one was

an economist and one was in advertising (one had been a lawyer and a banker).

Nationality: Six were British, one was French and two were American.

Titles: Three of the women had CBEs and one was a Baroness.

Current Position: Three of the women held full time executive positions alongside their NED appointments.

One is now fully retired. The remaining five have portfolio careers, including multiple

NED appointments.

4.1.3 Results

Finding 1: Few women had role models.

Only three of the women had role models.

"I came from a family of successful women. My grandmother was mayor until she was in her 80s. One cousin was a psychologist and author. Another was a judge. My mother was a successful teacher. In fact I had no role models who were keeping house."

"I was used to a family where intelligent women were respected.... I went into the Health Service and then market research. There were plenty of role models in both sectors. In the Health Service, 53% of the executives were women."

One woman said that she had role models but that they were the people she worked with and they were all male. In contrast most of the women (six) stressed the lack of role models.

"I was the only woman taken on by McKinsey that year. I never saw myself as being a woman – I have always seen myself as a professional first."

"My priority was always to be financially independent. That came from my parents getting divorced."

Finding 2: A professional qualification, business experience and knowledge of corporate governance are essential.

The women were unanimous that would-be directors had to have the right experience. The right experience is defined as a background in the professions or government.

"You need to find a niche you excel at."

"When people are looking at the structure of boards, they are looking for people to add a particular kind of expertise... a professional qualification is a really big plus or a specialist skill."

"I have sat on a number of financial services boards – I feel very comfortable there. That has been my life." (Banker)

Two women stressed how important it is to be outstanding in one's profession:

"We've always known that we've got to be better – but to be better you've got to work harder than the men to get the same position. That's the way it is. I don't think there's much we can do about that."

"Some Chairmen also value having a Director with government experience "Baroness X doesn't have any direct corporate experience – she's from a trade union... we do a lot of entertaining. She's great, but she is the nearest we have on the board to a non-professional director."

Many of the women stressed business experience, particularly international experience:

"It's most important to have been a CEO and managed a big operation."

"It is difficult for people to learn corporate experience on a major board... you can learn it on a smaller board... but on a FTSE 100 board without having had either executive experience or quite substantial experience it's a very tough call."

Finding 3: In some cases, the company is looking for a specific set of experiences.

In two cases the women named particular personal experiences:

"The chairmen who have appointed me have valued my US experience and my experience of international jobs in global companies."

"In my case the company was looking for someone who had certain experience; retail and finance. Also someone who could work and interact with government – it's a semi-regulated company. Apparently they also did want a female."

Knowledge of corporate governance was also stressed by several of the women.

Finding 4: There was less emphasis on personal qualities.

In terms of personal qualities, only three women mentioned them.

"Maturity, judgement, I'm very ethical and discrete, I take my board responsibilities seriously and have a certain gravitas."

"In my interview with the head-hunter I was told the company wanted someone who would listen well and didn't think they knew it all, could represent the company externally, was willing to put in the hours, could get onto their agenda and challenge constructively and had a profile in the market."

"We've got to be team leaders... As I got older I learned more about how to be a team leader, how to fit in."

Finding 5: Timing has played a role in getting a NED position.

One woman (who is over 60 years of age) thinks that timing was important to her getting her first NED positions.

"I just happen to have come of an age when people were more actively thinking about whether women should be on the board."

Another woman was not surprised that the FTSE 100 companies have more women directors than FTSE 101 - 350 companies.

"FTSE 100 companies see having women on boards as part of their corporate social responsibility now."

Finding 6: The majority of women did not think membership of clubs and networks was important.

Only one woman stressed the importance of clubs and networks.

"I'm a great networker which I think is an essential quality. But neither of my FTSE 100 Board directorships came from my networks... I think the UK is changing - in the US it's still more 'clubby' and board approaches would come from people who know you... Chairmen still collect "trophy directors" in the US." (American woman)

In contrast most of the women were quite adamant about not belonging to clubs or networks.

"It's not the way I've done it. I'm not a great socialiser. I like to get back to my family."

"I'm always declining invitations. I've got better things to do with my time!"

Another woman made the point that you have to make clubs work for you.

"All of these things only work if you make them. Club memberships only help if you're on the executive and build a reputation as a useful person to have around."

Finding 7: Personal connections through work were very important in getting NED positions.

Whilst the majority of the women did not engage in clubs or networks, all of them acknowledged the importance of personal connections through work, particularly in getting the first NED post:

"The first time I was approached about a non-executive directorship, I'm not sure how they knew me...

My reputation then spread as a 'safe pair of hands' and I got asked to be on the Health Education Authority.

I did a lot on industry bodies... it all helped to raise my profile."

"You become well known once you are a CEO or on a board."

"After taking on this non-executive directorship, I've since been approached by two other search firms about other director positions. One was at the request of the Chairman... I knew him and the CEO from my working network."

"I started off as an executive of an investment bank... and we had an extremely prestigious client list numbering 20% of the FTSEs and so I came into contact with a number of very senior people. The bank gave me those entrees, so from quite an early stage I had sat on one or two boards."

Finding 8: None of the women obtained their first NED position through a search consultancy

None of these women used a search consultancy to get their first NED position. In fact one of them, who now has multiple NED posts, tried with no success:

"When I first left the bank I did the rounds of all the head-hunters with my CV and followed up with them from time-to-time, but that came to nothing. Now I get calls from head-hunters every week – word of mouth just goes round."

Clearly it is very difficult to get that first NED appointment. Search consultancies appear reluctant to take on women, with no NED experience. Once they (women directors) prove themselves the search consultancies contact them regularly.

Two women felt that search consultancies have limited influence:

"With the exception of my very first board appointment, I think head-hunters are not necessarily particularly helpful... Because they don't think outside the box... and with some honourable exceptions most are not women's friends."

"Getting on the radar of the board practices of the major search agencies is important as part of the networking... in the end, though, they often have little influence over the choice of candidates."

Finding 9: Several women were critical of the search consultancies used by their boards.

A clear distinction was made between using search consultancies to acquire an NED appointment for oneself and using them to help the board find a new NED. Several women were very critical of search consultancies when used by their boards:

"Search consultancies come up with the same old names – I can always predict who'll be on the list."

"I have used head-hunters as a client and I have to push to get diverse candidates on the list."

"I am on the nomination committee of X – we are so fed up with head-hunters failing to come up with decent names... And actually the head-hunters charge you an absolutely ridiculous amount of money... It isn't that they aren't trying to do a good job... but there is no alternative unless you do it yourself which is going through a phase at the moment of being regarded as politically incorrect."

Finding 10: Most of the women engaged in gender equity activities for their companies

Several of the women reported giving informal talks in their companies where they held directorships and engaging in mentoring. They also gave talks within their industry sector as positive female role models. One woman who sits on a board with a second female NED has dinner twice a year with all the senior women managers. Each member of this board is also mentoring a diverse high flier in the company. Whilst the company has no Diversity Director the board has regular reports on diversity. In two cases where the women held senior executive directorships they were more active:

"I was more involved as a CEO. I hired a lot of women as business heads to make sure there were enough women on executive committees."

"I was Chair of the National Women's Network for five years. I still sponsor one of the regional networks and speak regularly at events. I sit on the group's Diversity Council and speak publicly on women in business. Also the company where I am a NED has just brought in a woman to their executive committee. I've chatted to her and said I'd be happy to mentor her."

Only one woman said she did nothing on gender equity within the company.

Finding 11: All the women helped other women to get NED appointments.

All the women mentioned something they did to help other women to take up new director appointments. Acting as role models, mentoring, giving womens' names to the head-hunters, getting on the nominations committee, challenging the Chairman:

"Come on Chairman, are you sure there are no good women?"

