

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Direct Line Boss Paul Geddes tapped for top job at John Lewis: The departing boss of insurer, Direct Line and the outgoing Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of travel retailer, SSP are in the running to succeed Sir Charlie Mayfield as Chairman of the John Lewis Partnership. Paul Geddes and Kate Swann are among external candidates for one of retail's most high-profile roles.

Glencore bought jet from Kazakh dictator's sidekick Bulat Utemuratov: Glencore acquired a private jet from a powerful Kazakh businessman who is a close ally of the country's dictator.

Fresh blow for Chris Grayling as HS2 contractor Bechtel sues: American giant Bechtel has lodged a High Court claim against the £56 billion north-south rail line after losing out on a £1.3 billion contract to build Old Oak Common station in west London.

Jim Ratcliffe's Ineos pays £1.2 billion dividend: Sir Jim Ratcliffe's Ineos empire has paid a £1.2 billion dividend — threatening more controversy after Britain's richest man was embroiled in a tax-avoidance row.

Rolls-Royce to offload civil nuclear unit: Rolls-Royce is selling the vast bulk of its civil nuclear business, dealing a new blow to efforts to rebuild Britain's atomic power industry. The FTSE 100 engineer has hired consultants from KPMG to find a buyer for the nuclear division, which could fetch up to £200 million.

Melrose prepares GKN Wheels sale: Melrose Industries is trying to sell a division of GKN that makes tractor wheels, the latest attempt to offload assets following its takeover last year of the aerospace and car parts maker.

Bell facing £1 million claim for attack on his former PR firm: Lord Bell, one of Britain's best-known spin doctors, is to face a claim for more than £1 million over comments he made about Bell Pottinger and payments he received from the defunct public relations firm.

Berenberg boss Hendrik Riehmer accused of role in insider trading scandal: One of Germany's most powerful bankers has been accused of involvement in a suspected multimillion-euro insider trading scandal.

INDICES THIS MORNING

	Current Value	(%) Change*	1W% Change
FTSE 100	7,134.2	0.4%	-1.0% ■
DAX 30	11,611.3	0.1%	1.3% ■
CAC 40	5,293.3	0.5%	0.9% ■
DJIA**	26,026.3	-	-0.02%
S&P 500**	2,803.7	-	0.4%
NASDAQ Comp.**	7,595.4	-	0.9% ■
Nikkei 225	21,822.0	1.0%	0.8% ■
Hang Seng 40	28,959.6	0.5%	-0.01%
Shanghai Comp	3,027.6	1.1%	6.8% ■
Kospi	2,190.7	-0.2%	-1.6% ■
BSE Sensex**	36,063.8	-	0.5%
S&P/ASX 200	6,217.4	0.4%	0.4%

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

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Keep to terms of £120 million cash award, Metro Bank is warned: The high street lender won a grant worth £120 million to improve services for small business, part of £280 million of awards allocated for the purpose last month.

Rothermeres sweeten DMGT's Euromoney deal: Daily Mail and General Trust is offloading its 49% stake in Euromoney, the financial publisher, via a shareholder distribution that will leave the controlling Rothermere family with an even greater economic interest in the media group.

Vale Chief Fabio Schvartsman resigns after Brazil mine disaster: Vale said that it had accepted the "temporary" resignation of Fabio Schvartsman and three other executives after Brazilian prosecutors recommended their dismissal.

Silicon Valley shower maker Nebia attracts head of steam from investors: A company called Nebia has become one of the most hotly tipped names in the technology industry after creating a shower head that uses "atomisation" to reduce the amount of water used.

Nuclear Chief David Peattie quits as head of London Power Corporation: The boss of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority has quit as Chairman of a private oil group, weeks after one of its key financial backers collapsed amid a regulatory investigation.

THE FINANCIAL TIMES

John Havens retires as hedge fund Chairman: John Havens, the longtime Morgan Stanley and Citigroup Executive, is retiring from his role as Chairman of hedge fund Napier Park Capital after being charged in Florida with soliciting a prostitute.

