

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Edward Bramson set to demand board seat at Barclays: The activist investor pushing Barclays to curtail its investment banking ambitions has told other shareholders that he could push for a seat on the board if he feels he is being ignored.

Johnston Press pensioners face cuts: Almost 5,000 former workers at Johnston Press face cuts to their pensions in the wake of the collapse of the owner of The Scotsman, The Yorkshire Post and the i newspapers.

Interserve fails to provide back-up plan for services: One of the biggest suppliers of cleaning and catering services to government departments, schools and hospitals has failed to provide civil servants with details of how it would ensure continuity of service in the event of a Carillion-style collapse.

Playtech investor Jason Ader wants founder Teddy Sagi fired: The American activist investor calling for a shake-up at Playtech has written to the gaming technology group's Directors calling on them to cut all ties with Teddy Sagi, its billionaire founder.

Stars align for satellite deal in spite of Brexit uncertainty: Ministers have seized upon a €200 million satellite construction deal as evidence of corporate confidence in British industry as the country prepares to leave the European Union.

Truell plugs in Swedish car technology developer Springworks: A car telematics start-up controlled by a City financier is acquiring a Swedish rival in a deal that values his company at about £300 million.

Investor revolt at miner Petra Diamonds: The head of London's largest listed diamond miner faces a bruising showdown with investors at the annual meeting on Friday.

Landlord New Frontier Properties warns on retail meltdown: A shopping centre owner has provided an insight into the troubled state of retail property, warning investors to be cautious dealing in its shares as it expects to have to slash the value of its assets.

Safety giant BSI bets on Holland: The U.K. regulatory body responsible for checking the safety of medical devices such as pacemakers, orthopaedic pins and EpiPens has agreed to open a subsidiary in Holland, in a move it claims could save lives after Brexit.

INDICES THIS MORNING

	Current Value	(%) Change*	1W% Change
FTSE 100	7,030.7	0.2%	-1.3% ■
DAX 30	11,338.3	-0.02%	-1.6% ■
CAC 40	5,034.3	0.2%	-1.6% ■
DJIA**	25,413.2	-	-2.2% ■
S&P 500**	2,736.3	-	-1.6% ■
NASDAQ Comp.**	7,247.9	-	-2.1% ■
Nikkei 225	21,821.2	0.6%	-2.6% ■
Hang Seng 40	26,372.0	0.7%	■ 2.3%
Shanghai Comp	2,703.5	0.9%	■ 3.1%
Kospi	2,100.6	0.4%	■ 0.3%
BSE Sensex	35,799.1	1.0%	■ 0.8%
S&P/ASX 200	5,693.7	-0.6%	-3.2% ■

Current Values as at 11:15 BST, *%Chg from Friday Close, ** As on Friday Close

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Gas driller Valeura Energy's City listing to fund Turkish project: A gas producer focused on Turkey is exploring plans for a secondary listing on the London Stock Exchange. Valeura Energy's bosses have been talking to banks and advisers in the capital ahead of a potential float in March.

Costa's £4 billion Coke deal 'threatens pensions': The £3.9 billion sale of Costa Coffee to Coca-Cola could hit baristas' retirement savings.

Profits at easyJet, led by Johan Lundgren, up as rivals crash out: EasyJet is set to report surging profits after benefiting from the demise of rivals, including Monarch.

Andrew Tinkler wins round one in legal bout with Stobart Group: Stobart Group has lost one High Court clash against its controversial former Chief Executive Andrew Tinkler — but a second case continues.

The Lawyer, owned by Centaur Media, on the block in magazine sell-off: Business publisher Centaur Media has hoisted a "for sale" sign over The Lawyer magazine, in a move that could fetch up to £45 million.

Facebook's 'dishonest' plan to help revive U.K. local press: Facebook is in talks with three local newspaper publishers in Britain over a radical plan to help fund journalism in an attempt to clean up its toxic reputation.

HS2 project delayed by a year as budget balloons: The £56 billion HS2 rail line is expected to be delayed by more than a year after it emerged in contract talks that the building project was at risk of soaring over budget.

Kingfisher Boss Veronique Laury raises cash for B&Q renovation: FTSE 100 retailer Kingfisher is seeking to sell six B&Q stores in an effort to raise cash to fund Chief Executive Veronique Laury's costly turnaround plan.

Sir Jim Ratcliffe's Ineos eyes \$3 billion swoop on North Sea oil fields: Britain's richest man is in talks over an audacious deal to expand his growing oil and gas empire.

Astra Zeneca mulls over choice of successor to Pascal Soriot: The FTSE 100 drugs giant Astra Zeneca has begun succession planning for Pascal Soriot, its Chief Executive of six years, after pressure from shareholders.

Submarines giant Babcock, led by Mike Turner, explored £3 billion break-up: Defence giant Babcock International has considered breaking itself up, The Sunday Times understands.