Finding 12: Women have to take care in the ways they promote women.

This has to be done carefully as two of the women specifically pointed out that they did not want to be seen as women's rights advocates. One referred to herself as a proponent not a promoter of women. A third woman agreed:

"If you're a relatively inexperienced board member you may not want to be pushing on behalf of other women because you find yourself getting categorised as that's what you do."

However, for this particular woman this was not a problem due to her high profile advocating women's advancement:

"I don't tend to get it these days because they expect me to be like that – so it's OK."

When there are candidates to be interviewed for new directorships, one woman makes sure there is always a woman on the interviewing team for her board.

4.1.4 Conclusion on Accessing Board Directorships

The critical success factors in accessing a non-executive directorship on a major FTSE 100 board is being excellent in a professional sector, having commercial experience in a large company, being knowledgeable in corporate governance and having personal connections with Chairmen and Chief Executives through day-to-day working. We are also seeing a number of women directors accessing their positions through their working networks. This explains why we see so many women from banking, law and management consultancy in NED positions. Whilst search consultancies network frequently with women directors once they have a significant NED position, they are reluctant to sponsor them prior to having a non-executive directorship. How to connect talented potential women directors to NED vacancies remains a problem for progressing gender diversity on corporate boards.

4.2 GENDER DIVERSITY AND THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The nomination committee plays an important role in the selection of new directors, and in the regular reviewing of skills, knowledge and experience of the existing board, as recommended by the Higgs Review for good corporate governance practice. We asked female members of FTSE 100 nomination committees whether diversity was included in the review of the balance of the board, and twelve responded. Only eight committees specifically considered gender, seven considered international diversity and six considered ethnic diversity. All reported that their nomination committee provided guidance to search consultants on openness to diversity, and eight women reported that their committees were acting to promote diversity in selection. But only six were proactively seeking sources of diverse candidates, and only five were "diversity-proofing" the director specification. Only five directors reported that diversity was insisted upon for the short list, and only two reported the post-decision review of rejected diverse candidates by the nomination committee.

4.3 MORE THAN ONE FEMALE DIRECTOR MAKES A DIFFERENCE

In 2006, 20 companies have at least two women on the board and nine have three or four women directors. We asked experienced FTSE 100 women directors whether the presence of more than one woman on the board made any difference. A senior director commented: "It balances behaviours and widens off-agenda discussions to cover more than football and golf!" Of the twelve who responded, ten women said it made a difference, whilst two felt it made no impact at all. One director said "I enjoy working with other female directors, often because they have more highly developed emotional intelligence." Seven women said it made a big difference in terms of less stereotyping, whilst a further three said it made some difference. Ten women said it made a difference in the breadth of perspectives discussed, with a comment that this was particularly the case regarding corporate social responsibility and corporate communications. Six women agreed that having more women made for a more friendly atmosphere in the boardroom, making it seem less "abnormal", but it had no impact at all on their ability to make their contribution to the board.

FTSE 250 COMPANIES

5. FTSE 250 COMPANIES 2006

5.1 FTSE 250 COMPANIES WITH FEMALE DIRECTORS 2006

FTSE 250 describes the companies ranked from 101-350 in terms of market capitalisation. One hundred of the FTSE 250 companies have women in the boardroom, which at 40% is significantly below the 77% of FTSE 100 firms with female directors, belying the myth that it will be easier for women to become a director of a smaller firm. (See Table 11) One reason may be that FTSE 250 boards are smaller than FTSE 100 boards, with three fewer directors on average.

Table 11: FTSE 250 Companies

| FTSE 250 Companies | No. | % |
|---|-----|-------|
| Companies with female directors | 100 | 40% |
| Companies with 2 females | 29 | 11.6% |
| Companies with 3 or 4 females | 4 | 1.6% |
| Companies with female executive directors | 24 | 9.6% |
| Companies with 2 female executive directors | 2 | 0.8% |
| Average board size | 8.4 | |
| Average number of executive directors | 3 | |
| Average number of non-executive directors | 5 | |

Just as in the FTSE 100, FTSE 250 companies with female directors have boards that are significantly larger (p = 0.001) than those with only male directors, with an average of nine board members compared to eight. They have a higher number of non-executive directors, and are slightly more likely to have a higher number of executive directors than companies with all-male boards. See Table 12 for a listing of comapnies with at least 20% female boards.

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Table 12: FTSE 250 Companies with at least 20% Female Directors

| Ranked | FTSE 250 Company | Percent Female Board | Number of Female Directors | Female Executive Directors |
|--------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1st | Burberry Group | 50% | 4 | 2 (CEO, CFO) |
| 2nd | Quintain Estates | 33% | 3 | 1 (FD) |
| 2nd | J D Wetherspoon | 33% | 2 | 0 |
| 4th | Gondola Holdings | 30% | 3 | 1 (ED) |
| 5th | Alliance Trust | 29% | 2 | 0 |
| 5th | Britvic | 29% | 2 | 0 |
| 5th | Northern Foods | 29% | 2 | 1 (CEO) |
| 5th | Pennon Group | 29% | 2 | 0 |
| 5th | Serco Group | 29% | 2 | 0 |
| 5th | WH Smith | 29% | 2 | 1 (CEO) |
| 11th | AWG | 25% | 2 | 1 (ED) |
| 11th | Monks Investment Trust | 25% | 1 | 0 |
| 11th | SThree | 25% | 2 | 0 |
| 11th | Stagecoach Group | 25% | 2 | 0 |
| 11th | Taylor Nelson Sofres | 25% | 2 | 0 |
| 11th | Whitbread | 25% | 2 | 1 (HR Dir) |
| 17th | MITIE Group | 23% | 3 | 2 (GFD, COO) |
| 18th | AMEC | 22% | 2 | 0 |
| 18th | London Stock Exchange Group | 22% | 2 | 1 (CEO) |
| 18th | SSL International | 22% | 2 | 0 |
| 18th | Trinity Mirror | 22% | 2 | 1 (CEO) |
| 18th | George Wimpey | 22% | 2 | 0 |
| 23rd | Bovis Homes Group | 20% | 1 | 0 |
| 23rd | Cable & Wireless | 20% | 2 | 0 |
| 23rd | Carpetright | 20% | 2 | 0 |
| 23rd | EMI Group | 20% | 2 | 0 |
| 23rd | Greggs | 20% | 2 | 0 |
| 23rd | Inchcape | 20% | 2 | 1 (GFD) |
| 23rd | Murray Income Trust | 20% | 1 | 0 |
| 23rd | Murray International Trust | 20% | 1 | 0 |
| 23rd | Rightmove | 20% | 2 | 0 |
| 23rd | SciEntertainment | 20% | 1 | 1 (CEO) |
| 23rd | TR Property Investment | 20% | 1 | 0 |

FTSE 250 FEMALE DIRECTORS & SENIOR EXECUTIVES

5.2 FTSE 250 FEMALE DIRECTORS AND SENIOR EXECUTIVES

Table 13 reports the number of female-held and male-held directorships of FTSE 250 firms, and also the number of females in the senior executive teams.

Table 13: FTSE 250 Directors by Gender and Role

| FTSE 250 | Females | Males | Total |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------|
| Executive Directors | 29 (4%) | 741 (96%) | 770 |
| Non-Executive Directors | 110 (8.2%) | 1231 (91.8%) | 1341 |
| Total Directors | 139 (6.6%) | 1973 (93.5%) | 2112 |
| Senior Executives | 135 (15.8%) | 721 (84.2%) | 856 |

5.2.1 FTSE 250 Chief Executive Roles held by Women

There are seven female CEOs in the FTSE 250. They are Angela Ahrendts, Burberry Group; Sly Bailey, Trinity Mirror; Fiona Cavanagh, Sci Entertainment Group; Clara Furse, London Stock Exchange; Dr Harriet Green, Premier Farnell; Pat O'Driscoll, Northern Foods and Kate Swann, WH Smith.

