

Programme

Professional Boards Forum

Wednesday 15 May 2013 from 2.30pm

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Registration

Introductions for chairmen and women NEDs over coffee/tea

3.00pm

Welcome to the Professional Boards Forum

Elin Hurvenes and Jane Scott

Keynote speaker

Dame Helen Alexander
Chairman, UBM 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.

Closing comments

Alan Thomson, Chairman, Hays plc

6.00pm – 7.00pm

Reception: Drinks and canapés

Venue:

160 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4QQ, courtesy of Dechert LLP

Leading FTSE chairmen and board members who are committed to appointing talented women to UK boards will be participating in the Forum. These include Donald Brydon, Sir Philip Hampton, Nick Land, Sir Colin Terry and Dame Helen Alexander.

Launched in the UK in 2009 by founder Elin Hurvenes and Jane Scott, the Professional Boards Forum brings together chairmen and women with the skills and experience for Non-Executive Director (NED) roles.

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 our launch in the UK, Professional Boards Forum alumnae have been appointed to more than 50 NED positions; further appointments are in the pipeline.

More than 80 chairmen from FTSE 100 and FTSE 250 companies and private equity firms have participated in the Forum, including Sir Roger Carr, Sir Philip Hampton, Sir John Parker, Sir Mike Rake, Baroness Hogg, Alison Carnwath, Lesley Knox, David Tyler and Sir John Buchanan.



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What our supporters say about the Forum:

"I enjoyed the Forum and was pleased to meet and work with some very able candidates."

Sir Philip Hampton, Chairman of RBS plc

"In my experience women add considerable value to the board-room discussion and I want both genders represented on any board I chair."

Sir Roger Carr, Chairman of Centrica plc, President of CBI

"I enjoyed the Professional Boards Forum event – the format was both fun and stimulating."

Sir John Parker, Chairman of Anglo American plc