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Canadian cannabis fund returns 50% in two months: The world's first cannabis exchange traded fund is set to become the second most profitable ETF in Canada after returning more than 50% so far this year.

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KKR hires Goldman's Asian investment bank Chairman: KKR has hired Kate Richdale, the Chairman of investment banking at Goldman Sachs in Asia, to help the private equity group to expand beyond its traditional core businesses in the region.

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Basel committee calls for external checks on bank loans: One of the world's most influential financial regulators has called for external checks on the riskiness of banks' loans as the fallout continues from an accounting failure at the U.K.'s Metro Bank.

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Hyundai, Kia shares fall after latest car recall in U.S.: Shares in Hyundai and its affiliates dropped as investor sentiment soured over the latest car recall announcement to hit the South Korean carmakers.

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Daimler Trucks Chief backs higher taxes for commercial diesels: The Chief Executive of the world's largest truckmaker said European governments must levy higher taxes on commercial diesel vehicles — otherwise the transition to electric vehicles will happen too slowly and climate goals for the sector will not be met.

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DMGT to return £900 million to shareholders from Euromoney stake: The parent company behind the Daily Mail newspaper has announced plans to return almost £900 million to shareholders by offloading shares in financial publisher Euromoney, in a move that will boost ownership over the company by Chairman Lord Rothermere.

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Lyft reveals \$2 billion revenues as it races to IPO: The San Francisco-based car-booking app Lyft has kicked off what is expected to be a record-breaking race by tech companies to the public markets this year, posting IPO documents that show sharp rises in revenues and losses.

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U.K. looks at capping mobile phone groups' use of Huawei equipment: The U.K. could restrict mobile phone operators from using Huawei's equipment in more than half their networks following a government review of telecoms infrastructure.

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THE MAIL ON SUNDAY

Vodafone could be launching 5G at Manchester United's Old Trafford stadium: Vodafone is in talks to launch 5G at Manchester United's Old Trafford stadium. It would make the stadium one of the UK's first sites to have the next-generation mobile network after it launches later this year.

Millionaire plumber Charlie Mullins paid himself £3.30 million in dividends last year: Millionaire plumber Charlie Mullins paid himself £3.30 million in dividends last year, new accounts show.

BP's legendary Chief Lord Browne makes a return to the oil business with a £23 billion float on the cards: Lord Browne, the former chief executive of BP, is returning to the global oil business with a stock market float that could come as soon as next year.

Royal fashion favourite Anya Hindmarch is put up for sale by Qataris following £28.2 million in losses: Anya Hindmarch, the luxury handbag brand favoured by the Duchess of Cambridge, has been put up for sale by the Qatari royal family's investment fund.

John Lewis's 83,000 staff are set for bonus cuts as company reports a drop in full-year profits: John Lewis's 83,000 staff are expected to see their annual bonus slashed when it reveals a drop in full-year profits on Thursday.

Fat cat gambling Bosses cash in with a £52 million pay packet in two years: The gambling firm, which owns Ladbrokes, Bwin and Party Poker, is hoping to cash in on America, which is opening its doors to sports betting.

THE INDEPENDENT

Shell faces fresh criminal charges over scandal-plagued \$1.3 billion Nigerian oil deal: Shell faces criminal charges in the Netherlands over a Nigerian oil licence at the heart of a \$1.3 billion (£1 billion) corruption scandal.

Barclays customers still complaining of online banking issues after app goes down on payday: Barclays customers were left without access to their accounts on payday, after the bank's app went down. The lender said on Twitter that the issues had been resolved, however, customers were still complaining that they cannot see all their accounts on the app.

LK Bennett set to call in administrators putting hundreds of jobs at risk: LK Bennett is preparing to file for administration, putting up to 500 jobs at risk.

Ted Baker CEO resigns following allegations of 'forced hugging' and getting employees to sit on his lap: Ted Baker founder Ray Kelvin has resigned as CEO with immediate effect following allegations of sexual harassment.