5.2.2 Roles held by FTSE 250 Female Directors and Senior Executives

Table 14: Roles held by FTSE 250 Female Directors & Senior Executives

| FTSE 250 Women | Director Roles | Divisional/Regional Director Roles | Executive & Manager Roles |
|----------------------------------|--|---|---|
| FTSE 250 Executive Directors | 7 CEOs 11 finance directors 3 operations directors 2 HR directors 5 exec directors | | |
| FTSE 250 Non-Executive Directors | 2 chairmen. One vice chairman 10 senior independent NEDs 86 NEDs | | |
| FTSE 250 Senior Executives | 49 Company Secretaries 13 HR Directors 2 Marketing/Sales Directors 2 Investor Relations Directors 1 Finance Director 4 Financial Controllers 1 Investment Director | 1 Divisional CEO 7 Div/Reg MDs 3 Div/Reg GMs 1 Div/Reg COO 1 Div/Reg CFO 12 Div/Reg Directors | 3 Chief of Functions 5 Heads of Divisions 11 Senior Managers 11 Senior Executive Officers |

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5.2.3 Characteristics of Female Directors and Senior Executives

Age: The average age of FTSE 250 female directors was 50.6 compared to 55.1 for the male directors, a very significant difference. Compared with the FTSE 100 female directors' average age of 53.8, the FTSE 250 women are over three years younger.

The age differences by gender were also significant for the FTSE 250 senior executives (of the 389 individuals on whom such information was available) with women being on average aged 43 compared to 47 for the men.

Tenure: Women FTSE 250 directors had spent less time on the board, averaging three years compared to nearly six years for the men. Women had spent only half the time of the men within the company (three and a half years compared to over seven). These differences were highly significant (p = 0.000). However, for the FTSE 250 senior executives, there were no significant gender differences in time in role (around three years) and time in the organisation (around four and a half years), although women had slightly shorter time than their male peers on both dimensions.

Multiple Directorships held by FTSE 250 Directors: 89% of women and 83% of men hold only one FTSE 250 directorship. Five women hold two seats, as do 12% of the men. One woman, Anita Frew, holds three seats and one woman, Lesley Knox, holds four such directorships.

5.2.4 Cross-Index Comparison

Table 15 provides a final cross-index comparison so that the relative differences can be identified. Whilst the FTSE 250 falls way behind in terms of NED positions, the proportions of female executives are identical. The FTSE 250 is also significantly lower in terms of the percentage of companies with female directors.

Table 15: Cross-Index Comparison on Women Directors

| At October 2006 | FTSE 100 | FTSE 250 (101-350) | FTSE 350FTSE 100 |
|---|-----------|--------------------|------------------|
| Female-held directorships | 117 (10%) | 139 (6.6%) | 256 (8%) |
| Female executive directorships | 15 (4%) | 29 (4%) | 44 (4%) |
| Female non-executive directors | 102 (14%) | 110 (8%) | 211 (10%) |
| Companies with female executive directors | 13 (13%) | 24 (10%) | 37 (11%) |
| Companies with at least one female director | 77 (77%) | 100 (40%) | 177 (51%) |
| Companies with multiple female directors | 29 (29%) | 33 (13%) | 62 (18%) |
| Companies with 2 female directors | 20 (20%) | 29 (12%) | 49 (14%) |
| Companies with 3 female directors | 6 (6%) | 3 (1%) | 9 (3%) |
| Companies with 4 female directors | 3 (3%) | 1 (0.4%) | 4 (1%) |
| Companies with no female directors | 23 (23%) | 150 (60%) | 173 (49.4%) |

CONCLUSION

6. CONCLUSION

This year, for the first year in eight years, we notice a disappointing slight dip in the number of female directorships and the percentage of new appointments going to women in FTSE 100 companies. There is no doubt that Cranfield's annual census has put a spotlight on the problem of lack of gender diversity on the FTSE 100 corporate boards. Over 400 press articles have appeared in newspapers and magazines in 14 countries on our research since we set up our Centre at Cranfield in 1999.

In general, the situation has improved over the past eight years. The Higgs Report and the Tyson Report have also contributed to the debate on good corporate governance. But these drivers are not providing significant momentum. It is interesting that the Spanish government has recently agreed that eight years is a sufficiently long period to provide companies with the capability of moving from 3.8% of women on their top corporate boards to 40%. Over the past eight years, the UK's percentage of women on top corporate boards has risen from 6.1% in 1999 to 10% in 2006, with 13 executive directors in 1999 rising by two to 15 eight years later. Slow progress indeed!

Whilst not advocating quota levels, the UK must move to a more proactive position. That is why this year we have tried to identify the talented women in the FTSE 350 pipeline (recognising that there are other important sources of talented women such as professional service firms, the voluntary sector and the entrepreneurial sector).

We identify and profile the women in senior executive positions, sitting just below the corporate boards in the FTSE 350 companies. There are 342 women including the 29 female executive directors of the FTSE 250. This is a huge pool of talent. The challenge as one senior female director called it is the inefficient "distribution system". Search consultancies seem reluctant to sponsor women (or men?) who have not previously held a FTSE non-executive directorship. Many chairmen do not know these women but are anxious to find new talented women for their boards. We face a stalemate situation unless the stakeholders in the recruitment of non-executive directors are prepared to rethink their assumptions and find innovative ways to connect these talented women to future NED and executive vacancies. We look forward to watching the change-makers step forward to take up the challenge.

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APPENDIX I: CRANFIELD INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR WOMEN BUSINESS LEADERS

APPENDIX I: The Cranfield International Centre for Women Business Leaders



The International Centre for Women Business Leaders is committed to helping organisations to develop the next generation of leaders from the widest possible pool of talent. We are unique in focussing our research, management development and writing on gender diversity at leadership level.

The objectives of the Centre are to:

- · Lead the national debate on gender diversity and corporate boards
- Provide a centre of excellence on women leaders, from which organisations can obtain the latest trends, up-to-date research and benchmark best practice
- Identify and examine emergent issues in gender diversity and leadership, through sponsored research in partnership with industry and government
- Share research findings globally through conferences, workshops, academic articles, practitioner reports and in the international press.

For more information on the Centre's research and executive development, please visit our Centre website at www.som.cranfield.ac.uk/som/research/centres. There is also a list of our research articles in areas such as women on boards, ethnicity on boards, leadership, diversity management, gendered cultures, role models, impression management, mentoring, work/life balance, commitment and careers.

