

By invitation only

# Professional Boards Forum

Wednesday 18 May 2016 from 2.30pm

## Programme

2.30pm

### Registration

Introductions for chairmen and women NEDs over coffee/tea

3.00pm

### Welcome

Elin Hurvenes, Founder & Chair

### Keynote speakers

Sir Dick Olver, former Chairman  
BAE Systems plc

John Barton, Chairman, Next plc and  
easyJet plc

3.30pm – 6.00pm

### Simulated Board Meeting

Sitting round 'board tables' of chairmen and women NEDs, you will discuss the governance, financial and strategic issues presented by a challenging case specially developed for the Forum.

6.00pm – 7.00pm

### Reception: Drinks and canapés

## Venue:

Hogan Lovells, Atlantic House  
Holborn Viaduct  
London EC1A 2FG

The Professional Boards Forum brings together chairmen and women with the skills and experience for Non-Executive Director (NED) roles.

Leading chairmen who are committed to appointing talented women to UK boards will be participating including Sir Dick Olver, John Barton, Paul Drechsler, Dennis Holt, Charles Gregson and Mark Yallop to mention some.

At our innovative events, a 'Simulated Board Meeting' gives talented women a unique opportunity to show their understanding and judgement of complex strategic, governance and financial problems, demonstrating the strengths they could bring to a board in the future. The Forum creates a friendly environment where women can meet and impress business leaders who influence appointments to UK boards.

Since the UK launch of the Professional Boards Forum in 2009 our alumnae have been appointed to more than 100 NED positions and further appointments are in the pipeline.

More than 120 chairmen from FTSE 100 and FTSE 250 companies and other significant firms have participated and continue to participate at the Professional Boards Forum events.



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## What our supporters say about the Forum:

"The Professional Boards Forum has got it just right - relevant, well structured, thoughtful and providing real value added."  
Donald Brydon, Chairman, Royal Mail Group plc

"The Professional Boards Forum continues to provide chairmen with an exceptional and impressive NED talent pool in a collaborative and constructive environment."

Sir Roger Carr, Chairman, BAE Systems plc

"I met and worked with some impressive women who have promising futures as NEDs."

Val Gooding CBE, Chairman, Premier Farnell plc

