

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 Chairs 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 Chairs.
- PBF has a unique track record, a long-standing perspective, and an unrivalled network across Europe of senior Chairs and women alumnae.
- Companies that become Corporate Members of PBF are at the forefront of events. Chairs 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.



Click [here](#) to view a PBF event video and details about speakers and venues can be found by visiting www.boardsforum.co.uk

"However good you are, if you are invisible you won't get on the radar. If you are not on the radar you are unlikely to get the job – networking is part and parcel of the role".

Sir Roger Carr, Former Chair BAE Systems plc

"Having been a PBF candidate myself years ago, I remember finding it one of the most educational programmes on practical board responsibilities, discussion and governance. I walked away with confidence in my ability to add value and an expanded network. Joining again as a Chair has been so rewarding to pay it forward."

Terri Duhon, Independent NED, Rathbone Brothers plc



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