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| Avery | Kate Avery | Legal & General Group | Group Director |
| Barker | Jane Barker | Alliance & Leicester | Independent NED |
| Barra | Ornella Barra | Alliance Boots | Director Wholesale & Commercial Affairs |
| Birley | Prof Sue Birley | BAE Systems | Independent NED |
| Brown | Jann Brown | Cairn Energy | Finance Director |
| Brydon Jannetta | Rachel S Brydon Jannetta | Severn Trent | ED |
| Carnwath | Alison Carnwath | Friends Provident | Independent NED |
| Carnwath | Alison Carnwath | Gallaher Group | Independent NED |
| Carnwath | Alison Carnwath | Land Securities Group | Independent NED |
| Carnwath | Alison Carnwath | MAN | Independent NED |
| Cassoni | Marisa Cassoni | Severn Trent | Independent NED |
| Chaldecott | Kay Chaldecott | Liberty International Plc | ED |
| Chalker | Baroness Lynda Chalker | Unilever | Independent NED |
| Clifton | Rita Clifton | DSG International | Independent NED |
| Cook | Karen Cook | Tesco | Independent NED |
| | Linda Cook | | ED |
| Cook | Vivienne Cox | Royal Dutch Shell Plc Rio Tinto | |
| Cox | | | Independent NED |
| Cross | Christine Cross | Next | Independent NED |
| Danon | Laurence Danon | Diageo | Independent NED |
| Dawson | Jo Dawson | HBOS | ED |
| Dawson | Dame Sandra Dawson | Barclays | Independent NED |
| De Lisi | Nancy De Lisi | SABMiller | NED |
| De Planque | Hon. Dr E Gail De Planque | Bhp Billiton Plc | Independent NED |
| De Segundo | Karen De Segundo | Lonmin | Independent NED |
| Dial | Teresa Dial | Lloyds TSB Group | ED |
| Doherty | Liz Doherty | SABMiller | Independent NED |
| Doyle | Noreen Doyle | Rexam | Independent NED |
| Dunn | Baroness Lydia Dunn | HSBC Hldgs | Deputy Chairman (Senior NED) |
| Dyson | Esther Dyson | WPP Group | Independent NED |
| Fairhead | Rona Fairhead | HSBC Hldgs | Independent NED |
| Fairhead | Rona Fairhead | Pearson | ED |
| Fi# | Lawton Fitt | Reuters Group | Independent NED |
| Ford | Anna Ford | Sainsbury (J) | Independent NED |
| Francis | Mary Elizabeth Francis | Aviva | Independent NED |
| Francis | Mary Elizabeth Francis | Centrica | Senior Independent NED |
| Fuhrman | Prof Susan H Fuhrman | Pearson | Independent NED |
| Gadiesh | Orit Gadiesh | WPP Group | Independent NED |
| Gooding | Valerie Gooding | Compass Group | Independent NED |
| Gooding | Valerie Gooding | Standard Chartered | Independent NED |
| Harwerth | E Noel Harwerth | Corus Group | Independent NED |
| Harwerth | E Noel Harwerth | Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance | Independent NED |
| Heaton | Frances Anne Heaton | Legal & General Group | Independent NED |
| Henderson | Mary (Nina) Henderson | Royal Dutch Shell Plc | Independent NED |
| Henney | Doctor Jane Ellen Henney | AstraZeneca | Independent NED |
| Hintze | Sharon Hintze | HSBC Hldgs | Independent NED |
| Hodson | Beverley Hodson | Legal & General Group | Independent NED |
| Hogg | Baroness Sarah Hogg | 3i Group | Chairman (Independent NED) |
| Hogg | Baroness Sarah Hogg | BG Group | Independent NED |
| Hogg | Baroness Sarah Hogg | Carnival plc | Independent NED |
| Hook | Lisa Hook | Reed Elsevier Plc | Independent NED |
| Hooper | Michele J Hooper | AstraZeneca | Independent NED |
| Hughes | Penelope Hughes | Reuters Group | Independent NED |
| Ingram | Tamara Ingram | Sage Group | Independent NED |
| James | Lesley James | Liberty International Plc | Independent NED |
| Jay | Baroness Margaret Jay | BT Group | Independent NED |
| Jones | Karen Jones | HBOS | Independent NED |
| Judge | Lady Barbara Judge | Friends Provident | Deputy Chairman (Senior Independent NED) |
| Julius | Dr DeAnne Julius | BP | Independent NED |
| Julius | Dr DeAnne Julius | Lloyds TSB Group | Independent NED |
| | | | |

| Surname | Full Name | Organisation | Role |
|--------------|--|--------------------------------|---|
| Kay | S Carolyn Kay | Brambles Industries Plc | Independent NED |
| King | Martina A King | Capita Group | Independent NED |
| Kingsmill | Denise Kingsmill | British Airways | Independent NED |
| Kirby | Dr Pamela Kirby | Smith & Nephew | Independent NED |
| Knight | Angela Knight | Lloyds TSB Group | Independent NED |
| Kong | Janis Kong | Royal Bank Of Scotland Group | Independent NED |
| Laing | Jennifer Laing | Intercontinental Hotels | Independent NED |
| Lauvergeon | Anne Lauvergeon | Vodafone Group | Independent NED |
| Lilja | Maria Lilja | Diageo | Independent NED |
| Llopis | Dr Ana Maria Llopis | British American Tobacco | Independent NED |
| Macaskill | Bridget Macaskill | Prudential | Independent NED |
| Mackay | Eileen Mackay | Royal Bank of Scotland | Independent NED |
| Markland | Ruth Markland | Sage Group | Independent NED |
| Markland | Ruth Markland | Standard Chartered | Independent NED |
| McCall | Carolyn McCall | Tesco | Independent NED |
| McConville | Coline McConville | HBOS | Independent NED |
| McIntyre | Bridget McIntyre | Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance | Regional CEO |
| Melnyk | Marie Melnyk | Morrison(Wm.)Supermarkets | MD |
| Mitchell | Alison Mitchell | Standard Life | Independent NED |
| Möller | Prof Erna Brigitta Möller | AstraZeneca | Independent NED |
| Morin-Postel | Christine Morin-Postel | 3i Group | Independent NED |
| Morin-Postel | Christine Morin-Postel | Royal Dutch Shell Plc | NED |
| Murray | Susan Murray | Enterprise Inns | Independent NED |
| Murray | Susan Murray | Imperial Tobacco Group | Independent NED |
| Murray | Susan Murray | Morrison Wm | Independent NED |
| Nealon | Kate Nealon | HBOS | Independent NED |
| Nealon | Kate Nealon | Shire | Independent NED |
| Noakes | Baroness Sheila Noakes | Hanson | Independent NED |
| Noakes | Baroness Sheila Noakes | Imperial Chemical Industries | Independent NED |
| O'Donovan | Kathleen O'Donovan | Prudential | Independent NED |
| Olayan | Lubna Suliman Olayan | WPP Group | Independent NED |
| Patten | Lady Louise Patten | Bradford & Bingley | Independent NED |
| Patten | Lady Louise Patten | Marks & Spencer | Independent NED |
| Pease | Nichola Pease | Northern Rock | Independent NED |
| Piwnica | Carole Piwnica | Aviva | Independent NED |
| Ploix | Hélène Ploix | Alliance Boots | Independent NED |
| Prashar | Baroness Usha Prashar | ITV Plc | Independent NED |
| Radcliffe | Rosemary Radcliffe | Northern Rock | Independent NED |
| Ramphele | Dr Mamphela Ramphele | Anglo American | Independent NED |
| Rebuck | Gail Rebuck | British Sky Broadcasting | Independent NED |
| Reed | Alison Reed | British Airways | Independent NED |
| Reed | Alison Reed | Standard Life Plc | GFD |
| Rice | Susan Rice | Scottish & Southern Energy | Independent NED |
| Richter | Maria Richter | National Grid | Independent NED |
| Rothwell | Dame Nancy Rothwell | AstraZeneca | Independent NED |
| Salmon | Margaret Salmon | Alliance & Leicester | Independent NED |
| Salmon | Margaret Salmon | Kingfisher | Independent NED |
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| Sprieser | Kate Swann | British Land Co | Independent NED |
| Swann | | | • |
| Symons | Baroness Liz Symons | British Airways | Independent NED |

