

## Accelerating the growth of women on boards

- Professional Boards Forum (PBF) was created to support the selection, mentoring and promotion of the most talented women to help prepare them for Executive Committee or Non-Executive director (NED) board positions with leading companies.
- PBF was the first organisation to actively address board-level gender imbalance.
- It was founded by Elin Hurvenes in 2003 in Norway, after government legislation to increase female representation on company boards. Norway remains the leading example of best practice in boardroom diversity, worldwide.
- Elin has expanded her business to the UK, Germany, The Netherlands and Switzerland, and has been responsible for more than 600 female NED appointments.
- PBF has a unique approach in bringing together Chairmen of the largest, most important European companies, and senior women with the experience and aspirations to take on Executive Committee director (ECD) or Non-Executive director roles – either now or in the future.
- PBF achieves this through a series of unique, innovative, in-person workshop events, which enable potential female board members to be seen in action, and for relationships to be forged directly with Chairmen.
- PBF has a unique track record, a long-standing perspective, and an unrivalled network across Europe of senior Chairmen and women alumnae.
- Companies that become Corporate Members of PBF are at the forefront of events. Chairmen of these companies recognise that boardroom diversity helps mitigate risk and that Non-Executive experience is a powerful tool for developing and retaining their most talented women.



Online 11 May 2021

London November 2021

The Hague November 2021

- See a PBF event video here:
  - Sir Roger Carr Interview
  - London May 2019 Event
  - The Hague November 2018 Event
- Details about speakers and event venues can be found at [www.boardsforum.co.uk](http://www.boardsforum.co.uk)

“The Professional Boards Forum goes from strength to strength in providing Chairmen with an exceptional and impressive NED talent pool, and prospective NEDs with the opportunity to meet Chairmen in a collaborative and constructive environment.”

**Sir Roger Carr, Chairman, BAE Systems plc**



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“I found the Professional Boards Forum inspiring, engaging and a great learning experience as well as providing a networking platform. I look forward to participating again soon.”

**Caroline Macinnes, Finance Director & Chief of Staff, Barclays UK**



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