Santander takes on property tycoons David and Simon Reuben: The billionaire brothers and property tycoons David and Simon Reuben are locked in a legal battle with Santander over ownership of the bank's Madrid headquarters.

THE FINANCIAL TIMES

Ineos in exclusive talks with ConocoPhillips for North Sea assets: Ineos, the privately-owned energy and chemicals group run by Britain's richest man, is in exclusive talks with U.S. oil major ConocoPhillips to acquire its assets in the North Sea.

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PAG raises new \$6.00 billion fund to invest in Asia: PAG, the Hong Kong-based private equity group, has raised \$6.00 billion for a new fund in the latest sign that investors continue to look to Asia despite the rumbling U.S.-China trade war, according to several people with knowledge of the matter.

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Japan's Mitsubishi Heavy declares restructuring complete: The Chief Executive of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries has declared the group's restructuring programme complete, even as global rivals General Electric and Siemens grapple with struggling power divisions.

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Rio Tinto to supply ethical aluminium for Nespresso pods: Rio Tinto has moved to burnish its ethical credentials with a deal to supply Nespresso with responsibly sourced aluminium for its coffee pods.

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Hitachi in talks to buy ABB's power grids business: Japan's Hitachi is in discussions to buy part or all of ABB's power grids business, a division that analysts have said may be worth around \$13.00 billion.

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Fairfax shareholders back A\$2.20 billion buyout by Nine Entertainment: Fairfax Media said its shareholders had overwhelmingly backed a proposed A\$2.20 billion buyout by Nine Entertainment, paving the way for the creation of Australia's biggest media company.

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Vodafone looks forward to benefits of restructure in home market: Vodafone expects its long-suffering U.K. business to report stronger profits in the second half of the year as it reaps the benefits of a wide-ranging restructuring in its home market.

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Top investors continue to dump Flybe shares: Major investors in U.K. regional airline Flybe, which has put itself up for sale, have continued to dump their stock following a profit warning and poor set of results.

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Apple Boss says tech industry regulation 'inevitable': Apple's Chief Executive Tim Cook said new regulations for the tech industry are "inevitable" in the wake of a series of scandals, rejoining a debate that is intensifying along with political pressure on the company's rival, Facebook.

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VW pledges to spend €44 billion on new technologies: Volkswagen has pledged to spend €44 billion on technologies for electric cars, autonomous driving and new mobility services, such as ride-sharing, over the next five years.

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Babcock braced for £100 million charge: Babcock International is next week expected to announce an exceptional charge of around £100 million, mainly against its helicopter business serving the oil industry, as Britain's second largest defence contractor tries to improve relations with the City.

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Oil's slide hands junk bond ETFs their biggest weekly drop since February: The tumbling price of crude oil in the past fortnight has put two of the biggest junk bond exchange traded funds on track for their worst weekly performances in nine months.

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U.S. builder KB Home cuts revenue forecast on weaker orders, California fires: KB Home shares tumbled on Thursday after the Los Angeles-based builder cut its revenue guidance, citing destructive wildfires in California and softer demand for speculative homes.

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Fidelity promotes tech Chief to run \$2.6 trillion asset management arm: Fidelity has promoted technologist Steve Neff to run its sprawling asset management division following the retirement of Charlie Morrison, a three-decade veteran of the Boston investment giant.

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Debenhams faces crucial Christmas test: It is crunch time for Debenhams. This week's wild swings in the U.K. department store's share price underlined how pivotal trading in the next six weeks will be.

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Kimberly-Clark to call off European tissue sale: Kimberly-Clark has decided to call off the sale of its European tissue business, which includes popular household loo roll brand Andrex, after the unit fetched far less than \$1.2 billion price tag it hoped to get.

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THE MAIL ON SUNDAY

Airbus lands major deal to build components in U.K. for two European satellites: Airbus has landed a major deal to build components in the U.K. for two European satellites. Sign of the times: The deal with Eutelsat will see Airbus' sites in Portsmouth and Stevenage produce key parts of the satellites

Urban Outfitters bucks the U.K. retail gloom with sales rising 10% to £206 million and losses reversed: American fashion group Urban Outfitters has defied Britain's high street gloom by reversing losses and increasing sales.

Fashion heads face a grilling over what they're doing to reduce textile waste: Bosses at Primark, Marks & Spencer and Topshop owner Arcadia have been called to give evidence to Parliament over fashion industry practices.

Unilever strikes 10-year agreement for Colman's mustard production to continue in Norfolk: Unilever has struck a ten-year agreement for Colman's mustard production to continue in Norfolk.

U.S. hedge fund boss threatens to launch coup against executives at First Group: A U.S. hedge fund boss has threatened to launch a coup against executives at transport company First Group, amid growing investor anger about its performance.

Wonga City advisers are set to enjoy £4.1 million bonanza while thousands of claimants lose out: City advisers will rake in £4.1 million in fees from the collapse of payday lender Wonga.