Drax Group Plc

Cadbury Schweppes

Cadbury Schweppes

Lloyds Tsb Group

Scottish Power

CEO

GFD

Independent NED

Independent NED

Independent NED

Thompson Thorne

Wilgenbusch

Weir

Wilcox

Dorothy Thompson

Baroness Judith Wilcox

Dr. Nancy Wilgenbusch

Rosemary Thorne

Helen Weir

2. FTSE 100 COMPANY FEMALE SENIOR EXECUTIVES

| Surname | Full Name | Organisation | Role |
|---------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Abrehart | Deborah Abrehart | ICAP | Group Company Secretary |
| Airey | Dawn Airey | British Sky Broadcasting | Division MD |
| Bell K | Katie Bell | Old Mutual | Division Director |
| Bell M | Maggi Bell | Capita Group | Division ED |
| Blanks | Hester Blanks | Cadbury Schweppes | Group Secretary |
| Booth | Linda Booth | United Utilities | Director - HR |
| Boschmann | Kai Britt Boschmann | DSG International | Group Director |
| Bostock | Kate Bostock | Marks & Spencer | Division Director |
| Bowerman | Anne Bowerman | Reuters Group | Director - HR |
| Brown K | Kathryn Brown | Imperial Tobacco | Group Director |
| | Susanne Bunn | | • |
| Bunn | | Diageo | Company Secretary |
| Burr | Gwyn Burr Rebecca Burrows | Sainsbury Prudential | Division Director Director - Communications |
| Burrows | | | |
| Byrne-Quinn | Sarah Byrne-Quinn | Smith & Nephew | Group Director |
| Campbell | Marcia Campbell | Standard Life | Group Operations Director |
| Capes | Marie Capes | WPP Group | Company Secretary |
| Chalmers | Penelope Chalmers | International Power | Division Director |
| Clark S | Sue Clark | SABmiller | Director |
| Clark T | Tracy Clarke | Standard Chartered | Group Head of HR |
| Collis | Denise Collis | 3i Group | Group Director - HR |
| Combes | Claire Combes | Lonmin | Vice President |
| Conover | Pamela Conover | Carnival Plc | Senior VP |
| Cook | Beryl Cook | British Sky Broadcasting | Director for People |
| Cooper | Alison Cooper | Imperial Tobacco Group | Division Director |
| Cox | Vivienne Cox | BP | Div Exec VP Gas Power & Renewables |
| Davies | Claire Davies | Legal & General Group | Group Secretary |
| Denne | Emma Denne | Land Securities | Director of Corporate Communication |
| Deptula | Barbara Deptula | Shire | Executive VP |
| Duffield | Sheelagh Duffield | Scottish Power | Company Secretary |
| Folger | Susan Folger | Liberty International Plc | Company Secretary |
| Francke | Ann Francke | Yell Group | Chief Marketing Officer |
| Fudge | Ann Fudge | WPP Group | Executive Officer |
| Gill | Corinne Gill | Persimmon | Division FD |
| Graham | Anita Graham | Shire | Executive VP - HR |
| Heritage | Teresa Heritage | Lonmin | General Manager |
| Howard-Allen | Flic Howard-Allen | Marks & Spencer | Director - Communications |
| Jenkins | Claire Jenkins | Gallaher Group | Director - Investor Relations |
| Jones | Helen Jones | Kingfisher | Company Secretary |
| Kelley | Karen Kelley | Amvescap | President Fund Mgt Co |
| Kirby | Caroline Kirby | Liberty International Plc | Division Director |
| Lambkin | Charlotte Lambkin | BAE Systems | Group Communications Director |
| Lawless | Anette Lawless | Rio Tinto | Company Secretary |
| Lazarus | Shelly Lazarus | WPP Group | Executive Officer |
| Mahy | Helen Mahy | National Grid | General Counsel/Secretary |
| Martin | Rosemary Martin | Reuters Group | General Counsel/Secretary |
| May C | Catherine May | Centrica | Director |
| May T | Tatjana May | Shire | Executive VP/General Counsel/Secretary |
| McDonald | Rebecca McDonald | Bhp Billiton | President Gas & Power |
| Minto | Anne Minto | Centrica | Group Director - HR |
| Neville-Rolfe | Lucy Neville-Rolfe | Tesco | Company Secretary |
| Oppenheimer | Deanna Oppenheimer | Barclays | CEO UK Retail Banking |
| Reilly | Susan Reilly | Scottish Power | Commercial Director |
| Richardson | Elizabeth Richardson | Reckitt Benckiser | Company Secretary |
| Robbins | Tracy Robbins | Intercontinental Hotels | Executive VP - HR |
| Sharrar | Victoria Sharrar | Yell Group | Chief Sales Officer |
| Shorland-Ball | Alexandra Shorland-Ball | Lonmin | Vice President |
| Smedley | Sally Smedley | British Energy | Division Director - HR |
| Smith | Fiona Smith | Severn Trent | General Counsel/Secretary |
| Taylor-Martin | Susan Taylor-Martin | Reuters Group | Head of Division |
| Titford | Jennifer Titford | Slough Estates | Director - HR |
| Turner | Cathy Turner | Barclays | Director Barclays HR |
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2. FTSE 100 COMPANY FEMALE SENIOR EXECUTIVES (cont'd)

Karen Wood

| Surname | Full Name | Organisation | Role |
|----------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Vacassin | Priscilla Vacassin | Prudential | Group Director - HR |
| Vezmar | Judith Vezmar | Reed Elsevier Plc | Division CEO |
| Walsh | Imelda Walsh | Sainsbury | Division Director - HR |
| Weller | Sara Weller | Home Retail Group | Division MD |
| Wille | Corry Wille | Tate & Lyle | Group Director - HR |
| Williams | Angela Williams | Land Securities | Group HR Director |
| Wood | Alison Wood | BAE Systems | Group Strategic Development Director |
| | | | |

Bhp Billiton Plc

Company Secretary

| Surname | Full Name | Organisation | Role |
|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | |
| Averiss | Joanne Kerry Averiss | Britvic Plc | NED |
| Ahrendts | Angela Ahrendts | Burberry | CEO |
| Aikman | Jane Aikman | Wilson Bowden | GFD |
| Airey | Dawn Elizabeth Airey | Easyjet | Independent NED |
| Airey | Elisabeth Airey | Amec | Senior Independent NED |
| Baddeley | Julie Baddeley | Greggs | Independent NED |
| Bailey | Sly Bailey | Trinity Mirror | CEO |
| Bailey | Sly Bailey | Emi Group | Independent NED |
| Balfour | Lady Janet Balfour | Murray International Trust | Independent NED |
| Balfour | Lady Janet Balfour | Stagecoach Group Plc | Senior Independent NED |
| Barr | Gill Barr | Morgan Sindall | NED |
| Bates | Sarah Bates | St. James's Place | Independent NED |
| Baxter | Suzanne Baxter | Mitie Group | GFD |
| Baxter | Audrey Baxter | First Group | Independent NED |
| Blackstone | Baroness Tessa Blackstone | VT Group | Independent NED |
| Blomfield-Smith | Rosamund Blomfield-Smith | British Empire Securities & GT | Independent NED |
| Bravo | Rose Marie Bravo | Burberry Group | Vice Chairman |
| Bulmer | Christine Bulmer | Britvic Plc | NED |
| Burton | Caroline Burton | Rathbone Brothers | Independent NED |
| Burton | Caroline Burton | TR Property Investment Trust | Independent NED |
| Byng-Maddick | Zillah Byng-Maddick | Gondola Holdings Plc | Independent NED |
| Carolus | Cheryl Carolus | Investec | Independent NED |
| Carragher | Madeleine Carragher | Workspace Group | ED - Operations |
| Cartwright | Stacey Cartwright | Burberry Group | CFO . |
| Catalano | Anna Catalano | SSI International | Independent NED |
| Cavanagh | Fiona Cavanagh | Sci Entertainment Group | CEO |
| Chapman | Clare Chapman | First Choice Holidays | Independent NED |
| Clayton | Marie-Louise Clayton | Venture Production Plc | GFD |
| Clifton | Rita Ann Clifton | EMAP | Independent NED |
| Cohen | Baroness Janet Cohen | London Stock Exchange | Independent NED |
| Colyer | Lesley Colyer | Avis Europe | ED - HR |
| Corzine | Patricia Corzine | Restaurant Group | ED |
| Cross | Christine Cross | Wimpey (George) | Independent NED |
| Cuschieri | Roz Cuschieri | Wolverhampton & Dudley | NED |
| Dawson | Jo Dawson | St. James's Place | NED |
| De Moller | June De Moller | London Merchant Securities | Independent NED |
| De Moller | June De Moller | Temple Bar Investment Trust | NED |
| Dean | Baroness Brenda Dean | Wimpey | Independent NED |
| Desborough | Sue Desborough | Rathbone Brothers | FD |
| Doyle | Noreen Doyle | Qinetiq Group Plc | Independent NED |
| *. | Dr Carol Engler | Hiscox | Independent NED |
| Engler | | | • |
| Ewing | Margaret Ewing | Whitbread | Independent NED |
| Ferguson | Carol Ferguson | Monks Investment Trust | Independent NED |
| Flaherty | Dr Kathleen Flaherty | Inmarsat Group | Independent NED |
| Fleet | Julia Fleet | Gondola Holdings Plc | ED |
| Ford | Margaret Ford | Serco Group | Independent NED |
| Francis | Mary Elizabeth Francis | St.Modwen Properties | Independent NED |
| | A a da Euro | Abardaan Assat Managamant | Indonondont NED |
| Frew Frew | Anita Frew Anita Frew | Aberdeen Asset Management IMI Plc | Independent NED Independent NED |