THE GUARDIAN

JetBlue sorry for poster of 'cop killer' Assata Shakur at New York airport: JetBlue has taken down a poster of a convicted murderer it had included as part of a Black History Month tribute at New York's Kennedy airport. The airline said it removed the poster paying tribute to Assata Shakur last month, after being alerted via Twitter that Shakur is "a convicted cop killer".

Huawei: Meng Wanzhou sues Canadian government over arrest: Meng Wanzhou, the Chief Financial Officer of Chinese technology company Huawei, is suing the Canadian government, its border agency and the national police force over her high-profile detention. Meng claims they detained, searched and interrogated her before telling her she was under arrest.

Great-grandson of John Lewis founder among contenders for chair: The early contenders to become the next chair of John Lewis include the great-grandson of the department store's founder, the former boss of WH Smith and the chief executive of the insurer Direct Line.

Beckham-backed film funding firm to begin appeal against HMRC: An investment firm that persuaded celebrities, sports stars and business leaders to invest in controversial film partnership schemes will on Monday launch an appeal against HMRC that could cost the taxman up to £1 billion.

U.K. firms' growth at six-year-low amid Brexit and global trade fears: British businesses grew at their slowest rate in nearly six years last month because of fears of a no-deal Brexit and rising global trade barriers, according to a survey by the Confederation of British Industry.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Key Economy Releases

Key Corporate Releases

Monday,
04 March 2019

UK: Markit Construction PMI
US: Wholesale Inventories (MoM), Durable Goods Orders, Advance Goods Trade Balance, Construction Spending (MoM)
EU: Sentix Investor Confidence, Producer Price Index (YoY)

Final Results: Greencoat Renewables, Johnson Service Group, Keller Group, Senior

Interim Results: Abcam, Gfinity, Litigation Capital Management Limited (DI), Sareum Holdings

Tuesday,
05 March 2019

UK: BRC Sales Like-For-Like (YoY), Official Reserves (Changes), Markit Services PMI
US: Markit Services PMI, New Home Sales, ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI, Monthly Budget Statement
EU: Markit Services PMI, Retail Sales (YoY)

Final Results: 4Imprint Group, Apax Global Alpha Limited, BioPharma Credit, Direct Line Insurance Group, e-Therapeutics, Getbusy, GVC Holdings, Harworth Group, Huntsworth, Ibstock, Intertek Group, LSL Property Services, MPAC Group, Science Group

Interim Results: Ashtead Group, Craneware, Netcall

Quarterly Results: Ashtead Group

Wednesday,
06 March 2019

UK: BoE's Cunliffe speech
US: MBA Mortgage Applications, ADP Employment Change, Trade Balance, Exports (MoM), Imports (MoM), Factory Orders, Durable Goods Orders, Fed's Williams Speaks to Economic Club of New York, Fed's Beige Book
EU: ECB Balance sheet

Final Results: Anpario, BATM Advanced Communications Ltd., Costain Group, FDM Group (Holdings), Foresight Solar Fund Limited, Glenveagh Properties, Headlam Group, Just Eat, Legal & General Group, Paddy Power Betfair, Pagegroup, Secure Income Reit, Seplat Petroleum Development Company (DI), Tritax Big Box Reit, Vivo Energy, VR Education Holdings

Interim Results: Allergy Therapeutics

Thursday,
07 March 2019

UK: BoE's Cunliffe speech
US: MBA Mortgage Applications, ADP Employment Change, Trade Balance, Exports (MoM), Imports (MoM), Factory Orders, Durable Goods Orders, Fed's Williams Speaks to Economic Club of New York, Fed's Beige Book
EU: ECB Balance sheet

Final Results: Admiral Group, AIREA, Alfa Financial Software Holdings, Aviva, Cairn Homes, Cobham, Countrywide, Funding Circle Holdings, Greggs, IndigoVision Group, Informa, Inmarsat, NMC Health, Spirent Communications

Interim Results: Inland Homes

Friday,
08 March 2019

US: Average Hourly Earnings All Employees (YoY), Labor Force Participation Rate, Building Permits, Housing Starts (MoM), Unemployment Rate, Wholesale Inventories (MoM), Baker Hughes US Rig Count

Final Results: SIG

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