BA sues U.S. outsourcing giant CBRE over its computer chaos: British Airways has launched a legal battle with a U.S. outsourcing giant that bosses blame for a £58 million IT meltdown which left tens of thousands of passengers stranded.

Crispin Odey is caught short by his hedge fund buddies as they bet nearly £150 million on Plus500's shares spiralling: Crispin Odey is not used to being played at his own game. The wily hedge fund tycoon's bet on Plus500, an Israel-based online trader, proved a good one, but things are turning sour.

THE INDEPENDENT

Owner of the i, Scotsman and Yorkshire Post plans to file for administration: Johnston Press, which owns newspapers including the i, The Scotsman and The Yorkshire Post, is preparing to enter into administration, the company has confirmed in a statement.

Virgin Media and EE fined £13.3 million for overcharging customers who wanted to leave contracts early: Virgin Media and EE have been fined a combined £13.3 million for overcharging nearly half a million customers who wanted to leave their phone and broadband contracts early.

Patisserie Valerie boss Paul May resigns after accounting scandal: The boss of beleaguered cake chain Patisserie Valerie has stepped down as the company installs a new CEO to lead its recovery.

THE GUARDIAN

Patisserie Valerie chair hires former SFO investigator as his lawyer: Luke Johnson, Patisserie Valerie's Executive Chairman, is understood to have hired a former top prosecutor at the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) amid an investigation into the cafe' chain's finances.

Amazon and high street chains kick off Black Friday early: Amazon has fired the starting gun on Black Friday, the U.S. tradition that has become a near-fortnight long £10 billion shopping extravaganza in the U.K.

U.K. house prices fall by £5,000 on average, with south sliding fastest: House prices fell by more than £5,000 on average in November, sliding fastest in Britain's wealthiest towns as Brexit uncertainty gripped the property market, according to the website Rightmove.

Noel Edmonds likely to file £60 million Lloyds lawsuit on Wednesday: The TV and radio star Noel Edmonds, who is expected to join ITV's I'm a Celebrity ... Get Me Out Of Here jungle camp this week, is also likely to fire the starting gun on a £60 million lawsuit against Lloyds Bank.

Thousands of U.K. workers denied toilet access, says Unite: Thousands of people do not have access to basic toilet facilities in their workplace in the U.K., according to a major union.

Sainsbury's to stock edible insects on shelves in a U.K. first: Barbecued bugs are going on the shelves of British supermarkets as Sainsbury's becomes the first big U.K. grocer to stock edible insects.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Key Economy Releases

Key Corporate Releases

Monday,
19 November
2018

UK: Rightmove House Price Index (MoM)
US: NAHB Housing Market Index, FOMC member Williams speech
EU: Eurogroup meeting, Current Account s.a., Construction Output s.a. (MoM)

Final Results: Diploma
Interim Results: Sirius Real Estate Ltd.

Tuesday,
20 November
2018

UK: BoE's Carney, Haldane, Cunliffe and Saunders Testify in London, CBI Trends Total Orders, CBI Trends Selling Prices, Inflation report hearings
US: Housing Starts, Building Permits

Final Results: Compass Group, CYBG, easyJet, El Group, Focusrite
Interim Results: Accsys Technologies, AO World, Aveva Group, Big Yellow Group, Bonmarche Holdings, CML Microsystems, Eckoh, Electrocomponents, Halma, Homeserve, IMmobile, Scapa Group, Solid State, SRT Marine Systems, Telecom Plus
Trading Announcements: CRH, Polypipe Group, SIG, Spectris

Wednesday,
21 November
2018

UK: Public Sector Net Borrowing,
US: MBA Mortgage Applications, Durable Goods Orders, Existing Home Sales, Leading Index, Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index, Initial Jobless Claims
EU: OECD Economic Outlook

Final Results: C4X Discovery Holdings, Cambria Automobiles, Countryside Properties, Marston's, Paragon Banking Group, Sage Group, SSP Group
Interim Results: Alpha Financial Markets Consulting, Babcock International Group, Biffa, Creightons, Helical, Johnson Matthey, Liontrust Asset Management, NewRiver REIT, Syncona Limited NPV, TalkTalk Telecom Group, United Utilities Group
Trading Announcements: Breedon Group

Thursday,
22 November
2018

EU: Consumer Confidence

Final Results: Euromoney Institutional Investor, Mitchells & Butlers
Interim Results: Assura, Caledonia Investments, Charles Stanley Group, CMC Markets, First Property Group, Hornby, IMmobile, John Laing Environmental Assets Group Limited, Keller Group, Majestic Wine, Mitie Group, Mothercare, Mountview Estates, Redcentric, Severn Trent, TR Property Inv Trust
Trading Announcements: Centrica, Rotork

Friday,
23 November
2018

US: Markit US Manufacturing PMI, Markit US Services PMI, Markit US Composite PMI
EU: Markit Eurozone Manufacturing PMI, Markit Eurozone Services PMI, Markit Eurozone Composite PMI

Interim Results: Fuller Smith & Turner, Record

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