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| Surname | COMPANY FEMALE DIRECT | Organisation | Role |
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| Frew | Anita Frew | Victrex | Senior Independent NED |
| Fukuda | Haruko Fukuda | Investec | Independent NED |
| Furse | Clara Hedwig Furse | London Stock Exchange | CEO |
| George | Stephanie George | Burberry Group | Independent NED |
| Glen | Marian Glen | Murray Income Trust | NED |
| Gloag | Ann Heron Gloag | Stagecoach Group Plc | NED |
| Green | Dr Harriet Green | Premier Farnell | CEO |
| Guerra | Karen Guerra | Inchcape | Independent NED |
| Hazlitt | Fru Hazlitt | Woolworths Group | Independent NED |
| Heaton | Frances Heaton | AWG | Independent NED |
| Hesse | Martha Ossian Hesse | Amec | Independent NED |
| Hintze | Sharon Hintze | Premier Foods Plc | Independent NED |
| Hooper | Susan Hooper | First Choice Holidays | NED |
| lohnson | Margaret Johnson | Admiral Group Plc | Independent NED |
| lohnson | Susan Johnson | Greggs | Independent NED |
| lones | Karen Jones | Gondola Holdings Plc | Independent NED |
| ludge | Lady Barbara Judge | Quintain Estates & Development | Senior Independent NED |
| Iulius | Dr DeAnne Julius | Serco Group | Senior Independent NED |
| Kellaway | Lucy Kellaway | Admiral Group Plc | Independent NED |
| Ker | Lady Katherine Innes Ker | Taylor Woodrow | Independent NED |
| King | Martina King | Johnston Press | Independent NED |
| Kirby | Dr Pamela Kirby | Informa plc | Independent NED |
| Knight | Angela Knight | LogicaCMG | Independent NED |
| (nox | Lesley Knox | Alliance Trust | Chairman (Independent NI |
| (nox | Lesley Knox | Hays | Independent NED |
| Knox | Lesley Knox | HMV Group | Independent NED |
| Knox | Lesley Knox | MFI Furniture Group | Independent NED |
| _esniak | Alicja Lesniak | Sthree Plc | NED |
| _etsinger _isson | Katherine Letsinger | Wellington Underwriting | GFD COO |
| _isson _ucas-Bull | Kathy Lisson Wendy Lucas-Bull | Brit Insurance Holdings Dimension Data Holdings Plc | Independent NED |
| Lyons | Professor Sue Lyons | National Express Group | Independent NED |
| Macdonagh | Lesley MacDonagh | Bovis Homes Group | Independent NED |
| MacNaughton | Joan MacNaughton | Quintain Estates & Dev | Independent NED |
| Macpherson | Isabel MacPherson | Mitie Group | Independent NED |
| Mahy | Helen Mahy | AGA Foodservice Group | Independent NED |
| Mattar | Deena Mattar | Kier Group | FD |
| McGregor-Smith | Ruby McGregor-Smith | Mitie Group | COO |
| McMeikan | Elizabeth McMeikan | Wetherspoon (J.D.) | Independent NED |
| McPherson | Karen McPherson | F&C Management | Independent NED |
| McPherson | Karen McPherson | RPS Group | Independent NED |
| Mitchell | Victoria Mitchell | Berkeley Group Holdings | Independent NED |
| Morgan | Baroness Sally Morgan | Carphone Warehouse Group | Independent NED |
| Mortimer | Katharine Mortimer | Pennon Group | Independent NED |
| Murray s | Susan Murray | SSI International | Independent NED |
| Murray v | Vanda Murray | Carillion | Independent NED |
| Nealon | Kate Nealon | Cable & Wireless | Independent NED |
| Ni-Chionna | Orna Ni-Chionna | Northern Foods | Senior Independent NED |
| Nichols | Dinah Nichols | Pennon Group | Independent NED |
| Noakes | Baroness Sheila Noakes | Carpetright | Senior Independent NED |
| Noakes | Baroness Sheila Noakes | Sthree Plc | Senior Independent NED |
| O'Donovan | Kathleen O'Donovan | EMI Group | Independent NED |
| O'Donovan | Kathleen O'Donovan | Great Portland Estates | Senior Independent NED |
| O'Driscoll | Patricia O'Driscoll | Northern Foods | CEO |
| Pallot | Wendy Pallot | GCAP Media | GFD |
| Palmer | Ann Palmer | Arriva | Independent NED |
| Patten | Lady Louise Patten | Brixton | Chairman (Independent N |
| Perkins | Alice Perkins | Taylor Nelson Sofres | Independent NED |
| Pridgeon | Jane Pridgeon | Rightmove | NED |
| Rade | Debra Rade | Intertek | Independent NED |
| Rainey | Mary Rainey | WH Smith Plc | Independent NED |
| | | | |

Edinburgh Investment Trust

Independent NED

Ralston

Nicola Ralston

3. FTSE 101-350 COMPANY FEMALE DIRECTORS (cont'd)

| Surname | Full Name | Organisation | Role |
|---------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Richmond | Barbara Richmond | Inchcape | GFD |
| Rider | Dr Gill Rider | De La Rue | Independent NED |
| Risley | Angie Risley | Whitbread | ED - HR |
| Ruddick | Lynn Ruddick | British Assets Trust | Independent NED |
| Salmon | Clare Salmon | Alliance Trust | Independent NED |
| Scriven | Jane Scriven | Greene King | Independent NED |
| Smith | Isla Smith | Abbot Group | Independent NED |
| Spencer | Jean Spencer | AWG | ED |
| Spottiswoode | Dr Clare Spottiswoode | Tullow Oil Plc | Independent NED |
| Studer | Dr Sharon Studer | Taylor Nelson Sofres | Independent NED |
| Swann | Kate Swann | WH Smith Plc | Group CEO |
| Sykes | Hilary Sykes | Pendragon | ED/Secretary |
| Thomson | Karen Thomson | United Business Media | Independent NED |
| Thorne | Rosemary Thorne | Ladbrokes | GFD |
| Touraine | Agnes Touraine | Cable & Wireless | Independent NED |
| Trainer | Lorraine Trainer | Aegis Group | Independent NED |
| van Gene | Debra van Gene | Wetherspoon(J.D.) | Independent NED |
| Vezmar | Judith Vezmar | Rightmove | Independent NED |
| Wade | Vyvienne Wade | Jardine Lloyd Thompson Group | ED |
| Wade-Gery | Laura Wade-Gery | Trinity Mirror | Independent NED |
| Weller | Sara Weller | Mitchells & Butlers | Senior Independent NED |
| Wicker-Miurin | Fields Wicker-Miurin | Savills | Independent NED |
| Wicks | C Philippa Wicks | Ladbrokes Plc | Independent NED |
| Wilcox | Baroness Judith Wilcox | Carpetright | NED |
| Williams | Jenny Williams | Northumbrian Water Group Plc | Independent NED |
| Wolstenholme | Manjit Wolstenholme | Capital & Regional | Independent NED |
| Worthington | Rebecca Worthington | Quintain Estates | FD |
| Young | Margaret Young | Cattles | Independent NED |

4. FTSE 101-350 COMPANY FEMALE SENIOR EXECUTIVES

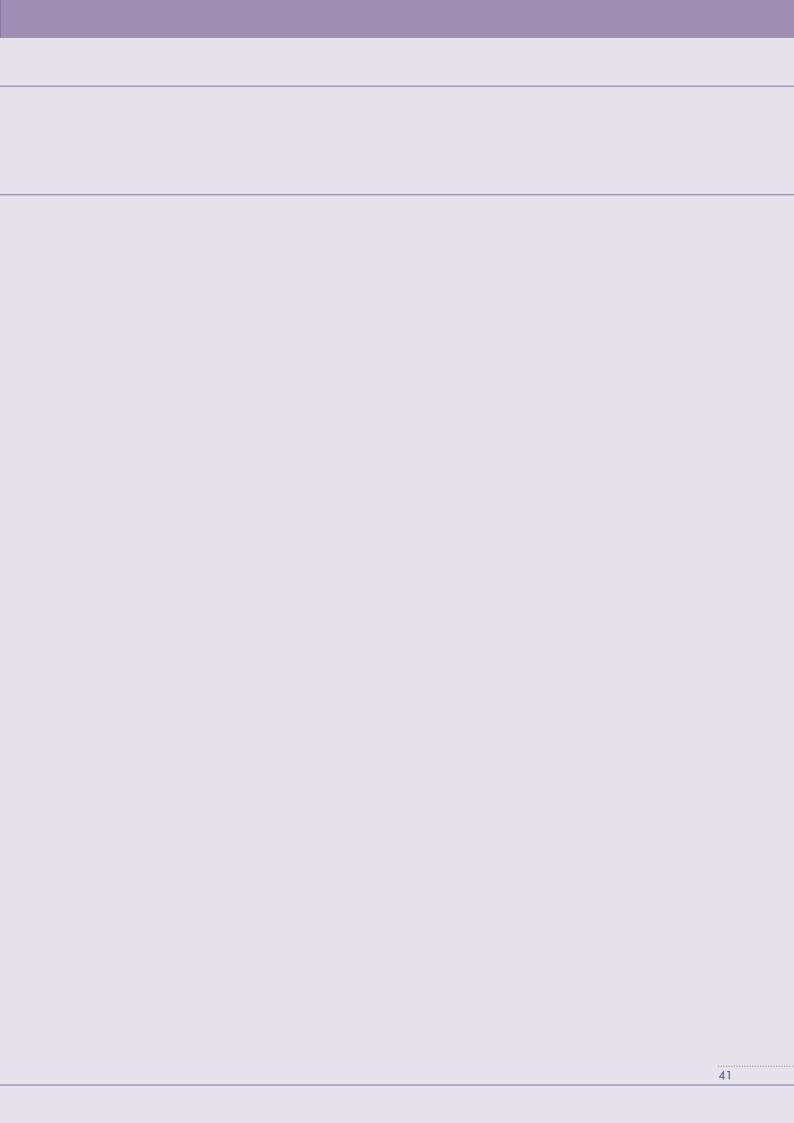
| 4. FTSE 101-350 COMPANY FEMALE SENIOR EXECUTIVES | | | | |
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| | Surname | Full Name | Organisation | Role |
| | Alm | Judith Alm | Regus | Director - HR |
| | Al-Shunnar | Taghreed Al-Shunnar | Hikma Pharmaceuticals | Division General Manager |
| | Alsop | Patricia Alsop | Arm Hldgs | Company Secretary |
| | Bangay | Natalie Bangay | Svg Capital Plc | Executive Officer |
| | Barter | Marie Barter | Unite Group | Division MD |
| | Bartlett | Diana Bartlett | Collins Stewart Tullett | Company Secretary |
| | Baxter | Celia Baxter | Bunzl | Group Director - HR |
| | Blease | Elizabeth Blease | Marshalls | Company Secretary |
| | Brennan | Anne-Marie Brennan | Wolverhampton & Dudley Brew. | Company Secretary |
| | Brocklebank | Trish Brocklebank | AWG | Executive Officer |
| | Brooks | Amanda Brooks | Inchcape | Financial Controller |
| | Brown C | Catherine Brown | Rentokil Initial | Head |
| | Burgess | Helen Burgess | Gondola Holdings Plc | Executive Officer |
| | Burwood | Krista Burwood | City Of London Investment Trust | Secretary |
| | Busby | Sarah Busby | Rightmove | Head of Division |
| | Cagle | Cynthia Cagle | Soco International | VP/Secretary |
| | Candy | Rachel Candy | Quintain Estates & Development | Analyst |
| | Carfora | Carmelina Carfora | Electrocomponents | Group Company Secretary |
| | Carver | Mary Carver | Qinetiq Group Plc | Division MD |
| | Cattanach | Gill Cattanach | Alliance Trust | Head |
| | Cattermole | Carolyn Cattermole | Smith (DS) | Company Secretary |
| | Chaplin | Marilyn Chaplin | Dimension Data Holdings Plc | Group Executive |
| | Chesney | Carol Chesney | Halma | Company Secretary |
| | Clements | Susannah Clements | AWG | Executive Officer |
| | Coles | Pamela Coles | Rank Group | Company Secretary |
| | Constantine | Maureen Constantine | GKN | Director - HR |
| | Court | Susan Court | Paypoint | Company Secretary |
| | Cowden | Irene Cowden | Group 4 Securicor | Director - HR |
| | Curling | Davina Curling | Foreign & Colonial Invest.Trust | Manager |
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4. FTSE 101-350 COMPANY FEMALE SENIOR EXECUTIVES (cont'd) Surname Full Name Organisation

| 4. FTSE 101-350 C | OMPANY FEMALE SENIOR I Full Name | EXECUTIVES (cont'd) Organisation | Role |
|--------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | |
| Davies | Rhian Davies | Electra Private Equity | Manager |
| De Welzim | Tania De Welzim | Randgold Resources | Finance Manager |
| Dent | Falguni Dent | Capital & Regional | Company Secretary |
| Dent Dixon | Julie Dent Sue Dixon | British Assets Trust | Investment Manager |
| | | Quintain Estates & Development | Company Secretary |
| Dodge | Tanith Dodge Patricia Dregent | WH Smith Plc | Group Director - HR |
| Dregent Duck | J M Duck | Carpetright Dimension Data Holdings Plc | Company Secretary Company Secretary |
| Eagan | Nicole Eagan | Autonomy Corporation | Chief Marketing Officer |
| Elliott | Joanne Elliott | TR Property Investment Trust | Finance Manager |
| Evans | Fiona Evans | Intertek Group | Company Secretary |
| Fluker | Louise Fluker | De La Rue | General Counsel/Secretary |
| Ford | Dee Ford | EMAP | Executive Officer |
| Fox | Susan Fox | RHM Plc | Group Director - HR |
| Franz | Ulla Franz | Computacenter | Manager |
| Freeman | Jackie Freeman | Gondola Holdings Plc | Executive Officer |
| George | Judy George | AGA Foodservice Group | Division CEO |
| Glanville | Marie Glanville | Grainger Trust | Secretary |
| Glover | Anna Glover | Whitbread | Division Director |
| Goeting | Stephanie Goeting | Helphire Group | Division MD - Ops |
| Goodayle | Carey Goodayle | SVG Capital plc | Executive Officer |
| Gould | Victoria Gould | Morgan Crucible Co | Division Director |
| Gould | Helen Gould | William Hill | Group Company Secretary |
| Grewal | Rita Grewal | Edinburgh Investment Trust | Director - Investments |
| Hardy | Joanne Hardy | Intertek Group | Financial Controller |
| Hartley | Rebecca Hartley | SVG Capital plc | Executive Officer |
| Harvey | Georgina Harvey | Trinity Mirror | Division MD |
| Hathaway | Cheryl Hathaway | Big Yellow Group | Controller |
| Haumesser | Catherine Haumesser | SVG Capital plc | Executive Officer |
| Horler | Liz Horler | London Merchant Securities | Financial Controller |
| Horrocks Hughes | Alison Horrocks Rachael Hughes | Inmarsat Group Homeserve | Company Secretary Regional MD |
| Hull | Victoria Hull | Invensys | Secretary/General Counsel |
| Hutchinson | Alison Hutchinson | Kensington Group | Executive Officer |
| Jones | Sarah Jones | Carpetright | Division Director |
| Jones | Debra Jones | Inmarsat Group | Vice President |
| Kemp | Deborah Kemp | Punch Taverns | Regional Director |
| Knox | Virginia Knox | RHM Plc | Division COO |
| Labadi | Majda Labadi | Hikma Pharmaceuticals | Division General Manager |
| Ladbrooke | Jenny Ladbrooke | IMI Plc | Director - HR |
| Lambert | Donna Lambert | Shaftesbury | Manager - Communications |
| Lane | Susan Lane | Helphire Group | Division MD |
| Larson | Paula Larson | Invensys | Senior VP - HR |
| Law | Christina Law | Intertek Group | Division VP/CFO |
| Lester | Nancy Lester | Bunzl | Division Director |
| Long | Sarah Long | Computacenter | Division Director |
| MacDonald | Caitlyn MacDonald | SVG Capital plc | Executive Officer |
| MacIntosh | Sara MacIntosh | Templeton Emerging Markets IT | Company Secretary |
| Marriner | Elaine Marriner | HMV Group | Company Secretary |
| Martin | Desna Martin | Great Portland Estates | Company Secretary |
| Massie | Amanda Massie | Mouchel Parkman plc | Company Secretary |
| McIntyre | A M McIntyre | Croda International Forth Ports | Assistant Secretary |
| McNeill | Morag McNeill | | Company Secretary |
| Michelson-Carr | Ruth T Michelson-Carr Theresa Morgan | Savills SVG Capital plc | Company Secretary Executive Officer |
| Morgan Mundy | Ruth Mundy | Mouchel Parkman | Division Director |
| Murdoch | Fiona Murdoch | Wolfson Microelectronics | Company Secretary |
| Murrell | Pamela Murrell | Quintain Estates & Development | Head |
| Nelson | Janet Nelson | Catlin Group Ltd | Chief Risk Officer |
| Nettleship | Mary Nettleship | Morgan Sindall | Company Secretary |
| Nicholson | Judith Nicholson | Avis Europe | Company Secretary |
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4. FTSE 101-350 COMPANY FEMALE SENIOR EXECUTIVES (cont'd) Surname Full Name Organisation

| 4. FISE 101-350 COMPANY FEMALE SENIOR EXECUTIVES (CONT.) | | | | |
|--|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Surname | Full Name | Organisation | Role | |
| Pain | Caroline Pain | Colt Telecom Group SA | Company Secretary | |
| Peace | Sally Peace | Wellington Underwriting | Head | |
| Purdy | Liz Purdy | Luminar | Director - HR | |
| Randery | Tanuja Randery | Colt Telecom Group SA | Division MD | |
| Ray | Christine Ray | Rank Group | Group Director - HR | |
| Richardson | Tracy Richardson | Capital & Regional | Executive Officer | |
| Rigby | April Rigby | RPS Group | Company Secretary | |
| Ringdal | Susan Ringdal | Hikma Pharmaceuticals | Director - Investor Relations | |
| Robbins | Jo Robbins | VT Group | Group Director - HR | |
| Roberts | Joanne Roberts | Serco Group | Company Secretary | |
| Robinson | Michelle Robinson | IMI Plc | Group Manager | |
| Rodger | Lorraine Rodger | Expro International Group | Group Director - HR | |
| Ross | Corina Ross | Mitie Group | Company Secretary | |
| Salt | Kirsten Salt | Merchants Trust Plc | Company Secretary | |
| Savage | Liz Savage | Easyjet | Division Director | |
| Scadding | Jane Scadding | Wincanton | Group Division Director | |
| Scott | A Louise Scott | Croda International | Company Secretary | |
| Sephton | Carolyn Sephton | Go-Ahead Group | Company Secretary | |
| Shadlock | Gail Shadlock | Mouchel Parkman | Division Director | |
| Shaw | Sarah M Shaw | BBA Group | Group Secretary | |
| Siddell | Anne Siddell | United Business Media | Company Secretary | |
| Sissons | Pam Sissons | Foodservice Group | Company Secretary | |
| Smith | Lorraine Smith | Workspace Group | Manager | |
| Smith r | Rosamond Smith | Provident Financial | General Counsel/Secretary | |
| Stables | Jane Stables | United Business Media | Director - HR | |
| Tan | Tian Tan | Candover Investments | Finance Director | |
| Taylor | M L Taylor | Dimension Data Holdings Plc | Company Secretary | |
| Taylor | Elizabeth Taylor | Rightmove | Company Secretary | |
| Thomas | Penny Thomas | Shaftesbury | Company Secretary | |
| Thomas | Caroline Emma Thomas | Homeserve | Group Company Secretary | |
| Thomas | Heather Thomas | Wellington Underwriting | Secretary/General Counsel | |
| Thorburn | Jayne Thorburn | Amlin | Chief Investment Officer | |
| Tiney | Claire Tiney | Homeserve | Director - HR | |
| Todhunter | Alice Todhunter | SVG Capital plc | Director - Investor Relations | |
| Tomsett | Ann Tomsett | Kensington Group | Company Secretary | |
| Trickett | Deborah Trickett | TR Property Investment Trust | Company Secretary | |
| Veber | Lorraine Veber | Regus | Director - Sales | |
| Walsh | Helen Walsh | Candover Investments | Director - Marketing | |
| Wark | Lois Wark | Randgold Resources | Manager | |
| Wheaton | Alison Wheaton | Mitchells & Butlers | Division Director | |
| Wilkinson e | Emma Wilkinson | Candover Investments | Investment Manager | |
| Williams | Carol Williams | Northern Foods | Company Secretary | |
| Williamson | Nicola Williamson | TR Property Investment Trust | Manager | |
| Woollaston | Emma Woollaston | Inchcape | Executive Officer | |
| Yudolph | Debra Yudolph | Grainger Trust | Regional Director | |
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